

The Board Talk

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from the World
of Shuffleboard

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The Hammer

In the next issue, we'll be printing our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments which are *Board Talk* subscribers/advertisers. At the rate new subscribers are coming in since the May listing, our U.S. map is going to get shoved right off the page.

We do have a concern that we might leave a good shuffleboard location off the list. For example, if we received a subscription in the owner's name rather than the name of the establishment, it won't appear on the list. That's not because we're discriminating against owner Jim Jones; we simply don't know that he's the owner of Jonesy's Tavern, the hottest shuffleboard spot east of the Rocky Mountains!

You can help us keep this quarterly listing accurate and complete. Check the listing in the May issue, if you still have it, for omissions, incorrect addresses or telephone numbers (some are missing and these are important) and let us know so the next one will score a "4."

The popularity of the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing got us to thinking about an idea that Woodie Cockrum of Missouri shared early in our *Board Talk* venture. Woodie thought — and others agreed — that a national shuffleboard directory that would provide more than just names, addresses and phone numbers would be a "best seller" in shuffleboard circles. We talked about including information such as how many boards the establishment has; whether they play regulation or horseshoe; 15 or 21 point games; whether the action is (1) hot and heavy, (2) moderate, (3) waiting for your arrival to get things going, or (4) just sitting there gathering dust; specialties of the house, etc.

We agreed it would be a good idea but surfacing the information at that time seemed an insurmountable task. We're at the point now that it might be "do-able" sometime in the near future, but it would still be a costly project to gather the information, get it published and distributed.

We'd like some feedback from you readers regarding such a project. Would shuffleboarders be willing to pay for an annually updated directory? Would shuffleboard establishments pay to be listed in a directory that players would keep on top of their phone directories and in their glove compartments when they traveled? Let's hear your viewpoints on this subject.

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We look forward to seeing many of you at our Second Annual *Board Talk* Tournament in just a few days. Last year, we called it a national tournament, but we've received word that some of our Canadian friends are coming down to

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Tourney Talk

Maryland Action

Eddie Kibler and Larry Jewell took first place in the blind draw for partners tourney at the Ours & Your Place Tavern, Sudlersville, Md., on May 23. Bunky Gertz and Rosalie Kauffman came in second.

Players from Three States Share Ace of Clubs Honors

Players from three states shared top honors at the Ace of Clubs (328 I Street, Marysville, Calif.) Memorial Day tournament. Winners of the doubles were Darrol Nelson of Oregon and John McDermott of Michigan. California players Fred Thumann and Don Cox took second with Jerry Miller and Leon Benton in third place.

Eric Waldman, California, won the singles with Billy Chiles, California, in second place and Michigan's John McDermott in third.

Awards were over \$20,000 for the two events.
(See Letters for more details on this tourney.)

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1986 National Shuffleboard Calendar

July 4-6

2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament,
Log Cabin Bar, Howell, Michigan

July 4-6

Doubles Tournament, West One Tavern,
Spokane, Washington

July 4-7

4th of July Tournament, The Goldmine,
Dallas, Texas

July 4

Singles and Doubles Tournament, The Best
Little Wherehouse, Temecula, California

Aug. 8-10

Aqua Festival U.S. Open, Villa Capri
Motor Hotel, Austin, Texas

Aug. 29-Sept. 1

Labor Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs
Marysville, California

Oct. 11

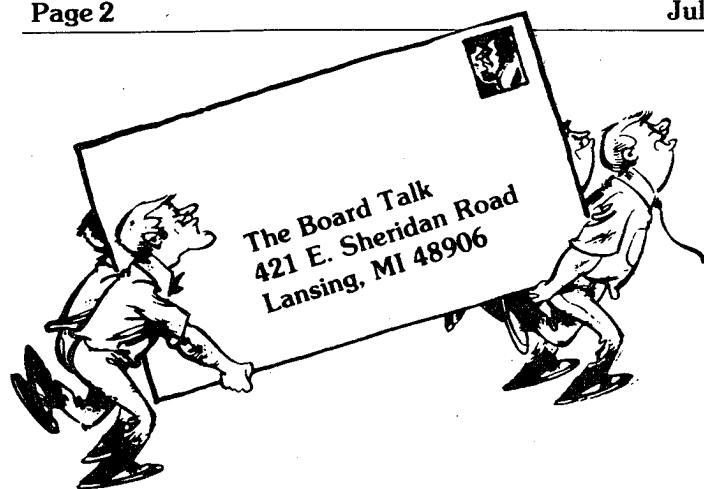
Annual Fall Tournament, American
Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 28-30

2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend
Tournament, Stagger Inn, Bellflower, Calif.

February 1987

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



Oklahoma-Texas Action

I will try to catch up on all the shuffleboard activities around Oklahoma and Texas.

P.T.'s tournament in Houston went real well and he will put on another tourney in September or October. Watch *The Board Talk* for details.

There will be a draw partner event at the Pepper Mill Club, 3600 N.W. 58th, Oklahoma City, July 18-20. Two boards and plenty of action all week preceding the tourney. The boards will be set up and ready on Tuesday, July 15, so all you locals get out and support the game.

The White Barn in Amarillo, Texas, has a new refinished board now and invites all the road players to come on by for a round or two of tough shuffleboard. The players there are: Amarillo Danny, Brady James, Fred Harris, Janet Cook, Tex, Erly, Junior and a few others who will give you all the action you want. They are all fine players and are getting better all the time. They also support the game by coming to the nearby tournaments. Danny Hersom has been a loyal supporter for many years and has been finishing in the money for the last three tourneys.

Overall, we are doing O.K. and growing every year. You really miss out if you don't make it to one or two of these tournaments a year. Hope to see some of you from the East or West in the near future.

Glen E. Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Thanks From Indiana Players

Just thought I'd write and say hello. I'm still planning on coming up for the 4th to play a little (or a lot!) of shuffleboard. I'll probably be bringing Dave Boaz to play doubles with and my gal Valerie to play with in the mixed event.

I'd like to compliment you on the June issue of *The Board Talk*. Excellent job and thanks from all of us players here.

Tom Vorndran

Bob's Triangle Bar, Anderson, Indiana

(We're happy to hear you're coming, Tom! Please note, readers, that Bob's Triangle Bar is a new addition to the Shuffleboard Directory. We appreciate the support and hope readers will respond by stopping by to play a game or two when they're in your area.)

Action in Delaware

Really have enjoyed receiving *The Board Talk* since your East Coast representative, John Lucas, introduced it to me last winter. Summer brings its doldrums with leagues closing down. Thought some of your readers might be interested in

Letters to the Editor

what we are doing to keep up our summer activity.

We have set up a 15-week schedule (last two dates still open) and about 20 of us meet each Wednesday. We are having a lot of fun and attracting good shooters. We are traveling over an area of about 40 miles one way, but it gives some support to the owners who support our Cecil County League (13 teams last winter) during the winter months. We play draw partners for single game elimination. Anybody who wants to shoot with us is welcome. Here's our schedule for the next couple months.

July 2 — Harveys, below Conowingo on Rt. #1; July 9 — Rendezvous, Perryville; July 16 — Susquettanna Inn, Conowingo; July 23 — Elkton American Legion, Elkton; July 30 — Diamond State VFW, Richardson Park, Wilmington; Aug. 6 — Wesleys, Fairhill; and Aug. 13 — Newark VFW, Newark.

Looks like Lafayette Inn at Conowingo, Md., is going to hold a big tournament in October, bringing in an extra board and adding money to the festivities.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

(We salute you for your efforts to support the owners who support your league. A good idea! We hope your letter brings you some visitors from other parts of The World of Shuffleboard. We'll be looking for information on the October tournament.)

A Salute to P. T.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank P. T., owner of P. T.'s Shuffleboard Alley in Houston, Texas, for the hospitality received by all during the 1st Annual Pro-Am Shuffleboard Tourney over the Memorial Day weekend.

To my knowledge, this was the first time ever a host paid for out-of-town players' rooms. We stayed at the Texian Inn where the accommodations were excellent.

Thanks again to P. T. for a well-run tournament and for a wonderful time!

Bill Melton, Davis, Oklahoma

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More From Doc, The Travelin' Man

I was in Charleston, South Carolina, for a few days on a USAF flight and discovered some shuffleboard.

Much like the H & H Tavern in Ohio, the name of the game is pure horsecollar. They have never even heard of the regulation game. One guy claimed that regular play harms the pucks and the board the way the pucks are thrown. Anyway, I did meet some very nice people.

There are six places where board is played. I visited three of them and talked two of them into subscribing to *The Board Talk*. They are the Blind Hog Tavern, 2004 Hwy. #17, Charleston, and J.B.'s Tavern, 1716 Hwy. #171, Northbridge, Charleston. Now you can put South Carolina in your "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." map.

Ernie Duncan of the Blind Hog Tavern was a very nice guy and drove me around to the other places in his car. He also introduced me to Joe Scott of J. B.'s Tavern, another nice gentleman.

Other places in Charleston were: Peppers Lounge, Hwy. #17; Jean's Lounge, Avondale; Sail Fish Lounge, Maybank Hwy.; and Low Country Inn, Hwy. #7.

Doc Khan, Cheyenne, Wyoming

(Thanks, Doc, for being our goodwill ambassador during your extensive travels. We really get excited when we add another state to our map!)

Good Action at Ace of Clubs Tourney

The Ace of Clubs Memorial Day tournament, under the sponsorship of Jerry Miller and Fred Thumann, attracted players from throughout the United States. Players started showing up as early as Friday the week before the tourney, which made the action good all week, plus a lot of draw partner round robins. (See results in Tourney Talk).

This was the first tourney at the Ace for John McDermott of Michigan and he left with all the players' recognition that he can be counted with the best.

We had a new player, Al Peice of Washington, who even though he didn't place, showed a lot of talent. We expect to see him in the finals in the future.

The singles finals were very close with Billy Chiles (California) winning two out of three the first round and lagged a lot of threes. But Eric wasn't giving up, coming back to win the first game of the second round and with the score 12 to 14 in Billy's favor, Billy put a short one on the board and Eric lagged a three to win.

It was the first time for Eric to take first place at the Ace and his remark was "I get to win and I get all this money, too!"

The tourney went great and we thank Fred Thumann for all his help and all the players and spectators for coming. We continue to make a lot of new friends.

Sharon and Jerry Miller
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

(The feedback we're getting, Sharon and Jerry, is that you deserve a salute for being great hosts for this successful tournament. Congratulations to you as well as to the winners!)

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Voorhis/Summers Win Guys & Gals Tourney

The Guys & Gals tourney at the American Bar, Portland, Ind., on June 7 was won by Bobby Voorhis and Deb Summers. Bobby Brown and Judith Hull finished second in the 11 team field of competitors.

Collins/Wellman Win Wagon Wheel Doubles

Cheryl Collins and Steve Wellman teamed up to win the mixed doubles tournament at the Wagon Wheel, Lake Orion, Mich., June 7-8. Both players are regulars from Lakeside Lounge.

Local player O. B. Brimm, who hadn't signed up to play in the tourney, was fortunate that Jamie Hoffman of Livonia had a "no show" partner. She helped O. B. win second place honors.

Cheryl's husband, Gordie, and partner Gail Crane, also of the Lakeside, took third place.

The pot included \$230 in entry fees for the 23 participating teams, plus \$1,665 in the auction.

4th of July — Take Your Choice!

There's four on the 4th — tournaments, that is, and shuffleboarders have quite a choice to make:

(1) A singles and doubles tournament at the Best Little Wherehouse, Temecula, Calif. This is Ted Z's first annual tourney. \$50 per team entry fee for the doubles, \$100 for the singles, two out of three double elimination for both events. Three boards, restaurant in the club, Saturday night buffet and red beer served on Saturday morning between 6:00 and 10:00 for 50 cents. Call Ted Z., 714-676-3770, or Karl Spicklemeir, 213-456-8906.

(2) The Goldmine in Dallas, Texas, features a draw partner event with \$50 entry fee, single elimination, on July 4; draw partner on July 5, \$100 entry fee with \$250 donated, two of three double elimination; and a singles on July 6 with \$500 entry fee, plus \$500 donated, two of three double elimination. Three boards. For information, call 214-391-9292, 214-287-3222, or 405-369-2448.

(3) The Board Talk's second annual 4th of July Celebration tournament at the Log Cabin Bar, Howell, Mich., includes a draw partner event, \$10 per person entry fee; mixed doubles, \$30 per team entry fee; women's doubles, \$20 per team entry fee; doubles, \$60 per team entry fee; singles, \$30 per person entry fee; and a 4-person round robin team event, \$100 per team entry fee. With the exception of the 4-person team event, all events will be double elimination, trophies will be awarded for first and second places and pay 60-30-10. The 4-person team event will have only one winner if there are less than six teams entered and 65-35 to the two top teams if six or more teams are entered. Four boards, drawings for prizes, private room and patio for participants, special prices for meals. \$50 cash drawing for those who make reservations before July 1. (See ad in this issue.) Call 517-371-2538 for information.

(4) The West One Tavern, Spokane, Wash., will sponsor a doubles tourney, double elimination, best two of three, \$40 per team entry fee. Pays 60-30-10 with fourth place entry guaranteed. Three boards, tavern open 24 hours. Contact tournament directors Doug Taylor or Marv White, 509-747-9453 for further information.

Women's Singles, Palms Tavern, Oregon, July 18-20

The Palms Tavern, 136 N. 4th, Springfield, Ore., will host the first Women's Singles Tournament on July

18-19-20, with a mixed doubles following the singles. \$15 entry fee for singles; \$30 entry fee for doubles, limited to 16 teams. Pays 60-30-10.

Your hostess will be *Board Talk* Oregon reporter, Jolene Lembke, with Sheila Murphy and Carol Bunch serving as tourney directors. The Palms is open 24 hours a day, with food served anytime.

For information, contact Evie Wechter, 503-342-4196.

U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 6-10

There's been some changes made in the schedule for the U.S. Open at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 6-10. If you're among the faithful readers who posted last month's flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment, please replace it with the one enclosed in this issue.

On Aug. 6-7, there will be draw partners events for \$20 and \$50 entry fees. The Aug. 8-10 schedule includes a bring-your-partner doubles, \$100 per person entry fee, double elimination; singles at \$300 per person entry fee, best two of three, double elimination; and a women's event, \$50 per person entry fee. The auction is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8.

Remember that the U.S. Open is being held in conjunction with the Austin Aqua Festival, which begins on Aug. 1 and features activities for the entire family.

The Villa Capri Motor Hotel, a Best Western, is offering reduced room rates to players and associates who register before July 16. Call 512-476-6171 to make your room reservations.

For information regarding the tournament, contact Don Valk, 512-443-0777, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448. They'll arrange for airport pick-up upon request.

Mixed Doubles, Lakeside Lounge Union Lake, Mich., Aug. 16-17

The Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake, Mich., will host a mixed doubles tournament on Aug. 16-17. \$10 per couple entry fee with 50-35-15 payoff. Auction scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th. A pig roast is available for participants and their fans for \$5 per person.

For information, call Elly Canterbury, 313-698-4104.

Doubles Tourney, Seafarer, Washington, Aug. 29-31

The Seafarer Tavern in Warrenton, Wash., will host its annual doubles tournament on Aug. 29-30-31. Best two of three games, double elimination, pays 55-25-15.

An added incentive is salmon and corn-on-the-cob for players and their galleries. Watch for further information.

Labor Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

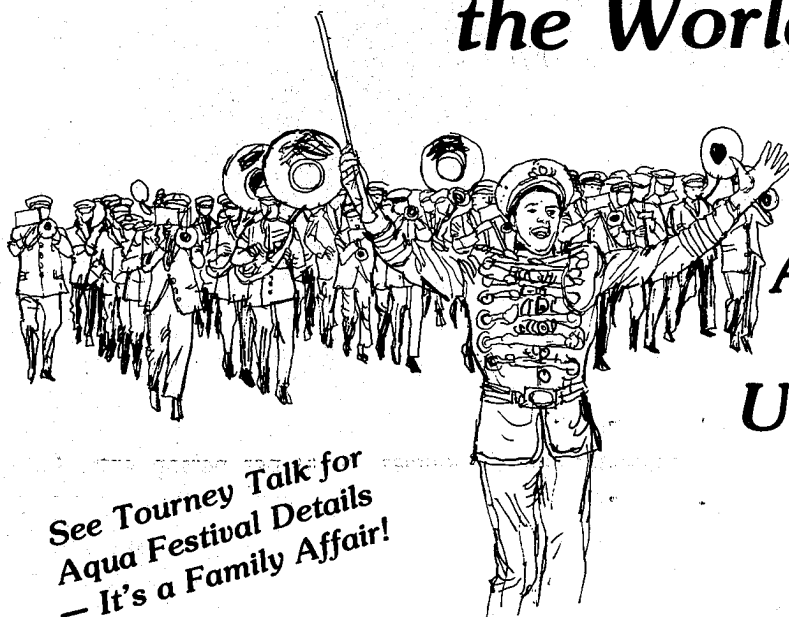
The Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, Calif., will sponsor a Labor Day tourney Aug. 29-31 with finals on Sept. 1. Doubles entry fee, \$200 per team; singles, \$150 per person. Sales for both events will start at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. Tourney will start with the doubles on Saturday morning with 60-30-10 payoff.

Tournament directors will be Jerry Miller and Fred Thumann. Call them at 916-743-6885 for information.

NOTICE TO READERS: Because of our early publication date this month, we do not have the results of the mixed doubles tourney at Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas; mixed doubles at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich.; or the Pre-Frontier Days tourney at the Cowboy Bar, Cheyenne, Wyo. See results in the August issue.

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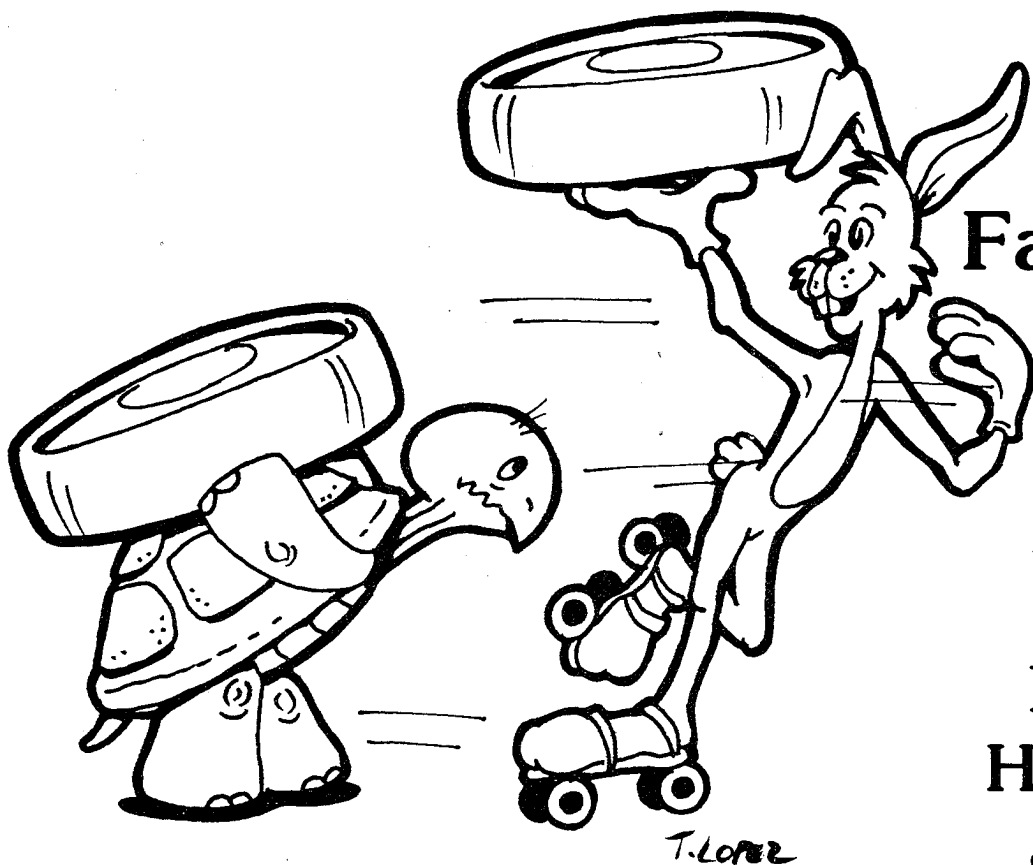
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participate. So can we call it an international event?

Whatever we call it, we'd like to call your attention to those shuffleboard supporters who have made a financial contribution to be a sponsor of our annual event. We're not yet in a position to lay out a hunk of cash to make it happen so these sponsors are pretty important to us. They're listed in this issue.

You might expect the shuffleboard establishments in the immediate area, which would benefit from the influx of out-of-state players, to take advantage of the opportunity that exposure provides. But, as you'll note, there are a number of out-of-state supporters who rate a special salute. We interpret their support as a vote of confidence in *The Board Talk* as "the voice of shuffleboard" and we thank them for that.

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Welcome Back, Ed

I have not written you in quite awhile. I have been extremely busy working in the Long Island area and therefore have not been traveling at all. I have not played a competitive game of shuffleboard since the Dublin House Tavern (Detroit) last year. There are absolutely no players around here.

I am very pleased with the progress you are making with your newsletter. I really appreciate all the new features you have added to *The Board Talk* — the national calendar, the shuffleboard network, etc. As you know from our past conversations, I feel *The Board Talk* is the only official outlet for all the things we as players hope to accomplish.

I have tried on numerous occasions to put together some sort of committee to promote our objectives. I fully concur with Glen Davidson about more support from the people we patronize — the beer breweries and distributors, the liquor industry, suppliers, etc. The players are the chief consumers of their products and we get practically nothing in return from them. I feel we could blanket the country with the assistance of all the local beer distributors in sending us listings of all shuffleboard locations in their areas. If we could get a couple in each geographical area, we could expand from there with proper communications.

I am going to try very hard to make your second annual 4th of July gathering in Howell.

Let me repeat how really happy I am for you and *The Board Talk*. I can't really know how much time and effort you have put into something that is beneficial to us all. Whatever I can do to help, please feel free to ask.

Ed Galke, Oakdale, New York

(Glad to hear from you again, Ed, and thanks for your kind words. Your idea of getting assistance of beer distributors to identify shuffleboard locations for us is a good one. We'll attempt to follow up on it.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Viewpoints on the game of shuffleboard are welcomed and encouraged. Send us your views by the 20th of the month.)

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