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## RENO

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*Bill Melton lets go of a shot during the championship match in the Open Singles during the North American Shuffleboard Championships at th Sands/Regency Hotel & Casino on Thursday. Melton went undefeated to win the title. Second place finisher, Bobby Voorhis, watches.*

## Another crown for Melton

by Jim Manders, publisher

RENO — Oklahoma's Bill Melton doesn't remember exactly how many open singles championships he's won during his Hall of Fame career, but he says longevity has something to do with it.

"I've won more than most people," Melton said after defeating Indiana's Bobby Voorhis to claim the Open Singles crown during the 15th Annual North American Shuffleboard Champi-

onships at the Sands/Regency Hotel & Casino. "But then I was playing before most of them were born."

Melton claimed the crown over 23 other players going undefeated in his matches. He beat Voorhis in the winner's bracket final and then defeated him in two straight games to win the championship Wednesday morning. Melton

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## Reno Recap

### Pro-Am Draft Team

1. Steve Auten-Scott Auten-Earl Madary-David Veazey-John Flynn-Melinda Flinn.
2. Larry Sawyer-Jerry Siebert-Sharon Canino-Bill Walker-Linda Walker-Jim Stuart.
3. Tom Campbell-Eddie Brayman-Gordie Smith-Junelle Schrum-Barb Kenney-Jerry Mattson.
4. John Tischler-Junior Lopez-Ron Palmer-Marty Atkinson-Sharon Juhlke-Terry Howard.
- 5 (tie) Bob Hunt-JR Noel-Bob Brunskill-Jerry Beard-Mike Halstead-Kathie Hoskins. And, Rick Boyer-Ron Sosevic-Jim Filkins-Larry Creakbaum-Roland Harkless-Randy Rollins.
- 7 (tie) Dan Hitt-Bob Shirley-Anna Brunskill-Faye Todd-Brandon Glasscock-Marion Cartwright. And, David Keithahn-Mike Keevil-Mark Holland-Andrew Brorsen-Elaine Hill-Don Strong.

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# Melton wins again

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lagged a three to win the first game of the set and then was able to hold off Voorhis' challenge in the second game for the title.

Voorhis, after losing to Melton in the winner's bracket final, defeated Michigan's Steve Auten to move into the championship match.

Washington's Rick Gindt finished in fourth place, making his comeback from a 7 1/2 month stretch where he played very little.

Billy Mays, Texas, and Darrol Nelson, Oregon shared fifth place.

Larry Brown, Indiana, won the Division I singles championship. Scott Auten finished second with J.R. Lopez, Michigan, in third place. Auten defeated Lopez Wednesday morning after losing to Brown in the winner's bracket final.

Shannon Ratledge, Maryland, went undefeated to win the Division III singles crown. He beat Linda Meyer, New York, 2-1 in the championship series with the last game going down to the wire before winning. Forty-seven players competed in the division.

Results from the Division II singles were reported on Wednesday.

## Your enthusiasm propels Lagging4s



Shannon Ratledge went undefeated to win the Division III championship which finished Wednesday.

## A/B tourneys end

RENO —Glen Ingram-Rick Stocker finished undefeated today to win the championship in the Division I A/B Draw that ended a little before the 1 p.m. start of auctions for the 4-person team event.

Ingram-Stocker downed Bill Melton and Eddie Brayman in the championship match to claim the crown. Forty-three two-person teams competed in the event.

Karl Spicklemeyer and Curtis Dean finished in third place with  
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# Party will celebrate 15 years at Sands/Regency

RENO — Lagging4s won't publish an edition on Friday, but will be back Saturday to share results from the Division I and II 4-person team events. Calcuttas for both are underway this is being written.

The team event is expected to be finished on Friday before the beginning of the auctions for the Division I and II doubles.

Doubles action will begin on Saturday.

Friday night is reserved for festivities during the party celebrating the 15th anniversary of the North American Shuffleboard Championships being held at the Sands/Regency Hotel & Casino.

During those festivities, tournament Director John McDermott will be inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The winner of the prestigious Sol Lipkin Award will also be honored.

There will be food and beverages provided by the management of the Sands/Regency.

## A/B draws conclude

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Steve Hart-Mary Brown taking fourth.

Mike Kinney-Dave Shewbridge tied with Mahlon Nobles-John Canino for fifth place while Jim Payne-Chris Wayt tied with Dan Hitt-Glen Redding for seventh.

Sharing ninth place were the teams of Billy Mays-Marv Wilburg, Roland Metivier-J.R. Noel, Bob Hunt-Ted Fowler, and Charlie Gates-Jennifer Pickett.

Anna Brunskill-George Goldsmith won the Division II A/B over 35 other squads.

Earl Madary-Linda Meyer finished in second place with Bob Auten-Mario Briones in third and Jim Filkins-Melinda Flynn grabbing fourth.

Tying for fifth were the teams of Bruce Childers-Davie Dickerson, Jr. and Cid Floriani-Bill Cassell.

Linda Walker-Brian Rutherford tied with Ken Greggs-Anthony Tood, Jr. for seventh place.

Tied for ninth were the teams John Mortensen-Coach Baize, Harvey Comer-Linda Becker, Darold Barritt-Jim Stewart and Mike Coon-Barbara Crum.

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## Reno Recap

### Open Singles

1. Bill Melton.
2. Bobby Voorhis.
3. Steve Auten.
4. Rick Gindt.
- 5 (tie). Billy Mays and Darrol Nelson.

### Division I Singles

1. Larry Brown.
2. Scott Auten.
3. JR Lopez.
4. Don Stallworth.
- 5 (tie) Jim Tribble and Curtis Dean.
- 7 (tie) Rick Stocker and Ron Crum.
- 9 (tie) David Williams, Jr., Chris Smith, Linda Nobles and Robert Crum.

### Division II Singles

1. Justin Kasa.
2. Tom Parr.
3. Rick Greider.
4. Junelle Schrum.
- 5 (tie) Ty Banks and Don Grossman.
- 7 (tie) Earl Madary-Ted Canada.
- 9 (tie) Jim Filkins, Mike Boulanger, Robert Hurst and Jonathan Harris.

### Division III Singles

1. Shannon Ratledge.
2. Linda Meyer.
3. Brandon Glasscock.
4. David Dickerson, Jr.
- 5 (tie) Mario Briones and Joe

Fancher.

7 (tie) Ken Griggs and Vern Jensen.

9 (tie) Anthony Todd, Jr., Melinda Flynn, Horst Muszynski and Timi Kale.

### Division I A/B Draw

1. Glen Ingram-Ron Stocker.
2. Bill Melton-Eddie Brayman.
3. Karl Spickelmier-Curtis Dean.
4. Steve Hart-Mary Brown.
- 5 (tie) Mahlon Noles-John Canino and Mike Kinney-Dave Shewbridge.
- 7 (tie) Jim Payne-Chris Wayt and Dan Hitt-Glen Redding.
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