

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Rules . . . rules . . . rules. Of what importance are they in a shuffleboard match? The same as they are in any other sport — a must!

When players from throughout the nation met at the Corporate Image in Ft. Worth in February and discussed forming a national organization, one of their top objectives was uniform rules for tournaments. No matter where a player entered a tournament, they said, he or she should know going in that the rules are the same in California as they are in Delaware.

John McDermott, who is chairing a committee to get the American Shuffleboard Federation (ASF) organized, has submitted a set of rules (familiar to some players as the "Ramos Rules") for consideration. These rules are subject to changes, additions and deletions. The committee welcomes input from all interested players. Once a uniform set of rules is adopted, they should be posted on the wall prior to a tournament.

Proposed ASF Tournament Rules:

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3. Weights in question will be decided by officials only.
4. Any weight hanging over edge or end of board, opposition is responsible for said weight.
5. No blasting on clear board; one point penalty.
6. Sprinkle rails only.
7. More than 15 minutes late for match, one point penalty per minute after first 15 minutes.
8. Respect other players on boards next to you.
9. Do not walk in front of your opposition while he or she is shooting; one warning, after that, one point penalty.
10. All players will shake hands before and after matches.
11. No harrassment of players while shooting.
12. No drinks allowed in playing area around boards.
13. No changing weights from board to board. If caught doing this without authorization, foul play will be assumed and could mean disqualification.
14. Tampering with boards, powder or weights will mean automatic disqualification.
15. Flip first game; loser of first flip gets hammer second game; flip third game.
16. One player must be present from each doubles team, or if singles, all players will be present on drawing of opponents.

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Tourney Talk

Sweeney/McDonald Win at Stober's

Marie Sweeney of Lake Orion and Lee McDonald of Lansing teamed up to take first place honors at a mixed doubles tournament at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich., on Feb. 21. Jerry Siebert, Lansing, and Sue Speck of Lake Orion took second place honors. J. R. Lopez of Lansing and Jamie Kay of Detroit finished in third place, with Bobby Voorhis and Deb of Fairmount, Ind., in fourth.



Marie Sweeney and Lee McDonald (center) took first place in the mixed doubles at Stober's on Feb. 21. Jerry Siebert and Sue Speck finished second.

Workman/Kennedy/Maxwell Winners at Ted Z's

Tom Workman and Jim Kennedy won the doubles tournament at Ted Z's, Temucula, Calif., over the Washington's Birthday weekend. Billy Maxwell and Ted Z finished second, with Troy Tolbert and Chuck in third place.

Billy Maxwell took first place in the singles, with Jim Kennedy in second place and Ted Z in third.

Day/Lukas Win at Warwick

Seventeen teams participated in a two-day draw-partner tourney at the Alibi Inn, Warwick, Md., Feb. 28-March 1. Winners were John Day and John Lukas.

Other winners were Paul Heller and Nick Luzesky, 2nd; Ozzie Haggerty and Alex Luzesky, 3rd; Kenny Reed and Glen Lupfer, 4th; and Emmy Matthews and Pete Luzesky, 5th.

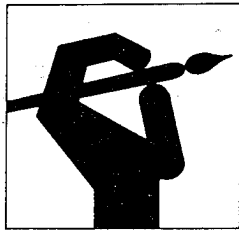
Big Turnout at Beachcomer Tourney

On Feb. 28, 87 people lined up to vie for 64 openings in the male-female draw partner tournament at the Beachcomer, Charlestown, Md. The names of 32 women and 32 men were placed in a box for partner drawings. Players from four states were entered, including five of the top shooters in the Atlantic Division.

Winners were: Sue King (Chuck King's wife) and Poncho, 1st; Meg Graff and Dick Gorman, 2nd; Joyce Schweitzer and Shawn Hart, 3rd; Sandy Emert and Dallas Hayman, 4th; Lee O'Donnell and John Wahlen, 5th; and Ann Donahue and Don Casula, 6th.

"It was a long day shooting 15 point, double elimination (63 games) and it finished at 1:45 a.m. Sunday," reports tournament manager Dick Gorman. "Thanks to the Rende-

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

"Pretty Good for a Woman"

For months I've been saying that women don't get a fair shake in the game of shuffleboard, so now I'm finally letting everyone know. Women don't get the recognition that men do and they probably deserve it even more. Women have to work twice as hard as men just to be considered an average (sometimes good) player. Even though a woman can beat an excellent male player, they (the men) say, "She's alright," or "She's O.K.," or even sometimes, "She's a pretty good player for a woman."

I've only been playing for about four years now and I know I have a long way to go. Recently I participated in a tournament at Papa's Pub & Grub in Warren. Supposedly the best shooters in three states (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) were there. I would like to know why I was the only woman. Come on, ladies, I know there are some excellent women shuffleboard players out there.

I might not have placed in the top ten, but I did win one match. I know you're saying, "Is that all?" Yeah, that is all, but to me that's a personal gain. I showed I can compete with the best of them — as some of you would say — the "Big Boys." I'm sure the whole time, everyone was hoping they could play me, thinking, "no problem." Well, I didn't go down without a fight. I made them work, losing games 15-13, 15-12 and being down 10-1 and coming back to lose 15-14.

I should say when I refer to you males, there are some exceptions. Steve Hart of Indiana approached me after defeating me my first match and told me to give them hell in my next match. He also said I played an excellent game and I had nothing to be ashamed of. I appreciated that.

I guess the point I'm trying to get across is — there are lots of you females out there who are just as good a player as some of the males, so why not rate us in a category of our own? The Board Talk has "The Top 40 Players in the U.S.A.," but it's all men. Why not give the ladies a column so they know who their competition is?

Maybe then you will have more women involved and traveling to other states to compete in tournaments. So far the only time you hear about any women in this game is mixed doubles. You have an open doubles tournament and all the men drop their female partners to play with their male partners. Where does that leave us?

So, what do you think, guys? Give us credit and give us a chance!

Jamie (Hoffman) Kay, Detroit, Michigan

Your letter is what we've been waiting for, Jamie, to let us know that women wouldn't be offended by a "segregated" listing. We honestly didn't know if women wanted separate ratings or to be ranked with the men if they earned that recognition. Because of the lack of participation of women in major tournaments, this first listing is based only on what information we have available. We know, for example, that Chris and Diane were the only women entered in The Corporate Image tourney. We know that you and Cheryl Collins (who had to withdraw because of a death in the family)

were the only women signed up for Papa's qualifying tournament. Dick Gorman reports there were 38 women lined up for the Beachcomer's mixed doubles. They're out there, for sure, and they'll get our full support.

Applause for Chris and Diane

My congratulations and applause to Chris Monahan of California and Diane Hagen of Texas for making a mark for women shuffleboard players.



Chris Monahan of California and Diane Hagen of Texas earned first and second spots in The Board Talk's first Top 10 Women listing.

From the field of competition Chris played, it sounds like she is a cool, determined and talented player. To win a match against talented players like Bud Hillburn of Tulsa, Okla., and Don Baker of Texas and winning one game against Sam Summers, indicates the lady is a player. I have seen Diane Hagen play shuffleboard and she is a solid player. I noticed that when Diane's name showed up on the national list, the method for determining top players changed.

I would also like to see a national tournament for women. A women's tournament planned for all of the road tournaments would help promote shuffleboard for women. The only thing most women lack is the confidence and the money to play in mixed singles and doubles tournaments.

For the most part, the singles and doubles tournaments are usually men participants only. When a woman enters a draw tournament, her partner (man), not knowing her ability as a player, automatically decides he cannot win. When a man draws a man partner, he feels he has a better chance, even though they are total strangers.

I have observed that when a skilled man player draws a woman, his game is totally different than when he draws a

man for a partner. When a man draws a woman, he usually tries to tell her how to play and he usually takes too many chances. In other words, a man with a woman partner plays hero and if they lose, he can always say, "I just couldn't carry my partner."

Any comments, ladies?

Shirley A. Robertson, Tulsa, Okla.

Thank you, Shirley, for your observations! You're not alone in your analysis of the special challenges women shuffleboarders face. Chris and Diane and other talented, courageous pioneers will change the line-up in tournaments of the future, we're convinced.

Another Vote for Women Players

I'm so happy to see you give Chris Monahan the recognition she deserves. She has earned it the hard way, by beating and getting beat by the best of the men players.

Chris is not the only woman on the West Coast who is a top player. Oregon's own Georjean Monarrez is in her class. They both take the game seriously, play strategically and are improving through hard practice. Georjean went to California last Thanksgiving. She and Chris were the only women to enter the Stagger Inn's big tournament that drew the best players from all over the country. While there, Chris and Georjean squared off in a head-to-head match, which Chris won. I don't think the results would be the same on the low centered Oregon and Washington boards.

Georjean was the only woman to enter the St. Patrick's tournament at the Palms in Springfield, Ore. She didn't finish in the money, but she certainly made believers out of the players who didn't know her.

Anyway, Chris and Georjean, I'm proud of both of you. You are showing some of the chauvenistic men that shuffleboard is our game, too!

Jolene Lembke, Bend, Oregon

Great to hear from you again, Jolene! Because of your letter, Georjean is in the Top Ten Women list. Thanks!

In Memoriam

We recently lost one of our shuffleboard players in Amarillo, Texas — Jimmy Addison. Our condolences go to Tommi and Denise, wife and daughter of Jimmy.

Jimmy was a loyal supporter of shuffleboard and he supported our PSA to the limit. He attended all of the tournaments in Texas, Colorado and Oklahoma. He and Hershel Lumpkin won the doubles in Tulsa in 1980.

He was involved in an accident in Tulsa and was hospitalized for quite some time. He recovered and came back to play with a plate in his shoulder. He was awarded the "Most Dedicated Player" award in Colorado Springs in 1982.

We will always remember Jimmy and his laugh and the fun he had while playing shuffleboard. I know if there's a happy hunting ground for shuffleboard players, Jimmy will be there. Goodbye, Jimmy, from all of us. We will miss you. Glenn Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Thank you, Glenn, for that moving tribute. We're sure Jimmy's wife and daughter, and all who knew him, will appreciate it.

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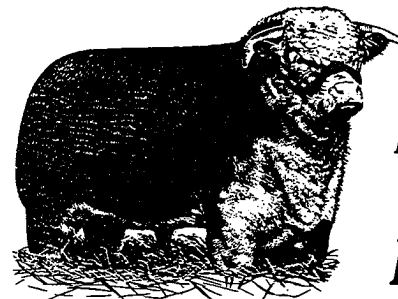


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Thanks so much for your support on our Qualifier Tournament for Houston on Feb. 28 and March 1. Everyone had a great time and we feel it was a huge success!

Thanks to all the players and spectators who helped make it a good time — and a special thanks to John McDermott



Mike and Jackie Papa of Papa's Pub & Grub, Warren, Mich., hosted a qualifying tournament for P.T.'s Tournament of Winners.

for helping us organize and run the tourney so smoothly.

Congratulations to Bobbie Voorhis from Fairmount, Ind., and John Tischler from Detroit who will be going to Houston to represent the MidWest. We're proud of you guys and we know you will represent us proudly, too!

We're looking forward to outdoing ourselves next year! Mike and Jackie Papa, Papa's Pub & Grub, Warren, Mich.

You are great hosts, Mike and Jackie. We hope readers will stop in your nice place to say hello and play a game or two. We look forward to your next tournament.

Philadelphia League Uses Draft System

Stosh Chmielewski and I formed a league — Miller High Lite Pro Shuffleboard League — in the Philadelphia area. The league consisted of four teams, six players on each team. Each player put in \$100. The league was over on March 5 and each team got back 50%-25%-15%-10% in prize monies.

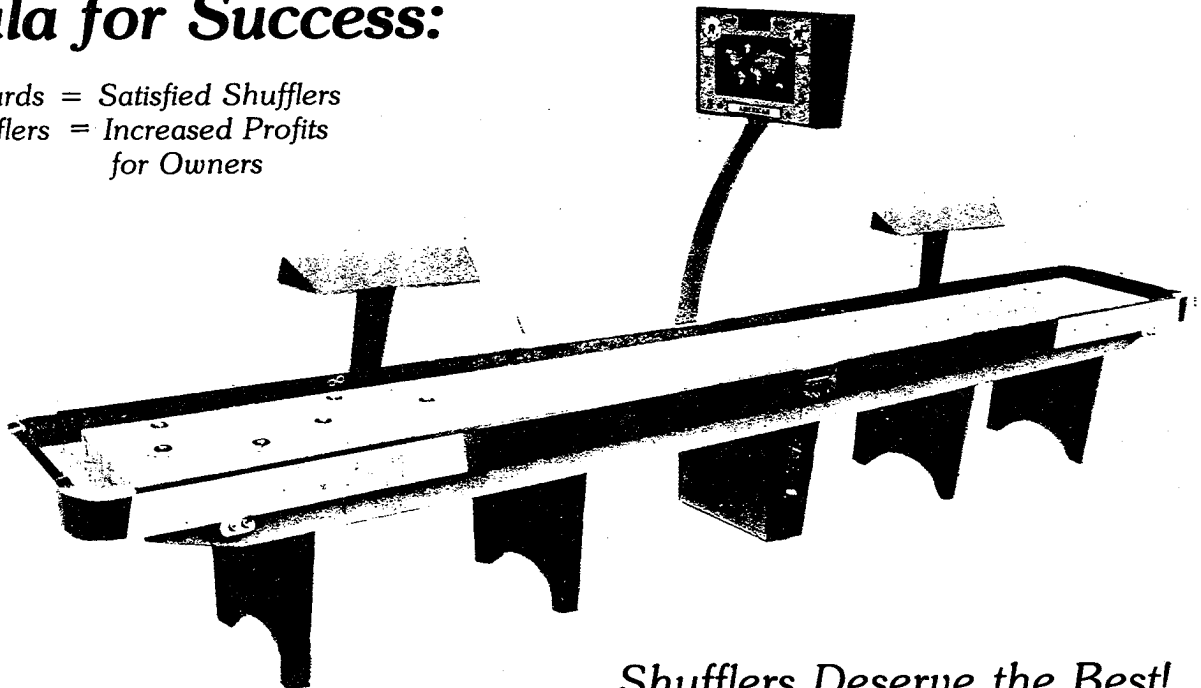
The top teams were Jerry's Jammers, Jerry Herrmann, captain; Bernie's Burners, Bernie Martin, captain; Junkyard Dogs, Joe Easter, captain; and Stosh's Stompers, Stosh Chmielewski, captain.

The league was a real success. Each team was formed through a draft system. We split four of the better players and made them captains, drew numbers for picks in the draft, making for a balanced league with competitive games each week. We played our league games at Pickle's Tavern and Fatheads Bar in Philadelphia.

The winning team's players were: Jerry Herrmann, Joe

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I received my first issue of The Board Talk and I'm very pleased. You have plenty of interesting articles in it.

I was talking with Mickey Mickens and we may be having an East Coast tourney in the near future. Then, you will have a better idea of the top players in the Atlantic Division.

Could you please give me some background regarding the origin of The Board Talk, how long has it been in print, etc. It may even make an interesting story for a future issue.

Jerry Herrmann, Philadelphia, Pa.

A good idea, Jerry, to make for a balanced league. We're sure others will pick up on your idea for a draft system and splitting up the better players. It's a good way to keep "average" players interested in the game. Interest can wane when the same team wins all the time. Keep us posted on the tournaments you organize so we can spread the good word.

Your questions regarding the origin of The Board Talk reminded us that we now have more new subscribers who don't know when and why we were born than "old" subscribers who have been with us since our birth. We will consider a future feature on that topic.

In the meantime, the Vol. 4, No. 4 under our nameplate tells you that we are three years and four months old. Up until a couple months ago, publication of this newsletter was subsidized out of our salaries from the full-time jobs we still hold. It took that long to prove to The World of Shuffleboard that we were serious about filling the need for a national shuffleboard communications network. The subscription and advertising revenue is now beginning to pay for the printing and postage.

It is still, and probably will remain so for a few years, a "kitchen operation," run out of our home in our spare time. With people like you "hustling" for us, the day will come, we're confident, when we will answer the phone during the day with the proud words: "This is The Board Talk. What can we do for you?" instead of the no answer shuffleboarders now get.

Evie Recommends Rogue River

Are you planning a vacation? Take time out for a nice relaxing visit to the shuffleboard town of Rogue River, Ore. Tall fir trees line the scenic drive in southern Oregon, off I-5, Exit 48, eight miles south of Grants Pass, 23 miles north of Medford, 250 miles south of Portland, and 400 miles north of San Francisco.

This beautiful Rogue River town is famous for the many good fishing streams. Recreation facilities can be found at the Valley of Rogue State Park. Full camping facilities on 277 acres, hunting, camping, hiking, bike riding, boating, water skiing, rafting the Rogue, are attractions of this area.

Owner Tim Cummings and his "Animals" opened the Cattlemen's Saloon two years ago, and added on six months ago. Tim has two shuffleboard tables, with lots of play from his three "Animal" teams called Cattlemen I, II and III. These three teams work together, cleaning, polishing and waxing, making the boards the fastest in the area.

An added attraction at the Cattlemen's Saloon is the customer hunting trophies and the display of beautiful shuffleboard trophies made by customer and shuffleboard player Bruce Red.

Secretary of the league, Vi Reaves, reports that Cattlemen's Teams I and II play Sunday in the Grants Pass

League and Team III plays Friday in the Medford League.

Bartenders Joyce and Suzie, Mariys and husband Lyle Larson (who has played shuffleboard for 28 years) love a challenge. This is a great group of shuffleboard people!

Evie Wechter, Eugene, Oregon

Sounds like a shuffleboarder's paradise, Evie! Makes us want to pack our bags and head West. We're sure the Cattlemen's Saloon will get lots of visitors as a result of your testimony.

A Welcome Word from Kansas

This subscription is fantastic! I really appreciate the work and fun that is put into it. I look forward to meeting everyone involved in The Board Talk and will soon start playing in as many tournaments as I can. It's a shame there aren't more tournaments around the Midwest, i.e., Kansas City and Omaha.

Dudley Hutcherson, Lawrence, Kansas

Thanks for the kind words, Dudley. We'd like to see something going in Kansas and Nebraska, too. The two states are tied for 23rd place in the 30 states in which we have subscribers. One of those is a shuffleboard bar, the Wooden Keg in Kimball, Neb. Maybe with your enthusiasm, you can get something going!

Shoot-Out at That Place

We held two tournaments here recently. The first was a five-month-long affair with points awarded during that time to determine the finalists. The playoffs were split into two groups. The winners in the first group were Rene Cerutti and C. C. Cline. The winners in the second group were Ted Behrens and Larry Tafoya. Prize money was just under \$1,000.

We are now starting a series of tournaments at the Misque on 43rd Ave. The format there will be a draw partner, double elimination, and an auction, with a \$20 entry fee.

The winners of the first tournament were Ted Behrens and the hot-shooting Willie Monahan. Willie says "Temecula is next and tomorrow the world."

Second place went to Bob Lewis and "Smiling Bill" Thomas. In third were Larry Tafoya and Big LeeRoy Watson.

Louie Perez was in town recently and playing tough. He left \$10 for a subscription, too. I think it should be counted for Arizona.

Keep the faith!

Larry Tafoya, Phoenix, Ariz.

Just great to hear from you again, Larry! We're pleased to have Louie as a new subscriber.

Missing!

Was news of shuffleboard action in your state missing in this issue of The Board Talk? Become a part of a national communications system for shuffleboarders. Send notice of tournaments, results of tournaments, news and views about the sport to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906, by the 15th of each month.

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vous at Perryville, Maryland, about five miles away, for letting us shoot two of the loser's rounds on their board while we continued at the Beachcomer."

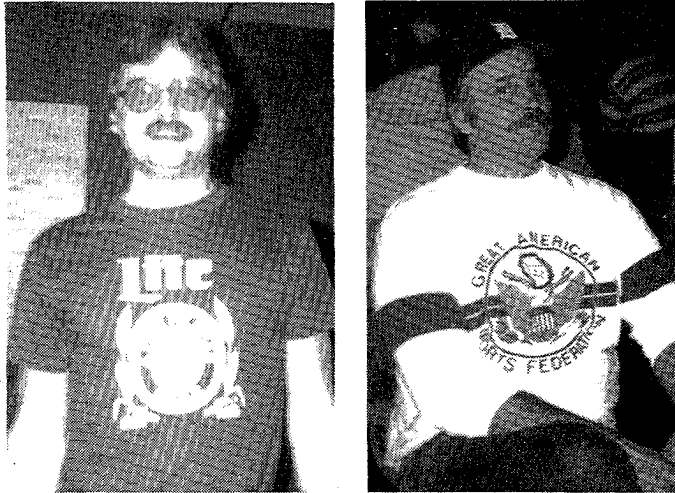
Dick says it was a great tournament hosted by Betty and Ken Patchell, owners of the Beachcomer. He thanks all those who helped out, especially Dallas Hayman, and those who were great enough to travel to the Rendevous for the loser's brackets.

Voorhis/Tischler Win at Papa's Pub & Grub

Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Ind., took first place in Papa's Pub & Grub and Miller Lite's qualifying singles tournament, Feb. 28-March 1. The win earned him the \$1,000 entry fee for P.T.'s Tournament of Winners at Houston, Texas, March 20-22, plus plane fare and lodging.

John Tischler of Detroit took second place honors to win the \$1,000 entry fee to the Tournament of Winners and plane fare.

John Myles of Livonia, Mich., finished third, with Lee McDonald of Lansing in fourth place.



Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Ind., (left) won Papa's tourney and earned the \$1,000 entry fee to P.T.'s Tournament of Winners, plane fare and lodging. John Tischler of Detroit took second place.

Long/Knox Win at Kimmell Inn

Jim Long and Jerry Knox teamed up to win the 5th annual "Big Jim" Memorial Tournament at the Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Ind., on March 7.

PeeWee Fleshman and Larry Huffer, competitive as usual, narrowly missed a big comeback and finished second.

A standing room only crowd stayed until the end to watch some great players display their skills and sportsmanship, reports host Laird Wysong.

"Many thanks to everyone present and for the constructive criticism to help improve this growing tournament," Laird said.

Mull/Wicks Tops at Palms

The third annual St. Patrick's Day tournament at the Palms in Springfield, Ore., was again a rousing success, with players from northern Washington to southern California participating. Three Washington teams, John Mull and Ron Wicks, Al Pease and Dave Arndt, Don (D. K.) Kerr and Jim Foran, took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively. Local players Sparky Williams and Sam Gott took 4th place.

Doubles, Beef's, April 11

Beef's, 550 S. Main, Kendallville, Ind., will host a doubles tournament on April 11. \$10 team entry with 60-40 payback. Longboard.

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Mixed Doubles, Kimmell Inn, April 25

Laird Wysong will host a mixed doubles tournament at the Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Ind., on April 25. \$10 entry fee and auction. Starting time is 2 p.m.

Three 1-Day Tourneys, Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, May 1-3

Nelson Renzo, Lafayette Inn, 1425 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, Md., will host three one-day tournaments on May 1, 2 and 3. You can register for one, two or all three tourneys. All games are 15 point straight, double elimination. Two boards. Open buffet for all participants on Saturday and Sunday.

The schedule starts on Friday with a singles tournament, \$25 entry fee with limit of first 12 players who register with payment. Prizes for top three players. Drawing and bidding begins at 7 p.m. sharp.

Saturday features a bring-your-partner event, \$30 per team entry fee with limit of first paid 32 teams entered. Prizes for first six teams. Drawing and bidding at 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, there will be a draw-partner tournament, \$10 per person entry fee. Limited to the first 32 people who enter. Prizes for the first four teams. Drawing and bidding at noon.

For further information, call Nelson at 301-658-9075 or tournament manager Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004. Advance registration in this tourney is important. Send your name and phone number and the events you wish to enter, along with check payable to the Lafayette Inn to: The Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, Md. 21911.

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1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

May 1-3

3 Tournaments

Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.

May 22-25

Memorial Day Tournament

Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

May 22-25

Michigan-Playfair Open

Dearborn Athletic Club, Dearborn, Mich.

May 22-25

2nd Annual Memorial Day Tournament

P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, Houston, Texas

June 10-14

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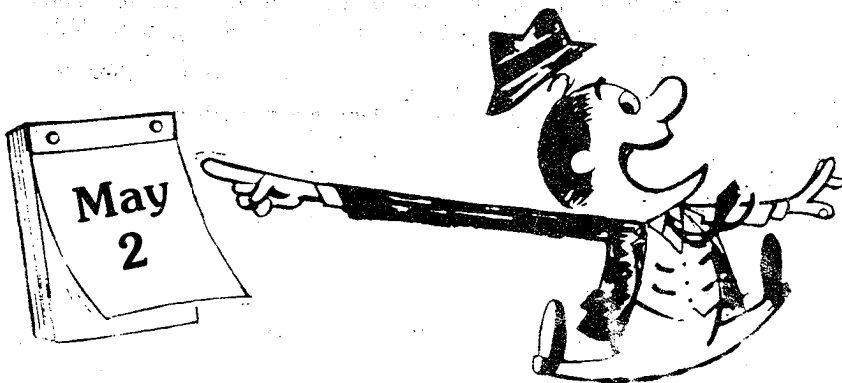
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Michigan Open, May 22-25

The Dearborn Athletic Club, 2145 S. Telegraph Road, Dearborn, has been selected as the site for the Playfair Michigan Open, May 22-25. Open singles, \$300 entry fee, will pay six places. Open doubles, \$250 per team entry fee, will pay four places. Ladies' singles, \$100 entry fee, plus \$300 added for first place, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third place. \$2,500 will be added to the pot for the tournament, which is being co-sponsored by Michigan's Heineken distributors.

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All entries should be sent to Bill Melton, 309 E. Freeman, Davis, Okla. 73030, with checks payable to the Michigan Shuffleboard Association. For more information, call Bill at 405-369-2448, or tournament director John McDermott, 313-352-8558.

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Doubles, Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, Okla., May 2

The Wheeler Dealer in Tulsa, Okla., will host a draw doubles and open doubles tournament on May 2. Two out of three, single elimination. For information, call the Wheeler Dealer, 918-749-2526; Sam Sweatt, 918-446-5970; or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

"Show of Masters," Larry & Ray's, Tacoma, Wash., April 25-26

The 7th annual "Show of Masters" tournament will be held at Larry & Ray's Tavern, 3823 S. Yakima, Tacoma, Washington, on April 25-26. \$25 a team entry fee, double elimination, pays 60-30-10. Two boards, plus food, fun and prizes. "We'd like to see some of the 'masters' from across the country compete with our Northwest players," says Clara Kenney. For information, call 206-474-1626.

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Hammer *(continued from page 1)*

17. Only officials will wax boards.
18. Within reason, no extended shots.
19. When match is over, it is the responsibility of players to notify officials of who won and who lost.
20. If there is an over-ring in score, officials must be notified, then new score will be tallied, i.e., no blue or red owes one, etc.
21. Auctions will be paid for immediately by person who bought player, before next auction begins.
22. Any player shooting wrong color will be warned; two warnings allowed throughout entire tournament. After that, player will lose that shot or be penalized one point.
23. Same penalty for weight being shot upside down.
24. Only one's partner can ask other partner about position of weight, who's ahead, etc. Singles is one's own responsibility.
25. Unless time out is called during a game, all players will remain at their respective ends. This includes no stalking or prolonging of the game. One warning; if second warning, there will be one point forfeit. When it is your turn, be there.
26. All officials and referee decisions are final.

We would add these rules for shuffleboard establishments and tournament directors:

1. Short board play (you only have to cross the closest foul line to count).
2. 15 point games.
3. ASF rules take precedence over any establishment rules.
4. All boards will be leveled as true as possible.
5. Equipment and supplies (boards, pucks, wax, etc.) shall be in good condition.

Because shuffleboard has been so fragmented and disorganized, it will take some time to gain uniformity. But, as we all know, shuffleboard rules, like golf and bowling, must be uniform throughout the land. It is the key to gaining this sport the recognition it deserves.

The Importance of Conduct

Rule No. 10 calls for a handshake between players before and after matches. Adds a little class, doesn't it? We'd like to talk a bit about what happens between those handshakes.

Read again Page 10 of the March issue in which Doc Khan issued a plea for courtesy and The Board Talk's response. While lack of courtesy may not violate any rules you're operating under now, wouldn't winning be more satisfying by using smart strategy?

Purposely slowing a game, delaying it, making excessive conversation, using vulgar language, exhibiting fits of anger, crowding or moving in front of your opponent — these things don't endear you to other players or the spectators.

Let's all try a little harder. Worth noting: you never see this type of behavior by the real professionals.

Welcome, New Subscribers!

A very warm welcome to our new subscribers this month:

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| 1. Texas | 6. Oregon |
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If your state is not among the Top 10 subscriber states, tell your fellow shuffleboarders about The Board Talk. If you've been sharing your copy with "freeloaders," get selfish! We need numbers to attract advertisers and we need advertisers to keep bringing you The Board Talk.

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The Board Talk's Top 40 Players in the U.S.A.

ATLANTIC DIVISION: *Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolinas, Georgia, Florida*

1. Mickey Mickens, N.J.
2. John Lucas, Md.
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1. Darrol Nelson, Oregon
2. Billy Chiles, Calif.
3. Karl Spickelmier, Calif.
4. Don Cox, Calif.
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10. Doug Buhl, Calif.

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1. John McDermott, Mich.
2. Bobby Voorhis, Ind.
3. Lee McDonald, Mich.
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6. Jim Long, Ind.
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8. John Tischler, Mich.
9. Jerry Knox, Ind.
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MID-WEST DIVISION: *North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana*

1. Billy Mays, Texas
2. Bill Melton, Okla.
3. Glen Davidson, Okla.
4. Howard Mouton, Texas
5. Dave Williams, Texas
6. Earl Kelly, Texas
7. Ed Graves, Okla.
8. Rich Boyer, Texas
9. Sam Summers, Okla.
10. Bob White, Texas

TOP 10 WOMEN PLAYERS IN THE U.S.A.

NOTE: Ratings in this category are based on limited information. Your input is invited.

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| 1. Chris Monahan, Calif. | 6. Rita Yank, Pa. |
| 2. Diane Hagen, Texas | 7. Marie Sweeney, Mich. |
| 3. Cheryl Collins, Mich. | 8. Georjean Monnarrez, Ore. |
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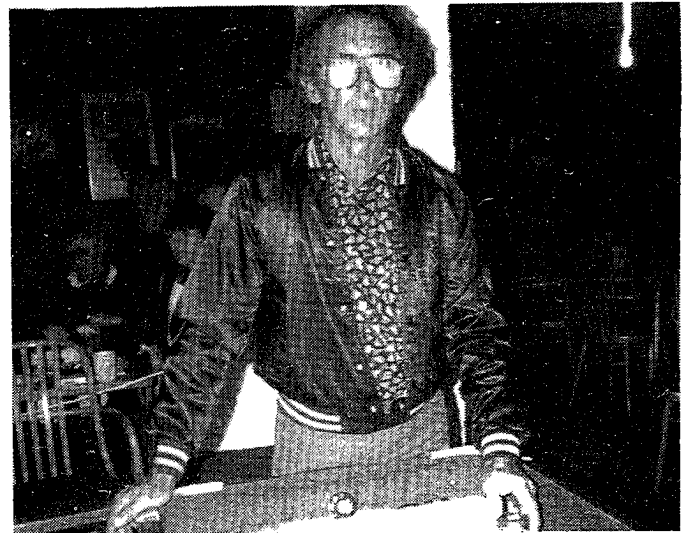
Billy Mays — considered by most to be the “Big Daddy” of shuffleboard, probably the greatest player of all time. Billy has won almost every major tourney, including 23 world championships.

Billy started playing shuffleboard in December 1958. He won his first world championship in 1961. This tourney was held at Three P's Lounge in El Monte, Calif. Billy has traveled across the U.S. and Canada and has played and beaten almost all of the other great players. He claims he has traveled over a million miles to play and support our sport.

Mays has an incredible shuffleboard trick shot show. It consists of 18 “super” trick shots. His show has been seen on national TV (not a bad feat for a man who's almost blind).

Billy is 47 years old and calls Emory, Texas, his hometown. He and his wife, Doris, own and operate an auto wrecking yard. Billy has been a machinist and a carpenter. He has two daughters and one grandchild.

Good luck, Billy, from The World of Shuffleboard.



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