

BOISE'S DICK JOHNSON REPEATS AS THE 2018 SSIPA MENS' POINTS WINNER!



- Dick finished the year with 4 medals in SSIPA's two final tournaments of 2018 (The West Championship, SSIPA's largest tourney, and the Marriott Desert Classic). One of these medals was in Mens Doubles with fellow Boisean and good friend, Gary Robbins! (see above).
- Dick was again the year's **Top Mens' Points Winner** for his age group. He also finished 2nd in points for all of SSIPA's different mens' age groups (he was 1st for all mens' age groups in 2017}. Several weeks prior to the closing tourneys, Dick had also repeated winning multiple Gold medals at the **SSIPA World Championships**.
- He is a Lifetime & Founding Member of SSIPA, which in only two years exploded to 41 tournaments in 2018. These exciting and fun tournaments were held throughout the US and also in England, Spain, Mexico, Canada, and Italy. Germany and Japan are planned for 2019. Over 10,000 players have competed so far! Many tourneys have provided special clinics and fun social and cultural activities around the tournament venues and surrounding areas. Players have regularly enjoyed unique travel and vacation opportunities as part of their tournament experience, both in the US and other countries. SSIPA is a close partner with the USAPA and the IPA.
- Dick continues hopeful that the Treasure Valley will one day sponsor a SSIPA event. And, SSIPA leadership continues to offer that opportunity to our area. SSIPA membership has rapidly grown to almost 2,000 members and is becoming increasingly very popular with players age 60 and up. SSIPA events can even be imbedded into a regular tourney which has the usual younger age/skill events.