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The Hammer

In last month's Hammer, we shared our concerns for the future of *The Board Talk*. We appreciate the new subscriptions, the renewals and the notes of encouragement we received in response. Our sincere thanks. A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

From Maryland

Please keep up the good job of promoting shuffleboard. I love the game as you do. It's a shame there are people who, for one reason or another, do not think of supporting the game.

The East loves 21 point games, best of three matches, double elimination. Really drags out! We only get 12 teams in a tournament.

Thanks for keeping us informed.

John Lukas

From Oregon

I know of no one who could do better than you two in getting the news to us shuffleboard people. I will try to get some Christmas gift subscriptions. I wish the USA Shuffleboard was as successful as the Canadians.

Evie Wechter

From California

I would like to put in a plea for everyone to get behind *The Board Talk* by subscribing to it or putting an ad in it. I get *The Board Talk* at the shop and I sit down right then and read it. I then take it home and give it to Von and she stops what she is doing and reads it all the way through.

My friends tell me how much they like to read it, too. They are the ones I share my issue with. You can read this one but this will be the last one, I tell them. It cost 19.2 cents per week to get 12 issues (1 year) so come on and let's keep this *Board Talk* coming!

Al and Von Stewart.

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Tourney Talk

Food Harbor, Peru, Ind., Jan. 12

The Food Harbor Tavern, 312 W. Main, Peru, Ind., will host a tournament on Jan. 12. According to Indiana shuffleboarder Larry Creakbaum, Food Harbor has "three or four good teams and has supported shuffleboard well the past few years." (Editor's Note: The Food Harbor supports shuffleboard by subscribing to *The Board Talk*, too!)

Central Indiana Tourney Schedule

Steve Hart reports scheduled tournaments for January and February:

- Jan. 4 — Town Tavern, Main Street, Summitville
Phone 317-536-2150
- Jan. 11 — Triangle Bar, 2129 Ohio Ave., Anderson
Phone 317-642-1155
- Jan. 18 — Red Dog Saloon, 1600 W. 23rd, Muncie
Phone 317-286-0255
- Jan. 25 — Monty's Bar, Chesterfield
- Feb. 1 — American Bar, 211 W. Main, Portland
Phone 219-726-9252
- Feb. 8 — Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont
Phone 317-948-9102
- Feb. 15 — Hide-A-Way, 2017 W. 8th, Anderson
Phone 317-644-6505
- Feb. 22 — Sportsman's Lounge, 1806 E. Memorial Dr., Muncie, Phone 317-289-0701

Mark Your Calendars Now...

... May 3, 1986, Spring Tournament, Legion, Bourbon, Ind.

... Nov. 28-30, 1986, 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament, Stagger Inn, Bellflower, Calif.

Long/Creakbaum Win at Mishawaka

A "bring your partner" tournament was held at the Northside Tavern in Mishawaka, Ind., on Nov. 30 with 13 teams participating. Winners were Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum with second place going to Jerry Knox and Kenny Weber.

Central Indiana Action

Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr took first place in a tournament at the Palace Bar, Fairmont, on Oct. 12. Twenty-two teams participated for a pot of \$2,000. Dennis Hawkins and Dave Welch took second; Curly McNally and Jerry Pritchard, 3rd; Ron Welborn and Larry Massie, 4th.

At the Hide-A-Way, Anderson, on Oct. 19, 18 teams participated with a pot of \$1,095. First place was won by Tom and Bob Vorndran; 2nd, Dave Vorndran and Rom Hennis; 3rd, George Schorence and Bill Reese; 4th, Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr.

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Letters to the Editor



What is a Grievance Committee?

Every league should have a Grievance Committee composed of the captains (or sponsors) of each team in the league. Grievances must be submitted to the league secretary in writing within 48 hours after the dispute has occurred, except protests involving the use of unqualified players, which must be submitted within a reasonable time.

The vice president shall then request the league secretary to call a meeting of the captains (or sponsors) of each team in the league involved, giving at least 24 hours notice of such meeting. The vice president shall chair the meeting and the league secretary shall keep a written record of the results of the issue.

Such meeting must have a majority attendance and only captains not involved in the dispute shall have a vote (decision by majority vote). All votes shall be by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a second ballot will be taken and the chairperson at that time shall also cast a ballot.

The results of this meeting shall be the final decision.

A Question for Readers

A player signed with one team in the league. What does he have to do before he can play on another team? This dispute happened on our league. Ask your readers; I'll send our answer later.

Response to Canada

My husband just retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad. We might just be willing to travel with a team to Winnipeg (see November *Board Talk*). This would be a big treat for our Northwest shuffleboard players.

Eugene/Springfield League Gains Two New Taverns

We are pleased to have two new taverns in our Eugene/Springfield League. They are the Buckhorn Tavern, 82861 Parker Lane, Dexter, Oregon, 503-937-3668, and the Red Dog Saloon, 2891 W. 11th, Eugene, 503-2303.

Other teams in our league are: Hofbrau Tavern, 1030 Highway 99 North, Eugene, 503-688-9027; Palm #1 and #2, 136 N. 4th, Springfield, 503-746-6267; Lory's Tavern, South A St., Springfield, 503-746-7411; Sam's #1 and #2, 825 Wilson, Eugene, 503-484-4455; Sher's Tavern, 2222 Highway 99 North, Eugene, 503-461-0413; Club Pub, 522 Main St., Cottage Grove, 503-942-4162.

President Fern Walton and Secretary Cummins have spent an enormous amount of time making sure the winter shuffleboard here in Oregon will be successful.

Tournament play is every Saturday night. Any players wanting to know where the "hot spots" for shuffleboard ac-

tion for the week is, should give these taverns a call when they're in the area.

Concrete Shuffleboard Tourney

Anyone planning to be in Florida Jan. 23-25 may want to watch the 5th International Pro Shuffleboard Classic at the Lakeland Shuffleboard Club, 718 E. Orange St., Lakeland. World championship doubles, double elimination.

Omera Caton, past president of the U.S. International Professional Shuffleboard, Inc., has written a book on "Secrets and Shuffleboard Strategy." His wife, Jeanne, is secretary-treasurer. I wrote and asked them if they write another book to please include table shuffleboard.

Maybe Jimmy (the cop) can go to their tournament and get something going in table shuffleboard for the people of Florida.

News About Darrol Nelson

It was nice to read about the 3rd World Championships (played at the Corporate Image, Ft. Worth Texas, Oct. 11-14). Darrol Nelson, winner of the 1st World Championship, broke his collar bone a couple months ago. He is playing in our league, but taking it real easy. It's too bad he wasn't able to be at the 3rd World Championship (maybe next year).

Evie Wechter, Eugene, Oregon
Phone 503-342-4196

Tourney Talk (continued)

On Oct. 26, at the Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie, 21 teams participated with a pot of \$1,250. Steve Hart and Dave Boaz took first place; Batman and John Humes, 2nd; Rudy and Sherry Paris, 3rd; and Mel Sanders and Bobby Brown Jr., 4th.

At the Town Tavern, Summitville, on Nov. 2, 22 teams participated with a pot of \$1,860. First place honors went to Ron Welborn and Larry Massie; Steve Hart and Dave Boaz, 2nd; Rick Slocker and Dennis Hawkins, 3rd; Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr, 4th.

Twenty-four teams participated in a tournament at the Red Dog Saloon, Muncie, on Nov. 16 with a pot of \$1,460. Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr took first place; Dave Welch and John Humes, 2nd; Sonny Hedrick and Emmet Wilcox, 3rd; Steve Hart and Dave Boaz, 4th.

The Triangle Bar, Anderson, hosted a tournament on Nov. 9 with 18 teams participating and a pot of \$1,570. Steve Hart and Dave Boaz came in first; 2nd, Dave Vorn-dran and Rom Hennis; 3rd, Ron Welborn and Larry Massie; 4th, Bob and Tom Vorn-dran.

At the Silver Dollar, Noblesville, on Nov. 23, nine teams participated with a pot of \$630. First place went to Emmet Wilcox and Sonny Hedrick; 2nd, John Spillman and Bruce; 3rd, Steve Hart and Larry Creakbaum.

On Nov. 30, the American Bar in Portland hosted a tournament with 23 teams vying for a pot of \$1,530. Glen Newland and Jim DeWitt took first place; Curly Dog and Bob Brown, 2nd; Rick Stocker and Randy, 3rd; Steve Hart and Dave Boaz, 4th.

Shuffleboard Book Author Responds to Inquiry

Dear Mrs. Wechter:

Jeanne and I have received your letters regarding the sport of shuffleboard. We enjoyed reading the many interesting facets you touched on.

The way we see it, from our "neutral corner," some of the problems mentioned are easily resolved. For instance, a person wrote, "There cannot be any byes in the first round." Obviously, this is not so. If there are six players, there are two byes. However, in this case a 4-bracket chart can be used with two sub-brackets. Ergo, the players who are not in the sub-brackets play one round less, assuming they go to the finish, thereby in actual fact they received a bye.

Without more detail, I cannot picture in my mind what Robert Brunskill said on page 2 of the *Board Talk*.

My wife and I feel that perhaps we can be of some help if we have more of the specific details germane thereto.

Mention is made of elimination tourneys. Are there other ways your tournaments are conducted? Incidentally, do you ever use the double elimination method?

Trusting Jeanne and I have at least put our feet into the door of board shuffleboard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Omero C. Catan



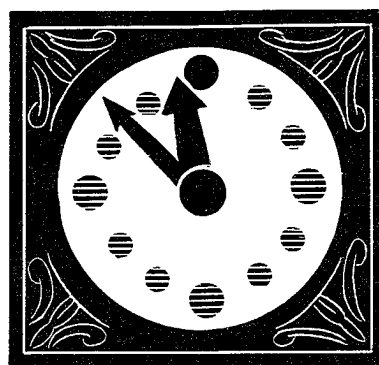
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Nick & Harry Kovanis

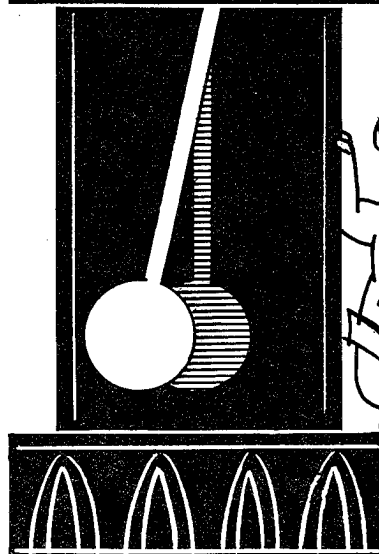
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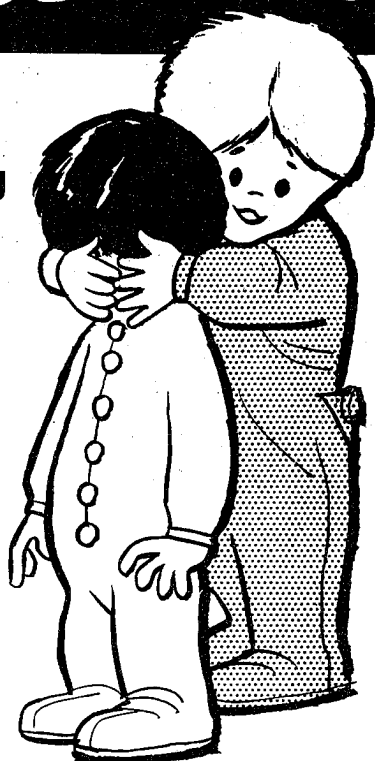
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Only one woman was among the high powered entries. She was Chris Monahan from Huntington Beach, Calif. She is not only an attractive lady, but her opponents were well aware of her playing ability.

Ray and Chris Hogan, owners of the Stagger Inn, have never been open on Thanksgiving, but went all out to provide the best in food and facilities. This included turkey dinner and all the trimmings on Thursday. It was also their first shuffleboard tournament, but not the last. It will be repeated next year at the same time and even better with added money for 4th, 5th and 6th place winners.

Al Stewart, who provided the two extra boards for the tournament, spent two weeks assuring that the boards were perfect. The only complaint came from one of the Arizona players who said the boards were "too straight."

Winners of the doubles event were Bill Maxwell and Billy Chiles. Second place went to Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl. Finishing third were Jay Wilson and Lamont Mathuews.

Billy Chiles repeated to take first in the singles. Doug Buhl came through the losers' bracket to take second and Leroy Ledford finished third.

A special thanks to those who traveled so far to make this tournament a success: Don Casula, John Lukas, Jim Kumpula, Neil Fetter and Phil Skover.

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