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of Shuffleboard

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The Hammer

In this issue: Shuffleboarders have big hearts. We all know that. And P.T. of Houston, Texas, has one of the biggest. You'd think that shuffleboard establishments in the same town would be thinking of ways to compete with each other. But instead, P.T. buys a quarter-page ad to encourage shuffleboarders to let one of his "competitors" know they care that he's ailing. What an example he sets for The World of Shuffleboard! Join us in our editorial salute to P.T. by helping his shuffleboarders fill that 5-gallon bucket for Don Covington.

We call your attention to a couple of feature articles in this month's Board Talk — one on women in shuffleboard by Rita Yankausaus of Pennsylvania and another on how to handle the stress involved in our game by Evie Wechter of Oregon. We appreciate their contributions and know you will, too.

We're introducing a new column this month called FYI. It will be used to introduce shuffleboarders to products and/or services sold by our advertisers that are of interest to our special audience. FYI (that's For Your Information) means just that. It is not an endorsement by the publishers. It is simply information provided by our advertisers that is likely to be of interest to you, the consumer. While we don't endorse the products or services in FYI, we do encourage you to give them a try and judge for yourself. These advertisers are very important to us and to you.

Because of our limited space, we'll introduce one product or service each month on a first-come, first-serve basis. Who's eligible? Anyone who has a service or product of interest to shuffleboarders and is an advertiser in The Board Talk.

We're concerned about the number of complaints we get each month regarding paid subscribers who are not receiving their Board Talk. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we repeat: any "undeliverable" issues are not returned to us. They just disappear out there in the Post Office's never-never land. We don't know that you didn't get The Board Talk we sent you unless you tell us.

Why don't you receive what we send you? (1) You moved and didn't let us know your new address; (2) the person who took your subscription transposed some number of your street address or zip code; or (3) the recorder in The Board Talk office (guess who?) made a boo-boo when she entered it on the computerized mailing list.

If it's not any of the above, it could be that with our lower

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Tourney Talk

Indiana Action

Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr took first place in a tournament held at the American Bar, Portland, on Aug. 23. Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum came in second. Eight teams participated in the \$100 event.

In a double elimination singles tourney at the American Bar on Aug. 30, Dave Boaz took first place honors, with Mel Sanders in second and Rick Stocker in third.

You don't have to be a member of the Central Indiana Shuffleboard Assn. to participate in their weekly tournaments. All tourneys are held on Saturdays, with auctions beginning at noon and play starting at 1 p.m.

The schedule of tournaments for October and November are: Oct. 18, Palace Bar, 121 S. Main, Fairmount, phone 317-948-9108; Oct. 15, Silver Dollar, 26 N. 8th, Nobelsville, phone 317-773-9818; Nov. 1, Triangle Bar, 2129 Ohio, Anderson, phone 317-642-1155; Nov. 8, American Bar, 211 W. Main, Portland, phone 219-726-9252; Nov. 15, Red Dog Saloon, 1600 W. 23rd, Muncie, phone 317-286-0255; Nov. 22, Town Tavern, Main St., Summitville, phone 317-536-2150; Nov. 29, Palace Bar, Fairmount.

Entry fee for each of the tourneys is \$20 per team. \$15 of the entry fee is paid back in the weekly tournaments; \$5 goes toward the championship and consolation tourneys at the end of the season which are open to league members only.

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1986-87 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Oct. 10-13

Columbus Day Tournament, Honey Comb
Lounge, Dallas, Texas

Oct. 11

Annual Fall Tournament, American
Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 7-9

Coors/Killian's Red Colorado Open, Bliner's
Sports Bar, Denver, Colorado

Nov. 28-30

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

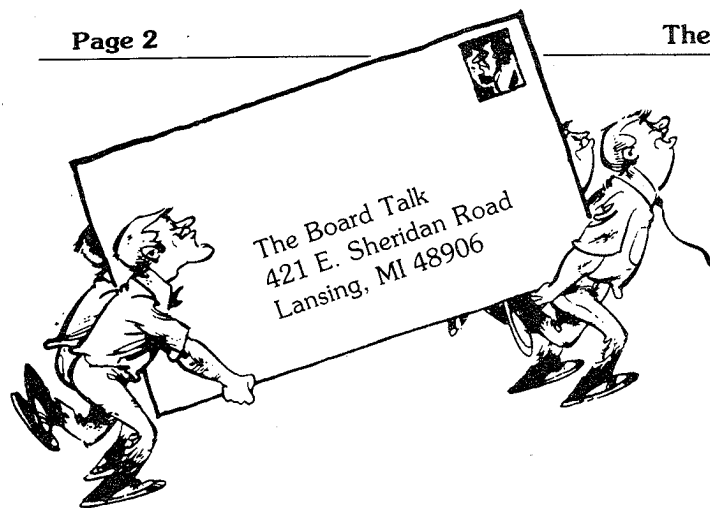
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February 1987

Post-Washington's Birthday Tournament of
Winners, P.T.'s, Houston, Texas

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Letters to the Editor

rematch on this one. Danny Hersom will also play John. Since then, John has been playing round robins in Oklahoma City. No singles matches here.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

FYI

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From Our Friend in Canada

I heard that the 2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament was a great success. Harvey, Mike and John showed me all the photos John took and they also brought me a Log Cabin cap. I wish I could have been there but I'm a contractor and that's my busy time of the year.

The Winnipeg Hotel, 214 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is now a subscriber, so I'm looking forward to seeing Winnipeg on your map. Winnipeg is only an hour's drive from the American border. If anyone ventures up, hopefully they will come for some friendly, or not so friendly, games. I'm usually there after work or I can be reached at this number at any time of the day: 204-956-1572.

Harold Schmidt, Winnipeg, Manitoba

All of the participants in the 4th of July tourney thought our Canadian visitors were great guys and great players. Be assured, Harold, that Manitoba will be on our map next month.

Glen Reports on Traveling John McDermott

The tourney in Marysville, Calif., over the Labor Day weekend was another success. Fred Thumann, Jerry and Sharon did a terrific job in the auction, brackets, and keeping the tournament going smoothly.

I enjoyed seeing all the California players I missed two years ago when I played there — Hal Perry, Ron Harrelson, Mickey Gomez, Rich Arky, Bob Hunt, Laggin' Laron, Mitch from Portland, and Garry Singer who I played in the doubles with; Fred Johns from Washington and D.K. from Seattle; Jim Foran and Jim Allis from Tacoma; Dave Arndt and Al Pease from Hoquiam, Wash.

It was a great pleasure seeing all these players and friends from the Great Northwest again. Hope to see some of them at Dallas or P.T.'s in Houston.

Leroy and Don from the L.A. area, Eric, Joe (the Laggin' Mexican), Billy Chiles, Karl Spickelmier and the crew at the Edgewood — hope to see all of you at the Stagger Inn at Thanksgiving.

John McDermott came back with me to attend the big bash at P.T.'s, then on to Dallas for the team event at the Honey Comb Oct. 10-13.

John and I played some at Duffy's in Las Vegas with Frank Zarala and Balboa Ron. We played three games of doubles, then Ron challenged John to a singles match which lasted until noon the next day. I don't know who won but after 14 hours of play — who would care? I would say they are both winners.

We stopped in Amarillo and John played Fred Harris for five or six hours — a close match all the way. We do have a

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Have You Come a Long Way, Baby?

By Rita Yankausaus

(Dedicated to two shooters from
Martin's Tavern, Asten, Pa.)

Forming one's thoughts and writing them on paper without hurting some people's feelings is almost impossible. It becomes even more difficult when your subject is shuffleboarders. To shoot the game of shuffleboard, you need knowledge, patience, confidence (cockiness to a point), sportsmanship, and what this article is about — respect from your fellow shuffleboarders.

My own experience over the last eight years has come full cycle. I have made all the mistakes that the novice has to make in order to become a competitive shuffleboarder. In other words, I have paid my dues in full with no change left over. I've been an essential part of five division championship teams, have shot in an all-star tournament on a number of occasions, and this past season received the most votes for our league's "Most Valuable Player" award.

If you can say that anyone who has accomplished this has the respect of their peers, you are wrong. I, like over 50% of the human population, am a female. I'm sure there are a great many women shuffleboarders over the years, who know that "paying your dues" doesn't automatically gain you respect.

The egos of some men (and I'm not writing about the majority of men) make them tough cookies to crumble. These men will deny these accusations but first-hand knowledge never lets you forget that they are out there playing the game. The chauvinistic ideas they have toward the opposite sex in the game of shuffleboard ranges from female players not being allowed to shoot in their leagues, to taking away any recognition these women deserve and making excuses to downgrade their accomplishments.

***"... I feel like Rodney Dangerfield. . .
I don't get no respect."***

I live in Philadelphia, Pa., and I can tell you that female shooters don't get treated with much respect when it comes to shooting in the Northeastern section of this country. After shooting in two different leagues, traveling to different shuffleboard spots, playing in a number of tournaments and winning my share, I can tell you I feel like Rodney Dangerfield saying his famous line, "I don't get no respect."

When a female shoots a male she doesn't know, he becomes amazed that she can shoot, shocked that she knows the game, embarrassed when she beats him and mad because it was done by a woman. This is when the excuses start getting deeper than snow on a mountain top. She hears a lot of "I was just getting warmed up," or "I was just getting the feel for the board," or "You really made some lucky shots," or the old standby, "That was the worst game I've shot all year." Never mind that it's his bar, his board, and he's been on the board for the past hour. Had it been a male who walked in and beat this gentleman, you would hear "great game, good shooting, give that man a drink," and he would walk away without feeling his ego was shattered.

After eight years, I can now grin and bear it, but four or

five years ago, it was a sticky situation with my feelings getting bruised more often than not.

"When a female shoots a male. . . he becomes amazed that she can shoot, shocked that she knows the game, embarrassed when she beats him and mad because it was done by a woman."

There isn't any physical strain on the body or mind in the game of shuffleboard. All any person needs is the know-how, the strategy of the game (from years of experience), the determination and willingness to put forth the time and effort needed to become a competent shooter.

In a sense, I'm lucky in that the leagues I've shot in have always been mixed. Showing some of these macho men that we females can shoot makes those early years less bruising.

"If we women are to get the respect we deserve. . . we are going to have to demand our right to be recognized as A & B shooters — not just female shooters."

If we women are to get the respect we deserve in this game, we are going to have to demand our right to be recognized as A and B shooters, not just female shooters. There shouldn't be any reason for all-male or all-female shuffleboard leagues. When a man signs up for a team, he must shoot up to the team's standards and show he is putting the time in to improve his game. If he doesn't, he will sit until he proves that he can produce for the team. With a whole lot of A and B female shooters out there, I see no reason why this can't be done for all shuffleboarders.

This article was not written for every male shooter. It will have some male shooters shaking their heads and disagreeing with everything I wrote. They are the ones I and all female shooters are trying to reach and make them understand that if we put in the same time, effort and dedication as they do, there isn't any reason why we can't shoot on the same level as they do.

When these male shooters realize that shuffleboard is for both sexes, that is when we females will get the proper respect and recognition that we deserve.

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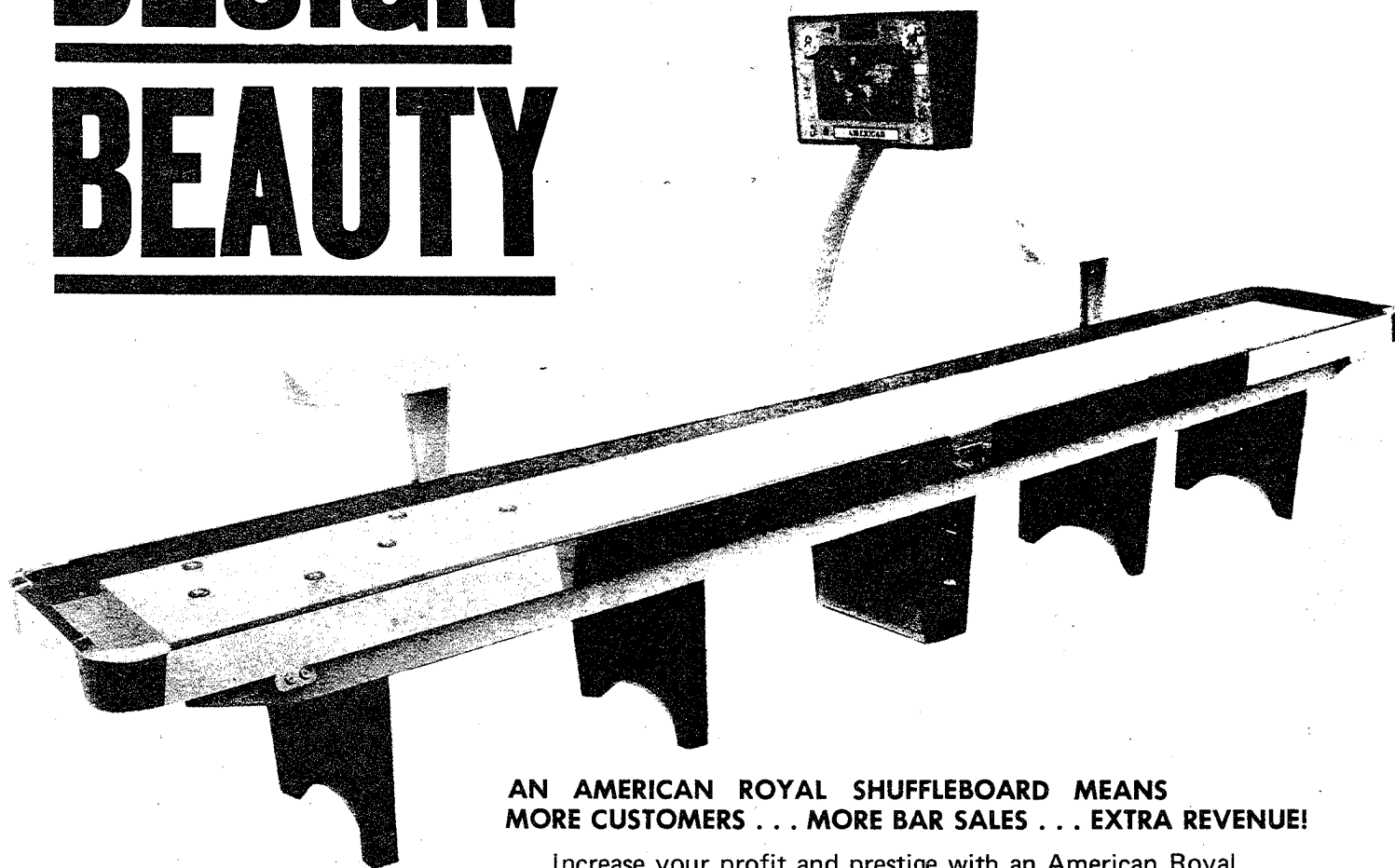
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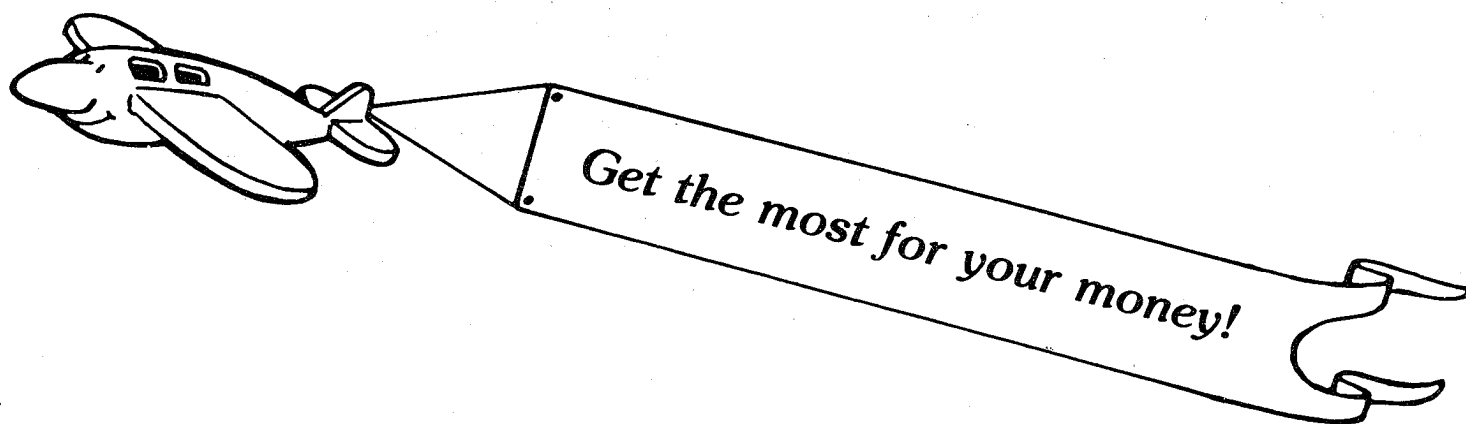
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or Indiana reporter Steve Hart, 4503 Princeton Dr., Anderson, Ind. 46014.

Shaffer/Brock Win Green House Doubles

The Green House Club, Big Spring, Texas, held its fifth annual doubles tourney recently. Bob Shaffer and Randal Brock won first place with Ray Sneed and Bill Moore taking second place honors.

Brimm/Cottrell Win at Walt's Bar, Detroit

O.B. Brimm of Utica and Jeff Cottrell of Drayton Plains won the doubles tournament at Walt's Bar, Detroit, over the Labor Day weekend. Mike Tobin of Redford and John Whitman from New Port took second place honors with John Tischler and Rich Love of Detroit in third place.

Seafarer Hosts Back-to-Back Tourneys

Welcome to new Board Talk subscribers and new owners of the Seafarer, 75 NE Harbor Ct., Warrenton, Ore. Oregon reporter Jolene Lembke says they are keeping the two good boards and have installed spectator seats for their tournament rooters. The Seafarer is near the water with lots of boats and fishermen around and they have a ship-like decor, Jolene reports.

At a tournament on Aug. 23-24, Carl Baker and Doug Dubois came in first, with Dave Arndt and Al Peace in second, and Willard Hutson and Lee Andreas in third.

Mike DeAngelo and Chuck Harris won the Labor Day weekend tournament with Rose White and Steve Wilson taking second place honors. Doug Dubois and Carl Baker returned to take third, and Frank Montarrez and Roy Eckelman finished fourth.

Davidson/Mitchell Winners at Marysville

At the Labor Day tournament at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif., Glen Davidson of Oklahoma took first place in the singles. Bill Melton, Oklahoma, won second place honors, with Hal Perry, California, in third place.

In the doubles event, Glen Davidson and Don Mitchell took first place. Karl Spickelmier and Joe Muniz of California finished in second, with Dave Arndt and Al Pease of Washington in third place.

(See more details in Letters.)

Yank/Kennedy Win Ray Hess Memorial Event

The first annual "Ray Hess Memorial Tournament" was held at Craig's Tavern in Drexel Hill, Pa. on Sept. 8-10, with 24 players from six different communities and three different leagues participating.

First place honors went to Jim Yank and Mike (Slim) Kennedy, both of Philadelphia. Sonny Oxadine, Philadelphia, and John Allen, Broomall, took second place. Third place went to Anthony Conch of Philadelphia and Bob Kelly of Upper Darby.

Jim Yank reports that owners Buddy and Roger Craig put together a tournament that was a real tribute to great shuffleboard enthusiast Ray Hess. "He would have been proud of the professionalism shown during all three days of the tournament," Jim said.

McDonalds Win Lansing Mixed Doubles

Local shuffleboarders Lee and Delores McDonald took first place honors in the mixed doubles tourney at Art's Bar, Lansing, on Sept. 13-14. Rick and Young Stocker of Redkey, Ind., came in second, with Mike Chammaro and Cathy Morgan, Union Lake, finishing third.

Bird/Kelly Win at Bliner's

Dennis Bird and Nancy Kelly won the mixed doubles tournament at Bliner's Sports Bar, Denver, Colo., on Sept. 19-20. In second place were Travis and Tommie Anderson.

Bourbon Fall Tournament, Oct. 11

A single elimination doubles tournament will be held at the American Legion, Bourbon, Ind., on Oct. 11. \$20 entry fee. Auction starts at 11 a.m.

For information, call Mike Koontz, 219-342-0693, or the American Legion, 219-342-9125.

Fall Tournament, Rising Sun, Maryland, Oct. 31-Nov. 2

A Fall Tournament, hosted by the Lafayette Inn and Epics Lounge, Rising Sun, Md., will be held Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2. Registration fee of \$25 per team for the bring-your-partner event, 21-point single game, double elimination. Extra prizes will be added depending on number of entries — 32 team maximum.

The auction will be held immediately after entries close on Thursday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. Open buffet for participants during the entire tournament. If players live over 50 miles away, arrangements will be made for early Saturday morning shooting instead of Friday night, but must be requested.

For information, contact Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, Md. 21911; phone 301-658-9075.

Columbus Day Shuffleboard Team Challenge, Honey Comb, Dallas

A big tourney, featuring a six-man team event and a bring-your-partner doubles, will be held at the Honey Comb Lounge, 10569 Denton Drive, Dallas, Oct. 10-13. \$1,000 entry fee for the six-man event. Every team will play every team entered and total team points will determine the winners. Entry fee for the bring-your-partner event is \$300 per team, best of three match, double elimination.

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Dealing With Stress in Shuffleboard

By Evie Wechter

Are you one of the shuffleboard players who is having a lot of frustration and disappointment because you're losing one game after another? Here are some ways to cope with the stress involved in shuffleboard:

- (1) Have you picked up some bad habits in shooting? Remember that shuffleboard is like tennis, bowling or golf, almost any other sport. Players have to practice and learn the right way of delivering and following

through on their shots. If you're not shooting those rails or having trouble with your cross-over shots or double shots — practice, practice, practice.

- (2) Find someone with whom you can talk about your frustrations and ask them to help you find out what you're doing wrong. When you do find that someone, be a good listener.
- (3) Don't let the players who have been beating you cause your frustration. Watch those players and learn from them. Relax and enjoy yourself while you're learning from them.
- (4) Maybe you're suffering from "burnout." Take a few days away from shuffleboard — not just your body but your mind.
- (5) Come back from your "break" with a fresh attitude. Listen, watch, learn, practice. You'll be a winner if you do.

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We're happy that this service is attracting so many new shuffleboard locations as subscribers. But, it's also a cause of concern. We've got some states that have more shuffleboard location subscribers than player subscribers. This means a lot of shuffleboarders who benefit from The Board Talk are getting a "free ride" because bars are sharing the issues they pay for with their customers.

This doesn't help the locations that are sharing and it sure doesn't help us. Once again, we issue this plea to our "map" subscribers. Go ahead and post the quarterly issues in which the map appears on your bulletin board and circulate it among your customers. That's your due! But with the issues in between, keep them in your office or behind the bar and when your customers ask, "Where's the latest Board Talk?" tell them to subscribe and get their own copy.

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The Board Talk's Top 20 Shuffleboard Players in USA

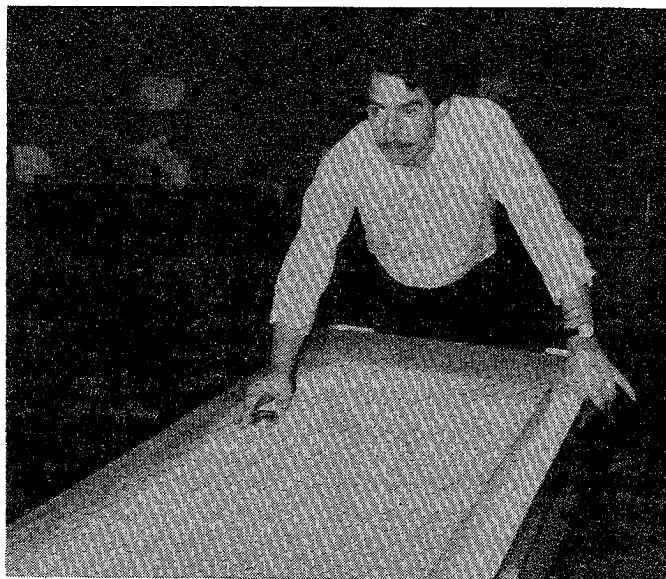
This Top 20 shuffleboard information was compiled by Board Talk Editor George Wilber and will change each month depending upon how players perform in tournaments — and how faithfully those results are reported.

These standings reflect the limited information and observations of the editors. We welcome any challenges to the selection but, more than that, we welcome documentation of tournament wins as outlined in our "Letter From The Editors" in the August 1986 issue of The Board Talk. In the meantime, this is a place from which to start.

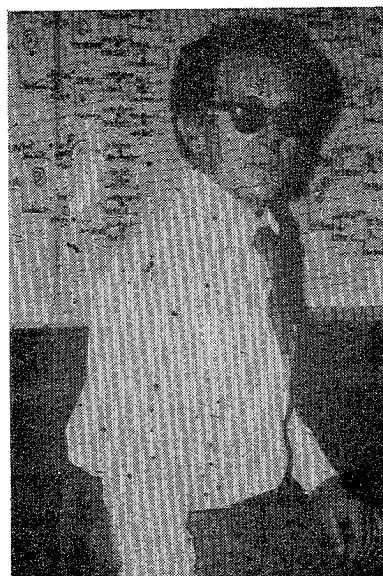
1. Darrol Nelson, Oregon
2. Billy Mays, Texas
3. Doug Buhl, California
4. John McDermott, Michigan
5. Bill Melton, Oklahoma
6. Glenn Davidson, Oklahoma
7. *Micky Mickens, New Jersey
8. Lee McDonald, Michigan
9. Ed Graves, Oklahoma
10. Dave Williams, Texas
11. J.R. Lopez, Michigan
12. Rick Boyer, Texas
13. Bobby Voorhis, Indiana
14. Karl Spickelmier, California
15. Galen Gaunce, Oregon
16. *Ed Galke, New York
17. Larry Massie, Indiana
18. Sam Summers, Oklahoma
19. John Lucas, Maryland
20. Fred Thumann, California

The lack of women on this listing may be the result of reasons outlined by Rita Yank (see special feature on Page 4) or because organizers have not recognized the value of sponsoring more tourneys for women.

*Mickens and Galke are awarded spots in the Top 20 because of their known reputation and ability, however, will be removed in future listings because of lack of tournament play.



Darrol Nelson of Oregon captures the first place spot in The Board Talk's Top 20.



Billy Mays of Texas, nationally recognized for his expertise on the boards, is in second place.

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