The Board Talk

News and Views from the World of Shuffleboard

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The Hammer

One of the things you deal with in the publishing trade is that you're always a month ahead of the rest of the world. Beating deadlines means that we're geared to Christmas while everyone else is celebrating Thanksgiving.

This is the Christmas issue of The Board Talk, but we're going to slam on the brakes of the time machine temporarily because we've got an awful lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. We're thankful, most of all, that this publication is making its mark in The World of Shuffleboard (see Dick Gorman's salute in Letters on page 2) and that, after four years of struggle, it's paying its own way now.

George is particularly thankful, as we write this, that he had the opportunity to get to know many of the "citizens" of The World of Shuffleboard who, before his trip to California, Colorado, Wyoming and Oklahoma, had only been names on our mailing list, voices on the phone, or signatures at the end of a letter to the editor. It was a great experience for him.

Donna is thankful for the hospitality shown to the fellow she's grown pretty attached to during the past 37 years, by our good friends, Al and Von Stewart of California and Bill and Rozana Melton of Oklahoma; Norm Nuwash, host of the Colorado Open at Bliner's Sports Bar; Doc and Megen Khan of Cheyenne, who took him in and fed him well; homestaters Jimmy the Cop and One-Armed John who kept him company for part of the long journey; and Beef in Indiana who covered his cold head with a warm cap on the way home.

We're thankful, too, for subscribers and advertisers who go beyond their monetary investments to provide ideas and support to help us be the official "voice" of shuffleboard.

For example, our aerospace subscriber from Cheyenne, Doc Khan, suggested that we welcome our new subscribers each month. Thanks, Doc, for the great idea! A warm welcome from The World of Shuffleboard to:

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Tourney Talk

Todd/Schulte Win Lafayette Inn Tourney

Scratch Todd of Harrington and Marion Schulte of Dover teamed up to capture first place in the Fall Tournament at the Lafeyette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on Oct. 3l-Nov. 2. Twenty-six teams from five states participated with prizes of over \$1,600 awarded to the first six teams.

In second place were Dallas Hayman, Dover, and Don Casula, Newark, with Chuck King, Dover, and John Lucas, Millington, Md., in third place. Other winners were: Rick Niblett and Jim Sommers of Salisbury, Md., 4th; Vin Killen and Rocky Rybicki of Wilmington, Del., 5th; and George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md., and Jim McDaniel, Street, Md., 6th.

(For further information on this tournament, see Letters on page 2.)

Chambers/Fleishman Win Ohio Tourney

Winners of the doubles tournament at Mann's Bar, Evansport, Ohio, on Nov. 8 were Mark Chambers, Gosen, Ind., and PeeWee Fleishman, Albion, Ind. Jeanette Dangler and Duane Darrow of Bryan, Ohio, came in second place.

Seventeen teams from Ohio and Indiana participated in the tourney.

Siebert/Reist Win in Indiana Tourney

A tournament held recently at the First and Last Stop bar in Kendallville, Ind., was won by Jerry Siebert and Wayne Reist of Lansing, Mich. Second place honors went to PeeWee Fleishman and Larry Hoffer, Indiana. In third place were Larry Creakbaum, Indianapolis, and Jim Long, Osceola, with Louie Haiman and Tom Bohner, Kendallville, in fourth place.

Twenty-two teams participated in the single elimination event. Reporter Jerry Siebert extends congratulations to Pat and Dick Cinninger for hosting the tourney and to PeeWee Fleishman for doing the auction. He suggests a 60-30-10 split instead of 60-40.

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1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Feb. 13-15

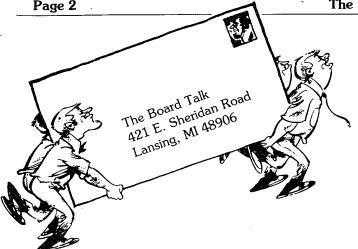
Washington's Birthday Tournament, Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas

March 13-15

3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament, Palms Tavern, Springfield, Oregon

March 20-22

St. Patrick's Day Tournament of Winners P.T.'s, Houston, Texas



The Northeast: An Untapped Source

The Board Talk is a very good publication and is just what shuffleboard needs. I think you have made great progress in the promotion of this fine sport and hope that readership grows.

I also think you should concentrate more on the Northeast section of the U.S. (Pa. Del., N.J., etc.). It is an untapped source of players and readers.

Good luck!

Bill Robinson, Woodlyn, Pa.

(We agree, Bill! While Delaware and Maryland are in our Top 10 subscriber states, Pennsylvania, New Jersev and New York are at the bottom of the list. We're publishing all the news we get from the Northeast and it's finally paying off, as evidenced by the next letter.)

Board Talk Communications: It Works!

Hats off to The Board Talk! Thanks to the newsletter, Jim Yank and his wife, Rita, read about our tournament and as a result, six teams came from Philadelphia. They joined four teams from Wilmington, Del., seven teams from the lower Delaware Eastern Shore League, a team from the Salisbury, Maryland league and eight teams from Cecil County, Md. It was the biggest tournament ever held in Cecil County.

Twenty-six teams from five states were entered in the Lafayette Inn tourney (see Tourney Talk for winners). Nelson Renzi, our host and owner of the Lafayette Inn, added money to the prizes and provided all participants with a beautiful buffet all during the tournament.

The best part of the tournament was that the East Coast players started communications with each other. We had three great days on two boards and met so many great new friends and shooters.

We are very appreciative of what communications in The Board Talk can do. To show our thanks and interest, we tried to sell subscriptions and gained eight new subscribers.

The tournament was my first as manager and I learned a lot from some great experienced shooters like Jim Yank, John Lukas, Don Casula, Rocky Rybicki, Dallas Hayman and Scratch Todd. It is hard to imagine so many people would be so willing to help.

Lafayette Inn owner Nelson Renzi says we are not done. We are going to get better and bigger and try to become a tournament leader in the Middle Atlantic states area. We will let you know as our plans develop.

If anyone wants to be on our tournament mailing list, they can send their address to me at 138 Glen Oak Rd., Wilmington, Del. 19805, or if they subscribe to The Board

Letters to the Editor

Talk, it will be in there with your blessing. Thanks again.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.

(Your letter really made our day, Dick! There's nothing we'd rather hear than testimony like yours. Communication between shuffleboard players is what The Board Talk is all about and it's good to hear that it's working well.

It's people like you out there "hustling" The Board Talk who will make it successful and we say hats off to you for those eight new subscribers from the Northeast. Two of those were shuffleboard bars and since our next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." network listing won't be published for another couple months, we're going to encourage readers to stop in at: Craig's Tavern, 3110 Township Line, Drexel Hill, Pa., and Rick's Place, North Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Md.

You might like to know, too, Dick, that you're the first tournament manager who has sent us your point standings as we suggested in our "Letter From the Editors" to help us develop the Top 20 national standings. Congratulations!

Congratulations, too, to Nelson, who evidently has established a fine reputation as a tournament host.)

From Our Friends in Canada

I have just come back from the Canadian championships, which were held in Milton, Ontario, about 30 miles from Toronto. Harold Schmidt won the men's singles and Harvey Groleau and Mike Jacoby won the men's doubles.

Jim the Cop (Detroit and Florida) was in Winnipeg to see our tournament and later he was in Milton, Ontario, watching our tournament and also playing some short board (14-foot).

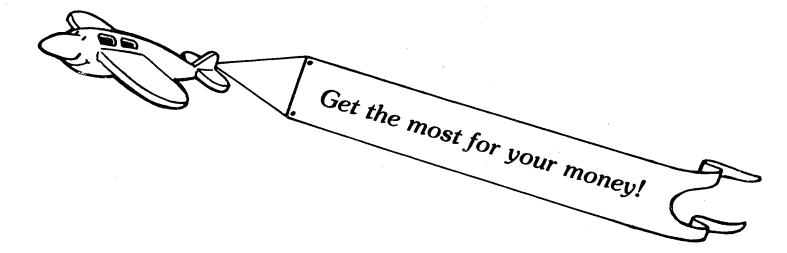
After the tournament was over, I went on to Detroit to see the Ford Museum and also the Village next door. I really enjoyed the museum because there was lots to see. There were a few items I had never seen before.

John Komadowski, Winnipeg, Manitoba

(It's always great to hear from our friends in Canada. It's nice, too, that the big winners in the Canadian championships are Board Talk subscribers!)



Mike Jacoby (left) and Harry Groleau won the men's doubles in the Canadian championships. Another Board Talk subscriber, Harold Schmidt, won the men's singles.



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Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

Colorado Open Draws Top Players

The Colorado Open, sponsored by Coors, Coors Light and Killian's Red, drew many of the nation's top players to Bliner's Sports Bar in Denver, Nov. 6-9.

Oklahoma's Sam Summers and Michigan's John Myles came out on top in the draw partners event. Diana Hagen of Texas and George Ostrum, Colorado, took second place honors with Grady McGovern, Colorado, and John Tischler, Michigan, in third place.

Howard Mouton and Rick Boyer of Texas teamed up to capture first place in the doubles. In second place were Dave Williams, Texas, and Bill Melton, Oklahoma, with Texans Lee Brady and Billy Mays finishing third.

In a tough fought battle for the singles championship, Bill Melton took the crown from defending champ Billy Mays. Mays finished in second place with Michigan's John McDermott in third.

In addition to the total entry and auction pot of over \$17,000, sponsors presented trophies for all events. Each of the participants were also given a commemorative T-shirt.

Indiana Action

Here are the results of the first five central Indiana tournaments:

At the Palace Bar, there was \$1,120 in the pot. Jim DeWitt and Dave Boaz were first; Jerry and Bobby Voorhis, 2nd; Deb Pickett and Deb Somers, 3rd; and Bob Brown and Phil Rouse, 4th.

At the Silver Dollar in Noblesville, Jim DeWitt and Dave Boaz were the winners, with Bob and Bobby Brown in second place. Jerry Pritchard and Deb Picket came in third with Red and Marcia Brown in fourth place. The pot was \$1,600.

At the Triangle Bar in Anderson, Jim DeWitt and Dave Boaz did it again. Rom Hennis and Dave Vordran finished second; Ray McFadden and Orris "Shuffleboard" Hughes, third; Tom Vorndran and Val Beers, fourth; for a pot of \$1,300.

At the American Bar in Portland, Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr took first place, with Dave Boaz and Jim DeWitt in second place. Bob and Bobby Brown finished third, with Tom and Bob Vorndran in fourth place. The pot was \$1,890.

At the Red Dog Saloon in Muncie, Ron Welborn and Larry Massie took first place. Steve Hart and John Humes were in second place; Randy LeMaster and Jim Caster, third; and Jim DeWitt and Dave Boaz in fourth, for a pot of \$1,950.

At the Town Tavern, Bobby Voorhis and Radar took first place, with Larrie Massie and Ron Welborn in second. Rom Hennis and Dave Vordran took third place, with Steve Mason and Jim in fourth.

The tournament schedule for December and January is: Dec. 6 — Mississinewa Tavern, Eaton (317-396-9371); Dec. 13 — Triangle Bar, Anderson (317-642-1155); Dec. 20 — American Bar, Portland (219-726-9252); Jan. 10 — Sportsmen's Lounge, Muncie (317-289-0101); Jan. 17 — Town Tavern, Summitville (317-536-2150); Jan. 24 — Palace Bar, Fairmount (317-948-9102); Dec. 31 — (317-773-9819).

Grubbs/Love Win Lansing Tourney

A shuffleboard tournament held at the newly-remodeled Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 15 had a small

but enthusiastic turnout. It was won by the Detroit team of Cass Grubbs and Rich Love.

Second place was won by Jerry Siebert and Wayne Reist of Lansing, with third place to Lee McDonald and J.R. Lopez, also of Lansing.

Rudy Stober and his daughter, Linda, were gracious hosts as usual, reports Jerry Siebert.

Eastern Shore December Tournament

The Eastern Shore December Tournament will be held in Dover, Delaware, Dec. 6-7. For information, call Bob Johnson, 302-697-9978.

State of Michigan Doubles/Singles, Dec. 20-21

The State of Michigan open doubles and singles will be hosted by Joe Coscarelli at Pasquale's in Lansing on Dec. 20-21. Doubles will be on Saturday with auction starting at noon; \$25 per team entry fee. Singles will start on Sunday with auction at noon; \$25 per person entry fee.

Prize money will be divided 60-30-10 for both events, with trophies awarded. Open to residents of Michigan only.

For further information, contact Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184.

Christmas Tourney at Oaks Tavern, Delaware

The Oaks Tavern in Harrington, Delaware, will host a Christmas tournament Dec. 26-27. On Dec. 26, there will be a draw partner event for \$25 per person entry fee. On Dec. 27, a singles is scheduled for \$25 per person entry fee.

For further information, contact John Lukas, 301-928-3025.

Washington's Birthday Extravaganza Corporate Image, Feb. 12-16

Here's the news you've been waiting for — details on the Corporate Image's Washington's Birthday Extravaganza! This tournament had \$35,000 in prizes last year and hosts Dave Williams, Bill Melton and Royce Hines are looking for \$50,000 this year.

Both doubles and singles events are two out of three, double elimination, with \$300 per team entry fee for the doubles and \$150 per person for the singles. The sale for both tournaments will be held Thursday night, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. Doubles will start at 10 a.m. Friday.

Players from throughout the U.S. are expected to be at The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair, Fort Worth, Texas, for this big event. There will be action all week prior to the tourney, so come early and enjoy!

To make your reservations and for information on nearby hotels, call Bill Melton, 405-369-2448, or the Corporate Image, 817-451-0607.

See ad in this issue and watch for the flyer in next month's issue to post in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

St. Pat's Day Tournament of Winners at P.T.'s

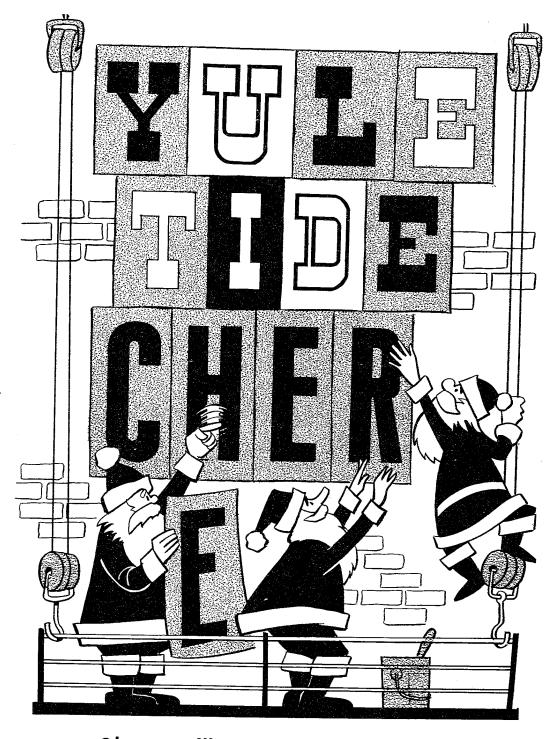
P.T. of P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, Houston, Texas, will host a Tournament of Winners on March 20-22. It will be a big \$36,000 guaranteed-on-entries event, singles only. Entry fee is \$1,000. Three out of five in the winner's bracket, two out of three in the loser's bracket, draw for position every round. Players cannot play two consecutive matches on same board.

The event will pay eight places: 1st, \$15,000; 2nd, \$7,500; 3rd, \$4,500; 4th, \$3,000; 5th, \$2,250; 6th, \$1,500; 7th, \$1,250; and 8th, \$1,000.

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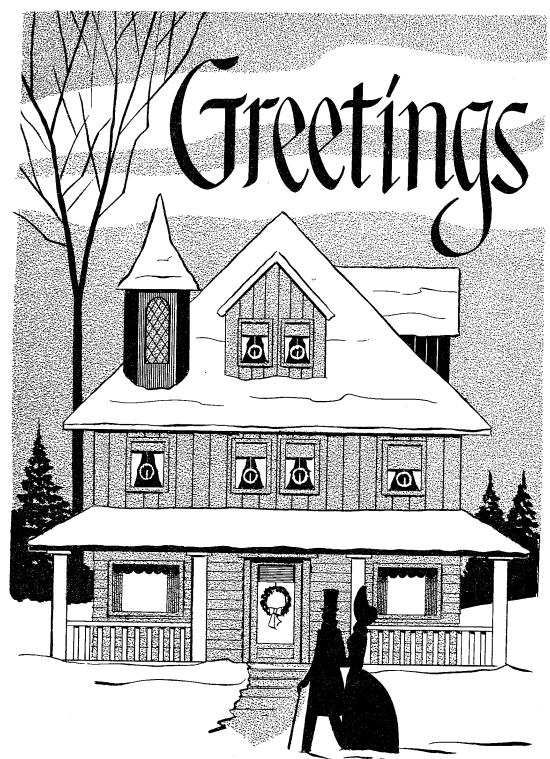


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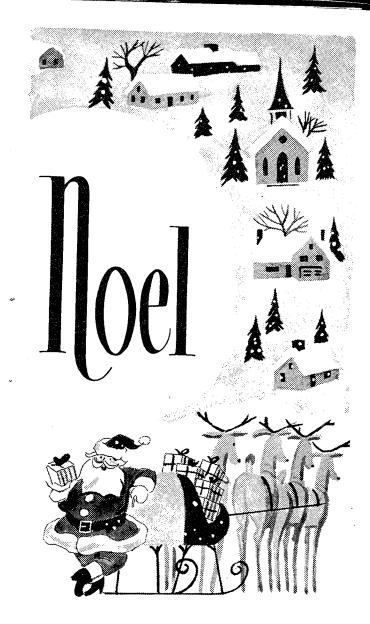


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- 3. Rick Boyer, Texas
- 4. John McDermott, Michigan
- 5. Howard Mouton, Texas
- 6. Glenn Davidson, Oklahoma
- 7. Sam Summers, Oklahoma
- 8. J.R. Lopez, Michigan
- 9. Dave Williams, Texas
- 10. Lee McDonald, Michigan
- 11. Bobby Voorhis, Indiana
- 12. Dave Boaz, Indiana
- 13. Karl Spickelmier, California
- 14. Darrol Nelson, Oregon
- 15. George Ostrum, Colorado
- 16. Ed Graves, Oklahoma
- 17. Diana Hagen, Texas
- 18. Harold Schmidt, Canada
- 19. Jerry Siebert, Michigan
- 20. PeeWee Fleishman, Indiana

Note: The criteria for the Top 20 does not guarantee that you will go ahead of someone merely by beating them in one tournament. You must earn that right by winning regularly and producing a better record. Bumping heads with the same players continuously also does guarantee a high rating. You must travel occasionally to tournaments where you have the opportunity to play against different players (remember, this is a two-way street).

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