

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

"Shuffleboard players are a special breed of people with a special language, one that crosses city limits and leaps state lines. We'll work hard to make *The Board Talk* a reflection of you — that special kind of person who shares the camaraderie of others who speak your language, who cares about your fellow shuffleboard players and what's happening to them. Share and care — that's what *The Board Talk* will be all about."

That's a quote from *The Hammer* in our very first issue of *The Board Talk* — Vol. 1, No. 1, January 1984. This issue marks the beginning of our fourth year on the venture we launched with no subscribers, no financial resources, and no small amount of hope for building a national communications network of shuffleboarders. There have been times, during those first three years, when those hopes flickered and almost died, but we put Vol. 4, No. 1 "to bed" with confidence that *The Board Talk* will be part of our lives for a long time to come.

We thank all of you who have "shared and cared" — to mention names would fill up this whole column, but you know who you are and that we appreciate you. We will mention one who has been with us since the birth of this publication — Cathy Kirvan, our typesetter and graphic designer. Because she has believed in us and what we have tried to do for *The World of Shuffleboard*, she has continued to make us and our advertisers "look good" even during our trying times. We had to pay the printer; we had to pay the Post Office. Cathy got paid if and when there was anything left over. If it weren't for her, *The Board Talk* probably wouldn't be!

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Doc Khan of Cheyenne and "the wild blue yonder" was the leading recruiter with eight new subscribers from six different states.

The leading subscriber states hang in their respective spots, with a couple exceptions. Colorado inched ahead of Delaware and two states, Missouri and Ohio, got knocked off the Top Ten list.

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| 2. California | 7. Arizona |
| 3. Michigan | 8. Maryland |
| 4. Indiana | 9. Colorado |
| 5. Oklahoma | 10. Delaware |

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Tourney Talk

McDermott/Ledford/Chiles Share Stagger Inn Honors

John McDermott of Michigan and Leroy Ledford of Marysville, Calif., took first place honors in the Stagger Inn's annual Thanksgiving tournament doubles event. Billy Chiles of Highland, Calif., and Ted Z of Temecula teamed up to capture second place. Bill Melton and Oklahoma and Eric Waldman, Piru, Calif., took third place.

Billy Chiles continued his winning ways to take first place in the singles. Joe Muniz of Cerritos finished second with Leroy Ledford in third place.

There were 12 teams in the doubles and 20 in the singles.

Mickens/Lucas Win Delaware Tourney

Twenty-two teams competed for a total purse of over \$2,000 at the Moose in Harrington, Del., on Nov. 30. The big winners were Mickey Mickens, N.J., and John Lucas, Md. Scratch Todd and Chuck King took second place honors with Joe Tomchik and Joe Kardos in third place.

Other winners were Larry Jewel and Jim Wooters, 4th place; Donnie Casula and Jim Somers, 5th; and Dallas Hayman and Frank Domino, 6th. The tourney paid six places, 45-20-15-10-5-5. (See Letters for more information.)

Knox/Creakbaum Win at Beef's

Jerry Knox of Osceola, Ind., and Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis teamed up to take first place honors at a doubles tourney held at Beef's in Kendallville, Ind., on Dec. 6. In second place were Lee McDonald and Jr. Lopez of Lansing, Mich.

Teams from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana participated. Beef says thanks to auctioneer PeeWee Fleishmann.

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1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Feb. 13-15

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

Feb. 14-16

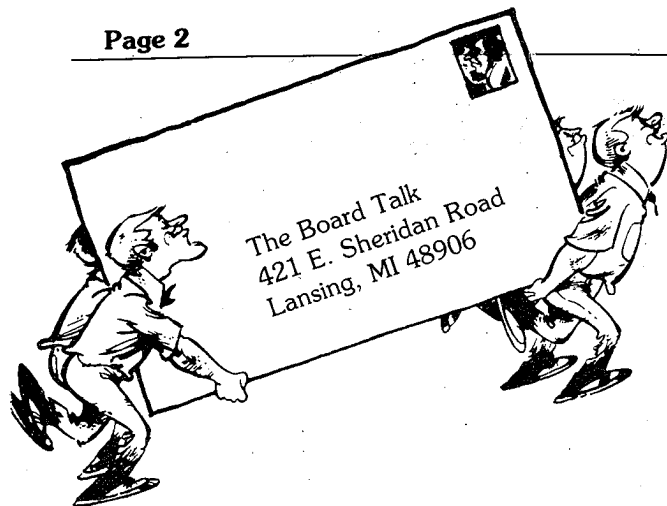
Washington's Birthday Tournament,
Best Little Warehouse, Temecula, California

March 13-15

3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament,
Palms Tavern, Springfield, Oregon

March 20-22

St. Patrick's Day Tournament of Winners
P.T.'s, Houston, Texas



A Challenge to the Billy Jeans of Shuffleboard

As a great believer in Jesus Christ, I certainly took offense to Rita Yank's article in your October issue. I believe the weaker sex should certainly get involved in shuffleboard. Why, they could make the sandwiches and serve refreshments at the shuffleboard matches and do a very good job, I might add. They could even become a secretary of a shuffleboard league, knowing how much they like to gossip.

After playing the game of shuffleboard for 35 years, I consider myself the Bobby Riggs of shuffleboard and could certainly beat any female with one hand tied behind my back. Do you hear me, Billy Jean King?

In my 25 years of marriage, I learned one thing. Never put a weight in the hands of your loving wife. She would probably miss anyway.

If a Billy Jean King ever steps forward and challenges me to a game of shuffleboard, I certainly will give you the results of the match. Well, maybe.

Say hello for me to all the "girls" at Ours and Your Place in Sudlersville, Md.

Love to all.

Ron Johnson, Lenni, Pa.

If you don't give us the results, Ron, we bet the Billy Jeans will! The member of the "weaker sex" who offended you in October will probably do so again with her letter below.

Who Is The Captain?

In this game of shuffleboard, you have different leagues across the country, such as money leagues, all-male, all-female, mixed, 9-games, 7-games, etc. They might play them differently but the game is basically the same throughout the country.

You have a captain and seven to 14 shooters on your team who shoot each week. Except for an all-female league with a woman as captain, any mixed leagues have a man for a captain. But there are exceptions.

A new team from Craig's Tavern in Drexel Hill, Pa., joined the Eastern DeVal League this year. The league is a mere two years old and has increased from six teams the first year to 12 teams in its second year. Since Craig's table wasn't even a year old, the shooters were just learning the game. They were lucky to have three or four shooters who had league experience to be on their team. So they decided the captain would be a man who had captained a team to first place last season.

By the second week, complaints and dissension were running strong; morale was low. By the third week, the

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shooters were telling the captain what to do. The fourth week, a new captain arises.

Gathering everyone together, the rules were put down before the team: if you don't like the way the team is being run, quit; if you don't practice and shoot a bad game, you will sit the next week; any complaints, voice them to your captain, not to every person in the bar — and most important, the captain has the final say in any matter pertaining to the team. The captain listens, then decides what is good for the team and hopes everything will jell.

Lo and behold! In a short period of four weeks, the new captain took Craig's B Team from the cellar to first place. The shufflers were shown how to enjoy the game.

The leader of this team has shot for three years in league competition, shot in two all-star games and the first year in the league, their team went to the finals and lost a close match. This is my introduction to Craig's B Team's new captain, Mary Ann Watson, the only female captain in the Eastern DeVal League.

She is tearing the league apart. Her team hasn't had a losing night in over a month. The shooters think she is the greatest and do anything for her. So, Mary Ann, keep up the good work and sportsmanship with your team and keep on winning.

Just remember, all you male captains out there, if your team is in trouble and a woman (or women) shoots for you, let them take over. They just might get the respect from the team that is needed to keep it together. Also, remember this famous quote: "If you want the job done right, hire a woman."

Regarding the article I wrote in the October issue, which I dedicated to two shooters from Martin's Tavern, I would like to say thanks, Raf and Ron, for being such good sports.

Rita Yank, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ron (Bobby Riggs) Johnson says he shoots for Martin's. Is that a coincidence?

John Says Thanks

Thanks to Bobby Hall, Maureen Merrill, Jack Gardner, Dick Gorman, Roland Cashwell, and players from New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania for their help in the biggest tournament we have had in the East (Harrington Moose, Nov. 30).

Their help and efforts made it succeed. Without that help, the tournament, the game itself, would eventually die.

Hope this was a starter for more tournaments in the East. John Lucas, Millington, Md.

Southern Hospitality in the East

We would like to thank Nelson Renzio from Rising Sun, Md., for his fabulous "Southern hospitality" during the shuffleboard tournament held at his Lafayette Inn (Oct. 30-Nov. 2). We were shown that as long as you are a shuffler or know the game, you are a friend.

To the tournament's spokesperson and co-host, Dick Gorman, the owner, Nelson Renzio, and all the shooters we met, thank you for the good time and new friendships that were made.

Jim and Rita Yank, Mike Kennedy and Mary Ann Watson, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dave Williams — Bill Melton — Royce Hines
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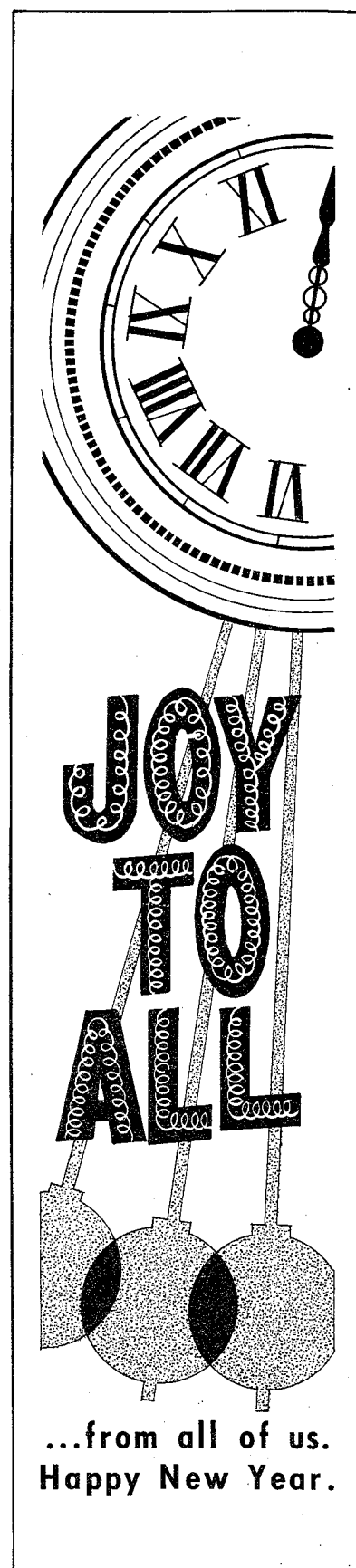
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Jerry Knox and Larry Creakbaum (they're the ones smiling) took first place at Beef's tournament. Jr. Lopez and Lee McDonald (not smiling) took second.

McDermott/Brimm Share Michigan Titles

John McDermott of Southfield, Mich., who has been "on tour" for several months, came home to take first place with his partner, O.B. Brimm of Utica, in the state of Michigan doubles and first place in the singles.

The event was hosted by Joe and Linda Coscarelli at Pasquale's in Lansing on Dec. 20-21.

Jr. Lopez and Lee McDonald of Lansing took second place honors in the doubles with John Tischler and Rich Love of Detroit in third. George Wilber and Joe Coscarelli of Lansing finished fourth; Neil Fetter, Birmingham, and Dana Gray, Lansing, fifth; and Jerry Siebert and Wayne Reist of Lansing, sixth.

Lee McDonald took second place in the singles with Dana Gray in third.

Doubles, Food Harbor, Peru, Ind., Jan. 10

The Food Harbor, 318 W. Main, Peru, Ind., will host a doubles tourney on Jan. 10. Auction will start at 1 p.m. \$10 per team entry fee, single elimination, pays 70-30. For further information, call 317-473-9966.

See ad in this issue and make an effort to participate and support this new advertiser.

Doubles at Wagon Wheel, Jan. 17-18

The Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Mich., will host a doubles tournament on Jan. 17-18. Double elimination, \$20 per team entry fee, auction starts at 1 p.m. Pays 60-30-10.

For further information, call 313-693-6789.

Shuffleboard Sweepstakes, Northside, Jan. 17

A Shuffleboard Sweepstakes will be held at the Northside Tavern, 2030 N. Merrifield, Mishawaka, Ind., on Jan. 17. \$20 per team entry fee, bar donation after 15 teams. Pays 60-30-10, trophies and auction. Action starts at 2 p.m.

For further information, call 219-255-0463.

Doubles at Beef's, Jan. 24

Beef's, 550 S. Main St., Kendallville, Ind., will host a doubles tournament on Jan. 24. \$10 per team entry fee, single elimination. Auction, conducted by PeeWee Fleischman, will start at 2 p.m.

For further information, call Beef at 219-347-9965.

See ad in this issue.

Draw Partners, P.T.'s, Jan. 24

Houston's largest \$20 seeded draw/auction will be held at P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, 4324 W. 34th St., Houston, Texas, on Jan. 24. Double elimination, guaranteed \$2,000. Action starts at 4 p.m.

For information, call 713-681-3852. Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment. Note that P.T. is slashing the drink prices.

Corporate Image Washington's Birthday Tourney

The Washington's Birthday tournament at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth, Texas, directed by Dave Williams, Bill Melton and Royce Hines, is nearing so start making plans to attend.

Entries for both singles and doubles tournaments must be in by 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12. Sale for both tourneys will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Due to the tremendous response, the doubles tournament will start Friday morning, Feb. 13, with the finals on Saturday. The singles final is slated for Monday, Feb. 16 in the afternoon so out-of-towners may leave. The time schedule for each game throughout the bracket will be posted before the start of the tournament. Many awards are planned for all participants in the tournament with special awards for first, second and third place in each tourney.

Manager Linda Cooper has come up with several excellent motel accommodation packages to fit everyone's budget. They are also selling ads for a printed program ranging from \$10 to \$100 to help absorb some of the costs of the tournament. "This will be an excellent advertisement for tournaments, shuffleboard equipment, publications, etc., because most of the players from throughout the nation will be here," says Linda.

To place an ad in the program, inquire about motel accommodations, or any tournament information, call Linda Cooper, 817-451-0607.

"I'm sure that all the Top 20 players listed in *The Board Talk* and many others who feel they deserve to be in the Top 20 will be here," said Dave Williams. "This should be the largest, most prestigious, not to mention profitable, tournament of the year — so don't miss it!"

See the ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

Doubles Tourney, Best Little Wherehouse, Feb. 14-16

Ted Z will host a Washington's Birthday doubles tournament at his Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula, Calif., on Feb. 14-16.

For further information, call 714-676-3770.

St. Pat's Day Tournament of Winners at P.T.'s

P.T. of P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, Houston, Texas, will host a Tournament of Winners on March 20-22. It will be a big guaranteed \$36,000 event, regardless of number of entries, singles only. Entry fee is \$1,000. Three out of five in the winner's bracket, two out of three in the loser's bracket, draw for position every round. Players cannot play two consecutive matches on same board.

The event will pay eight places: 1st, \$15,000; 2nd, \$7,500; 3rd, \$4,500; 4th, \$3,000; 5th, \$2,250; 6th, \$1,500; 7th, \$1,250; and 8th, \$1,000.

For further information, contact P.T., 713-681-3852. See ad in this issue and start making plans to participate in this big tourney.

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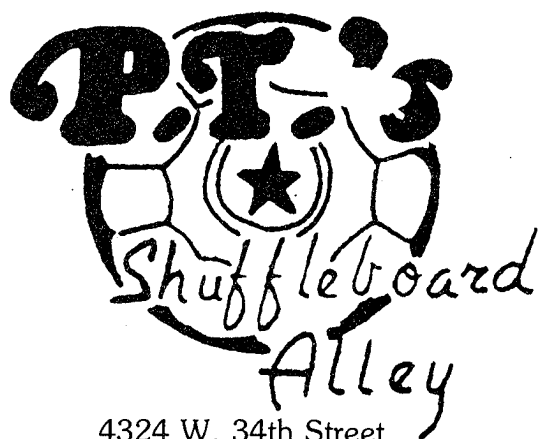
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Board Talk Saluted

First, I would like to thank you for the only newsletter I've ever seen on shuffleboard in the 25 years I've been playing. It's a winner for sure and is bound to get bigger and better in the future.

Second, I would gladly pay a couple dollars more for first-class mailing of *The Board Talk*. My last issue didn't arrive until Dec. 4. Two out of five items on the Shuffleboard Calendar were history.

Thanks again for a great idea!

Jerry Nelson, Mission Hills, Calif.

Thanks for the words of encouragement, Jerry. With the continued support of advertisers and subscribers, The Board Talk will get bigger and better. We recognize that slow delivery is a problem. However, for first-class mailing we'd have to almost double our subscription rate and we want to keep it affordable to all shuffleboarders. That's why we urge all tournament directors to get their notices in well in advance.

Welcome, West Virginian!

I would like to enter a subscription for my buddy, Ralph Thompson, down West Virginia way — the real "home" of shuffleboard.

Ralph and I began playing shuffleboard in 1948 or '49 at a place called The Hut in New Haven, W. Va. That shuffleboard was put in new at that time and is still being played on a daily basis. As of 1975, it had never been resurfaced nor moved from its original spot!

In the late 50s, Ralph and I were champions of New Haven, Hartford, Mason and Vernon, W. Va. Ralph is probably the first subscriber to *The Board Talk* from West Virginia.

Jim Hoffman, Livonia, Mich.

You're still the champ in our book, Jim, and thanks for adding a new state to our shuffleboard network. Ralph is the first from West Virginia. We hope he will let us know what's going on in that part of The World of Shuffleboard.

Jimmy The Cop Reports on Florida Action

Hello from sunny Florida where the weather has been great.

Got a call recently from Doc Khan of Cheyenne, when he flew into McDill Air Force Base in Tampa. We got together and I took him to a couple places with boards, but little action because they want to play horseshoe down here.

We ended up at a nice new bar near New Port Richey on #19 in the Gulf Harbor Mall named the Gulf Harbor Pub. The owner, Brad, is a nephew of an old-time player from Lake Orion, Mich., Marv Foster. In one issue of *The Board Talk*, I remember a picture of Marv and his daughter, Shelly Usik, as winners of a mixed doubles tourney. I'm sure if Marv gets down this winter to visit his nephew and promotes the game here, this could be a good shuffleboard bar. The Doc and I had a nice evening helping some of the newer players learn the rules of regulation shuffleboard.

Recently, I was over on the East coast visiting in Daytona Beach and stopped by the Flame Lounge on Valusio Ave. The players there informed me of a new bar with two boards in Ormond Beach just north of Daytona. I took a ride there

to check it out. It's just outside Daytona in a new shopping center. The name of the place is Scooter's Pub, 1110 W. Granada (S.R. 40), South Forty Shopping Center, Ormond Beach, Fla.

I met the owner, Doug Davis, who is from Chicago and is a player. This is a nice place to visit when you're down here on vacation. The place has two excellent new boards and play was 15 points and regulation. Thought your readers would enjoy hearing about this place.

Jimmy Kumpula, New Port Richey
Florida (813-849-7200)

Thanks, Jimmy. We hope our traveling shuffleboarders will follow through on your tips for places to visit when they're in your state.

Questions on the Top 20

I have enjoyed your publication and your comments. I understand you were in Oklahoma a while back and I'm sorry we were unable to meet you.

For several reasons, I disagree with your Top 20 ratings. Have you considered all the options? How about a Top 50 rating? Or an Honorable Mention list? Or a men's and women's Top 50 list?

How can a person be declared No. 1 and then drop 14 places in two months? If a person is No. 1, shouldn't they hold that position for a year? Or at least six months? I don't like to see rankings based only on the number of tournaments that a person might attend. Not many people can afford to spend \$500 to \$1,000 to attend a tournament — and take a week off.

There are many players who have competed well with those ranked in the Top 20. Let's not forget them just because they don't have the money to travel and compete; therefore, the Honorable Mention list. Or a ballot distributed to the players in each state for their ranking of players within that state, a comparison with your rankings. Let the players vote on the Top 20 or 50 or Honorable Mention list.

More later perhaps.

Gary A. Moore, Tulsa, Okla.

Thanks for your comments, Gary. When we first published the listing, we indicated that "it was a place from which to start." We also expressed the same concerns that you have about "full-time jobs and/or lack of finances prohibit them from long travel to enter tourneys" (Hammer, Nov. '86). You'll note from this issue that we are working on refining our procedures, with input from others.

1986 — A Good Year For Shuffleboard

As 1986 comes to an end, I want to share some thoughts and some thanks.

First, I want to thank my good friend, Phil Skover, for giving me the opportunity to do something I have always wanted to do — spend some time on the road and play in all the major tournaments of the year. It was great to meet all the top players in the game I had heard about from my mentor, Bud Broka.

I also want to thank some shuffleboarders who helped me out by extending friendship, putting me up in their homes, or putting a few dollars in my pocket (after a bad weekend) to help me get to the next town. I hope I do not forget anyone.

Happy New Year to Bill and Rozane Melton and family, Billy and Chris Chiles, Glen Davidson and Madge Goff, my

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Happy New Year

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high school friend Mark Rutkowski and his wife Sue, David and Bonnie Williams, Rick Boyer, Billy Mays, Bill Moore, Earl Kelly, Evelyn Harris, P.T., Joe Muniz, Lee from Portland, Frank and George Jean Monarrez, Darrol Nelson and Bob Niemi.

Early in 1986, Jack Nicklaus started a year-long trend for the "older" athletes by winning the Masters tournament and I think we should recognize the accomplishments of some who have had a great year in our sport, such as 56-year-old Glen Davidson. Glen put together a string of six consecutive doubles victories and capped it off by winning the singles and doubles in the Labor Day tournament in Marysville, Calif.

Although 1986 was a good year for shuffleboard, 1987 will be even better. The "tour" will start in February at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth where, for the first time, there will probably be prize money in excess of \$50,000.

People often talk of the fact that the breweries and bar owners do not do enough for the players and, in most cases, I agree. But let's give special recognition to P.T. of Houston who is "putting his money where his mouth is" by guaranteeing \$36,000 in prize money for his St. Patrick's Day Tournament of Winners. I sincerely hope the players will support the No. 1 shuffleboard establishment in the country by making this tourney a big success.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Washington's Birthday in Fort Worth.

John McDermott, Southfield, Mich.

Congratulations, John, on capping off 1986 by winning the state of Michigan doubles and singles. We say "amen" to your salute to P.T. He's a great promoter and deserves the recognition and support of players nationwide.

Weekly Action at Monty's

A big Hoosier howdy from all of us down here. I've recently moved over to Monty's Bar in Chesterfield (Ind.) and the local shuffleboard action is really unbelievable! We have a draw partner tourney every Monday night and have had as many as 14 teams participate. It's just a small \$3 entry fee with a 60-40 payback. With this many teams showing up for such a small payback, it shows that shuffleboard interest here is truly outstanding.

Recent tourney winners include: Nov. 10, Bob Vorndran and Ray McFadden, 1st, with John Hinners and Larry (Vito) Tumulty in 2nd; Nov. 17, Bob Seal and Larry Tumulty, 1st, with Tom Vorndran and Mike (Spike) Patterson, 2nd; Nov. 24, Jimmy Lee and Kyle Barber, 1st, and Steve Vorndran and John Humes, 2nd; Dec. 1, Tom Vorndran and Larry Tumulty, 1st, with Dave Hall and Ed Rushton, 2nd.

Our Central Indiana Shuffleboard Association is really booming right now. We are having more teams and more money than we've had in the last couple of years.

Continued success with *The Board Talk*. I know we'll continue to support you in any way we can.

Tom Vorndran, Anderson, Ind.

Thanks, Tom. We call our readers' attention to the addition of Monty's Bar to the Shuffleboard Directory and hope they stop in to see you.

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We're delighted that the Top 20 Shuffleboarders in the U.S.A. is causing so much discussion and controversy. We asked for your input and boy, are we getting it! You'll note that we have made some changes. The major change is dividing the country into four sections — Pacific, Atlantic, Mid-East and Mid-West. We've asked well-respected members from The World of Shuffleboard from each of those areas to help us rank the players. We're not going to share the names of those "spotters" because we think, as publishers, we ought to take the "heat" that is bound to come — not them.

We'd like some input from you women players. Do you want to be segregated on a separate list in addition to being ranked with the men?

Keep those reactions coming! We love it!

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

(Editor's Note: It is apparent by the lists submitted from each division that known reputation and ability seem to outweigh tournaments played in and finishes in those tourneys. This listing reflects that feedback. We welcome any Board Talk subscriber to send in their recommendations.)

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(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
2. John Lucas
3. Don Casula
4. Joe Kardos
5. Scratch Todd
6. Chuck King
7. Dick Gorman
8. Joe Tomchik
9. Ken Cox
10. Dallas Hayman

MID-EAST DIVISION

(Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Iowa, Minnesota)

1. John McDermott
2. Lee McDonald
3. Jr. Lopez
4. Dave Boaz
5. Bobby Voorhis
6. Jerry Siebert
7. Jim Long
8. John Tischler
9. Wayne Reist
10. Jim DeWitt

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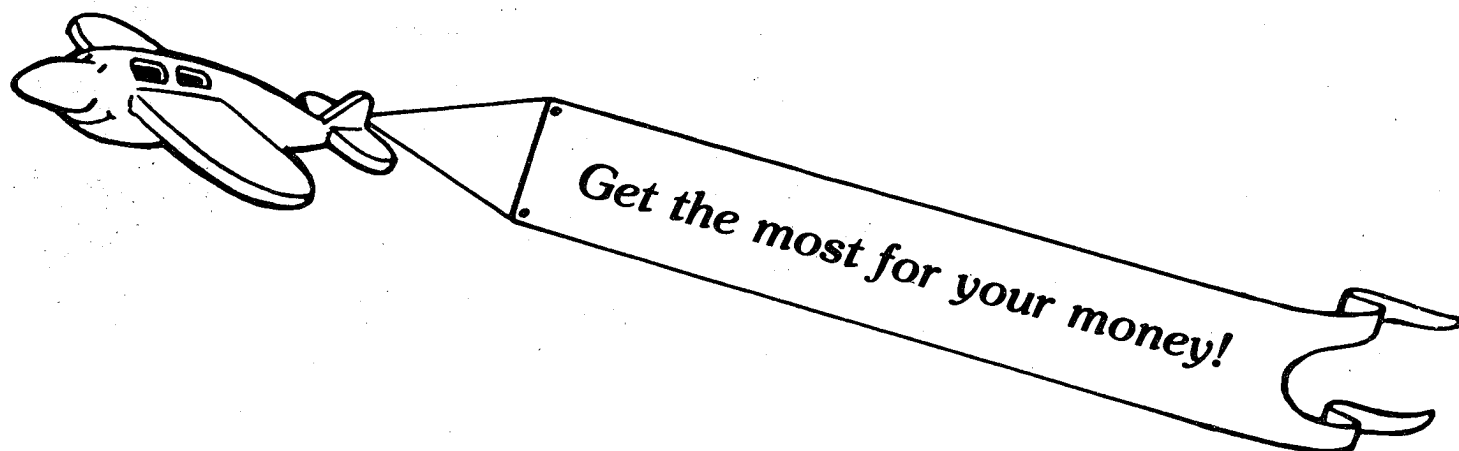
1. Darrol Nelson
2. Billy Chiles
3. Doug Buhl
4. Karl Spickelmier
5. Leroy Ledford
6. Joe Muniz
7. Ted Z
8. Jim Allis
9. Bob Hunt
10. Galen Gaunce

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(North and South Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana)

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3. Glen Davidson
4. Howard Mouton
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7. Dave Williams
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9. George Ostrum
10. Ed Graves

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