

THE RED BARON SPEAKS

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Well I have just returned from the Michigan HOF and am preparing to leave for the Texas open after my oldest son's wedding on August 15th. I partially solved the fuel problem by driving 54 mph where I get over 12 mpg versus the 9.9 mpg I got going to Del City at the higher speeds. It sure takes a long time to get there. I will take the airlines to Texas taking advantage of the perk I receive with my son being an airline captain. The registered players at Del City totaled 135.



Attendance was down in Michigan but better than Indiana which cancelled the last two days because only three or four players showed up. Michigan probably can be attributed to the economy and fuel cost while Indiana the general low interest in the summer with competition from golf, boating and other summer activities.

Returning to the ratings issue I still think we should support the Bowers system until a performance based system is developed. Even then it will be up to the Bowers system to collect and distribute the information. They need all our help to collect information before the committee can come up with a recommendation. Also you should join the TSA and contribute to E-shuffleboard as without there distribution of the Baron my thoughts do not get distributed. TSA is the only player's organization we have and some day we are going to need a strong organization. There is strength in numbers.

I have continued collecting information to try and develop a performance system and have simplified it by games won in a tournament and then averaging the wins. I only collect from tournaments where any one can enter with no restrictions except the add to number. The only info I have is on tournaments I attend which are as follows: All the events in Del City were restricted except the six person draft which I did not collect.

Plus two doubles at Lucky's	9 Teams
Spring doubles at Bourbon Legion	17 Teams
Singles at Bourbon Legion	16 Players
Doubles at Stag Bar	10 Teams
Mixed doubles at Palace Bar	11 Teams
Mixed doubles at Michigan open	7 Teams
ABC draft at Michigan open	16 Teams
Singles at Lucky's	16 Players
Pro Am at Lucky's	13 Teams
Doubles at Stag Bar	5 Teams

A player can win a 5 team event and only have a 3 average. Another player can place 2nd in a sixteen or seventeen team event and have a 5 average. If you discard the players with only one or two events the averages start to fall in line with the existing ratings. The raters should use this info as a guide only. As you can see, there is a lot of thought to put into a performance based system. Will keep trying.