

The Board Talk

News and Views
from the World
of Shuffleboard

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The Hammer

Our recent trip to Shuffleboard Land (see "Indiana Diary" on page 2) and the number of questions we got from new subscribers and advertisers regarding our origination got us to thinking. There's really only a handful of shuffleboarders who witnessed the birth of this publication, who know why its parents made the decision to have this post-menopause child and who these crazy people are who messed up a fairly normal life with the uncertainty of a risky venture.

It all started in December of 1983. George was secretary of the Greater Lansing Area Shuffleboard League. He distributed the weekly standings to all the participating bars and often added little tidbits of news on the bottom of the sheet. (Once upon a time, we were publishers of a weekly newspaper and it's hard to break the habit!) As secretary of one of the most active leagues in the state, he received flyers from bars that were sponsoring tournaments and he posted those on the bulletin boards along with the standings.

The wheels started turning. . . wouldn't a newsletter to all the shuffleboarders of the state be a real service to the sport? George had the knowledge, the dedication and awareness of the benefits of shared information; Donna had the experience and skills of writing and packaging the information. Let's go for it!

There would be no subscription fee, we decided. Surely, the bars that benefited from the business of regular league play and especially those who profited from the big business of tournament play would be willing to provide us with enough advertising revenue so we wouldn't have to charge the players for a newsletter that would, in the long run, benefit the shuffleboard businesses.

Vol. 1, No. 1 came off the presses in January 1984. A few local bars carried the burden of "Good Luck, Board Talk" messages and George climbed into his beat-up old van to peddle the baby. We were far more excited about its birth, we discovered, than anyone else.

Simultaneously with the birth of *The Board Talk*, one of our Michigan shuffleboarders, Lee McDonald, earned the right to participate in a national tournament in Las Vegas. We scrimped and saved and followed him there. We took along a few copies of the first *Board Talk* and distributed them to the players there. As long as we were covering the tournament, we thought, we might as well send copies of the second issue to the people from other states who participated.

Overnight, it seemed, we went from being a state publication to a national. That was fine, except it was beginning to cost us a lot of money. The dream of publishing a newsletter — state or national — that would be subsidized by advertis-

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Tourney Talk

Voorhis/Boaz Win Bourbon Tourney

Forty-six teams participated in the May 3 American Legion Spring Tournament in Bourbon, Ind., with Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz capturing first place honors. The dynamic duo met Jerry Knox and Skip Jerue in the finals, lost the first match 15-13, and won the next two games, 15-9 and 15-12.

The auction pot totaled \$6,650. (See further details in "Indiana Diary.")

Maryland Action

A blind draw tournament at the Epic's Lounge, Rising Sun, May 10, was won by Larry Kirk and Brenda Miller (Epic's day bartender). Second place was won by another mixed team of Lea O'Donnell and Bob Hall. (Good women shooters in this area.)

At a May 10 blind draw tourney at the Beachcomber, northeast Maryland, first place honors went to Dick Gorman and Wolf Hall, with second place earned by Charlie Walker and Zelda. Vinnie Killen and Mitty Bott came in third.

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1986 National Shuffleboard Calendar

June 20-22

Singles & Doubles Tournament,
Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas

June 27-29

Pre-Frontier Days Tournament, Jack &
Gloria's Cowboy Bar, Cheyenne, Wyoming

July 4-6

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

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

Oct. 11

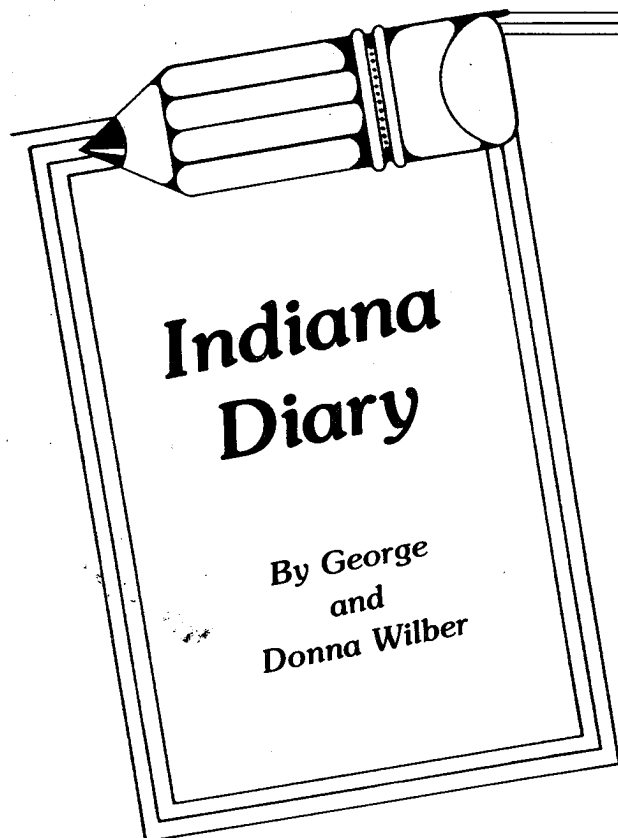
Annual Fall Tournament, American
Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 28-30

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

February 1987

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



Taking the advice of the Hoosier state license plates to "Wander Indiana," we did just that the first week of May. The Bourbon American Legion's annual Spring Tournament on May 3 was the best excuse we could think of to sneak out of work a bit early Friday afternoon and head south.

We made a detour on our way to Bourbon, wandering through Amish country to find Topeka, a small dot on the map, to see Layton Pergrem at Perg's. Layton had inquired about a gift certificate to *The Board Talk* for a very important person. We obliged and were happy for the opportunity to deliver it in person.

Layton said he had some players who would like to participate in our 4th of July tournament but were concerned about being amateurs in a field of professionals. We told him that *The Board Talk* tournament is their tournament. It's got something for everybody, no matter what level of play they've achieved.

Just as *The Board Talk* is the voice of everyone in The World of Shuffleboard, so is *The Board Talk* tournament an event for everyone in that select circle. There's nothing more exciting than to watch the "champs" compete on the boards, but it's equally as exciting to see "rank and file" members, who pump a continual stream of quarters in the machine trying to better their game, take the big step into the world of tournament play.

We hope the players at Perg's and throughout the nation get that message and turn out for *The Board Talk's* second annual tournament, July 4-6, in Howell, Mich.

Bourbon: Small Town — Big Tourney

You'll find the results of this tournament in Tourney Talk; what you're going to get here are some views from the sidelines and backstage. . . .

Frankly speaking, it's been kind of a sore spot with us that this tourney could be such a success year after year without

our help! We'd been to Bourbon tournaments long before we started *The Board Talk* and we just assumed they'd be one of our "headliners" once we began publishing. We sent them a complimentary copy for well over a year but never heard a word from them — no promotion of the tourneys, no results, no subscriptions, no ads (a humbling experience to counteract the swelled egos created by positive feedback from tournament sponsors who said we made a difference!).

Why did this particular tournament continue to attract players from many states? That was a question to which we were determined to find an answer.

It started out, we're convinced, because shuffleboard players have big hearts. When two avid local players, Bill Knox and Butch Visel, were killed in an auto accident near Niles, Mich., in 1973, Butch's dad spearheaded an American Legion shuffleboard tournament as a memorial to them. It became an annual event in memory of two people who were an important part of The World of Shuffleboard until an untimely death ended their competition on the boards.

In the 13 years between 1973 and 1986, some of the initial hype and reason behind the annual tourney has faded for most players. For the majority of the 92 players who participated in the 1986 tourney, the big pot and recognition were likely the key motivators.

Jerry Knox was an exception. He's still very much aware of the "roots" of this tournament — his brother's death. You can tell by talking with him that he felt a win for him would be a win for his brother.

If there is a special spot in heaven for shuffleboard players, we know that at least three people "up there" were watching the May 3 tournament with keen interest and pride. One would be Bill Knox as he watched his brother capture second place honors over a tough field of competitors. Another would be Butch Visel. The other would be Michigan's Ed Estep as he watched his friends drink a toast to shuffleboard, a tradition he started and continues today as a tribute to his memory.

So, as memories fade, why doesn't participation? We found a couple good reasons. . . .

Ingredients of "Recipe" for Success

Both players and spectators appreciate a smoothly-run tournament and this one certainly is that! The pre-tourney banter between Mike Koontz and Steve Banic sounded like a Laurel and Hardy comedy but once the action started, they were all business. As soon as a match was completed, the next team was "on deck" and the boards were ready for play.

The efficient, no-nonsense style of auctioneer Steve Hart added yet another layer of smoothness. (His recognition of *The Board Talk* editors and his audience's response brought lumps in our throats that took a few drinks to dissolve!) The friendliness of the Legionaires, the good food they serve, the good sportsmanship of the players and the enthusiasm of the spectators were also important ingredients in their recipe for a successful tournament.

From the Sidelines

It was fun to greet old friends, meet new ones and relate faces and personalities to the names we print in *The Board Talk*.

There was that colorful character, Orris Hughes Jr. of Indiana, who proclaims to the world that he's a shuffleboarder

by listing that profession in the telephone directory. He tells *The Board Talk* editors that he has another profession but we can't print that in this family publication.

There was the "man of few words" from Michigan, O. B. Brimm, who asked us why we never put his name in *The Board Talk*. We told him to do something and we would, so he and his partner, Jeff Cottrell, put up a valiant battle on the boards to get their names in the headlines. While that didn't work, O. B. did get his name in print.

There was our good friend, Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis, who also tried to get his name in print legitimately by winning (and he came close) or by bribery. The latter worked.

There was Shirley Harris and her lovely daughter from Ohio who proved that women are tournament contenders to be reckoned with and that this is a family sport that spans any generation gap.

There was Indiana *Board Talk* reporter Steve Hart who took a lot of ribbing for his fashionable wearing apparel. He could be the dress code pacesetter for shuffleboard that Arnie Palmer is for golf, Pat Riley is for basketball and Tom Landry is for football. There were a few of us at the Las Vegas tournament a couple years ago who were relieved when the anticipated TV crews didn't show up. Rag-bag reject pants and hot temperature-dried T-shirts that no longer covered bulging midriffs would have projected an image of the sport that we sure don't need. Steve knew he'd take some ribbing but perhaps he was making a statement that shuffleboarders, if they truly desire the media recognition that other sports receive, ought not to ignore.

The Bourbon American Legion's fall tournament is Oct. 11. Mark your calendars now.

Post-Tourney Action

A couple days in Kendallville provided us with an opportunity to visit with family, with new friend "Beef" of B. C.'s Tap, The Parlor, First & Last Stop, and Paul's Pub, all good shuffleboard establishments.

Next stop — The Palace in Fairmont where we admired Bobby Voorhis' first-place trophy for the Bourbon tournament, an honor he shared with Dave Boaz. We also had the opportunity to meet bartender Robin Reed, who plays on the Palace's women's team, which has won the Grant County Ladies' League and tournament for three consecutive years. Bobby's dad, Bus, was under the weather but mom, Martha, braved a storm to come downtown to visit with us.

We arrived at The Palace just in time to help move out one shuffleboard and bring in one newly refinished by Bob Corn of Redkey. Bob, a railroad worker who recovers pool tables, reupholsters furniture and refinishes shuffleboards in his "spare" time, is gaining a good reputation throughout Indiana for his expertise. We invited him to Michigan to help us tackle a growing pile of boards in our garage. (He accepted, brought his equipment and his lovely wife, Linda, and we spent a grueling but productive weekend together refinishing three boards.)

Anderson was our next stop to visit with the father and son team of Bob and Tom Vorndran, owner-operators of The Triangle in Anderson and Monty's in Chesterfield, both shuffleboard hot-spots. The Vorndrans have relatives in Michigan not far from our *Board Talk* 4th of July tourna-

ment site. We hope we talked them into coming.

We stopped in Portland to say hello to Bob and Marcia Brown at The American Bar, but they had "gone fishin'" so we took some notes about upcoming tournaments from their bulletin board.



Robin Reed, Palace bartender, poses with pride beside the trophy earned by the women's team, which has won the Grant County Ladies' League and tournament for three consecutive years.

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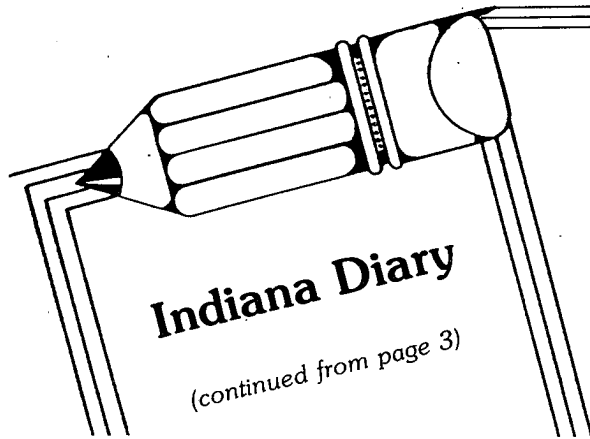
The final stop on our Indiana tour was Ft. Wayne where we visited the Playfair Shuffleboard Company and its president, Brian Crowl. Brian's company, established just two years ago, is a "child" of the family-owned parent company, Playfair Sales, distributor of coin-operated games. When Brian and his father recognized the steady decline of video games and the comeback of shuffleboard, they decided it was a prime time for the "birth" of the new company.

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Brian's company also makes its own scoring machines. They're attractive, efficient "lean machines" with compact computer chips to keep score. Supplies, replacement parts

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and service are all part of what Playfair has to offer (see ad in this issue).

We liked Brian. He's going to be an important part of The World of Shuffleboard.

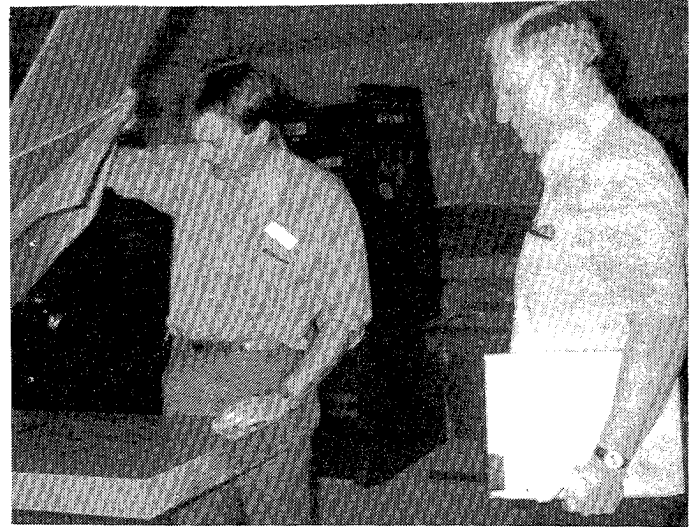
In Retrospect

Indiana's Sunday tavern closing and Tuesday election day laws that prohibit bars from opening until 6 p.m. put an unexpected crimp in our itinerary. Consequently, we missed stops at some of our faithful subscriber shuffleboard establishments. We ask their forgiveness and promise we'll try again.

It was an enjoyable trip and a good investment in the well-being of *The Board Talk*. We welcome all our new subscribers and our new advertisers, Bob Corn's Shuffleboard Refinishing and the Playfair Shuffleboard Company.

(Although it wasn't the result of our Indiana trip, we also call your attention to another new advertiser this month — the Stagger Inn.)

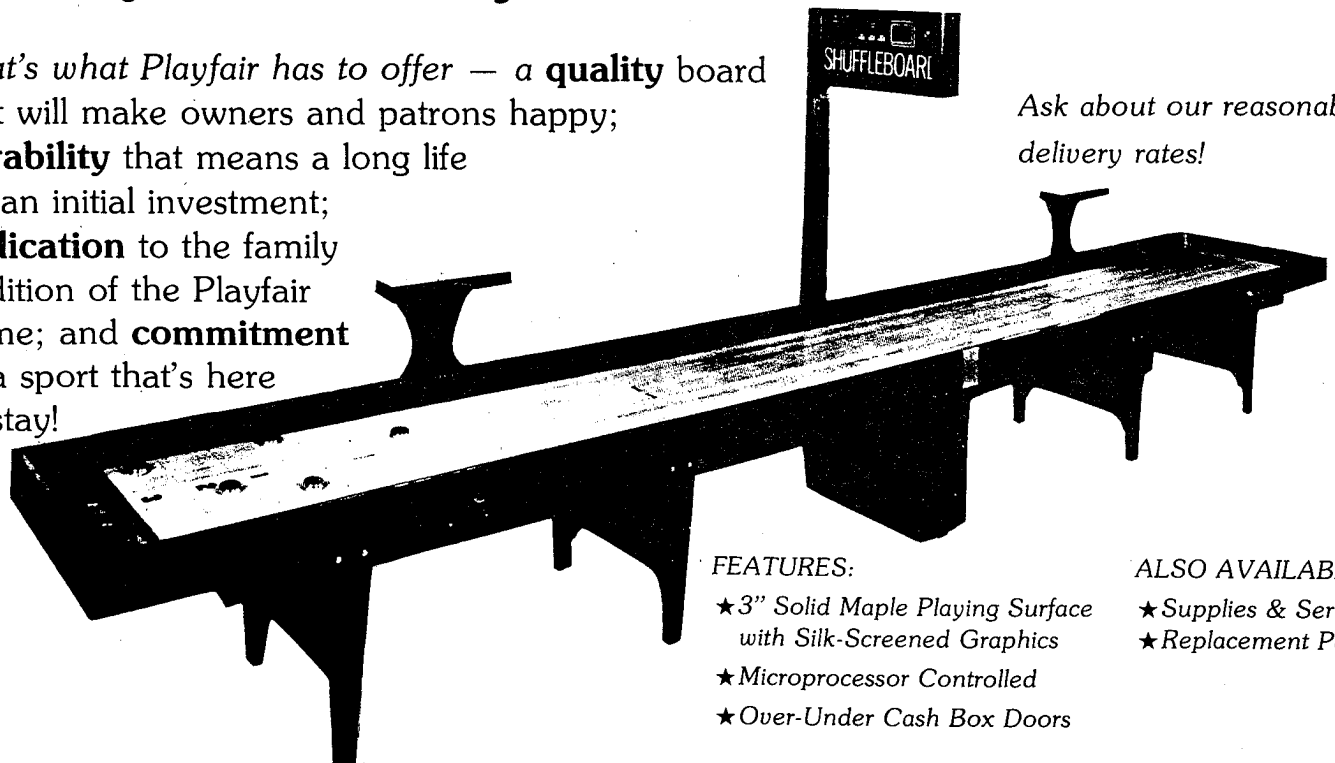
Thanks to all of you for welcoming us to the friendly Hoosier state!



Brian Crowl, president of Playfair Shuffleboard Company, shows *Board Talk* editor George Wilber a new board ready for shipment.

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New Topics for Future Board Talks

Enclosed is my subscription renewal. I always look forward to my next issue.

I'd like to put forth a few subject I think would be appreciated by numerous players and board owners.

The number one article I'd like to see is a comprehensive one concerning the proper care and maintenance of boards. Other topics I'd like to see discussed are: the different properties of different kinds of speed powder, how often to sift powder, how to organize league and tournament play, what determines A and B leagues, what is a calcutta, what is a round robin, and finally, I think printing of the official rules would be appreciated by many. I get the feeling that numerous new players are not familiar with these subjects.

In Fresno, the two main bars are: The Ranch House, 1842 E. McKinley, and Ron and Larry's, 3941 E. Blemont. Within 50 miles of Fresno are a couple of good boards with good players who like action. In Visalia, check out Mr. G's, 15742 Ave. 296, and in Dinuba, it's Less and Lu's, 42876 Road 80.

Phil Moffett, Fresno, Calif.

Thanks, Phil, for the excellent story ideas. We'll be developing articles in future issues on some of those subjects and we're sure there are readers who have opinions to share on one or all of them. You are certainly correct when you say new players aren't familiar on some of these subjects and we have an obligation to help educate them. Thanks for reminding us of that.

A Word from Glen

First of all, I'd like to clear up the last report I made with only the women's first names. Some of the women asked me not to print their last names for reasons of their own. I respect their wishes. I'm sorry, ladies, if I left your last name off, but that's the reason. If you don't mind us using your last name, let me know and I will be sure to get it in the next time around.

Danny Hersom and I went to Anderson, Ind., to a tournament promoted in *The Board Talk* — 1,500 miles round trip. There were two teams that showed up for the event. Come to find out, none of the locals even knew about the tourney, or that's what they told us. We looked on the bulletin boards of every bar we went into and there were no flyers of the tournament posted.

Here's what I think of that: there should be a guarantee of six local teams for every tourney advertised in *The Board Talk*. If the bar owners don't want to guarantee anything, then I don't think they should be allowed to advertise in *The*

Letters to the Editor

Board Talk. I think it's time for all the players to stick together and make this happen. There should be a guarantee of new or refinished boards (at least two) for every tourney and new weights.

P. T. in Houston knows how to run a tournament like a pro. If there were more bar owners who were as interested as he is in the players, then shuffleboard would already be on TV. I say to all tourney promoters: ask what the players want in a tourney. Some answers will likely be: room enough to play, good sportsmanship, trophies and a three-man referee team.

I would like to say welcome aboard to three fine shuffleboard subscribers from Noblesville, Ind. — John Spillman, Bruce Pennington and Gary May. Thanks for the action at the Silver Dollar. You guys showed us how it's done. It was also good to see my old buddy, Larry Creakbaum.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

That is a bad deal to travel 1,500 miles for a tourney that was a bust! We would like to explain the difference between promoting and advertising a tournament in The Board Talk. We don't charge a cent to promote any tournament in Tourney Talk. It does cost money to advertise. The tourney to which you are referring was promoted in Tourney Talk; the sponsor did not purchase advertising. While advertising cannot guarantee a successful tournament, it does show commitment on the part of the sponsor to gain as much participation as possible. P. T. invested in two full-page ads and we sure hope they worked! We are not saying, however, that a Board Talk ad will ever carry a money-back guarantee with it. Good promotion should include advertising, but it's building a reputation for well-run tournaments that really draws the players and keeps them coming back.

Corporate Image a Champ!

The Mid Cities Shuffleboard League of Ft. Worth and Arlington, Texas, has just completed its 1985-86 24-week season with the Corporate Image A team winning the championship, led by captain Bobby Williams. Finishing a very close second and third respectively were Gene's Lounge of Ft. Worth led by Don Baber and Don Reaves, and Gold Nugget of Arlington led by Captain Wayne Steinfeld.

There was a big banquet held May 3, hosted and paid for by Ed Vallejo, proprietor of the Gold Nugget, who has been instrumental in the league's success. Prize money and trophies were awarded to each team. Awards were also given to the most improved player, Bonny Williams, and most consistent player, Richard Jackson.

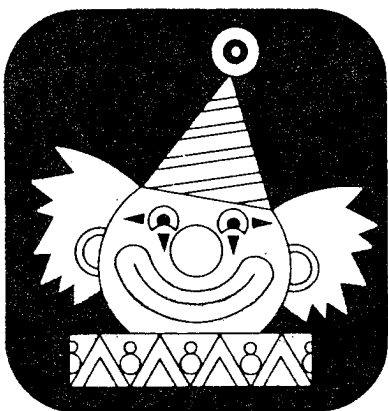
Our thanks to Bruce McDonald, league president, a tough position, for making the league a success. Our new officers for the 1986-87 season are Bobby Williams, president, and Don Reaves, vice president.

I believe you will be seeing many of these players participating in major tournaments soon.

David Williams, Ft. Worth, Texas

We wouldn't be at all surprised, Dave, if you got some inquiries on how you go about getting a shuffleboard establishment to pay for a league banquet! That's worth a round of applause from The World of Shuffleboard.

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More Tourney Talk

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The Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, sponsored a doubles tournament on May 17. Dick Gorman and John Lukas took first place with Vinnie Killen and Sam Sech sharing second place honors.

Good Turnout at Black Cat's Sweathogs Tourney

Thirty-two singles and 16 doubles teams shot it out May 16-18 at the Black Cat's (8230 SE 13th, Portland, Ore.) annual Sweathogs double elimination handicap tournament. Handicaps ranged from minus 3 for the tourney pros to plus 6 for the inexperienced players. Oregon reporters Roy and Jolene Lembke explain that the plus players mark up their handicap at the start of the game and the minus players "owe the board."

Going undefeated to grab the singles title was Bruce Cockran (+3), second was newcomer Ken Davis (+6), followed by Nadeen Baker (+5).

John Mull (0) and John Ressler (+2) beat out Barbara Wachnick (0) and Don Campbell (-2) for the doubles title. Nancy Vachter (+2) and Bruce Wechter (-1) finished third.

Bliner's Hosts Mixed Doubles

Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, hosted a mixed doubles tournament on May 16-18. Jim Smith and Randi took first place honors with Jody Slack and Kelly in second. Doc Khan of Cheyenne proudly reports that his wife, Megen, and partner George Ostrom, came in third.

Lopez/McDonald Win at McCleer's

Local players, J. R. Lopez and Lee McDonald, took first place in a Memorial Day tournament at McCleer's Saloon in Lansing. O. B. Brimm and Jeff Cottrell came in second, with Jerry Hershman and Marie Sweeney finishing third.

P. T.'s Tourney Attracts TV Coverage

Participants in the Memorial Day weekend tournament at P. T.'s, Houston, Texas, smiled for the cameras as TV crews filmed the action.

Winners in the singles were three Houston women — Diana Hagen, 1st; Lilly Kidd, 2nd; and Sharon Finch, 3rd.

In the draw-partner event, Harvey Waldon, Memphis, Tenn., and Rick Boyer, formerly of Lake Orion, Mich., and now of Austin, Texas, came in first. Bill Melton, Davis, Okla., and Dale Koteras of Houston took second place. Danny Hersom, Amarillo, and Ken Garrett, Houston, finished third.

Bill Melton and Dave Williams, Ft. Worth, were winners of the bring-your-partner event. Sam Summers, Oklahoma City, and Portland Eddy teamed up to take second place honors, with Rick Boyer and George Ostrom, Denver, finishing third.

Mixed Doubles, Wagon Wheel, Lake Orion, Mich., June 7-8

The Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Mich., will host a mixed doubles tourney on June 7-8. Two boards, double elimination, \$10 per team entry fee. First place will pay 60% plus trophy, 2nd place 30%, and third place 10%. Calcutta starts at 1 p.m. on June 7.

For further information, call the Wagon Wheel, 313-693-6789.

Guys & Gals Tourney, June 7, American Bar

The American Bar, 211 W. Main, Portland, Ind., will host a Guys & Gals mixed doubles tourney on June 7. \$20 per team entry fee, pays 50-30-10-10. The auction will begin at 2 p.m.

For information, call the American Bar, 219-726-9252.

Other Indiana action includes tournaments at The Triangle Bar, 2129 Ohio Ave., Anderson, on June 28 (317-642-1155); The Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont, on July 19 (317-948-9102); and the American Bar (219-726-9252) on Aug. 23. All are \$100 per team entry fees, single elimination, pays 70-30, no auctions.

Singles & Doubles, Corporate Image, June 20-22

The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair, Ft. Worth, Texas, will be the scene of a doubles and singles tourney on June 20-22. Entry fee for the doubles is \$100 per person, \$150 for the singles. The doubles will start Friday night after the auction and conclude on Saturday morning. Singles will start Saturday afternoon with finals on Sunday. Two of three double elimination.

Entry deadline is Friday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Dave Williams, 817-457-4468; Bill Melton, 405-369-2448; or Corporate Image, 817-451-0607. Round robins all week prior to the tourney.

See ad in this issue.

Mixed Doubles, Stober's, Lansing, June 21

Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan, Lansing, will host a mixed doubles tourney on June 21. \$5 per person entry fee, pays 60-30-10. Auction starts at 1 p.m.

For information, call Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184.

Pre-Frontier Days Tourney, Cowboy Bar, June 27-29

Jack and Gloria's Cowboy Bar, 312 S. Greely Hwy., Cheyenne, Wyoming, will hold their annual Pre-Frontier Days shuffleboard tournament on June 27-28-29. \$10 registration fee, blind draw for partners, double elimination. Pays five places, 50-20-15-10-5. Cash prizes and trophies for all events.

The auction will start after the draw on Friday night at 8 p.m., with pot games following.

Registered participants will receive a special discount on food at the Cattleman Restaurant next door.

Help hosts Doc and Megen Khan and tournament supervisor Travis Anderson make this a successful tournament by posting the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

4th of July Tourney at Best Little Wherehouse

Ted Z's Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula, Calif., will host its first annual 4th of July Celebration Tournament on July 3-6. In addition to Ted Z, other big names in The World of Shuffleboard — Karl Spicklemeir, Joe Muniz and Al Stewart — will be on hand to make it a successful tourney.

\$50 per team entry fee for the doubles, \$100 for the singles, two out of three double elimination for both events. Sale for both tourneys is scheduled for Thursday at 10 p.m. Round robins all day Thursday, with doubles beginning Friday morning.

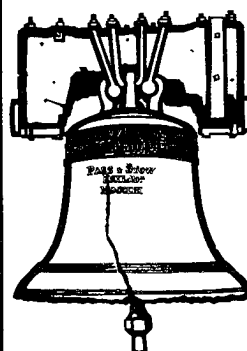
Other features include three boards, a restaurant in the club, nearby motels, a Saturday night buffet, and red beer on Saturday morning between 6 and 10 for 50-.

Entry deadline is 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Call Ted Z, 714-676-3770, or Karl S., 213-456-8906.

4th of July Tourney at The Goldmine

Celebrate the 4th of July holiday at The Goldmine, 405 S. Buckner, Dallas, Texas. Events include a draw-partner event on July 4, \$50 entry fee, single elimination; another draw-partner event on July 5, \$100 entry fee with \$250 donated, two of three double elimination; and a singles tourney on July 6 with a \$500 entry fee, plus \$500 donated, two of three double elimination. Auctions for all events; three boards.

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The Board Talk's 2nd Annual 4th of July Shuffleboarders' Holiday

**Log Cabin Bar, Howell, Michigan
July 4-5-6, 1986**

ADVANCE ENTRY BONUS

Names of all players who make prepaid reservations before July 1, 1986 will be placed in a drawing for \$50 (drawing at 12 noon on July 6). Use this form to make your reservations — make checks payable to: The Board Talk and send to 421 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906.

Sign me up for the following events. (NOTE: Entry fees will be returned for all cancelled events — those with less than 10 entries.)

- ☐ Draw Partner (\$10 per person)
☐ Mixed Doubles (\$30 per team)
 Partner's Name: _____
 (if known)
☐ Women's Doubles (\$20 per team)
 Partner's Name: _____
 (if known)
☐ Doubles (\$60 per team)
 Partner's Name: _____
 (if known)
☐ Singles (\$30 per player)
☐ 4-Person Round Robin Team Event (\$100 per team)
 (Total points determines winner)
 Team Members (if known) _____

(NOTE: If partners and/or team members' names are known and payment for them is enclosed, their names will be put in the drawing.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

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For information or to make your reservations, call The Goldmine, 214-391-9292 or 214-287-3222, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

Board Talk's Second Annual 4th of July Celebration

Board Talk publishers George and Donna Wilber invite you to spend your 4th of July holiday in Michigan. The Log Cabin Bar, 5393 E. Grand River, Howell, offers shuffleboarders and their fans their own private room and outdoor patio, with nearby resorts, golf courses and shopping areas for total family fun.

Tournament activities will begin at 1 p.m. on July 4 with a draw-partner event, \$20 per team entry fee, followed by a mixed doubles, \$30 per team entry fee, and a women's doubles, \$20 per team entry fee. Next on the agenda will be a doubles, \$60 per team entry fee, and a singles, \$30 per player entry fee. The finale will be a 4-person round robin team event with \$100 per team entry fee. Auctions for all events.

Each event will follow completion of the previous event; if there are fewer than 10 entries in any event, it will be cancelled. Four boards will be available for tourney play.

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 will pay 60-30-10. The 4-person round robin team event will have only one winner if there are less than six teams entered, and will pay 65-35 to the top two teams if six or more are entered. Drawings for prizes throughout the tournament!



Defending doubles champs Lee McDonald and J. R. Lopez of Lansing will have tough competition in the 2nd annual Board Talk tourney from contenders from many states and Canada. Use the form in this newsletter to reserve your spot!

Lodging suggestions: Holiday Inn, Howell, 517-546-6800; Grand View Motel, Howell, 517-546-2690; Best Western, Howell, 517-548-3900.

For family fun and/or campers: Burroughs Farms — golf, swimming, fishing, playgrounds, boat rentals, cottages and duplexes — Brighton, 313-227-1381; Brighton Recreation Area — swimming beaches, excellent fishing, boat rentals, campsites — Howell, 313-299-6566; Pinckney Recreation Area — 225 campsites with electrical hookups and sanitary

station, canoe rental, swimming beach, fishing — Pinckney, 313-426-4913; Taylor's Beach — 189 campsites with electrical and water hookups and sanitary station, fishing, swimming, playground — Howell, 517-546-2679.

Use the ad in this issue to make your reservation. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 8-10

A U.S. Open shuffleboard tournament will be part of the Silver Anniversary Austin Aqua Festival, a 10-day affair packed with water sports, contests and entertainment for people of all ages. Tournament director Don Valk suggests that shuffleboarders make this a family vacation.

The festival starts on Aug. 1 with a big parade. A day-long river raft race is scheduled for Aug. 2 with a beauty pageant that evening. Fest nights will provide entertainment every evening of the festival, featuring such headliners as The Commodores, Three Dog Night, Ray Price, Earl Thomas Conley, Miami Sound Machine and Joe "King" Carrasco.

Shuffleboard action at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel (Best Western), 2400 North I.H. 35, will begin Aug. 6-7 with \$20 to \$50 round robins. Tournament events will start Friday, Aug. 8, with \$100 per person draw-partners, double elimination. Entry fee for the singles is \$300, two of three double elimination. A minimum of \$2,000 will be added to the pot.

For further information or to make your reservations, call Don Valk, 512-443-0777, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

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ing, vanished in a hurry. In April 1984, we started charging subscribers a \$10 a year fee to help cover expenses.

The Growing Pains

So, what happened? Advertisers (with few exceptions) backed off because we didn't have the circulation they felt would benefit them. Subscribers (with few exceptions) didn't want to commit \$10 because they weren't sure they'd get a next issue. Reporters (with few exceptions) fell by the wayside because we couldn't deliver what we promised for their volunteer services.

At the end of over two years of struggle, the publishers said, "this is not fun at all!" and sent out the message — this is for sale to anyone who can do it better. Nobody answered. Was it goodbye *Board Talk*? Or was it. . . .

Hope on the Horizon?

Overnight, it seemed, tournament sponsors began to recognize *The Board Talk* as a viable vehicle to spread the good word about their events. Players decided that knowing what was going on in *The World of Shuffleboard* was worth a \$10 investment. We started getting enough news to add more pages.

Two years and three months after deciding to "go for it," we were able to pay for an issue without dipping into our personal account. It was a breakthrough and we celebrated!

Where We Are Today

There are a lot of people we've met in our limited travels and phone conversations who have a false image of *The Board Talk's* "headquarters." They have this mind-picture of an office with a receptionist to take their calls and connect them with the editors. Wrong! *The Board Talk's* "office" fluctuates between our kitchen table, an enclosed porch during the warm months and an upstairs bedroom during the cold winter months. The telephone, located in the living room, goes unanswered much of the time because there is no receptionist.

George has a shuffleboard refinishing and service business that demands a lot of his time weekdays and weekends — and tests the fortitude of the same old beat-up van that delivered the first *Board Talk*. Donna is beginning her 20th year with the Michigan Farm Bureau, serving as assistant director of information and public relations, no 8 to 5 job.

Unless we win the Michigan Lotto, it will be another 10 years of burning the midnight oil to turn out *The Board Talk*

each month. In 1996, we'll mount a *Board Talk* banner on each side of a mobile home and hit the road, traveling from one tourney to the next, recording the historical moments in *The World of Shuffleboard*.

We can hardly wait! We hope you stick with us to see that happen.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

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