

Sad and Exciting News from VEGA\$.

It sadden me to inform all of our shuffleboard friends that we are going to cancel another LA\$ VEGA\$ shuffleboard tournament. Our Jan. 22nd - Jan. 26th tournament has been canceled.

We have tried for the last 3 years to find a date during the year that we could call our own! It was a big concern of ours not to step on any of the tournaments in and/or around our area, (California, and Arizona). I sat down with a calendar and scratched out 2 weeks before and after tournaments that were in our immediate area. There was Reno that pretty much took care of the end of the year, mid October through New Year. I skipped February as not to step on Northern California's Presidents Day Tournament. Then, Arizona (Al Salazar) has always had their tournament in April, and a wonderful tournament that DeVonna and I have enjoyed going to for many years. July brings Central California's Exeter tournament, another great tournament and one we never miss going to. The Wandering Women's tournament rolls around in September and it's a must for the women to attend, and rightfully so, it's a great event. DeVonna and I went for the first time this last year and between DeVonna playing the events and me trying to help them out, we had a great time. Chris Brown did a fantastic job.

This coming year the WWW is going to be in Arizona. Now, there's also Southern California tournaments at Oskars in Bellflower. Oskar holds tournaments 4+ times a year, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. These are all the 4-day holidays! Sprinkling these 4 dates through-out the year ties up most of the rest of the year. As you can probably see, this made it very difficult to find a date for VEGA\$ to hold a nice tournament. In numerous talks with local area tournament directors, Al Salazar, Jeff Posthumus, and Eddie Brayman it was suggested to have the VEGA\$ tournament in January. We took this suggestion and held a very successful January 2008 tournament. We were happy to finally have a firm date for our tournament, the tournament that we are now canceling???? In Oct. of 2008 we attended the Reno tournament and displayed our upcoming tournament's flyer. I was approached and asked to pull our flyers, it conflicted with another tournament. Which I did, I pulled down our tournaments flyers and canceled the Jan. 2009 tournament!

**NOW FOR THE EXCITING NEWS!!!!**

While in Reno, a group of tournament directors from the west coast got together and after hours / days of discussing the situation, seem to come up with a plan/answer that would help all and make all of our tournaments bigger, better, with dates to help us support each others tournaments. Isn't that really what everyone wants? This group consisted of the following:

Eddie Brayman of Northern California

(along with phone conversations with Marion Bailey of Central California - representing tournaments at Exeter CA.)

Dave Keithahn of Northern California

Al Salazar of Arizona

Jeff Posthumus of Southern California

(along with phone conversations with Bubba Warren of Southern California - representing tournaments at Oskar's)

Jim Golden of Las Vegas Nevada

After our brain crushing sessions (for days), the following schedule was agreed upon, and was announced during the Reno tournament.

Of course Reno would still be in Oct./Nov.

(John McDermott)

The new year would then get kicked off with:  
Presidents Day tournament in Modesto North Calif.  
(Dave Keithahn, Eddie Brayman, Rick Thomas)

Next would be in April:  
Arizona's "Bill Gibbs" tournament put on by Al Salazar and company.

In May, LA\$ VEGA\$ would get their date on Memorial Day - (finally a firm date every year!!) (Jim Golden)

July 4th would stay the same as always in Exeter put on by Marion Bailey and his team.

Labor Day would be Oskar's big tournament he always has in Bellflower Southern Calif.  
(Jeff Posthumus, Bubba Warren, and Oskar)  
Along with his Labor Day tournament, Oskar will still have a Thanksgiving tournament

The EXCITING part of this news is everyone is going to work together. This will give us the opportunity to support each other's tournaments. Means DeVonna and I can go to other tournaments because no one will be doubling up. This should also make everyone's tournament BIGGER and BETTER than ever before. That should be exciting for all shuffleboard players. More friends to play with, bigger events, more prize money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ and especially more FUN.

If you got through this long e-mail, you must be retired. HA HA

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next tournament on Memorial Day 2009.  
Details will be on e-shuffleboard within in the next couple of weeks. I can tell you we will have a great 6 board tournament with at least 3 events for all who come.

I apologize to anyone that may have made plans to come to one of our tournaments and was disappointed when we had to cancel. We feel we are on the right track now, locked in to a firm date and look forward to planning a great tournament and seeing everyone in May.  
MAKE VACATION PLANS NOW TO COME TO LA\$ VEGA\$, you won't be sorry.

A special thanks to all the above mentioned tournament directors for their help and support.

Good-by for now,  
P.S. We welcome any comments, and suggestions on this e-mail

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