

# The Board Talk

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from the World  
of Shuffleboard

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## The Hammer

### BOY! DO WE FEEL GREAT!

If this keyboard had notes, in addition to letters and numbers, this editorial would have an upbeat musical score in the background. As this edition of The Board Talk goes to press, its publishers are probably more optimistic about the future of The World of Shuffleboard (which includes this publication) than at any time during the past two years.

This has been a good month! While George had the opportunity to attend the Corporate Image tournament in Ft. Worth, Texas, and meet many of the people on our mailing list, Donna stayed home to gather in a steady flow of new subscribers and news — delightful experiences for both of us.

We realize that during the past year, we haven't exactly projected a winning attitude about our dream for a national shuffleboard publication. Almost as depressing as the lack of advertising and a lag in new and renewal subscriptions to keep us going financially, was having nothing to write about! We suffered from "Empty Mailbox Syndrome." That malady was cured this month and we see it as a turning point for us and for you.

Both our new features introduced in the February issue — the National Shuffleboard Calendar and the "Play Your Way Across the USA Board Talk Network" — were well-received by readers. It will take awhile before the National Shuffleboard Calendar starts working effectively. Its major purpose is to serve as a "clearing house" for tournaments designed to attract national participation, to avoid scheduling conflicting dates. You'll note that we still have some of the conflicts we'd hoped to avoid, but we're confident that will level out as time goes by. The key is to get your tournaments listed well in advance and to make adjustments if at all possible.

John Lukas, our Maryland Board Talk reporter/supporter, had this to say about the quarterly "network" listing: "Great idea to sell bars on being subscribers!"

We give an editorial salute to John for signing up five new shuffleboard bar subscribers; to Oregon reporters Jolene and Roy Lembke for signing up new subscribers in four states while they were on the shuffleboard circuit in February (see "Letters"), and to Pennsylvania supporter Jim "Yank" for reminding veteran shuffleboarders that they have an obligation to their sport (see "Special Feature").

### WATCH FOR THE RED CHECK

Because of the limited time our jobs allow us to invest in The Board Talk, we use the "red check" method rather than sending out notices that your subscription has expired. We

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## Tourney Talk

### Indiana Action

Twenty-two teams entered a bring-your-partner tournament at the First & Last Stop, Kendallville, Ind. on Jan. 25. Winners were Jim Anglis and Danny Greenleaf. Jerry Knox and Larry Creakbaum placed second.

Twelve teams played in a tournament at the Midway in Legonier on Feb. 1. First place honors went to Jerry Knox and Skip Jackson with PeeWee Fleishman and Steve Miller finishing second.

Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long won a tournament hosted by the Food Harbor in Peru on Jan. 12.

Bob Voorhis and Jerry Warr won the CISL tournament in Muncie on Jan. 25. Twenty-nine teams competed for a \$2,200 pot.

Upcoming action includes tournaments at Ally Inn, Albion, on March 15; American Legion, Albion, March 29; and L & J, Etna Green, April 12.

### Covington/Taylor Win Houston Tourney

Twenty-eight teams entered the Sports Arena doubles tournament on Feb. 1. Don Covington and Jim Taylor took first place, with Tony Howard and Eddie Garrett in second, and Mickey Baugh and Bill Lent in third. There was \$1,020 in the calcutta.

The Sports Arena, 11528 Jones Rd., Houston, holds a tournament the first Saturday of every month, \$10 entry fee, \$400 pot guaranteed. Blind draw, two game loss, pays 60%, 30%, 10%, 32 players only. Food spread is a bonus! Call 713-469-0345 for further information.

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## 1986 National Shuffleboard Calendar

### March 12-16

St. Patrick's Day Tournament,  
Sports Arena, Houston, Texas

### March 14-16

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

### April 12-14

Tournament, The Edgewood  
Bellflower, California

### May 3

Spring Tournament, Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

### July 4-6

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

### July 4

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

### Nov. 28-30

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

# LET'S GIVE THE NOVICE A BREAK

By Jim Yankauskas  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*(Editor's Note: There is within the World of Shuffleboard a "movement" for broader recognition of this sport we all love. Within that movement are people with voices loud and clear, those who sit on the sidelines waiting for something to happen, and those who recognize that with every "right" comes a "responsibility." Jim Yankauskas of Pennsylvania falls in the latter category. The Board Talk editors are proud to share the views of one of our sport's finest gentleman/sportsman, known to us as Jim "Yank.")*

When I was a kid, I had an unusual experience. It took me 17 years to realize just how unusual it really was.

While in a tavern with my father, I came across my first shuffleboard and, like most kids, just wanted to throw the weights up and down the board. This jolly old gentleman sitting at the bar turned to watch me and took more than a casual interest as I threw the weights (like most novices) down the middle of the board.

After five minutes of his staring at me, I was becoming a little self-conscious and started to leave the table. As I did, the old guy got up and called me back to the board. He introduced himself and asked if I liked the feel of the way the weight went down the board. Then the unusual part happened.

He took the time and the effort to show me the proper way to shoot a weight. He asked me what hand I used the most and told me to shoot with my other hand from the side of the board. He also told me to learn how to hit weights that were on the board as that was the name of the game. He walked down the table and started to set the weights up for me and told me how to practice with both hands.

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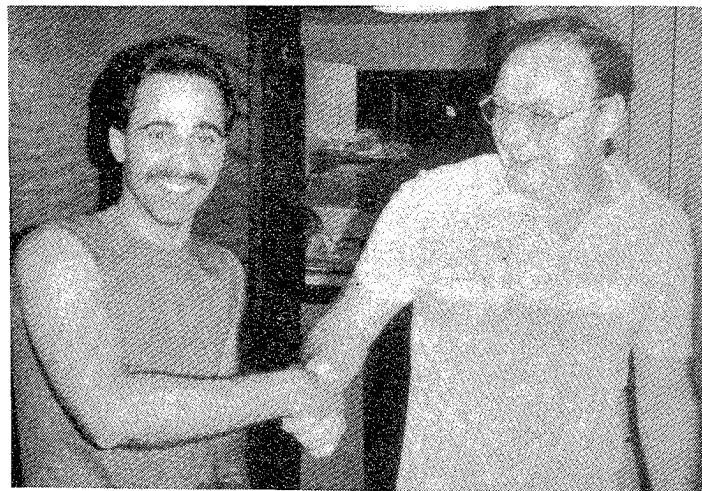
***The game of shuffleboard needs people to teach newcomers how to shoot and practice properly. If the game is to expand we, as A and B shooters, have to take the time and patience to teach others the basic rules of the game.***

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This little teaching clinic took place when I was about 9 or 10 years old. For the next 17 years, any time I came across a board with no one using it, I followed the instructions I was given that day.

It wasn't until I joined a league and became a serious shuffleboard shooter that I finally knew what was so unusual about that day so long ago. I realized that the old man had given me a passion for the game and the basic skills to help others learn the proper way to shoot the game of shuffleboard.

The game of shuffleboard is like any other sport with one exception. In football, baseball, basketball, hockey, track, swimming and almost all other sports, you have basic rules that are pounded into the novice's head, long before their coaches put them in a game. Shuffleboard has many, if not



***Jim "Yank" practices what he preaches. Anthony Cacceavillani (Conch) was considered a "novice" (evidenced by the \$15 calcutta bid) by some of the more experienced players in last year's Board Talk 4th of July tournament, but he used what Jim had taught him to capture second place in the singles event. Nobody was prouder than Jim (right) who took the time for encouragement and help to a player who is no longer a novice, thanks to Jim's philosophy.***

more, basic rules than other sports, but very few coaches teach them.

A novice in the game of shuffleboard, without some coaching, will take 10 times as long to mature into a good shuffleboard shooter as a novice who is lucky enough to find a coach. That's providing the A and B shooters don't scare the novice away (in most cases forever) from the board.

Just imagine what would happen to a novice football player going against a pro team with no practice and no idea of what to do. That's what a lot of A and B shooters do to the novices of shuffleboard under the pretence that they must pay their dues to learn the game. Those dues can be as maiming as the injuries a novice football player would receive against the pros. The scars the novice shuffleboard shooter receives will, most of the time, force newcomers totally away from the board and show them just how fair good shuffleboarders are.

If you are reading The Board Talk, chances are you are a pretty good shuffleboard shooter and have more than a casual interest in where the sport is heading. So, the next time a novice has the guts to put his name on the challenge board and comes face to face with you, don't cut the guts out of him. Ask him if you can help teach him to shoot the game. Show him he (or she) is worth your time and effort to teach the basics of the game. If he is interested, he'll keep on practicing until he is a good shooter. Just think, your time and patience in teaching that one person might make him become a dedicated shooter.

The game of shuffleboard needs people to teach newcomers how to shoot and practice properly. If the game is to expand, we as A and B shooters, have to take the time and patience to teach others the basic rules of the game.

Maybe you have forgotten the first basic rule in the game of shuffleboard, so here is a reminder to all shooters:

***"Let the sport of shuffleboard be used to enhance existing friendships, promote new friendships, and good sportsmanship through friendly competition for all involved."***

## The Hammer (continued)

red check your copy the month that your renewal is due. If you do not renew on your first red check, we allow a grace period. We continue to red check your copy, but we don't remove you from the mailing list for two months. For example, if your subscription was due in January, 1986, you have received the January, February and March issues even though your subscription has expired. If you don't renew now, you will not receive the April issue. If you do, your \$10 renewal fee will be paid through January, 1987, rather than a year from the time you renew.

### WHAT IF A SUBSCRIBER MOVES?

If a subscriber changes addresses and does not let us know, The Board Talk keeps going to his/her old address and gets "dumped" even though we have paid for the printing and postage on that copy. When we were mailing first class, the copy was returned to us with a forwarding address. However, when economics dictated that we go to a lower class mailing permit, we no longer have that "luxury" of knowing where you went — or even that you're not getting your Board Talk.

So, if you move, let us know immediately what your new address is — or if you hear some complaints out there in Shuffleboard Land that subscribers are not receiving their Board Talk — tell them to call or write us. A little detail like a wrong zip code or street number can prevent your Board Talk from being delivered. In the meantime, both of us are paying for it and neither of us can afford that!

### WELCOME, NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

New subscribers have a distinct advantage. They don't have to go through the trauma of The Board Talk's growing pains. They can rest assured that their \$10 investment will bring them a year's worth of Board Talks. Earlier "gamblers" didn't feel that comfortable. Even though they were repeatedly assured that the publishers would reimburse them for any "unpublished" issues if we went belly-up, they still worried and were naturally hesitant about encouraging others to subscribe. New subscribers are coming on board when the "charts" show a definite upswing and that makes their \$10 investment a "no lose" situation.

Because of our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the USA" listing, many of our new subscribers are shuffleboard bars and we'd like a word with them. . . .

It makes us feel good when we visit a shuffleboard bar and see a copy of The Board Talk posted on the bulletin board. It tells us that bar is proud to be a supporter of shuffleboard and of The Board Talk.

However, it makes us feel bad to see a shuffleboarder who is a non-subscriber take that Board Talk off the bulletin board, sit back and read it, make some notes on what tournaments he/she doesn't want to miss and then put it back on the bulletin board for the next "freeloader."

We ask you a favor — go ahead and post the quarterly Board Talk in which you're listed and leave it there until the next quarter. Keep the ones you receive in between in your office or home. If shuffleboarders ask where the current issue is, tell them to send in a subscription for their own personal copy. That will help us — and you!

God bless you all!

George and Donna Wilber  
Publishers

## Tourney Talk (continued)

### Corporate Image Tourney Attracts National Participation

The Washington's Birthday tournament at the Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas, under the sponsorship of Dave Williams, Royce Hines and Bill Melton, attracted players from the four corners of the U.S. Round robins and draw-your-partner events were held during the week prior to the tournament which started on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Winners of the doubles tourney were: Billy Mays and Earl Kelly, first; Doug Buhl and Darrol Nelson, second; and Leroy Ledford and Karl Spickelmier, third.

Billy Mays took top honors in the singles with Darrol Nelson in second place and Earl Kelly in third.

Awards totaling over \$32,000 were shared by the winners of the two events.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Talented cartoonist, Barbra, captured some humorous moments at the Washington's Birthday tournament at the Corporate Image in Ft. Worth, Texas. Portrayed are Freddie Thumann and Bob White.

### Spurs "Spectacular" Tournament Results

The Spurs, Oklahoma City, hosted a Washington's Birthday "Spectacular" Feb. 14-17 and attracted 12 teams in the draw partners and eight teams in the bring-your-partner event.

In the draw partner event, Bud Hillburn, Tulsa, Okla., and Lee Brady, Houston, Texas, took first place. The Davidson brothers, Glen of Oklahoma City and Dave of Tupelo, came in second. Roy (Deno) Fleming, Oklahoma City, and Brady Jones, Amarillo, Texas, took third place honors.

Glen Davidson and Sam Summers, Oklahoma City, captured first place in the bring-your-partner tourney. Danny Hersom, Amarillo, and Sam Sweatt, Tulsa, placed second with Brady Jones, Amarillo, and Deno Fleming, Oklahoma City, in third place.

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### WHOOOPS! SORRY, GARY

Gary A. Moore's subscription was a Christmas gift and he received notice that his subscription had run out. He only received three issues. I thought the subscription was for a year.

Please let Gary know the status of his subscription.

Santa Claus, Oklahoma

*(Boy, is' our face red! You know how it is when the year changes; your needle gets stuck on the old one? That's what happened when we entered Gary's beginning subscription year as 1/85 instead of 1/86. When you called this to our attention, Santa, we checked and found three others who got "red checked" before their time. Give us 20 lashes with a wet noodle and assure Gary that he's still in good standing.)*

### AN INVITATION FROM NEW YORK'S "TRAVELING 10"

Shuffleboard is very active in Central New York and anyone coming into Sherburne or Norwich, New York, can easily pick up some excellent competition from the locals. Just ask for Neil or Milt and they will set it up.

Some of the locals are coming to Lansing, Michigan, in April to bowl in the Moose Nationals and will be there for a week. They will be looking for shuffleboard action and anyone interested can contact me.

We are a shuffleboard family. My husband, Neil, has played for almost 30 years as part of the "Traveling 10" all over New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our sons are also into the game and team up with their Dad from time to time. We have a lot of good young shufflers who are always anxious to try the old-timers.

I am even trying to pick up the name myself — getting a few more gray hairs but will keep trying because it is so much fun.

The "Traveling 10" is always looking for home and away matches and anyone interested can also contact me. You will be guaranteed a good time, good food and top notch shuffleboard.

Chippers to you all!

Lindy Bennett, Granville Hill Rd.  
Sherburne, New York 13460

*(Thanks, Lindy! We have few subscribers in your area and no news about what's going on in The World of Shuffleboard there. It's good to hear a voice from that section of the World and we hope it's only the beginning. Attention Michigan shuffleboarders: How about rolling out the "Yes! M!ch!gan" hospitality carpet for our New York guests? Send us dates and location, Lindy, and we'll pass along some suggested action spots.)*

## Letters to the Editor

### EVIE GETS RESPONSE

I always thought the reward for practicing to get good at any sport was to succeed — not to be thrown out of a league! They didn't throw Babe Ruth, Julius Erving, Magic Johnson, Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus out of their leagues for being good. Nor would I like to see a league pay eight places in a tournament if there were either eight or 24 teams entered. (Pay 3 or 4 places — a reward for being good.)

In the Grant County Shuffleboard League, both men's and women's leagues, there are two halves to a season, with two weeks off for Christmas and New Years. After the first half of the season that ends Christmas week, any players who are unhappy with the team they are on can switch to any other team.

But any player can only play for one team in any half-season or only two different teams in a season. Any violation of this rule and the games will be forfeited.

Charles (Bus) Voorhis  
The Palace Bar, Fairmont, Ind.

*(We would have been very surprised not to get a response to Evie Wechter's letter in the February Board Talk regarding a league decision to vote taverns with experienced players out of the league because their ability was "upsetting the standing of said weaker league." Bus Voorhis did not disappoint us.)*

### AN OKLAHOMA VOICE CALLS FOR UNITED ACTION

Shuffleboard is on the decline in Oklahoma at this time. I organized a first league in Tulsa in 1982 and we started in August with six teams. As always, some of the bar owners like to sit back and let it get started and all is well before they take the big gamble to make big money from the league.

After four weeks, we got eight more teams into action. They eventually got 18 teams with six women's teams. The bar owners started running the leagues. Now, they have no league!

What I'm saying to the bar owners is: sponsor the team, but let the teams run the league. This was a first league and naturally the players ended up the victims as they have for years in holding tournaments in bars and taverns.

Last year I got a club to put up \$1,000 extra prize money for the players to shoot at. This was a first. Now there are two clubs putting up \$1,000 extra for the players. I have a feeling there will be more — if the players demand it.

It's time we all start getting back something we have put into shuffleboard for the past 20 to 30 years. Now is the time to ask or demand our fair share of the profits!

The bar owners have access to all the beer companies that shell out from \$90 million to \$100 million a year for sporting events and advertising. You can't tell me that if all the bar owners spoke out for us that we couldn't get a piece of the pie.

Let's start by forming a committee where we play in our own communities and "march" on those beer and liquor companies to help our cause. We all drink their product. Why aren't we included in their support of sporting events?

If any of you are interested in helping to get us going for the benefit of shuffleboard players, write or call me. Let's hear from Canada, too. Mel Currie, where are you?

You will be hearing from me each month from Oklahoma and I will be sharing what I think we all have to do to get it going. First is to organize and have a good spokesperson. Frankly, I'm still hot about the big Vegas tournament that had no money added to the purse, no TV, no ESPN, no Wide World of Sports. I ask: why?

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Oklahoma City, OK 73150  
Phone 405-733-4430

*(We bet there are a lot of creative ideas out there in The World of Shuffleboard to address this broadly-recognized problem. We hope you'll share the feedback you get so we can share it with our readers. We understand that a group of players who participated in the Corporate Image's tournament in Ft. Worth this past month are making an attempt to "get organized." We expect to hear from them soon.)*

### A SUNSHINE NOTE

My personal thanks to you for publishing The Board Talk. This is what shuffleboard has needed for years. Keep up the great work!

Bellflower Bruce (Hale)  
Costa Mesa, Calif.

*(Our personal thanks right back to you, Bruce! It's subscribers like you who are the "heart" of The Board Talk. Bruce not only provides us with the positive feedback so necessary to the morale of the publishers, but he also recognizes the economics involved. He "put his money where his mouth is" by becoming a regular in the Shuffleboard Directory. We take this opportunity to encourage all shuffleboarders to support the advertisers who help bring The Board Talk to you each month.)*

### THE LEMBKES ON THE SHUFFLEBOARD CIRCUIT

As there are only two seasons in Bend (Oregon) — winter and August — Roy and I headed south, planning to return in mid-March for the St. Pat's tournament at the Palms in Springfield.

Leaving the snow behind us, we spent the first night in Marysville, Calif. at the Ace of Clubs. We had heard that this was a shuffleboard hot spot and were not disappointed when we were greeted by Joe Lavin, Don Teague, Leon Benton, Bob Butler, Leroy Ledford, John Woods and Roger Smyth. Bar owner Jerry Miller was holding his own with the best of them while his wife, Sharon, chatted and watched the action with us. There are four boards here and the action is tough and the lessons expensive.

Some hard driving got us to Visalia the next evening where we hoped to get in touch with an old friend from the Dine Tavern days — Long Beach Jim McDonald. The bar owner of Mr. G's (15742 Ave. 296, Visalia) located Jim for us. There are a lot of better-than-average players here and the wagers are modest. We were able to hold our own with them so we stayed two nights and really had a good time.

After a week of visiting relatives, we were more than willing to get to The Edgewood in Bellflower, Calif. We still think of The Edgewood as our home board and it's like coming home when we get there.

We arrived early Friday evening and they were well into a \$10 round robin. Playing were the familiar faces of Karl Spickelmier, Billy Chiles, Joe Muniz, Eric Waldman, Joe Nino, Mike Sanderson and owner Ben What's-His-Name, as well as non-Board Talk subscribers Frank Bentley, Jerry Davis and Fuzzy Hammerly. Don and Carol Anger, Bill Maxwell and Jim Kennedy arrived later and a good time was had by all.

We also managed to stop by the Balboa Club in El Monte where we played Little Tommy and also Van's in Fontana where we were lucky enough to find shuffleboarders Tom Skalaski and Eulys Codner, both old friends from the 1960s.

Everyone is talking about the Ft. Worth tournament and making plans to go. Roy and I are getting the bug, too. We were planning to go to Phoenix, but who knows? Will it be Phoenix or Ft. Worth? Even I won't know until the time comes.

Jolene Lembke, Bend, Oregon

*(We know now that the Lembkes did make the Ft. Worth tournament and while they were on the circuit, they sent us new subscribers from every state they visited. Our sincere appreciation, Roy and Jolene, for spreading the word about The Board Talk and for all the names you shared in this letter. Like any publication, it's names that breath life into The Board Talk.)*



**Jolene Lembke (center) with congenial Corporate Image tournament hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams.**

### NEWS FROM FORMER SHELTER SHUFFLEBOARD HOST

A good friend and fellow shuffleboard player, Dave Windbigler, passed away last month. It was Dave who suggested I use a handicap system in The Shelter's Saturday shuffleboard tournaments. He also played on The Shelter Shuffleboard League since the first team was formed in 1983. He will always be remembered as the guy who gave up nine points in a single frame and still won the game (my record is 11 points — but I lost!).

The Shelter now has a new owner. Both shuffleboards are still there and tournaments are still being run on Thursday (blind draw doubles) and Saturdays (singles).

After long and arduous negotiations, it has been decided that our honeymoon will be in Marysville during Memorial Day weekend. Hawaii got postponed.

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## **Tourney Talk (continued)**

### **Casulas Win Maryland Tourney**

Donnie and Richie Casula took first place in a tournament played Feb. 8 at Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland. Jack Gardner and John Lucas took second place honors. Henry Jarrel and Karen Dominic came in third with Brooks Boman and JoAnne Ware in fourth place.

### **Hayman/Domino Win Eastern Shore Tourney**

Twenty teams participated in the Eastern Shore shuffleboard tournament at the Sunset Lounge, Dover, Delaware, on Feb. 23. Dallas Hayman and Frank Domino took first place honors, with Eddie Kibler and Marion Schulties in second place. Chuck King and Wayne Tribbit came in third. Trophies were awarded to the top three teams, with prize money paid to six places.

### **St. Pat's Tourney at Springfield's Palm Tavern**

The second annual St. Pat's Day tournament at the Palm Tavern, 136 N. 4th, Springfield, Oregon, March 14-16, will be under the direction of Darrol Nelson and Billy Chiles and hosted by our Oregon reporters, Jolene and Roy Lembke.

Two-person team events, double elimination, \$25 per person entry fee, will pay 60% for first place, 30% for second, 10% for third, with entry fee reimbursed for fourth place. Promotional round robins, \$10 to \$50, will also be on the agenda.

The Palm Tavern bar is open 24 hours with food available any time. Recommended lodging is the Pacific 9 Motor Inn, 503-726-9266, with singles available at \$16.91 and doubles for \$22.27.

For information, contact Evie Wechter, 503-342-4196, or tournament directors Darrol Nelson and Billy Chiles, 503-687-8476.

### **St. Pat's Day Tourney, Sports Arena, Houston**

Houston, Texas, will host its first national tournament, March 12-16, at the Sports Arena, 11528 Jones Rd. On Wednesday and Thursday, round robins (\$10 to \$50) will be played all day and night. The draw-for-partner event, \$100 entry fee, will begin Friday after the auction at 7 p.m., one game double elimination. Following completion of the draw-partner event on Saturday, the bring-your-partner event, \$300 per team entry fee, 2 of 3 match double elimination, will begin at 2 p.m. The tourney will finish on Sunday. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places, with 60%, 30%, 10% payoff for both events.

For more information, contact Don Covington or Glen Davidson at 713-469-0345. Recommended lodging is the Comfort Inn Motel, 713-937-7056. Singles available for \$29.95, doubles \$35.

### **Bill's Tavern, Toledo, Ohio, April 5**

Bill's Tavern, 2472 Tremainsville Rd., Toledo, Ohio, will host a partners tournament on April 5. Entry fee is \$50 per team, with \$500 additional prize money and trophies sponsored by the Genesee Beer and Cream Ale. Double elimination, first 16 teams entered will play for 60%, 30%, 10%. Calcutta will start at 11 a.m. sharp with first game starting at noon.

Entry fees must be in one week in advance. Send check or money order, payable to Bill Kuenzel, to Bill's Tavern, 2472 Tremainsville Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43613. For further information, call 419-473-9238 or Bob Harris, 419-865-9498.

### **Indiana Bars Plan Tourney, April 19-20**

The Triangle Bar, 2129 Ohio Ave., Anderson, Ind., and Monty's Bar, 28 W. Main St., Chesterfield, (3 miles apart) will be the scene of a two-day event on April 19-20. It will be a 2 out of 3 single elimination partner tourney with \$100 per

team entry fee; pays two places, 70% and 30%. The Triangle's Tom Vorndran will kick in an extra \$100 to the winners.

Draw will be at 11 a.m. at the Triangle with play starting at noon sharp. The first two rounds will be played on Saturday with the semifinals and finals on Sunday at Monty's Bar.

The Triangle has two boards and will utilize both in order to get the first two rounds completed on Saturday. Monty's has one board and the final two rounds will start at 1 p.m. sharp.

For further information, contact Tom Vorndran, 317-642-1155.

## **Letters (continued)**

The Shelter's One Grand Shoot-Out in December had a poor turnout with only nine players. Eric Waldman was first, Billy Chiles second, Jack Ahern, third, and Chris Monahan and Jim Martin, fourth and fifth. Karl S. was in the Bahamas and Ted Z. was busy closing escrow on his shuffleboard bar.

If you find yourself in Temecula, stop by The Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, 43084 Rancho Way, where I'm sure you can find a game if Ted isn't too busy making sandwiches.

The two boards furnished by Al Stewart for the Stagger Inn tournament now reside at the Center Pub in Huntington Beach.

The Orange County Shuffleboard League season is nearing the end with one match and the All-Stars double elimination tournament and banquet remaining. The All-Stars are the two top percentage shooters from each team. The sponsoring bars are: Amato's Villa (2 teams), Covered Wagon, Good Times Saloon, The Huddle, Matti Gattons, Red Rooster (2 teams) and The Shelter (2 teams).

Bob Brunskill, Yorba Linda, Calif.

*(First of all, our sincere sympathy to the family of Dave Windbigler. He was a Board Talk subscriber and we appreciated his support. Second, we wish Bob well in whatever venture he tackles after retiring from The Shelter and on his honeymoon. We can tell you, Bob, that while Hawaii is a beautiful experience, it's not exactly a shuffleboard hot spot. Third, there's more on Ted Z's new venture in another letter.)*

### **Ted Z's "Best Little Wherehouse"**

My wife and I are now owners of a beer and wine place called The Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula. Around the shuffleboard circuit, most all the players know me as Ted Z from L.A.

We have two boards and if any of the traveling hustlers want to visit, they are welcome. I can always dig a few of my player friends like Billy Chiles, Karl Spickelmier, Billy Maxwell, Eric Waldman and Joe Muniz out to play.

I recently had a visit from Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl and we had some decent round robins.

I hope a couple of my old friends, like Jolene and Roy, will visit me, and don't forget to tell Jimmy the Cop to stop in.

Also, this coming 4th of July, I will be holding a doubles and singles tourney. I will be getting some flyers out soon. Three boards for sure and maybe four.

Ted Zariphes, Temecula, Calif.

*(We are delighted to spread the word about Ted's new shuffleboard action spot and wish him the best. You can bet that Jimmy the Cop will make it a point to visit The Best Little Wherehouse soon.)*



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