

# The Board Talk

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## THE HAMMER

Any of you who work with computers know that they're great, but certainly not infallible. The absolute worst thing that can happen is for the system to "crash," wiping out everything in its "memory." It's awful, especially if you didn't have a back-up. That happened to us last month — our precious mailing list gone, as if it never existed! (We don't have our own system at this point in time; we rent "space" on the system at Donna's place of employment.) Luckily, we had "hard" copy to feed back into the computer but any time you rebuild something that's grown as much as our mailing list has in recent months, there's room for error. If you've heard of anyone who didn't receive their Board Talk last month, let us know so we can check it out.

On the other side of the scale, a lot of good things happened. Because of the volume of advertising and news, we had our biggest issue ever — 16 pages! That's four times our lightweight 4-page issues! And with a whole month to go on our subscription blitz, we've already got two winners: Jerry Siebert of Michigan with 26 new subscribers has won a new set of weights and Bill Melton of Oklahoma has won a Board Talk T-shirt with five new subscribers. This subscription growth is very important to us in terms of attracting advertisers.

In last month's issue, our ad for the subscription blitz listed June 15 as the cut-off date because we planned to make the presentation of prizes at our 4th of July tournament. However, Jerry sure did want to use his new weights at the Michigan Open and we didn't want to deny him that! Bill is signed up for the Michigan Open so we'll probably give him his T-shirt there. Both of which kind of takes any punch out of a big presentation at our tourney. Therefore, we're extending the blitz another month. We hope you get involved!

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During our first tentative steps the first year of our publication, 1984, we only published 10 issues, with a June-July recess "because not much was going on in The World of Shuffleboard in the summer months." We found out, as we grew to become the "voice" of tournament shuffleboard, that this is not the case. Shufflers, we discovered, shuffle year 'round.

As we go to press with this issue, two big tournaments are underway — the Michigan Open in Dearborn and the Memorial Day tourney at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif. In June, we have the Colorado Coors Open at Bliner's in Denver and the amateur team event at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth. In July, we have The Board

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## Tourney Talk

### Monnarrez/Wilson Win at JD's

JD's Tavern in Rainier, Oregon, held a doubles tournament on April 10-12, attracting 25 of the best teams from Oregon and Washington to vie for the \$1700 pot.

Frank Monnarrez and Steve Wilson took first place over Gary Singer and Jim Allis. Fred Johns and Jim S. outlasted Don (D.K.) Kerr and Max Sema for third.

### Kinsey/Thompson Tops at Beef's

The doubles tournament at Beef's in Kendallville, Ind., on April 11 had a good showing of quality players from Ohio and Indiana. Mike Koontz auctioned off the 14 teams for a nice pot. "Thanks, Mike," says Beef.

Winners were: Denny Kinsey and Charlie Thompson, Bourbon, Ind., 1st; Mr. X, U.S.A. and Triple X, 2nd; Bob Coker of Bryan, Ohio, and Gene Fitsimmons, Evansport, Ohio, 3rd; Wilbur Walkup and Steve (Stubby) Laisure of Kendallville; 4th.

### Peggy Richards Mows 'Em Down in Phoenix

Bob O'Conner from That Place in Phoenix put on a unique two division double elimination singles tournament in April. Fifteen men and one woman entered. That one woman — Peggy Richards — won it all!

"It was no fluke," reports Larry Tafoya. "There were some locally prominent players entered, but Peggy was her usual consistent self and mowed them down. She earned it!"

Reni Cerrutti came in second, with Jimmy Lee in third place.

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## 1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

### June 10-14

Colorado Coors Open  
Bliners Sports Bar, Denver, Colo.

### June 18-20

Amateur 10-Person Team Tournament  
Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas

### July 3-5

Ted Z's 2nd Annual July 4th Tournament  
Best Little Wherehouse, Temecula, Calif.

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Log Cabin Bar, Howell, Michigan

### August 7-9

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Gondolier Hotel, Austin, Texas

### Sept. 4-7

Labor Day Tournament  
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California



# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Look, Ladies — Here's Bobby Again!

For the fourth year in a row, Martin's Tavern, led by MVP Captain John Rafferty and co-captain Ron Johnson, won the championship of the Delco Shuffleboard League, beating Craig's (Rita Yank's husband's team) in the playoffs (ho-hum).

Oh, Rita, you say Bobby Riggs has nicer looking legs? Best you keep your eyes on the shuffleboard and stop looking at my beautiful legs!

To Chris Monahan of California — Chris, sweetheart, after seeing your picture in *The Board Talk*, I would love to tie one of your hands behind your back, but do we have to play shuffleboard?

My wife Floss, Jim Martin's wife Rose, Rita Yank and three other girls offered to pay my way to California, but they were all one-way tickets. I wonder why. . . .

As to you playing me one-handed, Chris, I certainly congratulate you on your win of the women's singles tournament but since I've been playing shuffleboard before you were born, best you stick with the girls, sweetheart, where you belong!

To all the Billy Jean Kings of shuffleboard — love you all! The Bobby Riggs of Shuffleboard, Ron Johnson, Lenni, Pa.

You're asking for it, "Bobby," and we bet you're going to get it!

## Action in Philly!

We have recruited another bar for *The Board Talk's* "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." map. The Barrel Inn is located at 6000 Buist Avenue in Philadelphia.

This is one of the many bars in a 2-mile area stocked with more than enough "A" shooters. Any shufflers who are passing through Philly, it's worth the stop. The action is usually light and sociable and the players ready to shoot anyone interested in the game.

Rita Yankauskas, Philadelphia, Pa.

*We're pleased, Rita, with the growth of subscribers in Pennsylvania and thank you and Jim for being such good Board Talk ambassadors. The Barrel Inn will be in the next quarterly listing, but we hope readers won't wait that long to visit this shuffleboard bar.*

## Balboa Ron is Back Again!

I'm sorry for not writing for so long. I've been preoccupied with graduate school at UNLV.

Anyway, I wanted to let you know that shuffleboard is still alive and well here in Las Vegas. Duffy's (check the directory, readers) is now under new management and they really support shuffleboard. The new owner is Greg Brewer.

The fall-spring league ended in Las Vegas in April. Duffy's Tavern took the top honors with Gera's Lounge, Frank Zavala, captain, finishing in second place. Duffy's team included Captain Rod Williams, Freddy Flowers, Jim Golden, Ross Bishop, Anthony Virtuoso, and Balboa Ron. Deluxe Liquors finished third. It was a highly competitive

season and trophies were awarded in concert with a nice buffet at the Deluxe following the play-off.



Las Vegas Champions from Duffy's Tavern are (left to right) Jim Golden, Ross Bishop, Freddy Flowers (seated), Captain Rod Williams, Anthony Virtuoso, and Balboa Ron Schweikert.

Now that I have the time, if you'd be interested in some more articles re: the "Frisco Eddie's Revenge" saga, I'd be glad to accommodate.

Balboa Ron Schweikert, Las Vegas, Nevada

*Welcome back, Ron! We have many new subscribers who haven't had the pleasure of reading your delightful "Frisco Eddie" stories and we'd love to give them that experience. Your friend, Frank Zavala, tells us you're going to have surgery soon. The World of Shuffleboard wishes you a speedy recovery.*

## "Little Acorns" Vital to World of Shuffleboard

The great oak trees come from little acorns!

The big tournaments would not be if it were not for your effort in promoting shuffleboard. The small tournaments (a) create interest, (b) involve more players, (c) develop better shooters, (d) provide opportunities for the big tournaments to make it, and (e) the local taverns make money.

Especially in our area — farm country — small bars are having a rough time.

John Lukas, Millington, Maryland

*No tournament will ever be too small for the pages of The Board Talk, John. We're still a "little acorn" and have empathy for the local "farm country" bars. Hopefully, we'll grow up to become a "great oak tree" someday, but we'll never forget our roots.*

## Shuffleboard Friends Who Care

Three well-traveled Houston players have had the misfortune of contracting tuberculosis, a serious, infectious disease

of the lungs. We feel it is our responsibility to alert your readers of this situation. Anyone who has played or been a spectator in the great Midwest Division should contact their local Health Department for information and testing. Symptoms are vague and no one should take this lightly.

Because we care. . . .

Your Friends in Houston

*We appreciate your concern, Houston friends, and wish your letter had arrived before we went to press with our May issue. We encourage all shuffleboard players and fans who have participated in Midwest tournaments to do as our caring friends suggest. Better play it safe and check it out.*

#### **New Subscriber Searches the World for Action**

Karl Spickelmier, Texas Billy, Glen Davidson, John McDermott — all great players and they travel far to play this great game. Well, move over, fellows, the champion traveler in search of a game is Hank Lucero. Hank was a top-notch player out of San Diego until a few years ago when he moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he promptly found a board at a place called the Fireside Inn.

He recently wrote me from Hong Kong and had just left China. Don't bother going there, guys, unless you take your own pucks and play on the Great Wall! He'll soon be on his way to Tokyo. I'll let you know if he finds anything there.

Please add Hank to your mailing list; now you can add Alaska to your list of subscriber states.

We now have three places in Phoenix with two shuffleboards. Jay's on Indiana School Road joins That Place and the MisQue. The management at Jay's, Arnie Enriquez

and Mike Dow, seem to be committed to promoting shuffleboard and they now have the facilities.

Neglected to mention last month that Jimmy Lee was the points leader in the "shootout" at That Place.

Jimmy the Cop was in town recently. I didn't get to see him, but those who did were impressed with his friendly manner and obvious love of the game.

Larry Tafoya, Phoenix, Arizona

*A warm welcome to our first Alaska subscriber! We hope he reports any action he might find in his world travels.*

#### **Salute to Sam and Wheeler Dealer**

A special tip of the hat goes to tall Sam Sweatt for a double win at the Wheeler Dealer and to Cindy for coaching him. Thanks to all of the staff at the Wheeler Dealer and Gene, the owner, for a nice weekend of shuffleboard.

One comment on P.T.'s at Houston, Texas. I think George is right. It's over and we did have a few good ones there and P.T. was a good sponsor. Only one thing remains the same as before we got it going in Houston. That's the players. They will have to work real hard to ever get it going again.

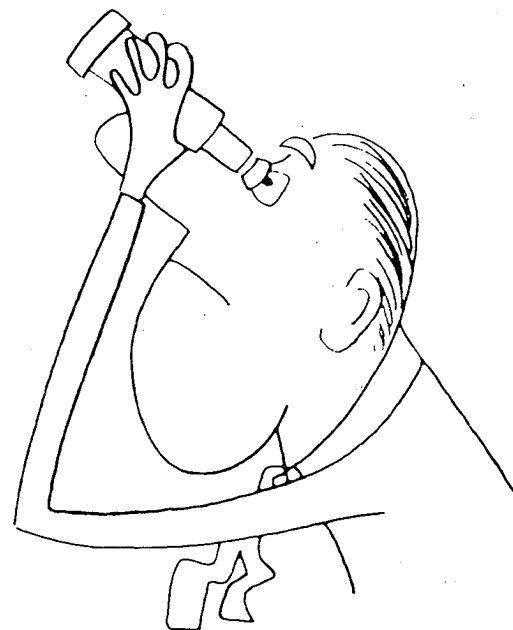
Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

*Recognizing the talent of the Houston group and their commitment to the sport, we're confident that they will "get it going" again.*

*(more letters on page 4)*

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### Reader Enjoys Player Profile

As a person who has played shuffleboard for many years, I look forward to my *Board Talk* every month. It seems to get better with each month with your player ratings and now your women's ratings. I enjoyed the player profile on Billy Mays and would enjoy having a profile every month on a different player. Perhaps later you could run a profile on some of the older retired players and even deceased players if the information could be obtained.

I would like to renew my subscription and start one for Robert Casey who plays at the Weeping Willow which is approximately 30 miles south of Marysville, Calif. Players should find action there. I would also like to start a subscription for the North Star in North Sacramento. Players will surely find action there and they would like to be included in your play around America.

Keep up the good work.

Nicholas J. Chaffin, Roseville, Calif.

*We're glad you gave us the opportunity, Nicholas, to give a public salute to Bill Moore, who contributes the Player Profile each month. He furnishes us with the copy and the photos with no compensation — he even pays his subscription before we get a chance to make it complementary. Besides that, he's one of our leading subscription "hustlers." Until we become a profit-making business, we hope he stays satisfied with the gratitude of the editors and all our readers as his "pay." We know he'll appreciate your letter.*

*Your idea of retired and deceased player profiles is a good one that we'd like to put on temporary "hold." It's our dream to have a shuffleboard Hall of Fame someday and then we can spotlight the inductees. Maybe this would be a good project for our new national association.*

*We welcome the North Star to our ranks and hope readers will pay them a visit. They'll be listed in our next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."*

### 20 Lashes for The Board Talk Editors!

I am glad I finally got to meet you *Board Talk* editors at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth. I am planning to attend the Michigan Open in Dearborn so hopefully I will see you in May.

We are playing a lot of scoot board here in Houston and get plenty of action every weekend. Unfortunately, we lost one of Houston's most avid shuffleboard players in March. Don Covington passed away and our regrets go out to Velma, his wife of over 30 years. Don's funeral was a "who's who of shuffleboarders" in the Houston area and all will remember him as Big Don — a man who loved to have fun and was always surrounded by plenty of friends. He introduced me to tournament shuffleboard and showed me my first issue of *The Board Talk*. I'm gonna miss Big Don.

I must also bring up some business. I got a red check on my last two issues of *The Board Talk*, but I sent you a check for my renewal and a subscription for my parents. I hope the reason for this mix-up is a "surge" of subscriptions for the superior *Board Talk*, the newsletter that has done more for shuffleboard than anything else has done since Shakespeare wrote about shovelpenny (table shuffleboard's origin) in the year 1602.

Tony Howard, Houston, Texas

*We'll apologize in person at the Michigan Open, Tony, as well as thank you for your kind words about The Board Talk. In our card file, you were in good standing and your parents were new subscribers. But somehow or other, that information didn't get fed into our computerized mailing list. Thanks for letting us know.*

### Hello from the Black Cat

Just want to tell you how much we enjoy *The Board Talk*. We play at the Black Cat. We'd like to say hello to our many friends across the country.

Eline & Bill Powell, Portland, Oregon

*Thanks, Eline and Bill. Someday we're coming to visit the famous Black Cat and meet all the nice people there.*

## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 1)*

### Kirk/Ferguson Win at Hilltop

Larry Kirk and Dave Ferguson won the draw-for-partner tournament at Hilltop Inn, Fair Hill, Maryland, on April 17-18. Second place honors went to Donny Casula and Dave Sieple, with Billy McCulley and Dave Lucatoma in third place.

"Lots of good competition and good food at this tourney," reports Bob Hall.

### Lukas/Ford Win at Alibi Inn

John Lukas and Mike Ford won the draw partner tournament at the Alibi Inn, Warwick, Maryland, on April 25-26. "Snake" Johnston and John Day took second place honors with Mopey Hasson and Ozzie Haggerty in third place. Heather Caleb and Bear Barclay took fourth place.

It was a double elimination event, 21 point games. "There were at least nine games that went 21-20," reports John Lukas. "Everyone enjoyed the free food!"

### Lewis/Gibbs Win at Phoenix

Bob Lewis and Bill Gibbs teamed up to take first place in a doubles tourney at the American Legion Post 75 in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 26. Other winners were Bill Thomas and Mark Rutkowski, 2nd; and Ardie Lingo and Marilyn Roberts, 3rd.

In league play, Jay's took first place in A Division playoffs April 28 over Misque, 4-2. American Legion #2 took first place in B Division playoffs April 29 over Misque, 4-0.

### Bennett/MacCurdy/Howard Winners at Jerry D's

Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar, Dacona, Colorado, hosted a Tournament of Champions on April 25-26. The tourney consisted of the top money winners at Jerry D's during the past year.

Shooters from Denver, Boulder, Longmont and the surrounding Tri-Town Area participated in the doubles and singles. They had beautiful weather all weekend and while waiting to shoot, enjoyed horseshoes and Bocci Ball in Jerry D's new patio beer garden.

Winners of the doubles tournament were Kevin MacCurdy and "Super" Ken Howard. Bob Bennett and Anthony Prough finished second, with Susan D. and Kathi Prough in third. Bob Bennett won the singles tournament with

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## Pro Player Profile

By  
Bill Moore  
Big Spring, Texas

One of the best up-and-coming young players in the sport today, John McDermott, plays world class shuffleboard and has high hopes of being the next shuffleboard great. John is 28 years old, is a salesman by trade, and has been playing shuffleboard for 10 years. His hometown is Southfield, Michigan. He toured the country last year, playing major tournaments in eight states, winning some and was "bridesmaid" in the others.

### 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. John Lukas, Md.
2. Don Casula, Del.
3. Chuck King
4. Rick Niblett
5. Dick Gorman, Del.
6. Jimmy Summers
7. Mickey Mickens, N.J.
8. Jerry Herrmann, Pa.
9. Joe Kardos
10. Scratch Todd, Md.

**MID-EAST DIVISION:** Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Iowa, Minnesota

1. Lee McDonald, Mich.
2. Jr. Lopez, Mich.
3. Bobby Voorhis, Ind.
4. John McDermott, Mich.
5. Larry Massie, Ind.
6. Dave Boaz, Ind.
7. Jerry Siebert, Mich.
8. Tom Vordran, Ind.
9. Skip Jackson, Ind.
10. Ron Wilburn, Ind.

**PACIFIC DIVISION:** Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii

1. Darrol Nelson, Oregon
2. Billy Chiles, Calif.
3. Karl Spickelmier, Calif.
4. Don Cox, Calif.
5. Leroy Ledford, Calif.
6. Eric Waldman, Calif.
7. Ted Z, Calif.
8. Fred Thumann, Calif.
9. Frank Monnarrez, Oregon
10. Jim Allis, Wash.

**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. Rick Boyer, Texas
5. Howard Mouton, Texas
6. Dave Williams, Texas
7. Earl Kelly, Texas
8. Sam Summers, Okla.
9. Bob Bennett, Colo.
10. Ken Howard, Colo.

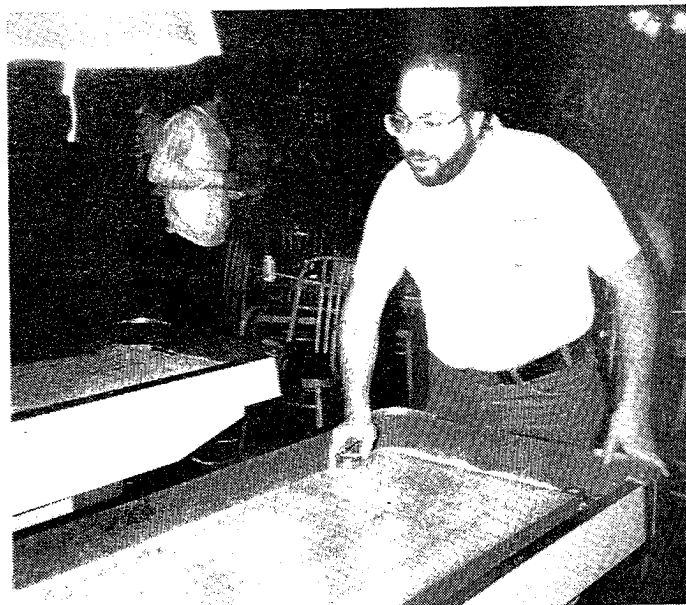
#### TOP 10 WOMEN PLAYERS IN THE U.S.A.

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

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Diane Hagen, Texas.      | 6. Cheryl Collins, Mich.     |
| 2. Chris Morahan, Calif.    | 7. Young Stocker, Ind.       |
| 3. Georjean Monnarrez, Ore. | 8. Marie Sweeney, Mich.      |
| 4. Shirley Harris, Ohio     | 9. Rita Yank, Pa.            |
| 5. Peggy Richards, Arz      | 10. Jamie Hoffman Kay, Mich. |

His biggest wins include: doubles champion for two consecutive years with partner Bud Broka in Bourbon, Indiana, and also winning in Detroit (he only had to beat Billy Mays and Earl Kelly in the finals!). John chairs the committee to organize shuffleboard nationwide.

Good luck, John, from the World of Shuffleboard.



John McDermott

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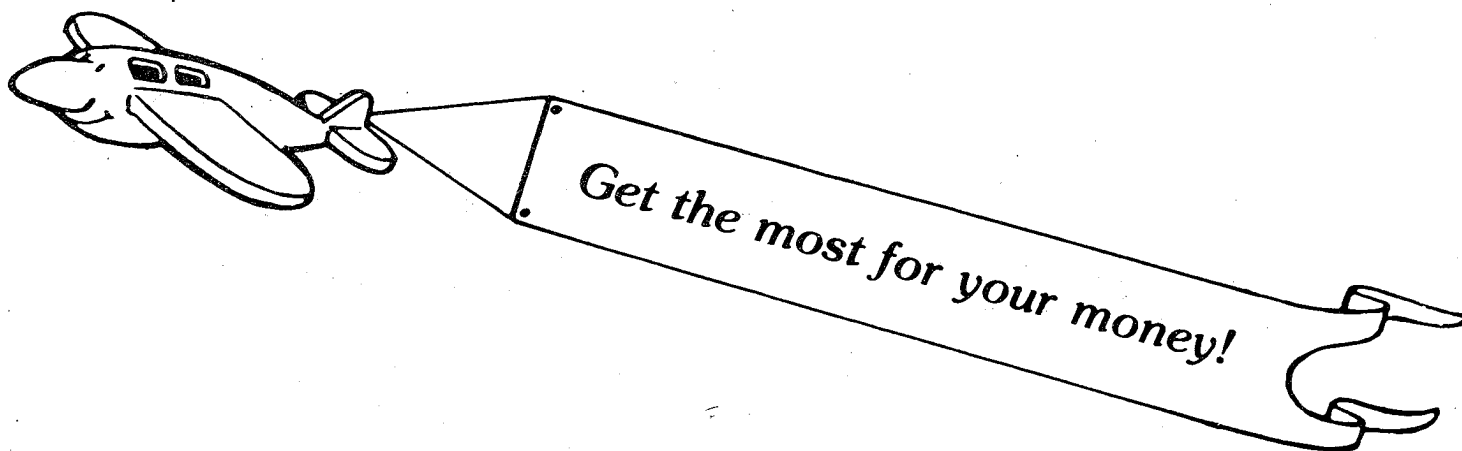
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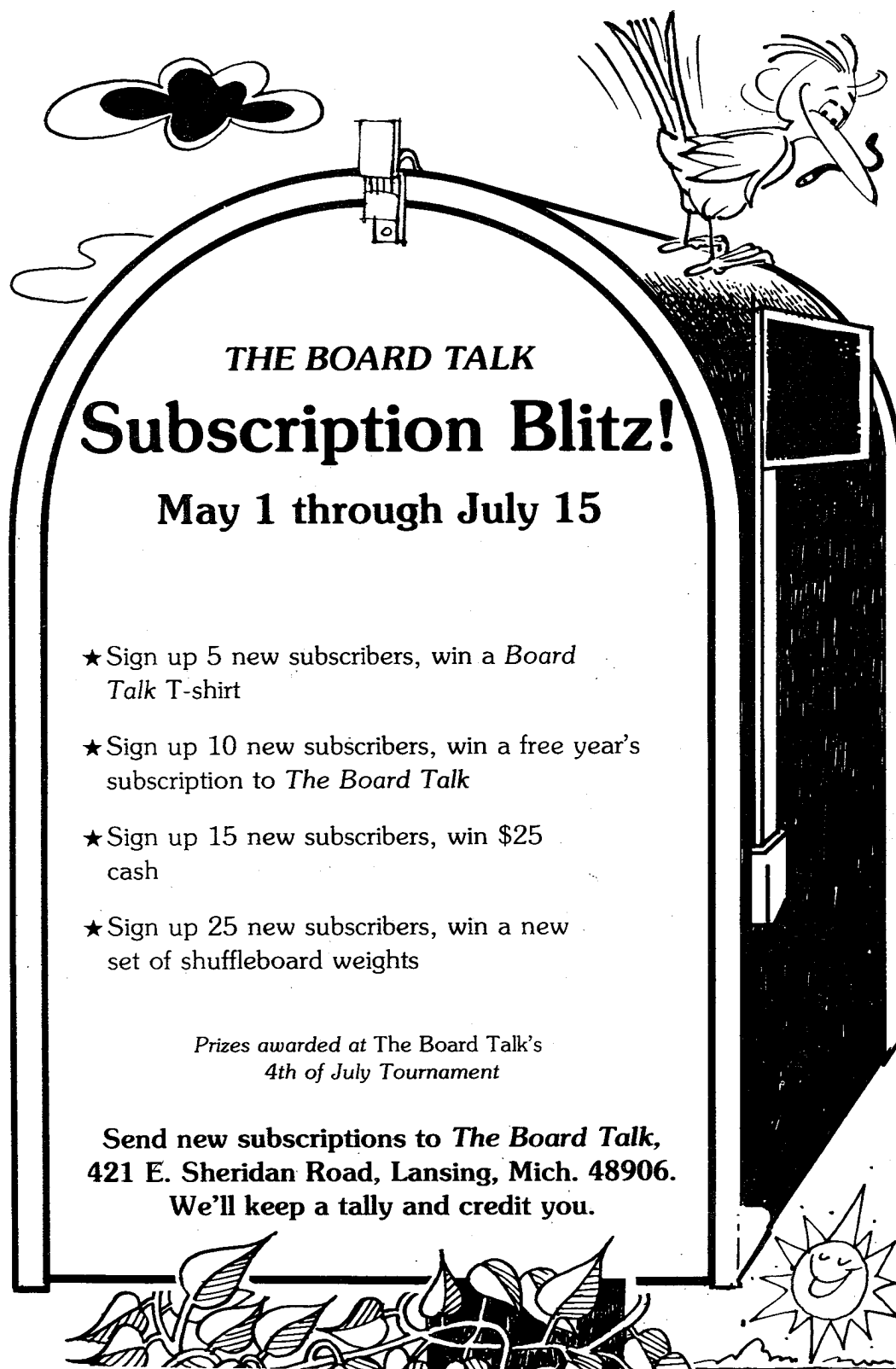
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## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 4)*

"Super" Ken Howard in second place, and Richard "Scotty" Scott finishing third.

"We had a great two days of competition and are all looking forward to next year," said Susan.



Doubles champions Kevin MacCurdy and "Super" Ken Howard congratulate each other on their win at Jerry D's.



Bob Bennett took first place in the singles at Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar's Tournament of Champions, April 25-26.



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### Locals Win at Wheeler Dealer

Tournament action was hot and heavy at the Wheeler Dealer in Tulsa, Okla., May 1, 2 and 3 with 22 people signed up for a \$50 draw and 10 strong teams scrapping it out for the \$200 bring your own partner event.

Sam Sweatt and Steve Burkett took top honors in the draw, with Diane Hagen and Sam Summers finishing second, playing through the loser's bracket (look out for those women!). Glen Davidson and Gary Moore took third place honors.

In the bring your own partner, seven of the Midwest Division's *Board Talk* rated Top 10 players participated. First place went to the Jenks American boys Bud Hillburn and Sam Sweatt with final scores of 15-4, 11-15, 15-7. "Who says locals can't be heroes?" asks Sam. Billy Mays and Earl Kelly took second place, with Bill Melton and Sam Summers in third spot.

"I want to give special recognition and thanks to all those shuffleboarder better halves — Madge, Rozanna and Sharon — for helping out with the tourney," said Sam. "They collected money better than slot machines. Thanks, too, to Sam Summers and Bill Melton for their help in the brackets."

### Lafayette Tourney Draws Crowd

A total of 64 good shooters converged on the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for three one-day tournaments on May 1, 2 and 3. Stash Chmiewski won Friday night's singles event and received a jacket, a year's subscription to *The Board Talk*, and \$850. Second place went to another Philadelphian, Jerry Herrmann, and third place to John Lukas of Millington, Maryland.

Saturday's event was a bring your own partner and Stash Chmiewski returned with his partner, Philadelphia Joe "Meatball" Easter to take another subscription to *The Board Talk*, two more jackets and over \$550. Second place went to Chuck King, Delaware, and Ken Cox, Maryland. Local Rising Sun player Buddy Brammer teamed up with Philadelphia's Ray Herrmann to take third place. Fourth place went to Mickey Mickens, New Jersey, and Jerry Herrmann; fifth to Mopey Hasson, Maryland, and Sam Sech, Delaware; sixth to Ed Galke, New York, and Ernie Marrero, Pennsylvania.

Sunday's event was a draw partner won by Mopey Hasson, teamed up with Mike Kennedy, Pennsylvania. Second place went to Jack Gardner and Dick Gorman of Delaware. Other winners were Don Crumley, Delaware, and Jim Sterling, Pennsylvania, 3rd; Richie Casula (brother of Don and Paul), Delaware, and Jay Ratlidge, another Rising Sun local, 4th.

The shooting all took place on two boards. Switching back and forth between the boards added to the fun, reports Dick Gorman. In between, participants and their guests were treated to an all-day buffet provided by host Nelson Renzo, owner of Lafayette Inn. "The best part of all were the new friends we made and the good shooting that went on," said Dick. "Most comments were — we want to come back and Nelson's reply was — we want to give you a reason. There will be more tournaments in the fall, so watch *The Board Talk* for details." Dick thanks everyone for their enthusiastic help, support and participation.

### Lansing Team Wins Big Bourbon Tourney

Lee McDonald and J.R. Lopez of Lansing, Mich., captured first place in the Bourbon American Legion's annual

Spring Tournament in Bourbon, Indiana, May 2. A total of 49 teams participated in the single elimination event. All other top winners were from Indiana: Tom and Bob Vorn-dran, 2nd; with Ron Willborn and Larry Massie, Skip Jackson and Larry Creakbaum, tied for 3rd.

### Kibler/Legg Win at Ours & Yours

Eddie Kibler and Chick Legg took top honors in a draw-partner tournament at Ours & Yours Tavern, Sudlersville, Maryland, on May 9. This was Chick's first tournament win, reports John Lucas, who finished second with his partner, Mopey Hasson. Auggie Stevenson and Judy Iseman came in third. "A special thanks to Dick Gorman for setting this tournament up," said John.

### Colorado Open, Bliner's Sports Bar, June 10-14

You should be all signed up by now for the big Colorado Coors Open at Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colorado, on June 10-14. The top three winners in the draw-partner, doubles and singles will receive a championship shuffleboard ring in this "Super Bowl of Shufflin'." If you're not registered yet, call tournament directors Norm Nuwash, 303-433-1450; George Ostrom, 303-455-0023; or Jody Slack, 303-973-6529.

### Amateur Team Tourney, Corporate Image June 18-20

There will be no pros allowed in the Amateur 10-person Team Tournament at the Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, on June 18, 19 and 20. At least four of the 10-person team must be women. \$200 per team entry fee, best of nine games, double elimination. A and B Divisions will be determined by pro Billy Mays. Practice and round robins all week prior to the tourney.

For information, call Linda Cooper, 817-451-0607.

### Ted Z's 4th of July Tourney, Best Little Wherehouse

Ted Z's second annual 4th of July Tournament will be held at his Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula, Calif. on July 3-5. \$50 per team entry fee for the doubles; \$125 per player entry fee for the singles. Both are double elimination events and sale for both is scheduled for Thursday after 9 p.m. with doubles beginning on Friday morning. Pay-off is 60-30-10 with fourth place entry returned.

Ted has three boards and a deli in the club. He'll serve a buffet on Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday morning, you can buy "Red Beer" for 75 cents.

For lodging, call nearby motels: Best Western, 714-676-5700; Country Inn, 714-676-7378; Butterfield, 714-676-4833; or Rancho Inn, 714-676-5656.

For tourney information, call Ted at 714-676-3770, or Karl Spickelmier, 213-456-8906.

### Board Talk's 3rd Annual, Howell, Mich., July 3-5

Bring your family along to this tourney. While you're playing, they can (1) watch you in the friendly atmosphere of the Log Cabin, 5393 E. Grand River, Howell, with its private room and patio, or (2) enjoy the "Water Wonderland" of the surrounding area. Our tourney site county, Livingston, boasts three state recreation areas with 500 campsites, swimming, boat rentals, golf courses, nature trails, tennis courts, horseback riding and much more. When you're in Howell, you're within easy driving distance to Hell, Detroit or Canada and all the attractions they have to offer. From country sights to city lights, you'll find it all in

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Southeast Michigan. Use the enclosed flyer to order your area attraction package.

Action will start on Thursday, July 2, with draw-partner round robins all day and evening.

The calcutta for the mixed doubles (\$50 per team) will start at 1 p.m. on Friday with the tourney immediately following. Calcuttas for the open singles (\$75 per player) and women's singles (\$50 per player) will be held at the same time after conclusion of the mixed doubles. The open

singles is next on the agenda, followed by the women's singles.

The open doubles (\$100 per team) will start sometime Saturday. Calcutta time to be announced.

All tournaments will be seeded, double elimination, and pay 60-30-10.


A free 4th of July picnic will be served by the Log Cabin Bar. Door prizes, courtesy of shuffleboard establishment across the country, are an added attraction.

For lodging, we recommend the Holiday Inn in Howell, which is offering a special rate to participants — \$36 per night for a two double bed room. Call 517-546-6800 and

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## Shuffleboard Directory

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tell them you are participating in the Board Talk shuffleboard tournament. Other area motels include: Best Western, 517-548-3900, and Grand View Motel, 517-546-2690. For campsite information, call the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, 313-227-5086.

See ad and flyer in this issue.

### Aqua-Festival U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 7-9

The Austin Aqua-Festival 2nd Annual U.S. Open Shuffleboard Tournament will be held at the Gondolier Hotel, 1001 South I.H. 35, Austin, Texas, on Aug. 7, 8 and 9. \$300 per player for the open singles, \$200 per team for the open doubles with money added to the pot. Last year's prize money for this big event was \$33,450! Darrol Nelson won the singles; Rick Boyer and Glen Davidson took the doubles title; and Diane Hagen won the women's event.

The auction will start at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, with singles beginning at 8 p.m. The doubles will start on Saturday as soon as possible.

Director Don Valk encourages players to bring their families to enjoy the Aqua-Festival. "The tournament hotel site is right on Town Lake and is beautiful," Don says. "On Friday night, there will be a lighted water parade and a big fireworks display right across the lake from the hotel. It ought to be spectacular reflecting off the water. There will be plenty of events for the families and friends of the players."

Special room rates for players, their families and friends are offered by the Gondolier. Make your reservations by calling 512-444-3611.

For tournament information, call Don at 512-388-7767,

or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

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

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Talk tourney in Michigan and Ted Z's 4th of July tournament in California (what a class guy he is — we're competing for the same players, yet he signs up as a co-sponsor of our tourney!). In August, we have the big Austin Aqua-Festival U.S. Open. Imagine the void in information we'd have if we took a recess in June and July of 1987 as we did in 1984.

It's a sign of the times, fellow shufflers, and we're glad we're recording this history of The World of Shuffleboard.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

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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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