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News and Views from the World of Shuffleboard

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The Hammer

This is a very special issue of The Board Talk. At first glance, it might look the same as last month or the month before — but take a closer look. . . .

Look at the ads for upcoming tournaments and the new directory listings. That indicates that we've got some true believers who recognize The Board Talk as the voice of shuffleboard, worth the investment of ad space to attract business. That's vital to us, of course, but it's also important to you because it means your publication will keep coming each month. Show your appreciation to those advertisers by patronizing their businesses.

Look at the Letters section and feel the "caring and sharing" attitudes projected there, the comradarie and respect for each other, the innovative ideas to strengthen our sport. In some segments of our society, you can be sued for plagiarism if you "steal" someone else's idea. Not so in The World of Shuffleboard where creative ideas are eagerly shared. A "Pro-Am" tourney with members of the news media — what a great idea! Let's try it....

Look at Tourney Talk and see the latest accomplishments of the "stars" we all admire and try to emulate. And look, too, at P.T.'s innovative idea for a \$10 draw, affordable to most anyone in The World of Shuffleboard, that drew 54 players and the new names we see as a result. Watch for those names in future Board Talks; they'll be there.

Look, too, at the emergence of women as a vital part of The World of Shuffleboard. Whether it's a women's event, a mixed doubles, a draw-partner or an open event, they're proving there's no sex barriers in this sport.

This issue also heralds the breakthrough that we've all been waiting for. How many editorials and letters-to-the-editor in the past have dealt with the question: how come the major beer companies sponsor other sports but ignore shuffleboard? Especially frustrating because shuffleboarders consume more of their products than participants in other sports. Well, please note that a major beer company has recognized that fact. You can help make them glad they did by participating in the "Coors/Killian's Red Colorado Open" in November.

Like we said, this is a special issue. Savor it and be confident that more are coming!

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Tourney Talk

Graves/Melton/Davidson Share Top Honors at Pepper Mill

The Pepper Mill in Oklahoma City hosted its second tournament on July 18-20 with 24 players in the \$100 draw-partner event and 16 in the bring-your-partner competition.

Winners of the draw-partner tourney were Ed Graves and Bill Melton, with Glen Davidson and Diana Hagen in second. Earl Kelly and Howard Mouton took third place.

Glen Davidson and Ed Graves were tops in the bringyour-partner event. Bill Melton and Sam Sweatt took second place honors with Steve Walker and Sam Summers in third place.

Pepper Mill owner Leon Ammerman says thanks to all the people from Tulsa and out-of-staters for their participation in his tourney, which was directed by Davidson and Ron Huddleston.

Bobbie Trowbridge Takes Women's Title

Bobbie (Fisher) Trowbridge of Springfield, Ore., won the first Women's Singles Tournament sponsored by the Palms Tavern on July 18-20. She also teamed up with Bruce Wechter of Eugene to take first place in the mixed doubles event which followed the women's singles.

"We hope to have a bigger and better tournament next year," says hostess Jolene Lembke, Oregon Board Talk

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1986-87 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Oct. 2-5

"Mega-Bucks" Tourney, P.T.'s, Houston, Texas

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

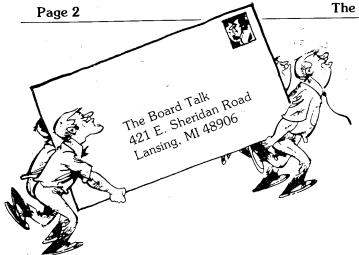
2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament, Stagger Inn, Bellflower, Calif.

February 1987

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

February 1987

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



A Welcome Word from Friend John

The Board Talk's 4th of July tournament is still on my mind — loved it! I catch myself daydreaming every shot — especially against you, George. Looking forward to next year and hoping to bring some more shooters.

We all are getting ready to start league play soon — two

tough leagues in Delaware and Maryland.

I will get you more subscribers. Thanks for the good times.

John Lukas, Millington, Maryland

(We appreciate you, John, for your friendly smile, your support of The Board Talk and our annual tourney, your healthy appetite, your warped sense of humor....Don't ever change; we love you just the way you are!)

A Vote of Confidence from Mary

Please renew my subscription as per enclosed check, which carries with it a little contribution toward your good work promoting shuffleboard. I don't have to tell you it is truly a game for all people and for all seasons.

Though you must get pretty tired sometimes, you seem to be in touch with some real down-to-earth people. Very refreshing these days.

Good luck and I'll keep reading.

Mary Cusano, President, American Shuffleboard Co.

(Bless you, Mary, for your vote of confidence. We don't have to tell you how important that is to us. We have made you our very first "charter member" of The Board Talk!)

Oregon Player Says: "Keep Cooking!"

I wish to commend everyone involved with making The Board Talk such a great promoter of shuffleboard. I appreciate the tremendous effort in time and energy that is required to make this sort of thing work. Keep cooking!

I think the idea of a player rating and handicap system is great. It won't be easy and will require a lot of input and forethought to develop a workable system. I am a tournament chess player and aware of the complications that are encountered. I will try to get some information on the systems employed in rating chess players and send it to you for analysis.

I would like to see more young players (male and female) exposed to the fine qualities of shuffleboard. One way that this might be accomplished is to offer comprehensive instruction for those interested. Flyers posted by the owner stating free instruction, say from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, perhaps featuring guest instructors who vary from

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week to week, teaching the very basics to advanced strategies such as hammer control, etc. This could be followed by tournament play and prizes, leagues to be developed inhouse and inter-business. I want to stress the importance of having the ladies involved.

Garry Singer, Portland, Oregon

(Thanks, Garry, for your kind words and for your input on the player rating system. We look forward to receiving your chess rating systems. We also think your idea of shuffleboard establishments offering free instructions is a super one and hope there will be some follow-through on it.)

Glen Salutes Volunteers

The U.S. Open at Austin, Texas, was a Texas-size tourney. Don Valk put a lot of hard work into this one and he says it will be even better next year. The bracket man (Nick) did a fantastic job as well as the auctioneers, Bill Woolridge of Ft. Worth and Joe Doss of Dallas.

Hats off to all of these unsung heros who do their

volunteer jobs real well. Thanks from all of us.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

More Plaudits for U.S. Open Tourney Promoter

Tournament promoter Don Valk deserves some recognition for the fantastic job he did in organizing the U.S. Open. Some of the innovative ideas Don had included a "celebrity pro-am" which consisted of seven members of the local news media teamed up with seven "pros" in a single elimination tourney on Thursday night.

Friday afternoon the local NBC station sent a film crew out and Billy Mays entertained them with a trick shot exhibition which was shown on the 10:00 news that night.

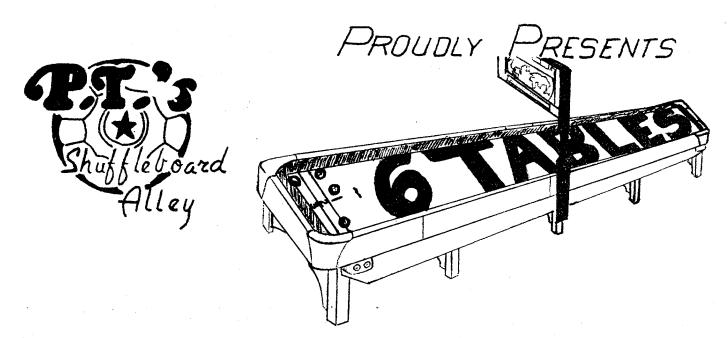
As starting time drew near, two other Don Valk ideas impressed me. Every player was given a copy of the rules which they were asked to sign. Don also passed out a rating sheet to some people who came to participate in the auction but did not know all of the players.

It was nice to see some players from my part of the country, including John Myles of Detroit, Bob Voorhis and Rick Stocker of Indiana, and former Michigan players Don and Sheila Gunter, now of Austin, Texas, and Bill Jenkins, now living in Dallas.

The best excuse of the week came after one player threw a hammer that probably would not have stopped on a 30-foot table. To his partner he said, "Well, you know I had polio as a child and occasionally I still get a flare-up."

While Don Valk is already working on the second annual tourney, he wishes to thank the people who helped him raise the \$2,000 he added to the prize money by buying a good-looking U.S. Open co-sponsor shirt for \$100. Thanks to: Don Anderson, Rick Boyer, Jim Crippin, Ken Edmondson, Morris Estes, Jimmy Gewin, Jim Grove, Don Gunter, Buddy Harper, Earl Kelly, Billy Mays, John McDermott, Bill Melton, Rich Molitor, Bill Moody, Darrol Nelson, Nick Richartz, Joe Roden, Buddy Fushing, George Semple, Jerry Shiever, Phil Skover, John Smith, Aggie Valk, Ingram Whitley and David Williams.

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P.T.'s Pre-Columbus Day MEGA BUCKS TOURNEY

This one has something for everyone!

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 — A real Ladies' Singles event. \$25 per person entry. Auction at 7 p.m. P.T. starts the entry pot with \$500. Single game, double elimination.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 — \$100 per person Draw Partners. Auction at 7 p.m. Single game, double elimination. Guaranteed 16 Houston players.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 — \$150 Singles event. Auction at 12 noon. 2 of 3 double elimination.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5 — \$300 Bring-Your-Own Partner event. Auction at 12 noon. 2 of 3 double elimination.

A WORD ON HOUSE RULES:

- (1) If you are not present at starting time and you have not spent 25 cents on a phone call, you are scratched from that event. You will then be fined \$100 before you can enter another event at P.T.'s. This \$100 fine will go in the entry pot of the event you are entering. This rule pertains to predrawn partners for the purpose of study time before auction. All other entries that are not present at starting time will be scratched and lose their entry. This rule will be in effect from this day of publication. All previous offenders will receive full pardon from the House.
- (2) During tourneys, no player still in tourney will be allowed to throw any weights on tournament boards. This rule pertains to only the boards that are still being used in the tourney you are in.

P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley

4324 W. 34th Street, Houston, Texas

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reporter. "Anyone interested? Contact me at 20356 Shahala Ct., Bend, Ore. 97702; phone 503-389-48888."

Anderson/McGovern/Spickelmier Big Winners at Bliner's

Over the July 25 weekend, Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo., sponsored a draw-partner and singles tournament. Bliner's is fast becoming the best place for shuffleboard in the state, with two excellent boards, reports owner Norm Nuwash.

Travis Anderson and Grady McGovern took first in the draw-partner event with Jody Slack and Rod Bachman in second place. Fred Compean and Karl Spickelmier of California took third.

Karl also took first place honors in the singles, with second place going to George Ostrum and Fred Compean in third place.

J. R. and Lee Do It Again At Dillinger's

The dynamic duo of J.R. Lopez and Lee McDonald of Lansing took first place at a doubles tournament hosted by Dillinger's Saloon, 19 S. Washington, Oxford, Mich., on Aug. 2-3.

The Detroit team of John Tischler and Rich Love took second place with Jerry Siebert and Wayne Reist of Lansing in third.

U.S. Open "Smashing Success!"

The first annual U.S. Open, held at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel in Austin, Texas, Aug. 6-10, was a "smashing success," according to Board Talk reporter John McDermott.

The event attracted 44 entries in three events plus a good number of spectators and side-betters. Participants competed for \$33,500 in prizes including \$19,250 in the open singles; \$10,800 in the bring-your-partner event, and \$3,500 in the ladies' singles.

In the open singles, Darrol Nelson of Oregon won top honors, the third consecutive singles tourney he has won this summer. Second place went to Howard Mouton of Houston, Texas, with third place won by Michigan's John McDermott and fourth to Glen Davidson of Oklahoma.

The draw-your-partner tournament was won by Glen Davidson and Rick Boyer of Austin, Texas. In second place were Bill Melton of Oklahoma and David Williams of Fort Worth. Third place honors were won by the Dallas team of Bob White and Earl Kelly with fourth place going to Darrol Nelson and John McDermott.

In the ladies' event, all the awards were taken by the Texas women with Diana Hagen of Houston in first, Evelyn Harris (owner of The Goldmine in Dallas) in second place, and Velma Covington (owner of the Sports Arena in Houston) in third.

For further details on this tourney, see Letters on page 2.

P.T.'s Draws 54 Players for \$10 Draw

Houston's "Biggest \$10 Draw" tournament attracted 54 players to P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley on Aug. 15-16. Players competed for a purse of \$6,000.

Winners were: Peter Thiele and Kelly Cameron, 1st; Jim Taylor and Mike Lower, 2nd; Ray Driskill and Margie Dussuth, 3rd; Earl Kelly and Mary Koterace, 4th; Howard Mouton and Dee Humphries, 5th.

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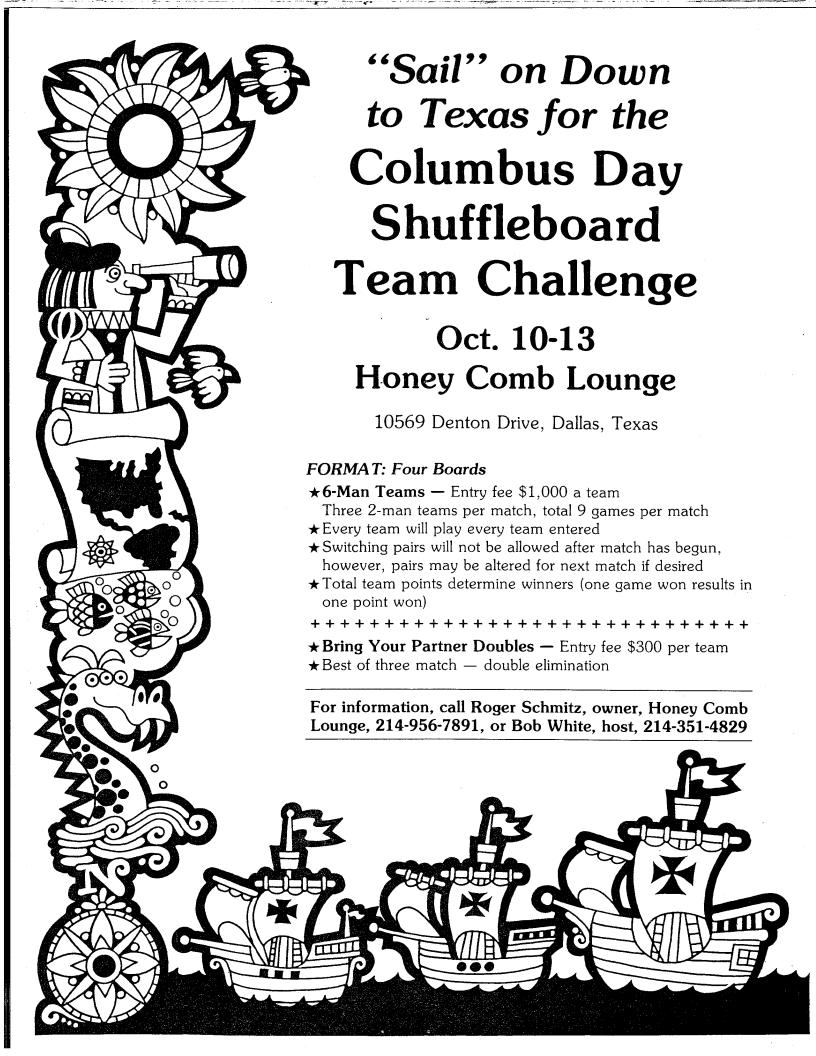
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Gach/Speck Win Lakeside Tourney

Local players Gene Gach and Sue Speck were tops in a field of 19 teams in the mixed doubles tournament at the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Mich., on Aug. 16-17. George Wilber of Lansing and Penny Cottrell of Drayton Plains teamed up to take second place honors, with locals Mike Chamarro and Cathy Morgan in third place.



Sue Speck and Gene Gach pose with tourney director Elly Canterbury (right) after winning their first place trophies.

Mixed Doubles, McCleer's, Lansing, Sept. 13-14

A mixed doubles tournament will be hosted by McCleer's Saloon, 910 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Mich., on Sept. 13-14. The auction will start at 1 p.m. on the 13th. 60-30-10 payoff with trophies for first place. For further information, contact Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184.

Bliner's Mixed/Bring Partner Tourney Set for Sept. 19-20

Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo., will sponsor a mixed doubles and bring-your-partner tournament on Sept. 19-20. \$20 per team entry fee. For further information, contact Norm Nuwash, 303-433-1450.

Mixed Doubles at Dugout, Ionia, Mich., Sept. 27

Help us welcome a new shuffleboard bar to The World of Shuffleboard by participating in the mixed doubles tournament at the Dugout Lounge, 122 N. Dexter (M-66), Ionia, Mich. \$10 per team entry fee, auction starting at 1 p.m.

There will also be a draw-partner event on Friday night, Sept. 26. \$10 entry fee.

For further information, call 616-527-9814, or George Wilber at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

Bourbon Fall Tournament, Oct. 11

The American Legion in Bourbon, Ind., is the site of the Midwest's biggest single elimination doubles tournament on Oct. 11. \$20 entry fee. Big auction starts at 11 a.m. Three boards, friendly hosts, efficient organizers! Great tourney for participants and spectators.

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P.T.'s Mega Bucks Tourney, Oct. 2-5

The Pre-Columbus Day Mega Bucks tourney at P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, 4324 W. 34th St., Houston, Texas, will

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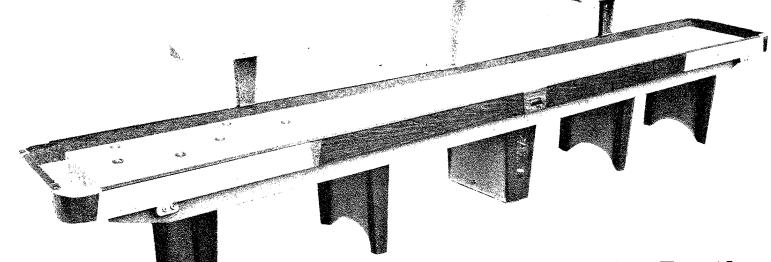
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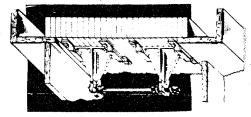
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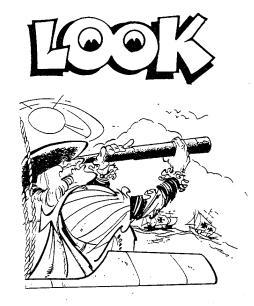
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- ★ Switching pairs will not be allowed after match has begun, however, pairs may be altered for next match if desired
- ★ Total team points determine winners (one game won results in one point won)
- Kind of hope Bill Melton can't get a team together
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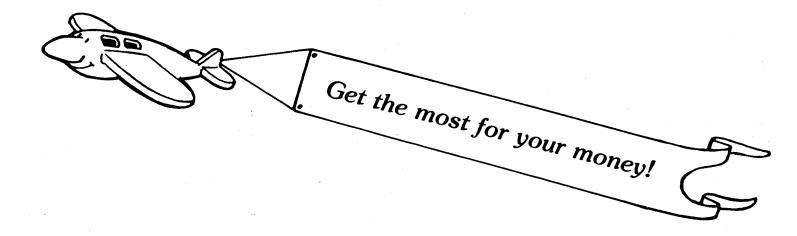




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have something for everyone. "October will be the moment the long distance players have been waiting for," says P.T. "More money in the Houston-Dallas area than you ever dreamed of. If this doesn't bring you to the United Republic of Texas, nothing will!"

Action starts at 7 p.m., Oct. 2, with a women's singles, \$25 per person entry fee. P.T. will start the entry pot with \$500. Single game, double elimination.

On Friday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., a draw-partner event is on the agenda. \$100 per person entry fee, single game, double elimination, guaranteed 16 Houston players.

A singles event will start at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 4. \$150 entry fee, 2 of 3, double elimination.

A bring-your-partner event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, \$300 entry fee, 2 of 3, double elimination. Auctions prior to each event.

For information or to make your reservation, call P.T., 713-681-3852. (See ad in this issue.)

Columbus Day Shuffleboard Team Challenge, Honey Comb, Dallas

And while you're in the United Republic of Texas, stay for the Columbus Day Shuffleboard Team Challenge, Oct. 10-13, at the Honey Comb Lounge, 10569 Denton Drive, Dallas. This big tourney will feature a six-man team event and a bring-your-partner doubles.

In the six-man team event, with \$1,000 entry fee, every team will play every team entered. Total team points will determine the winners.

Entry fee for the bring-your-partner doubles is \$300 per team, best of three match, double elimination.

For information, contact Roger Schmitz at the Honey Comb, 213-956-7981, or Bob White, 214-351-4829. (See ad in this issue — and please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard location.)

"Coors Colorado Open" at Bliner's, Denver, Nov. 7-9

Coors Brewery (Coors, Coors Light and Killian's Red) is helping sponsor this big event at Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo., on Nov. 7, 8 and 9. This will be Colorado's Super Bowl of shuffleboard, reports Norm Nuwash, owner of Bliner's, so they're discussing the possibility of Coors supplying a championship ring for first place. There will be "thousands" in prize money, he says, plus commemorative T-shirts for all participants.

The Board Talk 421 E. Sheridan Road Lansing, MI 48906 A bring-your-partner event, with \$200 per team entry fee, is scheduled for Friday night and Saturday, with a singles (\$150 per person entry fee) on Saturday night and Sunday. Come early and participate in a \$50 draw partner event on Thursday night, Nov. 6.

Special room rates are available for out-of-town players and spectators. Call or write for details and registration package. Tournament directors are Norm Nuwash, 303-433-1450; George Ostrum, 303-455-0023; and Jody Slack, 303-973-6529.

See ad in this issue.

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... And a tribute to Bill Melton

Before I sign off, I want to acknowledge the contributions of a man who puts back into the game much more than he takes out. In addition to being a champion at the game he loves, Bill Melton also works tirelessly for the advancement of the sport.

On top of being the number one solicitor for The Board Talk, he also helps run tournaments in many different areas, often loaning out several shuffleboards. At the U.S. Open, his son, Mike, hauled three tables 350 miles and set them up a week early and Bill and his family were still there (after most of the players had gone) disassembling tables and cleaning up.

Bill also has a houseful of future stars from oldest son Mike, who won four round-robins in a row on Tuesday, to Mitch, who until recently was not tall enough to see over the top of the frame. To see Bill's name on a tournament flyer is a guarantee to players everywhere that it will be an organized, efficient and honest tournament.

Keep up the good work.

John McDermott, Detroit, Michigan

(Thanks, John, for so eloquently putting into words what many people in The World of Shuffleboard think of these two men — including The Board Talk editors!)

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