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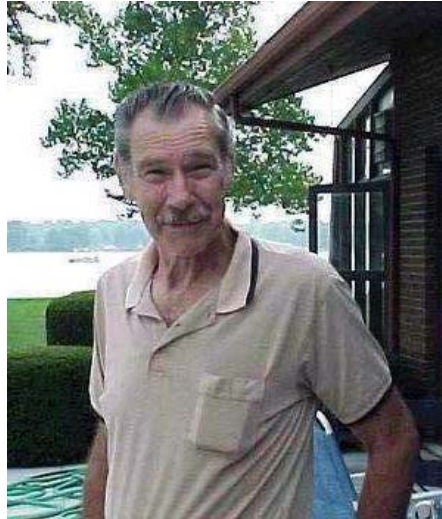
Adron Owens of North Webster, IN (born October 1, 1938 - 66 years young now), shot his first puck at 20 years old in leagues, tournaments, and just for fun. His first team was at the *Grill* (now called *Rex's*) where the only other player from that team that Adron still knows of is Claude Johnson. Then he was on a team at *Jess and Janes* in Bourbon (now called *Journeys End*) where he remembers playing with Doc Slaybaugh, Charlie Thompson and the older Bourbon guys.

Adron has also been an Indiana league player at other places, including Warsaw's *Holiday Lanes*, *VFW*, *Eagles*, and *Sparkies* and at North Webster's *Lucky's Tavern* and Leesburg's *The Keg*.

The tournament that he has traveled the most miles to is the SW Open in Del City, Oklahoma. He would like to play there at least one more time, health conditions permitting.

Adron is now having a severe struggle with cancer and treatments, but his spirits are high. He hasn't been able to play much shuffleboard over the past year, but his loving wife (Brenda), his love of shuffleboard news and love of bluegrass music helps him through these very difficult times. He loves to keep in touch with his extended shuffleboard family and looks forward to hearing from the shuffleboard community. Adron and his wife Brenda were long-time supporters of the prior *The Board Talk* and they both greatly miss getting the printed issue each month. They would sit down together and read their *The Board Talk* subscription from beginning to end several times over. They now look forward to getting the Bowers' Corner & TSA E-Newsletters, even though it does not, at this time, offer a printed/mailed issue.

Adron first found out he was sick when he started having breathing and chocking problems at a Bluegrass Festival last August. After testing and surgery for cancer on the right lung, left neck and throat area, he began chemo and radiation which ended January 5, 2005. At his 2 month checkup, the doctors found more problems in the chest area and biopsies revealed it was in the medistal area of the chest and was non-operable. He then went into an experimental program testing chemo pills, but after taking 6 daily chemo pills for 6 weeks, it was found to be rapidly spreading and had gone to the left lung (very small spot) and the adrenal glands. Two weeks later, he was admitted to the hospital for severe back pain, infection and possible pneumonia. Testing showed cancer had spread to the bones in the spine and rib. Not much can be done except pain control and lots of prayers. Through all of this, Adron has stayed strong and in control. Many prayers are going out to Adron, Brenda, and their family.



### "Adron Shuffleboard Stories" by Brenda Owens (Adron's wife)...

Adron has always bragged to everyone how when we first met, "I was just a free hand shooter". I had learned free hand from Charlie Thompson at the *Bourbon Legion* when I worked there. He would always be after me if he walked in and I wasn't busy and not on a board or Wally Dan and Mike Koontz would be after me to throw my freehand pucks.

Well, when Adron and I started playing together (one of our first dates) he started teaching me left and right hand shots. After I caught on and began using all the shots, he started bragging and saying he had taught me to use both hands but would never let me get away from my freehand. When I would beat him everyone including himself

would say maybe he taught me too good!!!



And then there was the time when we were partners at *Lucky's Tavern* for a tournament and Pabst Blue Ribbon was starting to help him express himself (if you know what I mean) when he would shoot his end and then go sit in the middle of board and started giving hand signs - never saying a word just flapping his hands and arms around. Well after a few frames of that hand action, I had it and told him "if you don't quit directing traffic, I will never play with you again". He wouldn't talk to me the rest of the game, but it all worked out okay when we took 2nd place. But, to this day, everyone reminds him not to direct traffic for Brenda! He just laughs and says "I'll never live that down, will I?"

One of the tournaments Adron would not miss is the Hawk Eye Memorial on New Years Day. In fact, so far, that is the only

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## *(Adron Owens-Player Profile... Con't. from page 1)*

tournament he has got to play in this year and Brian Collins and Adron came in 1st place. Adron is hoping to get stronger and play again. I hope his dream can come true.

We took Adron to a Bluegrass Festival on August 1, 2005. His best friend took the seats out of the van and we put his mattress in the back and then parked where he could lay down and listen to the bands play, but he was able to mostly sit up. And then 4 of his friends camped right next to us and they played and picked for him till 4:30 in the morning. It was neat but sad. His two loves his whole life have been bluegrass and shuffleboard. He was 20 when he threw his first puck and he's 66 now.

Adron always likes to tell the younger players about how he and Claude Johnson (Mikes Dad) taught Mike how to throw his first puck and look at him now. Mike always adds yah but I developed my own style- and Adron and Claude both laugh and smile and say thats for sure!!! Neither one of them would be caught running down the side of the board...They would fall down!!!

Some of his best times was when he would draw Terry Dowell, Larry Brown, or Brian Collins as a partner. He always laughs and says "Oh poor them!", but he would play his heart out and with their help they came out good. He would always listen so close to what Brian was coaching in league and then get up and do it his -- ADRONS way!!!

While back he had me get out all the old The Board Talk issues and go through them and get out any issue that mentioned him. We sure do miss The Board Talk --- we would always sit on the couch and read it page for page together.

Through all of this, Adron has stayed so strong and in control. When he wanted to go and prearrange his funeral and pick out our plots at the cemetery, I realized then just how strong and really ready he is for what ever comes our way. I can't say that I'm that strong. I'm trying to be !!! Then with the savings being all gone and now I've had to cut my working to just 3 hours a day, it's hitting me like a brick --- but Adron sees the good in it , being I'm here when he goes to sleep and when he wakes up; I'm here except from 3:30-6:30 a.m. (I cut back on my work hours to 3 hours while he is asleep); and then he says he likes it that he spends all awake hours with me here (Ha ol lucky him).

He jokes about it as "Hey we have no money, but we sure have each other!". All of this is time I will treasure forever. Every day we listen to his bluegrass music and his gospel collection (and that is one expense I will never cut out). I try to get him a new Bluegrass CD every few weeks. He even sleeps with the satellite music on.



For those wishing to send Adron a card or letter of support, he would love to hear from you: (contact info. follows...)

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## *State #07 Reminders!*

### **September 22-24**

8th Annual Missouri HOF Tournament  
(3 Events & Rich Steger of STL MO Induction)  
Eagles Lodge #3911, Houston, Missouri

### **Sept. 30-Oct. 2**

Indiana Hall of Fame (L. Brown & T. Dowell)  
(Multi-Event & 2 HOF Inductions)  
American Legion #424, Bourbon, Indiana

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**To View All Tournament Events (US & CAN) for August & September 2005 and the annual "2005-2006 Upcoming Events" Calendar (Click Below Link):**

**[http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/Latest\\_Calendar.htm](http://www.tableshuffleboard.org/Latest_Calendar.htm)**

**To View All Flyers Submitted, thusfar, for August 2005 - March 2006 "Upcoming Events ( US & Canada)":**

**[http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/Bowers-TSA\\_Newsletter\\_August30\\_2005\\_flyers.pdf](http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/Bowers-TSA_Newsletter_August30_2005_flyers.pdf)**

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*LISTING & LINKS TO THE MOST RECENT RESULTS & CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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The following are links to the current listing of tournament results and upcoming events submitted for publishing on the Bowers' Corner & TSA websites. If you do not find your upcoming event or tournament results posted below and would like them posted, please email information to post to Webmaster: [lynda@tableshuffleboard.org](mailto:lynda@tableshuffleboard.org)

Any new tournament results received will be advertised and published in the next Bowers' Corner & TSA Newsletter & E-News.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS (JULY 2005 - [Click To View All](#))

July 1-4, 2005: 4th of July "Shoot Out", Exeter Eagles #3608, Exeter, CA ([Click to View Results](#))

July 3-10, 2005: Don Crall Inaugural Mem.SW Open 2005, AML #73, Del City, OK ([Click to View Results](#))

July 15-17, 2005: 5th Annual A-B (Bring), Cattleman's Saloon, Rogue River, OR ([Click to View Results](#))

July 16, 2005: Bring Partner (Add to "5") Dbl Elim., The Post, Cedar Park, TX ([Click to View Results](#))

July 22-23, 2005: 2.0 to 6.0 (B+) Open Draw, Ernie's Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, WA ([Click to View Results](#))

July 23, 2005: S. California "Social League" Marathon, Oskar's Bar, Bellflower, CA ([Click to View Results](#))

July 29-31, 2005: 3rd Annual Friendship Tournament, Our Place, Titusville, FL ([Click to View Results](#))

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS (AUGUST 2005 - [Click To View All](#))

August 6-7, 2005: Michigan HOF & Tournament, Kane's Club Car, Durand, MI ([Click to View Results](#))

August 12-15, 2005: Hot Summer Nights, Madison Park Bowl, Madison Park, MI ([Click to View Results](#))

August 13-14, 2005: 2nd Annual Lady's Tournament, Island Club, Dallas, TX ([Click to View Results](#))   
(Island Club results/photos - new since August 19th Issue - also featured on page 4-5 of this issue)

August 19-21, 2005: Amy Breeding Benefit Tournament, One Nostalgia Place, Dallas, TX  
([Click to View Results](#))  (new since August 19th Issue - also featured on page 6-7 of this issue)

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS (4Q2004- Present) - [Click To View All](#))

## UPCOMING EVENTS (2005-2006) - [Click To View All](#))

### NEW LEAGUE WEBPAGE HOSTED ON BOWERS' CORNER WEBSITE: [Click To View All](#))

Madison Park Bowl - Mixed League - Madison Heights, Michigan  (New League Page - since August 19th Issue)

Monday Night Madison Park Bowl League   
(Mixed Doubles - starts Sept. 12, 2005 - 16 wk - [Click To View Promo Flyer](#))  
(new since August 19th Issue - also promo flyer is included on page 9 of this issue)

(Featured... New Results.... Con't. page 4-7)

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## 2ND ANNUAL LADY'S TOURNAMENT

*Audett & Harris Grab Hard Fought 1st Place!*

August 13-14, 2005, Island Club, Dallas, Texas -- Results & Photos Submitted By: Mike Blohm

<http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com> <http://www.tableshuffleboard.org>

### Dallas, Texas (August 13-14, 2005):

This year's tournament was not the largest Lady's Tournament we have had, but as usual the Lady's put on a great show. Many thanks to all who showed up for the tournament as participants and spectators and to all the guys for providing such great support for the ladies!

The Lady's Tournament Winners were....

**1st Place: Carol Audett & Evelyn ("Granny") Harris**  
(sponsored by Robert Hoffman)

**2nd Place: Pam Lee & Karen Blohm**  
(sponsored by Tommy McBurnett)

**3rd Place: Penny Meharg & Tammy Morgan**  
(sponsored by Chris Smith)

Many thanks to the guys for supporting the tournament and to those who supported the concurrent Texas Hold'em Tournaments. We had some great shuffleboard guys supporting the Texas Hold'em Tournament and showing their support for the Lady's Tournament.

Thanks to Chris Smith for his help running the Hold'em Tournament and to the players who supported it, including Fred Boyd, Tommy McBurnett, Stewart M., Jay Mayhall, Robert Hoffman., Chris Smith, Tommy V., Pooh and the many more...

Also, a special thanks to Jay Mayhall for helping with the Lady's Tournament ( HE'S A REAL LADY'S MAN) and Sal Mancuso for a great job handling the Sponsor Sale.

# Island Club



**1st Place: (above)**  
**Carol Audett (left) & Evelyn ("Granny") Harris (right)**  
(sponsored by Robert Hoffman - center)



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**Texas Hold'em  
A CALM BUNCH...  
Yeah Right !!!!!**

**Chris Smith head the  
tournament ( a man w/  
nerves of steal)**

**And one sore loser!  
Just Kidding Mitch :)**



**2nd Place: (above)  
Pam Lee (center) & Karen Blohm (right)  
(sponsored by Tommy McBurnett - left)**

All-in-all we had a great time (guys & gals!) and are looking forward to next year's third annual event!

*Many Thanks to Everyone!  
Mike Blohm (Island Club Owner/Host)*

**Note:** Visit our Island Club Website for our latest upcoming events and tournament results: <http://www.islandclub-tx.com>



**3rd Place: (above)  
Penny Meharg (left) & Tammy Morgan (right)  
(sponsored by Chris Smith - center)**



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## AMY BREEDING BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

August 19-21, 2005, One Nostalgia Place, Dallas, Texas

Report & Photos Submitted By: Robert L. Hoffman

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### The Fun and the Donations:

One Nostalgia Place in Dallas held a highly successful benefit tournament for Amy Breeding on August 19th -21st.

Amy is an accomplished shuffleboard player in her thirties who was diagnosed with cancer in one of her kidneys. Even more unfortunately, cancer also was discovered in her other kidney and it too will have to be removed. She will have to undergo a second operation and daily dialysis until she is determined to be cancer free and eligible for a transplant.

Amy is a delightful person who has kept her positive attitude and sense of humor, much of which was exhibited at the tournament.

Fifty four teams entered. Well over four thousand dollars was raised to help Amy with her expenses.

**Owner Alma King (pictured right)** added \$500 to the entry fees and provided a feast for the players. The players enjoyed beef and pork tenderloin and at least four other types of meat as well as well as home made bread, salads, fresh vegetables, pies, cakes, candies, etc..

All sums charged for the meal were donated to Amy.

Sandy Watkins, Trish Skipworth, Linda Sue Hall, Amanda Bruitt, Alma King, Kathy Skatell and Diana Whitver spent long hours cooking and providing the food at no charge to the tournament.

C. W. Walker, Sal Mancuso and Vonnie Bailey ran the pairings and did a great job keeping things moving.

The auction and raffle also were successful. Three beef tenderloins and a one hundred dollar tab for a party at a shuffleboard event were donated by Dave Ewing for the auction. Sandy Jenkins, Michael Elana, Coors, Budweiser and many others donated art, sculpture, furniture, and lots of other items to the auction.

In addition to all the auction money, fifty percent of the raffle proceeds were to go to Amy. Alma King won the raffle (no, it was not fixed, she just bought a lot of tickets) and donated all her winnings back to Amy.

A team from Greg Hixon's Harbor Point which had saved \$400 from its league winnings for a season ending party instead gave the money to Amy. Others were similarly generous.



**Pictured Above:  
Alma King  
One Nostalgia Place  
Owner**

### Honoree Amy Breeding Flanked by Winners Cecil Mann and Connie McCormick

Pictured Below: L-R

Cecil Mann, Amy Breeding, Connie McCormick



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## AMY BREEDING BENEFIT... (continued from Page 6)

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(Amy Breeding Benefit...continued from Page 6)

### The Results:

Third place winners Gary Nelson and Tommy McBurnett were ahead of Cecil Mann of Stephens County, Texas and Connie McCormick 14 to 12 and had the hammer going into the last frame of the winners' bracket finals. Tommy attempted to bump a one with his third shot but came up an inch short. Cecil hid a three behind Tommy's two weights with his last shot and Tommy narrowly missed with the hammer.

Losers bracket winners Robert Duncan and Joe Fancher then defeated Gary and Tommy.

They felt good enough about their chances that they declined a split and tried to double dip Cecil and Connie in the finals, despite having to spot 3 handicap points.

The decision not to split was understandable because Billy Mays says that Robert Duncan is the hardest player for him to beat in North Texas and Robert and Joe were at the bar when Cecil hid that three. Besides, who would offer a split to an unrated retired truck driver who lives way out on county road 265 in Stephens County, Texas?

The wisdom of that decision was bolstered by the fact that Robert and Joe sold for the highest price in the sponsor's sale and Cecil and Connie wound up buying themselves cheap.

I might be a little partial to Cecil because my granddaddy was sheriff of Stephens County and only got shot once while he was in office. Stephens County is located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos 150 miles west of Dallas and has towns named Gunsight and Necessity and a lake named Possum Kingdom. According to the last census, the 25,000 cattle in the county outnumber the people in the county by about 3 to 1.

Fortunately, the county history notes that the Comanches, Tonkas and Kiowas were "removed" in 1874 when my granddaddy was 3 years old so things were relatively tame by the time he got elected.

When Cecil was told the losers bracket winners offered only a 50/50 split, he mumbled "horse feathers" (or something generally associated with one end of a horse and I remind you that this is a family publication) so the finals were played out.

It didn't take long.

Joe kept the board clean in the first frame to give Robert the hammer but Connie lagged a 4 to make the score 7 to 0, including the 3 point handicap.

In the second frame, Robert Duncan tried to set up Cecil by lagging a two next to Cecil's three with his first weight but wound up with a blocked board, a loss of 3 more points, and a 10 to 0 deficit.

Thereafter, despite some good lags by the losers, Cecil and Connie just kept the board clean, lagged ones and twos and won 15 to 10.

When I left, Joe and Robert were debating just who it was that decided not to take that split and reminding each other that second ain't all that bad. As they say in West Texas, they were smilin' but their bellies weren't shakin'.

-- Reported By: *Robert L. Hoffman*

### 1st Place Winners Cecil Mann and Connie McCormick



### 2nd Place Winners Robert Duncan and Joe Fancher



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(August 2005 Cushion Shuffleboard Newsletter Posted since last Bowers' -TSA E-news issue)
- Bowers' & TSA Website E-Newsletters: [http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/Bowers\\_TSA\\_Newsletters.html](http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/Bowers_TSA_Newsletters.html)

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- ✓ Crawford County, PA League:  
[http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers\\_HomePage\\_CrawfordCountyPA.html](http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers_HomePage_CrawfordCountyPA.html)
- ✓ Madison Park Bowl - Mixed League - Madison Heights, Michigan   
[http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers\\_MadisonParkBowl\\_MI\\_HomePage.html](http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers_MadisonParkBowl_MI_HomePage.html)
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[http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers\\_GDA\\_Michigan\\_HomePage.html](http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/LeaguePlayers_GDA_Michigan_HomePage.html)
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- ✓ Kansas City Missouri Leagues: <http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/kansascitymo.htm>
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