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Anderson, Jones win Chiles Memorial

Marion Bailey and Skip Slaughter take "Add-to-Four" Event

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. – Renewed friendships and good sportsmanship marked this year's seventh annual Billy Chiles Memorial shuffleboard tournament held again at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge in Huntington Beach, CA.

The Labor Day weekend tournament featured 80 players from California and neighboring Arizona along with plenty of delicious food provided and prepared by members of the Moose and the Ladies Moose Auxiliary. It also featured three different groups of winners from the three events scheduled on the lodge's well-prepared three house boards and three additional shuffleboards provided by Billy Maxwell's Great West Shuffleboard Company.

The winners included Bellflower's Craig Amundson and Long Beach's Gary Jones in the featured "Add-to-Two" doubles, Visalia's Marion Bailey and Huntington Beach's Skip Slaughter in the "Add-to-Four" doubles and San Jose's Ted Fowler and Arizona players Ted Canada and Linda Meyer in the tournament opening ABC Draw event.

The holiday weekend began with the ABC team auctions on Friday evening. The team of former Arizona player Phil Gardner, now from unknown parts of Oklahoma, Escondido's John Osheroff and Bobeoo Thornton of Huntington Beach were the high bid team with Wendell Herbison of Phoenix the high bidder. Paramount's Paul Weber handled the auction that involved 24 teams with \$5,960 gen-



*Add-to-Two Doubles champions at the Billy Chiles Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament in Huntington Beach Calif. were Craig Amundson of Bellflower and Gary Jones of Long Beach.
Pacific Coast Shuffleboard News photo*

erated into the sponsor pool with another \$1,800 in entry fees.

Play in the ABC Draw began on Friday evening and by Saturday afternoon only two teams remained undefeated – Fowler/Canada/Meyer and the team of El Monte's Bob Ruiz, San Diego's Gene Smith and Arizona's Robert Price. Fowler's team knocked the Ruiz team into the loser's bracket and then sat and waited for their next and last challenge. Ruiz then faced off against Phil Gardner's team Sunday morning, which had just defeated the eventual fourth place team of Yorba Linda's Anna Brunskill, Long

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THISWEEK

FRIDAY--SUNDAY: Skip's 15th annual Fall Bash, multiple events, Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Mich.

FRIDAY-- SUNDAY: Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, Wash. A/B bring partner.

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TOURNAMENT/EVENT PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

10-12: Skip's 15th annual Fall Bash, multiple events, Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Mich.

10-12: Red Dog Saloon, Port Orchard, Wash. A/B bring partner.

16-19: Amvets Post 26, Pendleton, Ind. 6th Annual Wandering the World Ladies Tournament. Multiple events.

24-26: Jack Steffensen Memorial Tournament and HOF induction, multiple events, Nifty Fifty's III, Tacoma, Wash.

OCTOBER

8-10: Blue Goose Tavern, Port Orchard, Wash. ABC draw.

15-16: Journey's End, Bourbon, Ind. Mixed Doubles.

15-17: Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colo. Round Robin. Mystery Format.

OCT 30-NOV. 7: 15th annual North American Shuffleboard Championship, multiple events, Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, Reno, Nev.

NOVEMBER

12-14: Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Wash. Mixed doubles.

25-28: Oskar's Bar & Grill, Bellflower, Calif. Multiple events.

26-28: BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, SeaTac, Wash. ABC draw.

DECEMBER

10-12: Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colo. 15th Annual Santa Classic.

17-18: Journey's End, Bourbon Ind. Mixed Doubles.

30-Jan. 1: Tim's Timber Tavern, Kelso, Wash. Mixed doubles.

FEBRUARY 2005

18-19: Journey's End Bar & Grill, Bourbon, Ind. Singles.

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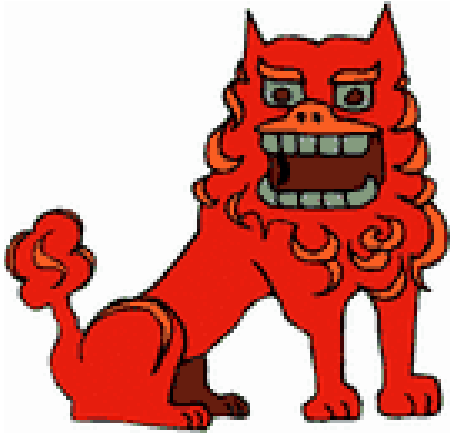
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Elks Lodge #2408, 1745 Emerald Drive, Bullhead. 928-758-2408.
Elks Lodge #2148, 6398 E. Oak St., Scottsdale. 480-946-9368.
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Final Round, 5030 S. Mill Ave. #20, Tempe. 480-820-0011.
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ARKANSAS (6)

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Elks Lodge #1714, Highway 62-B and Highway 178 (Club Blvd), Mountain Home. 870-425-3266.
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P.I.'s, 5014 S. Price Road, Tempe. 480-897-1466.
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CALIFORNIA (54)

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133 Club, 133 West Yosemite Ave., Manteca. 209-823-4877.
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Dave & Busters, 2931 Camino Del Rio N., San Diego. 619-275-1515.
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Eagles Lodge #935, 128 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach. 310-372-2808.
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Elks Lodge #1382, 310 Rockwood Ave., Calexico. 760-768-0396.
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Final Score Sports Bar, 1126 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. 408-296-9591.
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Mystic Theatre, 23 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma. 707-765-2121.
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Oskar's Bar & Grill, 13418 Woodruff Ave., Bellflower. 562-925-4915.
Pacific Beach Bar, 860 Garnet St., San Diego. 858-272-1242.
Player's Sports Pub, 4060 Sunrise Boulevard, Sacramento. 916-967-9492.
Rosewood Pub, 10074 Rosecrans St., Bellflower. 562-920-0697.
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Socal's Tavern, 5200 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento. 916-455-1646.
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Triple Rock Brewery, 1920 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2739.
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Touchdown Tommy's, 5837 Camden Ave., San Jose. 408-723-9981.
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A.N.A.F. #45, 119 East 3rd Street, North Vancouver.
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Bowness Lions Club 6422-35th Ave N.W., Calgary.
Brutopia 1219 rue Crescent, Montreal. 514-393-9277.
Dutchies, 3671 Dutch Village Road Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Elks Club, 54 - 6th Street, New Westminster, British Columbia.
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Jolly Mug Pub, 15 Lakelands Blvd Bayers Lake Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Kegler's Sports Bar, 7001 Mumford Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
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Lieutenant's Pump, 361 Elgin Street, Ottawa, 238-2949
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Red Fox, 7071 Bayers Road, Halifax. Nova Scotia.
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Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada. 303-425-9823

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Elks Lodge #2307, 2nd & Elm, Deer Trail. 303-769-4480.

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T-Birds Sports Bar, 721 10th Street Greeley. 970-392-1545.

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Elks Lodge #1511, 2511 75th St. W. Brandenton. 941-792-1511.

Elks Lodge #1795, Highway 98, Fort Walton. 850-244-5632.

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Elks Lodge #2582, 14494 St. Rt. 50, Brooksville. 352-596-2582.

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Manatee Campground & Pub, 10175 West Fishbowl Dr., Homosassa, 352-628-5337.

Moose Lodge #521, 5214 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill. 352-686-5666.

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INDIANA (27)

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The Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont. 765-948-9102.
Town Tavern, 102 S. Main, Summitville. 765-2150.
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Village Inn, 2221 E. Jackson St., Yorktown. 765-289-5476.
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IOWA (1)

Elks Lodge #531, 380 McKenzie Ave., Council Bluffs. 712-323-2589.

KANSAS (4)

Doug's 1528 S. Washington, Wichita. 316-262-7599.
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The Oasis Lounge, 4121 Maple, Wichita. 316-943-9260.

KENTUCKY (1)

American Legion Post #193, 2800 W. Main St., Louisville. 502-776-1119.

LOUISIANA (1)

The Riots, Business Hwy 90, Morgan City. 985-702-8222.

MARYLAND (11)

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American Legion Post #86, 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville. 301-424-4486.
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Bearded Clam, 15 Wicomico St., Ocean City. 410-289-4498.
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Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. 301-662-3301.
Elks Lodge #2576, 2525 Romancoke Road, Stevensville. 410-643-9805.
Elks Lodge #2645, Sinepuxent & 138th St., Ocean City. 410-250-2645.
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MASSACHUSETTS (4)

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Elks Lodge #2232, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. 781-337-8878.
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MICHIGAN (13)

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Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. 734-451-1213.
Madison Park Bowl, 25023 John R. Road, Madison Heights. 248-541-9305.
Pinhead's Gutters & Grub, 115 South Lake Street. Whitehall. 231-894-4103
Stop Spot Lounge, 1309 9-Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-548-7771.
Tujax Tavern, 103 S. Grove St., Delton. 269-623-8310.

MINNESOTA (1)

Bedrock Bar, 2023 W. Superior St., Duluth. 218-720-4755.

MISSOURI (18)

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Cedar Street @ Drury Lodge, 104 South Vantage, Cape Girardeau. 573-332-RIBS.
Cotters' Lounge, 4610 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 314-353-9943.
Doghouse Bar & Grill, 6109 Main St., Grandview. 816-765-3039.
Eagles Lodge #3911, 6954 Highway 63, Kansas. 417-967-2169.
Elbow Bend, 12402 Blue Ridge Ext., Grandview. 816-765-7070.
Elks Lodge #2088, 13600 Arrington Road, Grand view. 816-761-8990.
Elks Lodge #2819, 217 E. Second St., Milan. 660-265-3052
Elks Lodge #2705, Highway O, Osage. 573-374-4781.
Elks Lodge #2701, 921 N. Perryville Blvd. Perryville. 573-547-5552.
Elmo's Fan Club, 2925 B Lemay Ferry, Saint Louis-South County. 314-487-8350.

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GREAT PLACES TO PLAY

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Felix St. Pub, 516 Felix St., Saint Joseph. 816-364-2775.
Jennings Station, 8745 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis. 314-868-7751.
Nick's Family Sports Pub & Rec Room, 1 North Main Street
Cape Girardeau. 573-332-8700.
Shrewsbury Lanes, 7202 Weil Ave., Schrewsbury. 314-647-1313.
Super Bungalow, 5429 Nottingham, St. Louis, 314-352-3879.
That Other Place, 2817 Watson Road, St. Louis. 314-645-4033.
Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Road, Kansas City. 816-931-1986.

MONTANA (1)

River Edge Resort, Interstate 90 Exit 75, Alberton. 406-722-3338.

NEBRASKA (8)

Arnold's Tavern, 6113 Havelock Ave., Lincoln. 402-466-9486.
Elbow Room, 4973 Center St., Omaha. 402-556-0867.
Fullhouse Bar, 6135 Military Ave., Omaha. 402-558-3133.
JC's Bar, 4971 Q St., Omaha. 402-733-5351.
Last Chance Saloon, Hwy 136/ Lincoln St., Riverton. 402-746-3305.
Little Ricky's Saloon, 644 Main St., North Bend. 402-652-8383.
Musette Bar, 6020 Maple, Omaha. 402-554-5830.
My Way Lounge, 2425 N. 84 St., Omaha. 402-393-9890.

NEVADA (8)

Blue Diamond Saloon, 6935 Blue Diamond Road, Las Vegas. 896-1455.
Brass Rail Saloon, 1000-D N. Nellis Boulevard. 702-453-5572.
Butch Cassidy's Hole in The Wall, 233 South Bridge St., Winnemucca. 757-623-5486.
Fast Break Lounge, 2245 N. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas. 648-8081.
Five Star Saloon, 132 West St., Reno. 775-329-2878.
Gabby's Saloon, 2303 E. Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas. 702-642-5303.
Elks Lodge #1682, 1217 Nevada Highway, Boulder City. 702-293-2457.
Office 6 Bar & Grill, 2570 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas. 454-0770

NEW JERSEY (14)

Ed's Tavern, 110 Market St., Saddle Brook. 201-843-7755.
Elks Lodge #105, 42 DeCou Avenue, West Trenton. 60-771-0105.
Elks Lodge #1290, 242 Chestnut Street, Nutley. 973-235-9636.
Elks Lodge #1358, 57 W Main St., Pennsgrove. 856-299-9840.

Elks Lodge #1562, 523 Kinderkamack Road Westwood. 201-666-1562.
Elks Lodge #2132, Broad and Walnut Streets, Clayton. 856-863-1733.
Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River. 732-349-9660.
Elks Lodge #2085, 11 Amboy Road Bordentown. 609-298-2085.
Elks Lodge #2252, One Elks Trail, Warren. 908-668-9727.
Elks Lodge #2262, 1580 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 609-585-9610.
Elks Lodge #2340, 520 Hilliard Boulevard, Manahawkin. 609-597-1107.
Herbert's Billiards & Sports Bar, 600 Plaza Drive, Secaucus. 201-330-7665.
Just Plain Jane's Veterans Hwy (Rt 527) Jackson. 732-928-9854
Wildwood Nights, 3400 Pacific Ave., Wildwood. 609-729-2296.

NEW YORK (11)

American Legion Post #1404, 209 Crossbay Blvd. Broad Channel. 718-474-5029.
Elks Lodge #491, 209 W. State St., Olean. 716-372-4191.
Elks Lodge #1491, 7 Elks Way, Whitehall. 518-499-2448.
Elks Lodge #1515, 57 Hempstead Avenue, Lynbrook. 516-599-1515.
George's Tavern 26, 67 West Main St., Norfolk. 315-384-8996.
Jillian's, 261 Airport Plaza Boulevard, Long Island. 631-249-0708
Lewiston Brew House, 432 Center St., Lewiston. 716-754-9681.
Lite N Easy, 12-54 150th St., Whitestone. 218-746-9655.
Plug Uglies, 257 Third Ave., New York. 212-780-1944.
Riverside Tavern, 31 S. Ausable St., Keeseville. 518-834-5953.
Starlight Inn, Winthrop.

NORTH CAROLINA (1)

The Pub, 1102 Buck Jones Road, Raliegh. 919-467-5411.

OHIO (7)

American Legion Post #91, 91 American Legion Parkway, Berea. 440-234-0091.
Elks Lodge #1734, 117 Beech Street Wauseon. 419-335-5676.
FOE #2122, 237 Broadway Ave. Bedford. 440-439-2380.
Miss Cue Entertainment, 3150 Navarre, Oregon, Ohio. 419-693-1933.
Moose Lodge #762, 1907 11th St., Portsmouth. 740-353-4210.
Moose Lodge #1651, 1561 Milford Ave., Marysville. 937-644-9832.
Rosie's Tavern, 643 Bakewell St., Cincinnati. 859-291-9707.

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OKLAHOMA (21)

Action Lounge, 832 S Aspen Ave., Broken Arrow. 918-258-1773.
 Alley Club, 605 SE 82nd, Oklahoma City. 405-632-0070.
 American Legion Post #73, 5000 S.E. 24th St., Del City. 405-670-9128 or 405-670-9210.
 Bricktown Brewery, 1 N. Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. 405-5232-2739.
 Buckhorn Bar & Grill, 122 W. Broadway, Cushing. 918-225-5413.
 Chuckwagon Tavern, Highway 77, Davis. 580-369-9029.
 Elks Lodge #1822, 701 S Mission, Okmulgee. 918-756-0435.
 Elks Lodge #2673, 10266 S 241st E Avenue, Broken Arrow. 918-455-2763.
 Friends, 3705 W. Memorial Suite 604, Oklahoma City. 405-751-1426.
 Frisco Bar, 608 N. Independence St., Enid. 580-234-1580.
 Full House Tavern, 111 West Robert S. Kerr Blvd., Wynnewood. 405-665-2715
 It'll Do Lounge, 3318 W 42nd Pl., Tulsa. 918-446-9051.
 Jetts Cllub, Highway 39, Wanette. 405-383-7800.
 Mike's Bar, 6444 N.W. Expressway Oklahoma City, 405-722-4121.
 Mill Bar & Grill, 3600 Northwest 58th St., Oklahoma City. 405-949 0504.
 PJ's Place, Highway 39, Wanette. 405-383-2380.
 Sharky's of Brookside, 3415 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa. 742-9500.
 Sixth Avenue Cafe Sports Bar, 2515 West 6th, Stillwater. 405-372-0800.
 Stonewall Tavern, 115 Knobloch, Stillwater. 405-743-0366
 Town Pump Lounge, 3332 S. Memorial. Tulsa.
 Tumbleweed Dance Hall and Concert Arena, Lakeview and Country Club roads, 405-377-0075.

OREGON (11)

99 Tavern, 63 NE Main St., Winston. 541-679-7068.
 American Legion Post #56, 40 N. Pine St. Sherwood. 503-625-5889.
 Black Cat Pub, 8230 SE 13th Ave., Portland. 503-235-3571.
 Cattleman's Saloon, 4778 North River Road, Gold Hill.
 Club Tavern, 420 Main St., 541-747-4466.
 Eagles Club #2093, 2000 Tablerock Road, Medford.
 FOE Crater Lake Lodge #2903, 2000 Table Rock Road, Medford. 503-773-9056.
 Elks Lodge #336, 2336 Turner Road SE, Salem. 503-364-6839.
 Elks Lodge #1283, 333 N Evans Street, Mc Minnville. 503-472-

1283.

Elks Lodge #1584, 207 SW K St., Grants Pass. 541-479-0001.

Elks Lodge #1862, 21865 NW Quatama Road Hillsboro. 503-648-1862.

TENNESSEE (3)

American Legion Post #95,3329 Ringgold Road, East Ridge.
 Fox & Hound, 5101 Sanderlin Ave., Memphis. 901-685-3271.
 TG's, 3870 Macon Road, Memphis. 901-324-7999.

TEXAS (49)

American Legion Post #71, 2501 Spencer Road, Denton.
 American Legion Post #593, 326 West Legion Dr. Converse, 210-658-1111.
 Bigsbys, 505 E 6th St, Austin. 512-236-9800.
 British Rose Pub, 8989 Forest Lane, Dallas. 972-690-8343.
 Charlie's Bar, 1820 W. Mockingbird, Dallas. 214-630-5475.
 Danny's Sports Bar & Grill, 12126 Westheimer, Houston. 713-558-8693.
 Dave & Busters, 9333 Research Blvd, Austin. 512-346-8015.
 Dave & Busters, Richmond at Fountain View, Houston. 713-952-2233
 Dorothy's Bumper Club, 1/2 Mile West Of FM 1417 On Hwy 56 Sherman. 903-893-3537.
 Drinks Saloon, 13440 TI Boulevard, Dallas. 972-783-9900.
 Eagles Nest, 8216 Dyer St., El Paso. 915-478-0920.
 Elbow Room, 3010 Gaston Ave., Dallas. 214-828-9488.
 Elks Lodge #151, 5230 S. Willow Drive, Houston. 713-721-1151.
 Elks Lodge #1984, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, Garland. 972-278-5300.
 Elks Lodge #2057, 210 S. Border, Weslaco. 956-968-7115.
 Elks Lodge #2628, 1050 Katy Ft. Bend Road, Katy. 281-391-2763.
 Elmo's Sports Bar & Nightclub, 200 Buttercup Creek Blvd Ste 101 Cedar Park. 512-257-2342
 Ernie's on Banks, 1010 Banks St., Houston. 713-526-4566.
 Fiasco Cocktails, 2250 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio. 210-490-2651.
 Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division St., Arlington. 817-226-4029.
 Horseshoe Lounge, 2034 S Lamar Blvd., Austin. 512-442-9111
 Hot Dog Shop, 6405 Brittmoore Road Houston, Phone: 713-937-8039.
 Island Club, 10834 Ferguson Road, Dallas. 972-279-9993.
 Klotee Club, 623 S. Mirick, Denison. 903-465-0447.
 Lonesome Dove, 2610 Sheppard Access Road, Wichita. 940-322-0351.

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Milligan's Tavern, 1021 N. Maurice. Denison. 903-337-0075.
 Moose Magoos, 8217 University Ave., Lubbock. 806-745-5005.
 Nedley's Sports Bar, 1801 N. Plano Road, Richardson. 972-690-1944.
 Nick's Place Italian Sports Bar & Pizzeria, 2713 Rockyridge Dr Houston. 713-780-8338.
 Old Town Saloon, 4014 Call Field Road, Wichita Falls. 490-691-4583.
 Outskirts, 5029 Jacksboro Hwy, Wichita Falls. 940-763-2582.
 Rack Daddys, 1505 SW Pkwy, Wichita Falls 940-767-0246.
 River Junction Steakhouse & Club 580-838-2138
 Rocky's Grille, 8600 North MacArthur Suite 138, Irving. 972-831-8448.
 Rookies Bar, 6402 Callaghan Road, San Antonio. 210-377-0909.
 Shooters, 1412 Lamar, Wichita Falls. 940-761-7500.
 Sofie's SS Saloon, 6801 S. 10th St., McAllen. 956-630-1657.
 Taz Country, 2700 F.M. 1825 Pflugerville. 512-990-5526.
 The Post, 601 W. Whitestone, FM1431, Cedar Park. 512-258-2434.
 The Texas Cafe and Bar, 3604 50th St, Lubbock. 806-792-8544.
 The Water Hole, 1415 Old Iowa Park Road, Wichita Falls. 940-322-0387.
 Toby's Bar & Grill, 2617 Plaza Parkway, Century Plaza. 940-691-5621.
 Triple Crown Sports Bar, 13711 Westheimer Suite Y, Houston. 281-870-9610.
 Two Seas Bar & Grill, 14430 Park Road 53, Corpus Christi. 361-949-7338.
 West End Pub & Pool, 2731 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls. 940-696-6453.
 Whiskey River, 1103 Sheppard Access Road, Wichita Falls. 940-723-4844.
 Xtra Innings Sports Bar, 1500 Convention Center Bar, Arlington. 817-261-8200.
 X-Treme, 2538 Elmton Dr. Austin. 512-445-7018.
 Zoli's Sports Bar, 2700 Texoma Parkway-Suite B, Sherman. 903-868-0213

VERMONT (1)

Elks Lodge #567, 125 Washington St., Bennington. 802-442-2736.

WASHINGTON (33)

Ale House Pub & Eatery, 2122 Mildred West, University Place. 253-565-9367.
 Alligator Pub, 8401 S. Hosner, Tacoma. 206-531-5154.
 Big Time Brewery, 4133 University Way, Seattle. 206-545-4509.
 Bellows Tavern, 112 N. Cherry St., Burlington 360-755-0165.

Blue Goose Tavern, 1931 Bay St., Port Orchard. 360-895-8171.
 BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive, Burien. 206-243-6018.
 Buzz's Mud Bay Tavern, 5018 Mud Bay Road NW, Olympia. 360-866-8335.
 Classics's A Unique Sports Bar, 2431 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, 425 277-2402.
 Corner Tavern, 14565 Allen West Road, Bow. 360-757-6113.
 Eagles Club, 119 N. Cherry St., Burlington. 360-755-0483.
 Eagles Club, 110 Penn St., Port Angeles. 360-452-3344.
 Eastlake Zoo Tavern, 2301 Eastlake Ave E., Seattle. 206-329-3277.
 Elks Lodge #2143, 14006 1st Ave. S., Burien. 206-243-2143.
 Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota St., Shelton. 360-426-2221.
 Frankie's, 3663 Pacific Avenue SE., Olympia. 360-412-1330.
 Gene's Tavern, 127 N. Oak St., Burlington. 360-755-9124.
 Green Lantern Tavern, 3119 State Route 109, Copalis Beach. 360-289-2297.
 Kelso American Legion, 301 Allen St., Kelso. 360-423-9480.
 Kent American Legion #15, 25406 97th Place So., Kent. 253-859-9905.
 Moose Lodge, 809 S. Pine St., Port Angeles. 360-452-2157.
 Nifty Fifties, 13021 Pacific Avenue So., Tacoma. 253-538-0280.
 Oak Harbor Brew Pub, - Oak Harbor
 Olde Edison Inn, 5829 Cains Court, Edison. 360-766-6266.
 Pied Piper Tavern, 2201 W. Meeker St., Kent 253-852-9914.
 Red Dog Saloon, 2590-A Mile Hill Dr. S.E., Port Orchard. 360-876-1018.
 Season Ticket, 1221 N. Howard St., Spokane. 509-327-9790.
 Sequim Elks Lodge, 143 Port Williams Road, Sequim. 360-683-2763.
 The Brotherhood, 119 N. Capitol Way. 360-352-4153.
 The Garage, 1130 Broadway Ave. Seattle. 206-322-2296.
 Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso. 360-636-2627.
 VFW Post 4760, 169 E. Washington St., Sequim. 360-683-4760.
 Whistling Oyster, 294903 US Highway 101, Quilcene. 360-765-9508.
 Wreck Tavern, 1025 E. First St., Port Angeles. 360-457-9791.

WEST VIRGINIA (2)

American Legion Post 71, 225 W. Washington St. Charles Town. 304-725-7212.
 The Paddock Club, 440 E. 8th Ave., Huntington. 304-525-3513

WISCONSIN (1)

Titletown Brewing Co., 200 Dousman St., Green Bay. 920-437-2337.

BILLY

by Carlton Stowers

In a shadowy side room of the Highway Cafe & Bar, where the faint odor of stale beer and the thin haze of cigarette smoke mix to set the mood, they have begun drifting in. Young and old, they come to this hideaway on Northwest Highway to wash away the 9-to-5 drudgery, swap stories, have a few beers, and, with a little luck, win a few bucks.

Their game is shuffleboard. Not the sort Florida-tanned retirees pass time with before they head over to Luby's for the Early Bird Special, but the England-born indoor pub variety. It is a game of delicate touch and war room-like strategy played on a 22-foot, highly polished wood table.

Tonight is tournament night at the Highway. The winner's pot is small, but there will be an occasional \$20 side bet. And before closing time, odds are good that a few hundred dollars will have found its way into the pocket of 67-year-old Billy Mays, a man with thick glasses and an expanding waistline. That's because Mays is the best—not just in the Highway tonight, but the best ever. Billy Mays is to shuffleboard what Michael Jordan was to basketball, what Ali was to the fight game, what Tiger is to golf. He's been world champion 27 times. And he might never have taken up the sport had he not broken his back when he fell from an off-shore oil derrick when he was just a kid.

Mays grew up in Emory, Texas, where his father was a farmer and sawmill owner. He was the youngest of 10 children, an athletic kid who played centerfield and batted leadoff, fought as an amateur boxer, and could run the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat. His family moved to Dallas in 1949, and in '52 he joined the Army. He lied about his age and didn't let on that he'd been blind in one eye since he was 9. "Two years later,"



he says, "I was discharged—five days after I was 17, which was the legal age to enlist."

He roughnecked in West Texas oil fields for several years before migrating to Louisiana, where he took the fateful off-shore job. In December 1958, at age 20, Mays limped home to Dallas, broke, wearing a back brace, having already been married and divorced four times. (To date, he's been married 10 times, on three occasions to the same woman. His explanation: "I guess I'd have

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to say I just enjoy married life.” There’s not a trace of irony in his voice.)

It was, Mays recalls, his attraction to a woman that introduced him to the game he would dominate for decades.

“I was dating this waitress who worked at Sam’s Place over on Haskell and Elm,” he says. “And one night while I was waiting for her to get off work, I got hustled into a game of shuffleboard. Back then, a guy from Oklahoma named Granville Humphrey was the best player in the world, and he needed a partner. I was the only one available, and, thanks to him, I won \$45 that night.

“The next morning at 7, I was standing outside the bar, waiting for the doors to open. I played shuffleboard until they closed at midnight. I did that day after day, getting better at making the shots I’d seen Humphrey and the other good players make.”

Once he sharpened his talents and had money in his pocket, Mays hit the road.

He was called Texas Billy Mays back in the glittery, fast-money ’60s and ’70s, when his skills were the talk of nearly every bar and club with a shuffleboard table. The Players Lounge in Corpus Christi; the Blue Star and the Balboa Club out in El Monte, California; the Green Door down in Abilene. From Maine to Philly, then Oklahoma City and Las Vegas, and finally sunny California, Billy Mays traveled light, building his bankroll along with his reputation.

No slave to false modesty, Mays recalls one 90-day period in the summer of 1962, while working the West Coast, when he cleared \$120,000. One year, in one Southern California bar called the Pink Pony, Mays and a doubles partner earned \$100,000. He played and regularly beat actor Rock Hudson in \$300 games on the tables at the Gay Nineties in North Hollywood.

He’s just guessing, he says, but he estimates he’s won at least 800 tournaments during his playing career.

When a pretty California bartender and shuffleboard player named Jean Ayers repeatedly turned down Mays for a date, he finally appealed to her gambling nature. “I won her at the shuffleboard table,” he says. “I bet her \$500 against a date.” Ayers eventually became the fifth Mrs. Billy Mays, and, for the next 15 years, they traveled the circuit together. They played as partners, put on trick-shot exhibitions, and built a husband-and-wife reputation that remains today.

Two years ago, not long after she died of cancer, Jean Ayers-Mays, the 1976 Women’s Singles World Champion, was inducted to the Table Shuffleboard Association’s National Hall of Fame. Mays was also voted in but declined induction, feeling there were others

more deserving of the honor, like Granville Humphrey, the man who had first lured him into the game (and who died in prison, where he was serving time for dealing drugs). “He was the best, long before me,” Mays says. “If he’s not good enough to be in the Hall of Fame, neither am I.”

Mays’ biggest take in a single match was \$18,450, from a Corpus Christi bar owner. The largest tournament pot he ever won was \$95,000. On the other hand, he admits that through the years he’s pocketed in the neighborhood of a half million dollars in bad checks from opponents he allowed to keep playing after their billfolds had been emptied. “It took me awhile to learn my lesson,” he says. “I don’t take paper anymore.”

Money is only part of it. “He’s taught most of the good players you’ll see today,” says David Williams, a Fort Worth body shop owner and one of the nation’s premier players. “He certainly helped me. He just loves the game and the people who play it.” Mays, he says, has become an ambassador for shuffleboard, spinning his colorful tales, giving lessons, making trick shots, and even organizing shuffleboard leagues across

the state.

Johnny Carson invited Mays to come on his show and demonstrate his skills, Sports Illustrated profiled him, and, at one point, a young Beau Bridges was cast to play him in a biographical movie with the working title Roadhouse Billy. That was until the Columbia Pictures ranch, where the movie was to be filmed, burned to the ground. But that’s another story.

And if the shuffleboard action ever waned in his heyday, he could always count on picking up traveling money with a series of bar bets taught to him by legendary gambler Alvin Clarence Thomas, aka Titanic Thompson. Take the one in which he blows a dime from the edge of the table into a beer mug. “That trick has probably earned me \$50,000 to \$100,000 over the years,” he says.

The late Thompson was the infamous golfing, poker-playing, pool-shooting hustler who served as the model for the Guys and Dolls character Sky Masterson. “He was hustling this guy at all kinds of games and asked me if I’d like to make \$5,000 for a week’s work,” Mays says. “He wanted me to teach him to play shuffleboard good enough to beat this guy.” Mays took the job and stayed on as Titanic’s “coach” during the match. His reward: 2 percent of the \$240,000 Thompson collected after winning.

Now, though, the big-money days are mostly behind him. Mays still plays in the occasional organized tournament, which can mean getting a piece of a six-figure pot. He recently returned from a week-

Billy Mays is to shuffleboard what Michael Jordan was to basketball, what Ali was to the fight game, what Tiger is to golf.

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end tournament in Denison with \$1,800 in winnings. But he begrudgingly admits his game isn't as sharp as it once was. He had a mild stroke a few years back, and now the natural right-hander has to play left-handed. "Truth is, I'm probably no longer the best," he admits. "But I'm still one of 'em."

Robert Duncan, 61, owns a liquor store in Dallas and plays shuffleboard. He's watched Mays play for a quarter century. "A few years ago," Duncan says, "there was a tournament over in Fort Worth—lotta good players—and some of them started kidding Billy about getting too old to play. He laughed with them for a minute, then said he'd play anybody there for \$500 a game. And there wasn't

a single taker."

On this night at the Highway, there are only a few dozen players. Most admit to learning the game from Mays. He points to one man who looks to be in his late 20s, bent over the table, earnestly practicing. "That kid over there?" Mays says. "I used to beat his daddy all the time." He grins. "Now, I'll get in his pocket before the night's over."

Dallas writer Carlton Stowers is the author of The Unsinkable Titanic Thompson, a biography of the colorful hustler whom Billy Mays taught to play shuffleboard.

Billy Chiles Memorial results

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Beach's Gary Jones and Bellflower's Robert Davidson in two straight games. Ruiz's team then defeated Gardner's team in the loser's consolation.

The championship match began Sunday afternoon with Ruiz striking first and winning the three game first match - two games to one on board six. The finals then moved to board five where Fowler's team rallied for the win in the third game with Linda Meyer delivering a crucial four-point lag to win the championship. Arizona's Linda Aragon was the proud sponsor of the winning team with Temecula's Jimmy Martin the sponsor of the second place Ruiz team.

Team auctions for both of the double events were held on Saturday afternoon. The 13-team "Add-to-Two" Doubles pool produced \$3,090 with another \$1,300 in entry fees. The 14-team "Add-to-Four" Doubles auction raised \$1,940 with an additional \$700 in the entry pool. Temecula's Jimmy Martin and Hemet's Robert "Cowboy" Wade were the high bid team in the "Add-to-Two" Doubles with the Arizona team of Bob Jacobsen and Lewis Bailey the highest in the "Add-to-Four". Weber also handled the auction for both of these events.

The "Add-to-Two" Doubles event went to Amundson and Jones as they defeated the team of Martin and Wade in two straight games in the tournament finals on Monday. Cerritos' Joe Muniz and Bellflower's Mina Bischara took third with Muniz providing the highlight of the weekend tournament by scoring a game-winning ten points in the final frame of an earlier game against Gardner and Linda Aragon. Bellflower's Joanie Healey and Yorba Linda's Bob Brunskill took fourth place in the event. Sharon Amundson was the winning sponsor of her husband Craig and Gary Jones.

Bailey and Slaughter also went undefeated in winning the "Add-to-Four" championship. This event was added to the tournament this year and proved to be very popular with the amateur players. Bailey and Slaughter defeated the team of Anna Brunskill and Bellflower's Allen Healey two out of three games on Monday afternoon for the win. Placing third were the sister team of Marie Coulter of Huntington Beach and Garden Grove's Kathleen Wis-



First place in the Add-to-Four Doubles at the Billy Chiles Memorial were Marion Bailey and Skip Slaughter.

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dom. Coulter also served as co-tournament director. Bobeoo Thornton and Moose Governor Bryan Beverley finished in fourth place. Jackie Bailey sponsored her husband Marion and Skip Slaughter.

Huntington Beach's Richard "Bubba" Warren also served as tournament director with Bob Brunskill handling tournament bracketing. Also assisting in pre-tournament board adjustments were Ted Fowler, Eric Chiles and H.L. Lee with Arizona's Terry Leahy and Paul Weber assisting in bracketing. The tournament directors would also like to thank the many members of the Moose Lodge and volunteer bartenders for their many contributions in making the seventh annual Billy Chiles Memorial tournament a success.

The Moose Lodge will be hosting the California State Amateur Championships on the weekend of October 1-3.

Robert Davidson, Pacific Coast Shuffleboard News