

Tales from the 6 man draft room...

Since confirming that eShuffleboard will be reporting from NASC™ 2005 in Reno, I have developed a keen interest in that tournament. The first area of interest to me is the 6 man draft event. Having never played in an event larger than a 3 man team, I was unsure of how this event worked.

My first contact was the "Bracket Man" himself, Rob Kern. He explained a bit about the draft and that it's the best 5 of 9 on 3 boards.

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I then went right to the horse's mouth. I went to one of the people mostly likely to have been in the draft room all 15 times at Reno, Bill Melton. Bill graciously spent a few minutes with me on the phone this past Saturday afternoon.

Bill says that he "thinks" he's been to all 15 Reno tournaments. "At least", he said with a smile in his voice, "I don't recall missing one." Bill stated categorically that, "The worst thing you can do in the draft room is to ask someone else about a player." He recounted a time when he was assured that the player up for draft was "the guy I thought he was", but it turned out later, after the draft, that "he was someone else entirely". "After the first round or two it's hard to know who all the players are," Bill said and "Your last two picks in the draft usually decides who wins the tournament".

Bill told me about a time when the "last



Gentleman Bill Melton takes notes before the singles event at the National Hall-of-Fame induction of Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum at the Bourbon Legion, May 2005.

man standing" at Del City helped his team win some games. Lee Kinley, from Indiana, in his first out of state tournament was the last man chosen for a team. Lee was throwing free hand and bumping things up. Bill noticed

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that everything he lagged was a two or a three so he told Lee to just "stack 'em up" and not shoot at any more weights. Lee won all the rest of his games and Bill's team did well in that tournament.

(I'm not sure where Bill's team placed as he must have a life and was out when I called to confirm)

September Flyers

September 1-5
Annual Texas Open
Taz Country
Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

Sept. 1-4
Rural American
Nat'l HOF Doug Buhl
"99 Tavern" & "Willees"
Winston, Oregon

September 2-5
Pendleton Am Vets #26
3P-DBL-S Pendleton, IN

September 2-4
7th Annual Adirondack
Labor Day Weekend
Riverside Tavern
Keesville, NY

September 9-11
2nd Annual Larry Hudson
Memorial Open Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Port Orchard, WA

September 9-11
Annual Skip's Fall Bash
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

September 15-18 7th Annual Wandering Ladies
Elks Lodge #208813600
Arrington Road
Grandview, Missouri

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Tournament Results Posted...

August 13-14, 2005

2nd Annual Lady's Tournament

Island Club
Dallas, Texas

Seven ladies teams participated in the 2nd Annual Lady's tournament at the Island Club in Dallas Texas this past weekend. Finishing first was the team of Carol Audett and Evelyn Harris. Second place went to Karen Blohm and Pam Lee.

Some of the other participants were Penny Meharg & Tammy Morgan, Jeri Williams and Sally Goff.

August 13, 2005

Open Doubles

Town Tavern Summitville, IN
Glen Ingram: 765-536-2150

Tony Skinner & Jim Hamilton defeated veteran players Glen Ingram & Jim Long to take the title at GI's Town Tavern in Summitville, IN August 13, 2005.

The other participants were: Keith Webb & Jesse Lainhart, Scott Smith & Mike Johnson, Robert Atkinson & Jeri Ingram, Dan Smith & Steve Simison, Amy Bond & Teresa Taylor.

September Flyers

September 16-17

Journey's End Bar & Grill
Fall Amateur 1.0>
Doubles & Singles
ann@eshuffleboard.com

September 16-18

Manitoba Open
A.N.A.F.#283
3584 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

September 23-25

Jack Steffensen
2nd Memorial Tournament
Buzz Tavern
Mudd Bay, WA

September 23-25

Madison Park Bar & Grill
"Wetlands Reunion"
Madison Heights, MI

September 22-24

8th Annual HOF Tourney
Eagles Lodge #3911
Houston, Missouri

Sept. 30-Oct. 2

2nd A-B-C Team
Dan Glasscock's
Gold Hill, Oregon

September 30-October 2

Bourbon Legion D-DBL-S
T.Dowell/Larry Brown
IN HOF Induction

Madison Heights RR to Reno

Jason Papa sent me this spreadsheet for the Madison Heights Bar & Grill [Road to Reno Thursday Round Robins](#). I'm not entirely sure what it all means, but would be interested in learning how this is set up and if it could be applied to league play to encourage players to venture out of their home arenas.

Road to Reno Round Robin Standings

Week 8 - Thursday, August 18, 2005											
	Name	Rating	# of RR	Entry Pts	RR1	RR2	RR3	Pts Won	Gross Pts	Net Pts	Season Totals
1	Tom Meagher	1	3	12			15	15	27	29.70	424.60
2	Jackie Meagher	2	3	12	15			15	27	32.40	307.20
3	John Myles	1	3	12		15	20	35	47	51.70	297.00
4	Rob Mueller	4		0				0	0	0.00	268.50
5	Jason Papa	1	3	12	20	20		40	52	57.20	244.20
6	Travis Taylor	4	3	12	20		20	40	52	78.00	225.00
7	Bill Kane	0		0				0	0	0.00	223.00
8	Jim Kumpula	2	3	12			15	15	27	32.40	204.00
9	Alonzo Cottrell	0		0				0	0	0.00	112.00
10	Wayne Atkinson	1		0				0	0	0.00	92.40
11	Theresa Stephens	2		0				0	0	0.00	74.40
12	Scott Auten	0		0				0	0	0.00	72.00
13	Al Aulph	4	1	4		20		20	24	36.00	70.50
14	Kim Stripe	2	3	12	15	15		30	42	50.40	60.00

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