

COUNTDOWN TO **R E N O** 51 DAYS

“That’ll never happen”

One thing I enjoy about going to shuffleboard tournaments is talking to all the different people. I look at the people as one big, some what dysfunctional family, as most “normal” families are. Just like in a family we all got to listen to a discussion on politics this past Sunday. There was really no way we couldn’t, since it was conducted at the top of several voices! (Not that there’s anything wrong with that!)

This past weekend it was also my pleasure to meet some people for the first time. Ok, really it was the second or third time, but I know that this time around I will remember their names as they “placed” for the first time. But more on that later.

Back to “that’ll never happen”. Three or four of us were standing and sitting around the registration desk. Sonny Harris for the Am Vets handed out copies of the flyer for the upcoming Indiana state tournament in November 2005 and that inspired some discussion on how neat it would be to have a “Super Bowl” of shuffleboard in late January (before that “other” Super Bowl) involving the winners of each of the state tournaments. This was not a new conversation and not even the first time I had been involved in such a debate. We tossed the idea around until the conversation ended the way many discussions do concerning shuffleboard, with someone commenting, “That’ll never happen”.



Perhaps every suggestion that comes up has already been mulled over, argued about and tossed out over the years but still this baffles a newcomer like myself that the answer is “That’ll never happen.”

Players that won’t drive across town to play in a tournament also baffle me. Yes, I like playing pick up games on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, but I also like the tournament environment (except when I don’t). I’m sure part of it is not wanting to drive when you’ve had a few drinks and that’s a good thing to be concerned about. As for myself, well I’m willing to go into a new place to try my hand on a new board. I don’t always enjoy the outcome, but at least I’ve met a few new people, visited a new place and more than likely had a good time.

So I’m going to keep asking questions, asking why and asking who, where and when concerning shuffleboard. I’ll try not to be annoying and I’m sure some people wish that I would just shut the h@ll up, but I gotta tell you upfront,

“That’ll never happen”.

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
Riverside Tavern
Keesville, NY

September 1-5
19th Annual Pat Kinar
Full House Bar & Grill-
Wynnewood, Ok

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

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

September 15-18
7th Annual Wandering Ladies Elks Lodge #2088
13600 Arrington Road
Grandview, Missouri

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September 2-5, 2005 **Flyer** **Results**

Pendleton Am Vets #26
3P-S-DBL [[Picture Gallery](#)]
Pendleton, IN



Mixed Doubles

The events at the Pendleton Am Vets started out Friday night with Mixed Doubles. Jodie Berry and Mike Koontz came out of the losers bracket to defeat the team of Larry and Mary Brown. According to Jodie neither one of them seemed to have brought their best game. If one had a good game the other didn't and sometimes they both played poorly but they persevered for the win.

Division II 3 Person

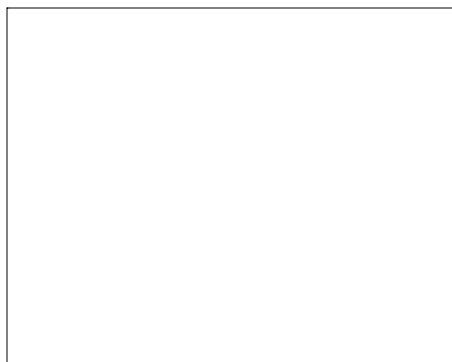
Several people posted their first ever tournament wins this weekend in the Division II events. Rob Kern and Dennis Bittner of Michigan dragged Ann Harrell into the winners circle kicking and screaming after a disastrous first game loss. She could be heard muttering, "I hate this ^%\$&#@ game" over in the corner after that particular game. She was able to pull her self together and actually contribute in some of the later games. Rob, Dennis and Ann were able to double dip the first time tournament team of Robert Atkins, Gene Brown and Amy Bond from GI's Town Tavern in Summitville for the victory.



1st 3 Person Division II
Rob Kern-Dennis Bittner-Ann Harrell

Division II Singles & Doubles

It was Rocky Rider's 51st birthday this past weekend and he celebrated in style by taking first place in the singles event. Novice Gene Brown also had a good weekend taking 2nd in the Division II singles.



Gene Brown and Rocky Rider

On Sunday Gene and Rocky teamed up to take the title in the Division II doubles event. All in all, a very good weekend for local Rocky and Gene from Summitville. Rocky will be defending his doubles title with Carlos Capote in Bourbon, IN September 17th in the 1.0> tournament at Journey's End Bar & Grill.

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[September Flyers](#)

September 16-17

Journey's End Bar & Grill
Fall Amateur 1.0>
Doubles & Singles
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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

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Division I Singles

In the premier event of the weekend, Bourbon native Gary Anglin, stepped into the winners circle. Gary works for a company that will be working hard to fill FEMA orders for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and that will limit his shuffleboard playing for the foreseeable future.

Larry Brown of Huntertown made it through the losers bracket and took 2nd place.

Division I Doubles

Six teams participated in the Division I doubles Monday. At 9:35PM this evening I suddenly realized I didn't yet know who won so I will just list the participants and hopefully someone will fill me in.

Mike Johnson/Dave Boaz, Tom Massie/Rick Stocker, Steve Hart/Rob Collins, Jr. Lopez/Ron Palmer, Jim Long/Glen Ingram and Todd Brewer/Rudy Robinson.

Thanks to Sonny Harris and the Pendleton Am Vets for their hospitality and see ya at the state tournament in November!



All players 1.0+ are welcome to come join the fun at Journey's End Bar & Grill in Bourbon, IN September 16-17th, 2005.

Friday night will start out with a \$10 draw partner, possibly single elimination depending on the number of participants.

Saturday will feature singles and doubles played at the same time on 6 boards. The turn out is generally 30+ singles and 20+ doubles. You can see the results of the [previous amateur tournaments](#) here.

Come on down to Bourbon for this event and yes, the price is right.



October 7-8 Tentative
6th Annual Columbus Day
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri
314-644-4612

October 7-9
"Octoberfest 2005"
Bavarian "B" House
5424 Riveredge Drive
321-264-1390
Titusville, Florida

October 8
Doubles Tourney
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, IN

October 15 Doubles
Warsaw Eagles #1339
Warsaw, IN

October 15-17
3rd Annual
"Play Your Way To Reno"
American Legion Post 25
Kelso, Washington

October 21-22
Reno Warm-up
Market Street Café
Charlestown, Maryland

October 14-26
Mystery Format
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

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