



East West Challenge

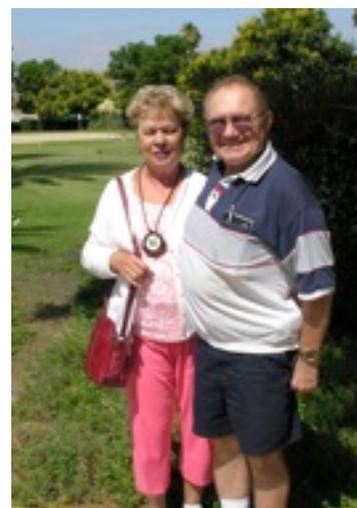
Front gate area



Super 8 Motel - Party Central



Gigi & Rocky Briggs



Shuffleboard Court Building



Head of the courts



Foot of the courts



After a long wait, the time for the East West Challenge has come. I was met at the airport by Gigi & Rocky Briggs. Rocky and Joe Messier are responsible for this event and Rocky will be picking many Easterners up at the airport. The weather was sunny, breezy and cool with the forest fires to the west now under control.

Monday morning I met Roy Babcock in the hotel breakfast area. Roy is from Fort Meyers and a Pro. The two of us headed over to the courts for some practice. It was a nice

walk to the courts in a beautifully landscaped park. The courts are fully enclosed with heat and air. The lighting is from skylights and is very natural. The courts, well the courts are something else. So beautifully shiny, slick and FAST! The disks never seem to stop. After you think they have stopped they still move another inch. Did I mention they were FAST!

We met Gary Moore, a local expert shuffler. Gary was a big help in starting to get Roy and I acclimated. It took

Roy and I a good 12 disks to get one on the board. Once we were able to get them on the court we tried to deal with some wild drifts.

There are many courts were it is virtually impossible to get a 10. **This** will be interesting. Roy and I will be meeting Gary, Tuesday morning to practice at other courts called Muni.

The Muni courts we are told are even faster. Because you must shoot so soft, you literally can shoot the disk and sit down until it stops.

I am glad I had spoken a few times with Shuffleboard Bob Zaletel from Arizona, to at least try and prepare myself for this.

It is too soon for me to make comparisons between the two coasts . But initially I would say this is a completely different game. It also seems you talk to the disks a lot more, first you yell stop, stop, stop then keep going, keep going, as you end up in the kitchen in the last inch of travel. The disks never seem to stop.

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