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Subject: Annual Shuffleboard Tournament ends in a Shoot Out!

On September 1 and 2, seniors and celebrities alike gathered at the Senior Center Network Shuffleboard Courts to play in the 21st annual tournament hosted by Dan and Peg Jonkhoff. The tournament came down to a dramatic shoot-out between Jim Harvey of Great Lakes Physical Therapy and 3 time champion and tournament sponsor, Dan Jonkhoff of Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Although Harvey shot first and was at a slight disadvantage, Jonkhoff struggled to make it to the line with his 2 follow up shots. Harvey's 3rd shot was the winner and Jonkhoff's fate was sealed when his own final shot didn't come close enough to the line.

First place in the Senior Division was Dan Kolen, president of the shuffleboard group and 5 time champion. Second place was Jim Nadeau and third place was Pat Saunby. Consolation was given to Barb Balentine and George Crisman.

The Jonkhoffs are proud to have hosted this event for 21 years. This tournament brings attention to the history of shuffleboard in Traverse City. The first courts in Michigan were installed in Traverse City in 1930, where this city played host to numerous state and national tournaments. Today, eleven courts are in play on a daily basis for league members and guests. The Senior Center Network invites the community to take advantage of this ageless sport. Equipment can be rented for a donation inside the center daily, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 231-922-4911.

The Senior Center Network is part of the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging – “Caring for those who cared for you” for 40 years.

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The Senior Center Network is part of the Commission on Aging, “Caring For Those Who Cared For You.” The Network provides many programs to older adults in Grand Traverse County. There are locations in Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen and Kingsley. Thousands of seniors enjoy dozens of activities on a daily basis. Business hours are Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm. Call 922-4911, check our website or FaceBook page for more information.