

# The Board Talk

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from the World  
of Shuffleboard

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## The Hammer

**Lost: Three subscribers and one reporter.** We had some "return to sender" *Board Talk* envelopes this past month. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following, please let us know: Danny Hersom, last known address Colorado Springs, Col.; Denny Busch, last known address Omaha, Neb.; Charles Allen, last known address San Bernardino, Ca.; Sandy Jenkins, last known address Dallas, Texas. Our subscribers and reporters are very important to us and we don't want to lose any of them. No reward offered, except our sincere appreciation, for their "return."

**Found: Pennsylvania Board Talk Boosters!** A big welcome to our very first Pa. subscribers, James & Rita Yankauskas of Philadelphia. Not only are they shuffleboarders willing to share news and views from that important state, they're also out there hustling potential advertisers and subscribers to keep this ship afloat. We think they're going to be a vitally important addition to our national shuffleboard network.

**Wanted: Sponsors for activities at the 1st Annual Board Talk Tournament.** Scheduled for July 4-7 in Howell, Mich., this event will (hopefully) attract shuffleboarders from throughout the U.S. and Canada. We are working hard to make it a fun, action-packed holiday for all participants and their families. We'd like to include activities such as a Welcome Reception, Awards Banquet, Shuffleboard Family Reunion Picnic, prizes for those who have come the greatest distance, prizes for no reason at all except for being there. Because we want to guarantee 100% payback on all events and don't want to "scim anything off the top" for these added participation incentives, we're looking for sponsors — shuffleboard suppliers, shuffleboard establishments, liquor and beer distributors, any business that benefits from the sport of shuffleboard.

So what do sponsors get in return for their investment? It depends upon what they're willing to invest. Every sponsor, big or small, will get national recognition in *The Board Talk*, plus we'll have a printed program listing all the sponsors of the various activities as a memento of the weekend and as a reference for future use. We're sending out sponsorship invitation letters to a limited list, but you can help spread the word. If you know of some business that would be interested in being a sponsor, let us know and we'll send information about our sponsorship premiums. Your encouragement of sponsorship will have an impact.

**Important Announcement: Your favorite shuffleboard spot could be the site of the 2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament.** During our awards banquet, we will accept nominations for the location of our second annual tournament in July 1986. We had to crawl before we could walk, so we selected our home base for this virgin flight. This experience will equip us to look beyond our state boundaries for another site next year. Pardon us for one stipulation: a representative from your favored site must be present at the 1st Annual *Board Talk* Tournament to make a nomination. Could it be you?

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## Tourney Talk

### McCleer's Saloon, Lansing, Mich., May 11-12

McCleer's Saloon, located at 910 W. Saginaw, Lansing, will host a pro doubles, double elimination tournament (bring your own partner) on May 11 and 12. Sixteen team limit, \$25 entry fee per team, 100% payback. First place gets 60% and trophy, second place 30% and trophy, and third place 10% and trophy. Calcutta starts at noon sharp on the 11th. The bar will open at 9 a.m. for practice. For more information, call 517-485-0184.

### Triangle Bar, Anderson, Ind., May 11

Attention, women shuffleboarders! Get in on the action at the Triangle Bar in Anderson. You have until May 5 to send your entries in for this singles event, best 2 of 3, single elimination. Mail your entry of \$10, made payable to Triangle Bar, to Steve Hart, 4503 Princeton Dr., Anderson, Ind., 46014, phone 317-643-6562. Calcutta starts at noon.

### Dublin House, Detroit, Mich., May 24-27

The Dublin House, 23906 Grand River, Detroit, will host a doubles tournament on May 24-27, double elimination, best 2 of 3 (championship match, best 3 of 5). Tourney is limited to first 32 teams paid. Send \$50 per team entry fee to: *The Board Talk*, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, Mich. 48906. The calcutta is scheduled for 11 p.m. on Friday night, May 24, with the first match starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Three boards!

### Tolo Tavern, Central Point, Oregon, May 25-27

Don't forget this annual Memorial Day team event at the Tolo Tavern, 7878 Blackwell Road, Central Point. Entry fee, \$50 per team. Three fast boards, open 24 hours a day, parking for RVs. For more information, call 503-664-2656.

### 1st Annual Board Talk Tournament, Howell, Mich., July 4-7

A complete agenda of activities during this 4-day holiday event will be in the next issue. We can promise you lots of action, beginning with a shuffleboard family reunion pig roast and ending with a star-studded awards program. Sandwiched in between: a women's match, doubles, singles and draw-your-partner events and, if there's enough interest, a 6-person "Who's the Best in the Nation" regional contest. Prizes throughout! Four boards plus on-site horse-shoe pits and lots of Michigan Water Wonderland side activities when you're not playing.

Howell's Log Cabin Bar is located halfway between Lansing and Detroit with many shuffleboard spots to hit coming and going from any direction. Reservation forms will be in the June issue of *The Board Talk* (you'll receive lodging/camping information with your confirmation). In the meantime, clear your calendars and pack your bags for the *Board Talk's* 1st annual national shuffleboard tournament.

### Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich., July 13-14

Have you made your reservation yet for this pro doubles, bring-your-own-partner, double elimination tournament? If not, do it now; tourney is limited to the first 25 teams paid.

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### Woodie Gets Rule Clarification

*(Editor's Note: In the March issue, Missouri Reporter Woodie Cockrum asked Board Talk readers for clarification of a rule governing the long foul line or the foul line nearest the shooter. Here are two responses.)*

The professionals who are playing in the big leagues all play the short foul line. If the puck doesn't cross the foul line, it is called between the two players if it should stay on or come off the board. The professionals call this shot "the courtesy shot."

In the Northwest, some of my favorite places to play shuffleboard are Pink Elephant, Duffy's, McGoos, 50/50 West Salem in the town of Salem, Oregon. Their shuffleboard league has 22 teams. Lots of good competition. All of these taverns and the Northwest regional tournaments play the foul line nearest the shooter.

*Evelyn Wechter, Eugene, Oregon*

In response to Missouri reporter Woodie Cockrum's request for comments regarding which foul line to use, the American Shuffleboard rules clearly state that the short foul line nearest the shooter is the one to use. It is up to the bar owner to insure that these rules prevail. What other sport has rules that change from one location to another?

*Jolene Lembke, Bend, Oregon*

### Where the Action is in St. Louis

When I moved to St. Louis and established residence in the north part of the city, the first thing I started looking for was a place to play shuffleboard. I called the places that rent boards and the taverns in my neighborhood. Everyone I talked to told me that the shuffleboard action was on the south side of town. It took five trips over there and two tanks of gas to find the location they were talking about was in the west central part of town.

For those who want to save gas, here is an update on where shuffleboard action can be found in St. Louis, Mo.:

- Yesterday's Tavern, 2119 S. Brentwood
- Bruno's, 7147 Manchester
- Swaps, 6655 Manchester
- Sybergs, 7802 Gravois
- Pastoris, 3834 Laclede
- New Paramounts, 3600 S. Jefferson at Miami
- Meyers Tavern, 12470 Old Halls Ferry Road
- Thorp's Tavern, 8745 Jennings Sta. Road
- Elwood's Majic Lounge, 9871 Monarch North
- Marjo's Lounge, W. Florissant & Chambers Road
- Anchor Room Lounge, 3100 Cherokee
- Round-Up, Inc., 3026 Cherokee

## Letters to the Editor

Benny Lafkowitz, owner of Meyers Tavern, was the second *Board Talk* subscriber here in St. Louis. Benny loves his board and has lured in some good players who make it tough to win a game around here. Thorp's has one of the best boards I have ever played. Word of the good board has gotten out and a lot of the better shooters have started hanging out there. Elwood's Majic Lounge has traded in its 17-foot board for a new 22-footer, so look for that to become a hot spot.

*Woodie Cockrum, St. Louis, Mo.*

*(Editor's Note: It was Woodie, remember, who suggested a national shuffleboard directory. He's given us a good start here. We haven't abandoned the idea and think it would be well-received by shuffleboarders everywhere. Let's discuss it some more at the 1st Annual Board Talk Tournament in Michigan on July 4-7.)*

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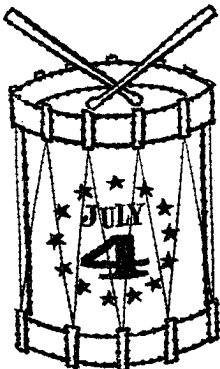
**Complaint Department: Why didn't you cover our tournament?** Until we start making enough money to travel to every tournament in the nation, this is a low overhead venture largely dependent upon volunteer contributions. You don't have to go through any channels or meet any special criteria to get news of your tournaments in *The Board Talk*. Big, small or in-between sizes in terms of participation and pots do not determine the space you get. What information you provide does. The tournament director or bar owner should notify us of results or assign someone to do it. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

**Notice: Red check means it's time to renew your subscription.** It was a year ago in April that we abandoned our objective of having a free circulation shuffleboard publication supported by advertising revenue and started accepting paid subscriptions. Because of the demands of our full-time jobs, we've been unable to send out renewal notices, so we've developed a creative solution to that problem. If there's a red check on the top of your newsletter, it means your subscription has expired. To make sure you receive the next issue, send your check for \$10 to *The Board Talk*, 421 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906.

**A salute to our original supporters:** To those who put their faith in this "baby" by investing subscription fees and advertising revenue, our sincere appreciation — Porter White, Luther Olney, Leonard Ramos and George King, all of California; Danny Hersom, Colorado; Sam Summers and Scott Peters, Oklahoma; John McDermott, Michigan; Jerry White, Bill Moore and David Williams of Texas; Mike Jacoby of Canada, and Sun-Glo Corporation of New Jersey; our faithful reporters, Jolene and Roy Lembke of Oregon, Woodie Cockrum of Missouri and Steve Hart of Indiana get "gold stars" for month after month contribution of news and views.

And Bill Melton, Oklahoma and Shuffleboard City, USA, in what category do we place him? Champion subscription solicitor? Good-will ambassador? Charter member of the Good Ship *Board Talk*? "Hang in there for one more month" counselor? For all those well-earned titles, we salute him.

George & Donna Wilber  
Editors



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with us at the  
1st Annual  
Board Talk Tourney  
July 4-7, 1985  
Howell, Michigan**

## Tourney Talk (continued)

Mail checks or money order (\$20 per team) to Jerry Siebert, 1128 Kelsey, Lansing, Mi. 48910. Calcutta starts at noon on July 13. Host Rudy Stober is adding \$400 to the pot. First place will pay 60% plus trophy, second 30% plus trophy, and 10% for third.

### Bill and Gus Win Gus & Lyle Tournament at Kalamazoo, Mich.

The 1st Annual Sugarbowl Gus & Lyle Studebaker Shuffleboard Tournament was held March 23 at the Sugarbowl Bar & Grill in Kalamazoo, Mich. First place went to the team of Bill Benton and Gus Ignatoski. Junior Sinclair and Dick Kenny finished second.

### Missouri Tourney Action

Closing out the doubles tournaments sponsored by Thorps Tavern, 8745 Jennings Road, St. Louis, Mo., first place went to Paul Casola and Woodie Cockrum. Finishing second were Joyce Best and Jim Hammond.

On March 30, Yesterday's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge hosted the largest double elimination tournament held in St. Louis since shuffleboard started its comeback. According to Missouri reporter Woodie Cockrum, Rod Schoenecker did a lot of leg work handing out flyers throughout the city to make it happen. Woodie and Rich Duncan took first place; Jim Dunn and Steve Schlereth came in second, and Rod and Ollie Schoenecker finished third.

Rich McDonald and Rod Schoenecker have set up two of these type tournaments per month. They will rotate between Thorp's Tavern and Yesterday's Restaurant & Lounge. Entry fee is \$10, bring your own partner. Readers, help St. Louis in its shuffleboard comeback by participating in one of these tournaments. For more information, contact Thorp's Tavern, 314-867-9477, or Rod Schoenecker, 314-776-6243.

### Oregon Action

The Palms Tavern took first place in the Springfield and Eugene Shuffleboard League. Lory's Tavern, Springfield, finished second and Sam's Place #2 team was in third place. Trophies were awarded at a banquet on March 30 at the Palms.

Oregon shuffleboard promoter Evie Wechter says if you're planning a trip to Oregon, be sure to stop at the Palms Tavern and play some shuffleboard with the 1985 first place winners of the Springfield/Eugene league. "Good cold beer, lots of friendly shufflers" with round robins on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, she reports.

### Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Mich., March 30-31

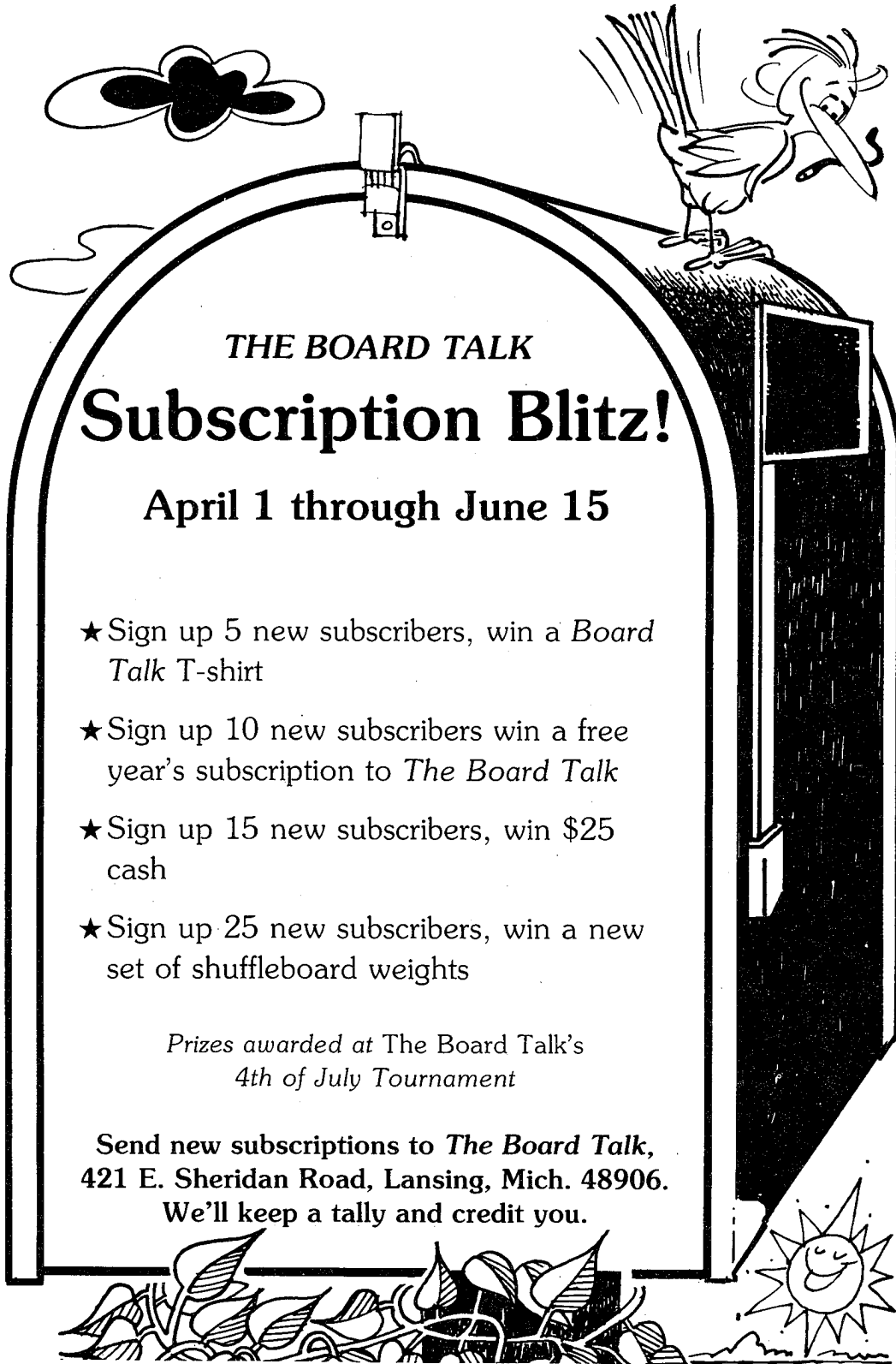
Bud Broka of Ohio and Gail Crane of Michigan took top honors in the Lakeside's mixed doubles tourney. Finishing second was the team of Phil McGrew and Lennie Szozda, Ohio; third, John McDermott and Cheryl Collins, Mich., and fourth, Wayne and Cathy Morgan, Mich.

### Shop Stop, Lansing, Mich., April 6

The Shop Stop's first annual mixed doubles tourney was won by Wayne Reist and Betsy White of Lansing. Tammy Lopez and Orville Dent of Lansing came in second, Merv and Bonnie of Detroit were third, and Jerry Siebert and Mary Lisle of Lansing finished fourth.

### Hostess Nite Club, Toledo, Ohio, April 13

Jr. Lopez and Wayne Reist of Michigan came in first in the Hostess Nite Club's doubles tournament. Bobby Harris and Neil Davis, Ohio, finished second; John Harrera, Ohio and George Wilber, Michigan, took third place. The tourney paid four places, but we have no information on those finishers.



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