

# he Board Talk

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# The Hammer

Objectivity — that's what we journalists are supposed to have. But it's obvious that even Barbara Walters and Dan Rather have a problem retaining their objectivity sometimes. We know how tough it is. It keeps us relatively quiet on the sidelines during a tournament, observing and recording what we see and hear with no emotions for a sentimental favorite allowed to surface.

It's not easy!

It's particularly not easy now, when we're getting phone calls and letters regarding a highly-publicized tournament that didn't come off the way it was supposed to, but we're going to struggle to keep that objectivity.

The calls and letters range from "we're disappointed, but it was a good experience" to demands that The Board Talk take some responsibility for the failure of a tournament advertised on its pages. In between the two are the legitimate concerns for the investments of time taken off work, money, travel and lodging, involved in trying for the big bucks that never materialized.

Objectively speaking, the tournament had several strikes against it going in. It was too soon after the Corporate Image tourney that's become a national attraction; the entry fee was far too steep for most players; and too few bars were willing to sponsor a qualifying tournament (was Papa's in Michigan the only one who dared?). It would only have taken 36 of the over 100 shuffleboard establishments on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing to sponsor a qualifying tournament to make it happen!

We neither condone nor condemn the actions of this tournament sponsor. Granted, he should not have advertised what he was not certain he could deliver. But The Board Talk is not in the business of character assassination (that's why we're not printing some of the letters we received), nor will it ever be in the position to "quarantee" every tournament advertised on its pages. That's where the value of a national organization comes in! Discipline comes from within a sport that is organized and sanctioned!

Before you sit in the judgement seat, consider this: up until this recent failure, this tournament sponsor has (1) held many successful tournaments, (2) been a consistent shuffleboard promoter, (3) bought an ad to solicit funds to help one of his competitors who was seriously ill, and (4) through his advertising support has done more than any other person in the World of Shuffleboard to keep bringing this publication to you.

Before you criticize us for defending someone because of their advertising dollars, remember this — there have been

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# Tourney Talk

Casula/Killen Win Delaware Tourney

Donnie Casula and Vinne Killen won the St. Pat's Tournament at the Diamond State VFW in Wilmington, Del., on March 14. Twenty-four players participated in the tourney, played on a 28-foot board.

"Donnie is taking advantage of what he learned in Texas," says reporter John Lukas.

## Niblett/Somers Win at Rick's Place

Five of the top 10 players in the Atlantic Coast Division participated in the Rick's Place/Bud Light tournament cosponsored by Ronnie Brumley for Laurel Delaware American Legion. The three-day tournament, held at Rick's place, Salisbury, Md., March 21-23, was a 21 point, 2 out of 3 double elimination event.

The tourney was won by Rick Niblett and Jim Somers with second place honors earned by Chuck King and Wayne Tribetts. Other winners were: Ken Cox and Eddie Kibbler, 3rd; Bob Cerklefskie and Burr Miller, 4th; Buddy Bramer and Marion Schulties, 5th; Dick Gorman and Rocky Rybicki, 6th.

## Balins/Ivy Win Bliner's Spring Classic

Morey Balins and Lucky Ivy were top winners in the Spring Classic held at Bliner's Sports Bar, Denver, Colo., March 27-28. Second place honors went to Travis Anderson and Paul Maccarone, with Jorge Esteve and Don Moody finishing third. "It was an exciting tournament with a field of all top-notch, experienced players," said host Norm Nuwash.

A handicap singles tournament held at Bliner's the week before the Spring Classic was won by George Ostrom, with Morey Balins in second place and Fred Campean in third.

## Boyer/Mouton Win Doubles at P.T.'s

Rick Boyer and Howard Mouton won the doubles at P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, Houston, Texas, in March. Bill Melton and Dave Williams took second place with Darrol Nelson and Glen Davidson in third.

## Boyer/Driskill Win "Big Don" Benefit

Rick Boyer and Ray Driskill took first place in the "Big Don" Covington Benefit Tournament at the Sports Arena Bar, Houston, Texas on April 4. Don passed away in March (see Glen Davidson's tribute in Shufflers' Notebook). A barbecue and a pool tournament were also part of the ac-

Other winners were Joe Roden and Toad Smith, 2nd; Chuck Lato and Terry Watkins, 3rd; and Diana Hagen and Harvey Kidd, 4th. The tourney drew 26 players with a pot of \$1160.

Tournaments are held the first Saturday of each month at the Sports Arena with the house adding \$100 to the pot. "We are looking forward to larger tournaments in the future," says owner Warren Faulk. The Sports Arena has two boards.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

## Lots of Innovative Ideas at Colorado Open

The big news from Colorado is this year's Colorado Open, scheduled for June 10-14 here at Bliner's Sports Bar.

You can see from our ad that Coors is sponsoring the event again this year along with co-sponsors, Ramada Inn, I-70 Northwest, and Bliner's Sports Bar. The '87 Open promises to be bigger and better than ever. We're billing it as "The Super Bowl of Shufflin" because the winners, first through third place, will receive a championship shuffleboard ring instead of trophies.

To accommodate all the extra players and spectators this year, we're going to bring in two extra boards for a total of four. We also plan to set up video cameras and televise the semi-finals and championship matches on the big screen TV throughout the building so spectators may sit anywhere and watch the action without crowding the players.

We had a small \$10 handicap singles event in February with a calcutta here at Bliner's. The field of 16 players had handicaps of 0 to 5 points. Shady Grady McGovern took first with George Ostrom, 2nd; Jody Slack, 3rd; and Paul Maccarone, 4th. Yours truly finished just out of the money in 5th place. All had a good time.

Norman Nuwash, Bliner's Sports Bar, Denver, Colo.

Sounds like another great tournament, Norm! What a great idea to have the semi-finals and championship matches on big screen TV — a big plus for spectators and players. Your "Super Bowl" rings will really be something the winners will wear with pride. Congratulations for such innovative ideas!

## A Letter to the "Bobby Riggs" of Shuffleboard

A couple of months ago, I received your answer to my article in the October 1986 issue of The Board Talk pertaining to "Women in the Sport of Shuffleboard."

I had dedicated the story to two players from Martin's Tavern in Pennsylvania. Needless to say, one made a fool of himself and gave me a reply. I had commented in the January '87 issue what good sports those two were for taking all this harrassment from the shufflers in their league.

Your reply was printed in *The Board Talk* the same month that I commented on you being a good sport. Subscribers in the league you shoot for were surprised by your answer (one for us, ladies!). A shuffleboard shooter you are, but a "Bobby Riggs" you ain't!

Come on, ladies, where are your responses to his silly reply? Let's hear it in The Board Talk or you can address your letters to him: "Bobby Riggs of Shuffleboard," Martin's Tavern, Mount Road, Aston, PA 19014.

Oh, Ron — I still think Bobby Riggs has a better tan and nicer looking legs than you do. From one secretary of a shuffleboard league to another (he does a "woman's job"), no offense intended, but I do a better job!

Rita Yank, Secretary, Southwest Shuffleboard League, Philadelphia, Pa.

You'll note, Rita, that Chris Monahan of California has "thrown down the gauntlet" to Ron. We, too, were surprised that more women didn't respond to his letter. Maybe the outrage had to simmer awhile before it boiled to the sur-

face. Or maybe most of our women subscribers thought it was a spoof to try to raise their ire and decided not to give him the satisfaction of an "uprising."

## Watch Those Women Shuffle!

We just had our first women's singles shuffleboard tournament on March 13-15. The total prize money was \$1270 with 12 entries.

I'd like to give a special thanks to John Fisher, Karl Spickelmier, Rich Warren and Glasses Jack for their support in helping to run the tournament. We had a great time and hope to have more like it, maybe to qualify for other tournaments out of state.



Some of the participants in the women's singles ham it up for the camera. Left to right (back row) are Dot Bastanchury, 3rd place winner; Kathleen, Evelyn, Patsy, Marie, (front row) Bernice Boik, 2nd place; and Chris Monahan, 1st place.

I enjoy reading *The Board Talk*. Thank you for your support of the sport we love.

A special note to Ron Johnson: If you're ever out in California, Ron, I'd certainly play you with one hand tied behind my back!

Chris Monahan, Huntington Beach, Calif.

It's evident from the photo, Chris, that you did indeed have a great time. We hope it's the start of something good for the women of The World of Shuffleboard.

For those new subscribers who have no idea who the Ron is that Chris is challenging, he's from Pennsylvania. He wrote a letter published in the January issue that told The World of Shuffleboard that he was the Bobby Riggs of our sport and could beat any "Billy Jean King" with one hand tied behind his back. Wouldn't it be fun to get these two together?

## A New Voice From Washington

Just found out about your publication. Am really glad to find out that there is such an informative publication

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# Play Your Way Across the USA

# The Board Talk's Shuffleboard Network

- ☆ Tavern of Furey, 6805 W. Hillsborough, Tampa 33634
- Starcade, 34 Elgin Parkway, SE, Ft. Walton Beach 32548;504-244-2349
- ☆ Pub 52, 9137 S. R. 52, Hudson, 33567; 813-862-6737

#### South Carolina

- ☆Blind Hog Tavern, 2004 Hwy. #17, Charleston 29407

### Maryland

- ☆Ours & Your Place, Rt. 300, Sudlersville 21668; 301-438-3743
- ☆Rendezvous Inn, 362 Front St., Perryville 21903; 301-642-2653
- ☆ Lafayette Inn, U.S. Route 1, Rising Sun 21911; 301-658-9075
- 21921; 301-398-3696
- ☆Epics Lounge, Main St., Rising Sun 21911 ☆ Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Road, Street
- 21154; 301-836-8881
- ☆Rick's Place, N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury 21801; 301-749-9708
- ☆Beachcomer, Charlestown 21914
- ☆ Alibi Inn, 2 Sassafras Rd., Warwick 21912;

### Delaware

- ☆Tucker's Ale House, 210 N. Union St., Wilmington 19806; 302-654-7480
- ☆ Mr. D's, 2463 S. State St., Dover 19901; 302-697-9070
- ☆Kent & Sussex Inn, Northwest Front St., Milford 19963; 302-422-4551
- 302-422-5414
- ☆ Milford Tavern, 24 S. Walnut St., Milford 19963; 302-422-9945
- ☆Wyoming Tavern, 5 N. Railroad Ave., Wyoming 19934; 302-697-9978
- ☆ The Owl's Nest, Felton 19943
- ☆Stone's Tavern, 4 Mechanic St., Harrington 19952

## Pennsylvania

- ☆ Craig's Tavern, 3110 Township Line, Drexel Hill 19026; 215-789-4889
- ☆Fathead's Pub, 6171 Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia 19135

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- ☆H & H Tavern, 203 E. Court St., Washington Court House 43160; 614-335-8746
- ☆Double-Tree Bar, 321 W. Main St., Montpelier 43543
- ☆ Pastime Lunch, Inc., 135 W. Butler St., Bryan 43506

### Michigan

- 48843; 517-546-6741
- Art's Bar & Grill, 809 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing 48912; 517-482-8328
- ☆ McCleer's Saloon, 910 W. Saginaw, Lansing, 48915; 517-484-8656
- Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake 48085
- Ace Lounge, 411 N. Felker, Hazel Park 48030
- ☆Knollwood Tavern, 2414 W. Michigan Ave.,
- Kalamazoo 49007; 616-385-9439 ☆Dillinger's Saloon, 19 S. Washington, Oxford 48051; 313-628-7285

- ☆Pasquale's, 916 W. Saginaw, Lansing 48915; 517-485-0741
- ☆Papa's Pub & Grub, 23617 Van Dyke, Warren 48089; 313-757-6760
- ☆Korner Pub, 1017 W. Main, Owosso 48867; 517-723-9843
- ☆Scoreboard Saloon, 1223 Plainfield, NE. Grand Rapids 49505
- ★Walt's Bar, 21346 Fenkell, Detroit; 313-534-6326
- ☆Richard's Tavern, 550 N. Penny St., Pontiac 48053

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- ☆The Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont 46928; 317-948-9102
- ☆ Triangle, 2129 Ohio Ave., Anderson 46014; 317-642-1155
- ☆Keg Tavern, 111 Van Buren St., Leesburg 46538
- &Food Harbor, Inc., 312 W. Main, Peru 46970; 317-473-9966
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- ☆ Monty's Bar, 28 W. Main St., Chesterfield
- B.C.'s (Beef's) Tap, Inc., 550 S. Main St., Kendallville 46755; 219-347-9965
- ☆VFW Post 1421, 7212 Bluffton Road, Ft. Wayne 46809
- ☆Anchor Inn, Rome City 46784; 219-854-3725
- ☆ The American Legion, Main Street, Bourbon 46504; 219-342-9125
- ☆ First & Last Stop, 123 E. North St., U.S. 6 East, Kendallville 46755; 219-347-9975
- 46226; 317-897-9111
- ☆ Mississinewa Tavern, 125 E. Harris, Eaton 47338; 317-396-9371
- ☆ Northside Tavern, 2030 N. Merrifield, Mishawaka 46545; 219-255-0463
- Abie's, 204 S. State, Ashley 46705
- ☆ Kimmel Inn, Kimmel 46760

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- ☆Tiger's Lounge, 710 New S. Florissant, Florissant 63131; 314-837-3942
- ☆ Starting Gate Lounge, 14088 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant 63033
- ☆ Meyers Bar & Restaurant, 12470 Olds Hall Ferry, Black Jack 63033

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- & Wolf Trap, 1109 S. Broadway, Edmond 73083; phone 405-340-7075
- ☆The Peppermill, 3600 NW 58th, Oklahoma City 73112; 405-947-7386
- ☆Elk's Lodge, 520 W. Oxford, Enid 73701 ☆Elk Lodge #2079, Sulphur 73086
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- ☆Pop A Top Lounge, 202 S. Bank St., Guyman 43942
- ☆Elk's Lodge, Chickasha 73023
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- ☆Sports Arena Club, 11528 W. Jones Rd., Houston 77070
- ☆ The Green House, 1102 Scurry, Big Springs
- ☆ Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Ft. Worth, phone 817-451-0607
- ☆ Hide-Way, 1021 N. Mockingbird, Abilene
- &P.T.'s, 4324 W. 34th St., Houston 77092; phone 713-681-3852
- & Curve Inn, Lake McQueeney 78123

- ☆ Terry's Place, 5225 Matilda, Dallas 75206; phone 214-691-7553
- ☆Sportsman Ice House, 715 West Ave., San Antonio 78201; 512-732-0316
- Dallas 75214
- ☆Starlite Lounge, 1914 Garden City Hwy.. Midland 79701
- ☆ Cootey's Tavern & Kitchen, 8318 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio 78216: 512-342-4998

#### Kansas

☆River Road Inn, 815 Loring, Bonner Springs 66012; 913-441-9850

#### Nebraska

☆Wooden Keg, 206 Chestnut St., Kimball

### Wyoming

- ☆Sports Page, 520 S. Ash, Casper 82601 Colorado
- ☆Rome's Saloon, 785 W. Mississippi, Denver 80223; phone 303-778-9976
- ☆ Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd... Denver 80002; phone 303-433-1450
- ☆ A Bit of Billiards, 700 Florida Ave., Longmont 80501
- 80514; 303-833-3469
- ☆Fitz's Pub, 1120 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver 80222; 303-757-8726

- ☆ That Place, 2939 N. 16th St. Phoenix 85016
- ☆Mis Que Cocktails, 5542 N. 43rd Ave.. Glendale 85304; 602-939-0528
- & Yucca Tap Room, 29 W. Southern, Tempe
- ☆ Jay's Cocktail Lounge, 3208 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85017

### Nevada

☆ Duffy's Tavern, 4420 E. Charleston, Las Vegas 89104; 702-453-3454

- ☆ The Edgewood, 10122 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower 90706; 213-866-9268
- &Stagger Inn, 9104 Alondra Blvd., Beliflower 90706; phone 213-886-9311
- &Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula 92390, 714-676-3770
- ☆Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville 95901: phone 916-743-6885
- ☆ Cozy Inn, 11155 Washington Place, Culver City 90230; 213-838-3826
- ☆ Charlie's Lounge, 6041 Bolsa Ave., Huntington Beach 92649

- ☆ Tolo Tavern, 7878 Blackwell Rd., Central Point 97502
- ☆ Hunt & Fish Tavern, 12750 SW Farmington, Beaverton 97005; phone 503-644-7847
- \$99 Tavern, Winston 97496
- & Village Inn, 5915 SE 82nd, Portland 97266
- ☆Palm Steak House & Tavern, 136 N. 4th St., Springfield 97487; 503-746-6267
- 97477
- ☆ Seafarer, 75 NW Harbor Ct., Warrenton
- ☆ Club Tavern, 420 Main St., Springfield 97477 ☆Prospect Cafe & Trophy Room, Prospect

## Washington

- ☆ Larry & Ray's Tavern, 3823 S. Yakima, Tacoma 98408; phone 206-474-1626
- ☆Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota St., Shelton
- ☆ Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma; phone 206-272-1892
- &Buzz's Tavern, 5018 Mud Bay Rd., NW, Olympia 98502; 206-866-8335
- ☆ Corner Tavern, 1255 Allen West Rd., Bow 98232; 206-757-6113

### Canada

☆Winnipeg Hotel, 214 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C1A8

## Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

## Yanks Win April Fool's Classic at Craig's Tavern

The April Fool's Shuffleboard Classic held at Craig's Tavern, Drexel Hill, Pa., on April 4 was won by Jim and Rita Yank of Philadelphia. Donny and Rick Casula of Dover, Del., took second place, with Tommy Faulkner and Steve Ski of Philadelphia capturing third place honors.

Hosts Roger and Buddy Craig had plenty of food on hand and more than enough friendly smiles and encouraging words to make all feel welcome, reports Jim Yank. "The highlight of the day was the participation of the Casula brothers, whose energetic personalities and friendly natures made it a great day," Jim said.

## Central Indiana Action

Twenty teams competed in a tournament on Feb. 21 at the Red Dog, Muncie, Ind., for a pot of \$1110. Dave Welch and Dave Vorndran took first place honors with Rick and Young Stocker in second place. Dave Flynn and Jim Davis finished third with Lew and J.W. in fourth.

At the Town Tavern, Summitville, on Feb. 28, 24 teams competed for \$1620. Winners were Emmett Wilcox and Bruce Pennington, 1st; Rom Hennis and Dave Vorndran, 2nd; Marcia Brown and Rick Stocker, 3rd; and Phil Cline and Marisa Voorhis, 4th.

On March 7 at the Palace Bar, Fairmount, 20 teams played for \$1320. First place was won by Dave Welch and Emmett Wilcox; second place honors went to Bob Brown and Jim DeWitt. Mel Sanders and Rick Stocker took third, with Steve Hart and Tom Vorndran in fourth place.

On March 14 at the Mississinewa Tavern in Eaton, 20

teams played for \$1055. Winners were Rom Hennis and Dave Vorndran, 1st; Jim DeWitt and Jim Caster, 2nd; Mike Gillman and Dave Smith, 3rd; Dan Brookshire and Nina Sutton, 4th.

Dave Welch and Emmett Wilcox won the tournament at the Triangle in Anderson on March 21. Francis McMilland and Jerry Pritchard took second, with Rom Hennis and Dave Vorndran in third and Phil Crowder and Bill Rees in fourth place.

On March 28 at the American Bar, Portland, 15 teams played for \$1020. Winners were Emmett Wilcox and Bruce P., 1st; Mike Waller and Wayne Brotherton, 2nd; Dave Welch and Jim DeWitt, 3rd; Dan Brookshire and Nina Sutton, 4th.

Twenty-three teams competed for \$1285 at the Sportsman's Bar, Muncie, on April 4. Winners were Dave Welch and Bobby Brown, 1st; Deb Somers and Dave Vorndran, 2nd; Bruce P. and Bobby Voorhis, 3rd; Manny and Sugar Ray, 4th.

On April 11 at the Town Tavern in Summitville, 24 teams played for \$1925. Winners were Ron Welborn and Larry Massie, 1st; Rom Hennis and Dave Vorndran, 2nd; Deb Somers and Tony Avery, 3rd; Rick Stocker and Mel Sanders, 4th.

## Broka/Bauer Win at Bourbon

Bud Broka of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Bill Bauer of Niles, Mich., teamed up to take first place in a doubles tourney at the Bourbon American Legion on April 18. It was a double elimination event. In second place were Jerry Siebert and Lee McDonald of Lansing, Mich., with Larry Massie and

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Emmett Wilcox of Summitville, Ind., in third.

Jerry reports it was a good tournament, thanks to the excellent direction of Mike Koontz.

Bourbon Spring Tournament, May 2

The Midwest's biggest single elimination doubles event will be held at the American Legion, Bourbon, Ind., on May 2. \$20 per team entry fee with big auction starting at 11 a.m. Chicken barbecue also on the agenda.

For further information, call Mike Koontz, 219-342-0693,

or the American Legion, 219-342-9125.

Colorado Open Sponsorship Tourneys Scheduled

Four shuffleboard sites are holding sponsorship tournaments for the Colorado Open "Super Bowl of Shufflin" scheduled for June 10-14 at Bliner's Sports Bar, Denver, Colo. The winners of these tournaments will represent the sponsoring bar at the Colorado Open. All events are \$20 per team for bring-your-partner and \$20 for singles.

Fitz's Pub, 1120 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, will sponsor tournaments on May 2-3 and May 16-17. Call 303-

757-8726 for details.

Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern, 604 8th St., Dacona, Colo., will sponsor tournaments on May 2-3. Call 303-833-3469.

Bliner's Sports Bar will sponsor tournaments on April 25-26, May 8-9, and June 5-6. Call 303-433-1450.

Cheers, 7514 Grandview, Arvada, Colo., will sponsor tournaments on May 29-30. Call 303-423-6238.

This is your opportunity to win your entry fee for the big Colorado Open.

# Memorial Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif., May 21-25

The 9th annual Memorial Day shuffleboard tournament will be held at the Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, Calif., on May 21-25. Entry fees of \$300 per team for the doubles and \$150 for the singles will pay 60-30-10. Two out of 3 double elimination.

The auctions are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday with doubles starting on Friday. Tournament directors will be Fred Thumann and Jerry Miller.

For more information, call Jerry or Sharon Miller at the Ace of Clubs, 916-743-6885.

See ad in this issue.

Michigan Open, May 22-25

The Dearborn Athletic Club, 2145 S. Telegraph Rd., Dearborn, will be the site for the Michigan Playfair 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.

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.

See the double-page ad in this issue for more details and read John's letter in Shufflers' Notebook.

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

The Colorado Open, sponsored by Coors and cosponsored by Ramada Inn and Bliner's Sports Bar on June 10-14, is billed as the "Super Bowl of Shufflin'." That's because the top three winners will receive a championship shuffleboard ring instead of trophies.

The big event at Bliner's Sports Bar, 5402 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo., features a \$50 draw partner event on Wednesday, a \$200 per team bring-your- partner event on Thursday night and Friday, and a \$150 singles event Friday night and Saturday. Sunday is being reserved for champion-ship playoffs as needed.

Ramada Inn is offering special room rates for out-of-town players and spectators, so make your reservations early.

For further details, call tournament directors Norm Nuwash, 303-433-1450; George Ostrom, 303-455-0023; or Jody Slack, 303-973-6529.

See ad in this issue and also host Norm's letter in Shufflers' Notebook.

## The Board Talk's Third Annual Tourney, July 3-5

Gov. James Blanchard invites you to come to the Great Lakes State to help celebrate Michigan's Sesquicentennial. And while you're here, why not participate in The Board Talk's 3rd annual tournament, July 3-5, at the Log Cabin Bar in Howell? Draw-partner event, \$50 per team entry fee; women's singles, \$50 entry fee; open doubles, \$100 per team entry fee; open singles, \$75 entry fee. All will be double elimination events and will be seeded.

For further information on the tourney and to request lodging information, write to *The Board Talk*, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing, MI 48906; phone 517-371-2538.

# 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

Colorado Coors Open Bliner's Sports Bar, Denver, Colo.

July 3-5

3rd Annual Board Talk Tournament Log Cabin Bar, Howell, Michigan

Sept. 4-7

Labor Day Tournament Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

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2nd Annual Mega-Bucks Tournament P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, Houston, Texas





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No entries accepted after noon Thursday. Players are encouraged to bring their own weights.

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SCHEDULE				
Wednesday	Celebrity Pro-Am Trick Shot Exhibition by Billy Mays	Friday	10:00 a.m. — Ladies event starts; open doubles to start Fri-	
Thursday	Registration closes at 12:00		day afternoon.	
	noon for all events. Players association meeting; brackets will be drawn that	Saturday	10:00 a.m. — Open doubles continues; finals Saturday night.	
evening. 6:00 p.m. — Master of	Sunday	12:00 noon — Open singles starts.		
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available on the subject of shuffleboard. Needless to say, I am a shuffleboard nut!

Our league and playoffs just concluded (Skagit Valley Shuffleboard League) and several of our teams and players play in local Northwest tournaments but, quite frankly, we did not know about the "biggies" in other states. Therefore, we are looking forward to receiving *The Board Talk* so we can know what is going on in The World of Shuffleboard. Larry H. Sawyer, Anacortes, Wash.

Welcome aboard, Larry! When we first started this venture, we predicted that Washington, being the "hotbed" of shuffleboard that it is, would be one of our leading subscriber states. For some reason, that hasn't happened so we celebrate every addition to our mailing list from your state. Help us spread the word!

## Ten Years of Shuffleboard Sweethearts

We had our 10th annual Sweetheart Tournament on Valentine's Day at Larry and Ray's Tavern, Tacoma, Wash. Ten years of shuffleboard sweethearts — husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, and some just friends and friends. It has always been a fun tournament for all involved. It gives the average players a chance to play without it costing them a fortune. At the same time, it gives the good players a chance for more competition and prestige.

Georjean Monnarrez and Ron Wicks, playing together for the first time, took first place. Well deserved, too; they shot very well. Barb and Ken from Portland's Black Cat Tavern took second. Chris and Red, also of Portland, took third place.

Thanks to the 16 teams entered, the delicious food the women brought, and the \$100 Clark added, this year's tournament was another success.

Clara Kenney, Tacoma, Washington

We are glad to hear from you "sweethearts" in the Great Northwest, Clara. Keep us posted.

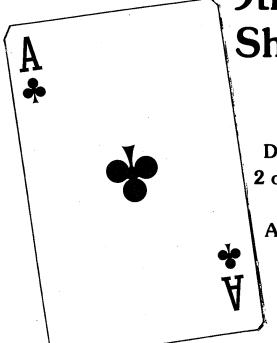
## Something Very Important is Missing!

I would like to begin this letter by stating how much I enjoy reading the monthly Board Talk. It is informative, interesting, factual, and welcome literature in my home.

As I was reading the April issue, I noticed something very important was missing. There was little or no representation from the Tacoma, Washington, area or the Pacific Northwest. I thought I would jot down a few of the things we have been doing up this way so our shuffleboard friends across the United States will know that we still play board and have not been eradicated by nuclear fission.

I would also like to comment on the fact that Billy Mays has finally learned the game and earned his just recognition. Congratulations, Billy! (Readers: ask Billy to tell you the joke about the bear and the bunny rabbit in the forest. I hope he remembers. It's one of my favorites!)

Also a salute to John McDermott who is chairing the committee for the A.S.F. Very important, John! The proposed rules are great. It helps to have consistent rules throughout tournament play. I do have one thought for the committee to consider, John. What if, before play begins, a player



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wants to carry the weights to his end of the board so he has the hammer instead of his partner, or a player chooses not to take his practice weights so as to change the end where the game begins.

This has happened and is a cause for concern. Maybe it could be stated somewhere in the rules that the weights remain at the end where the previous game ended or the winner of the flip can put them at either end. It makes no difference what the committee decides but it would be helpful to have some guidelines on that particular problem.

Now, back to the Northwest. I would like to congratulate the top three winners from the St. Pat's tourney held at the Palm Tavern in Springfield, Oregon. I think there was an upset. Sort of like the Hagler/Leonard fight when Ron Wicks and John Mull slid 3's and 4's to the end for the wins. They beat out a lot of good teams with their lags. Those included Al Pease and Dave Arndt finishing second, and Don Kerr (Decoy) and Jim Foran finishing a very respectable third. Good going, Tacoma!

The Buzz's Mud Bay mixed doubles went off good this past March with "nothin' but tough" teams. Buzz's three boards are good, well-kept boards, but most people think they don't play them well. Reason being, they are tough boards with a lot of character. That makes for a game that is much more challenging and satisfying when you win.

It was a great tournament with a calming seaside atmosphere. I may be somewhat partial as my partner, Jim Allis, and I won. We had tough competition with every match we played. Chris and "Redhead" Foley from Portland came in a blazing second, while Kathy and Al Selburg from Tacoma roared into third with the burning desire to play more. We had good representation from surrounding areas such as Portland and Spokane. Good tourney, Buzzl

Just a few words in closing. Keep your eyes open for flyers and/or information on tournaments in the Northwest area and Spokane. Between February and July, there are a lot of worthwhile tournaments. Hope to see many of you here. It would be fun to meet the people I have read about in The Board Talk. I hope that pleasure is mine someday. Michelle Foran, Tacoma, Wash.

We welcome every letter we get, Michelle, but yours was especially welcome. Not only are you an excellent writer, but we "hunger" for signs of life from the Great Northwest (see our response to new subscriber Larry Sawyer). We especially appreciate your kind words of encouragement and hope we hear from you on a regular basis. We hope you tell those shuffleboard tournament sponsors that The Board Talk is a good place to advertise to gain national participation.

Your letter is our first response to the suggested rules we published. Thanks to you, we know that somebody "out there" really cares. We will have the committee consider your suggestions. Now...a word from John McDermott:

"It was very nice to read Michelle's letter at George and Donna's house where Phil Skover and I had Easter dinner.

"Exactly one year ago today, Michelle and Jim Foran had Darrol Nelson, Steve Wilson and me over for Easter dinner. Having been on the road for a month and eating McDonalds and microwave pizza in the bars, it was one of the most enjoyable meals I have ever eaten.

"I have been intending to write for some time about the players in the Pacific Northwest. Although we do get some correspondence from Oregon, we hear virtually nothing from Washington and I know from the time I spent there

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that there is a tournament somewhere in the state almost every week.

"Along with having a lot of tournaments, there are also some great players who deserve recognition. Jim Allis can play as good as anyone, and Jim Foran, Don Kerr (D.K.), Fred Johns, Joe Lavin, Al Pease, Dave Arndt, Tommy Campbell and Mike Pond are also very good players. I also understand there are a bunch of good players on the east side of the state. Even though I haven't been there, I have met Marv and Rosa White who own a bar there and are super players. I am extending a personal invitation to Rosa White to play in the Ladies' Singles at the Michigan Playfair Open and receive the recognition she deserves."

## **Recognition for Palms Tourney**

Lots of fun was enjoyed by 31 male players and one determined lady — Georjean Monnarrez — at the 3rd annual St. Pat's Day tournament at the Palms Tavern, Springfield, Oregon. (Results in last month's Tourney Talk.)

Bellflower Bruce and his friends from Tustin Inn, Calif., presented the hostess, Joni Jones, with a lovely blooming yellow flowering plant.

Poor Joni was in a world of hurt. She broke her finger trying to lock her safe. She was taken to the hospital and had 13 stitches. Everyone helped her, even the spectators. The sportsmanship of all was excellent!

Joni thanks all of her helpers: directors Bruce Wechter, Lee Vachter and Roy Lembke; bracket coordinator Duane Roppe; waitresses and bartenders Bill, Rhonda and Duffy; and the Irish stew makers Sharon and Charolette. The tournament directors appreciated the help of Barbara Wochnick and auctioneer Red Foster for helping the crowd bid on their favorite teams. The result was an auction pot and players' entry fee of \$2,374.

Joni also presented six shiny red jackets to the winning teams.

Evie Wechter, Eugene, Oregon

Thanks for this "behind the seenes" view of the Palms tournament, Evie. Joni is a real trooper and fine shuffleboard supporter.

## We'll Miss Don Covington

There is a shuffleboarder who died recently that I think needs a few words of recognition — Don Covington of Houston, Texas. Don was always promoting shuffleboard in the Houston area. He and his wife, Velma, owned the Sports Arena and were instrumental in getting shuffleboard started again in the Houston area.

Don staged the first national tournament in Houston St. Patrick's Day weekend, 1986, and from there the sport has grown tenfold.

Don is survived by his wife, Velma, and children. I know they will all miss Don as we do. He was a very colorful fellow and never spoke badly of anyone.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The World of Shuffleboard extends sincere sympathy to Velma and all of Don's family and friends.

## Greetings from Las Vegas!

"Balboa Ron" has asked me to take over as your shuffleboard reporter for the Las Vegas area. I'm originally from Southern California and did my playing around San Bernardino, Pomona, Inglewood, Southgate and Bellflower. I've been in Vegas for 11 years now and although it is not primarily a shuffleboard town, we do have a league that consists of two divisions. This league was started about seven years ago by my good friend, George Zariphes, brother of Ted Z (owner of The Best Little Wherehouse, Temecula, Calif.).

In 1984 our Las Vegas team took first place in the national pro-am tournament at the Showboat Hotel and Casino. We were partly sponsored by Art Gashler of Gera's Saloon and the tournament was put on by Texas Billy Mays. The players were myself, Balboa Ron, Ron Moppert, Jim Golden and Frank Dumala.

A year and a half ago, we placed third in team competition at the Edgewood in Bellflower. Bob Mullen of Marysville, Calif., replaced Frank Dumala. The tournament was directed by Joe Muniz of the Edgewood.

Frank Zavala, Las Vegas, Nev.

We've missed hearing from Balboa Ron for many months now and are real glad, Frank, to have a "voice" from your part of The World of Shuffleboard.

## From Our Friends "Across the Border"

I follow your newsletter with great interest. I have noticed that it has improved in telling the players what is happening around the USA and also setting out some standards in the play of the game.

It looks like things out in the USA are really beginning to happen. Information is touching more and more players, thus the standard of the game will improve and also the skill of the players will increase because more players will become interested in the game.

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We have two tournaments a year, an open and a closed. The closed is held in September with the winners going to Regina, Sask., this year. Last year it was in Milton, Ontario, to play in the Canadian Championship.

I enjoy your newsletter. You are doing a great job. Keep it up.

John Komadowski, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

We treasure the friendships of the six Canadian shuffleboarders on our mailing list. John and two other players from Canada, Mike Jacoby and Harvey Groleau, came to our Board Talk tournament last July and gained the respect and friendship of all the participants. John sent us a copy of the Canadian shuffleboard newsletter. If you'd like a copy, let us know and we'll send you a copy of our copy.

## Players Say "Yes! Michigan!"

I want to thank everyone for the overwhelming response to the Michigan Playfair Open.

Many people who have met me consider me to be an idealist where shuffleboard is concerned. I do have a firm belief that when the best players in the world gather to compete, the playing conditions should be as first class as the talent that has traveled to play. The Michigan Open is an attempt to back up those noble ideas with concrete action. This will be an opportunity to show the players what can be done for them by funneling the profits from the dollars they spend back into the event.

Phil Skover and I want to make this the first step in a new era. We recognize that the players are what makes this game go, and we want to go on record that we will bend over backwards to provide the best playing conditions we can.

The opinions of the players are very important to us and because of that, we will have a suggestion box at the tournament. We encourage everyone to share their thoughts with us, both the things we are doing right and suggestions on the areas we can improve.

John McDermott, Southfield, Mich.

We look forward to this big event, John, and to seeing all our friends from The World of Shuffleboard who will be there.

# 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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# Pro Player Profile

ByBill Moore Big Spring, Texas

Karl Spickelmier — this highly-rated shuffleboard player hails from Sunny California. A book publisher by trade, Karl is 44 years old, single, and resides in Malibu, Calif.

Karl started playing 18 years ago in Denver, Colorado. He has played in and has finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in almost every major tourney in the past 10 years. His biggest win was a world championship crown in Marysville, Calif.,

## 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. Don Casula, Del.
- 2. John Lukas, Md.
- Chuck King
- Rick Niblett
- 5. Dick Gorman, Del.
- Jimmy Summers
- Mickey Mickens, N.J.
- Joe Kardos
- Scratch Todd, Md.
- 10. Ken Cox

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

- 1. John McDermott, Mich.
- Bobby Voorhis, Ind.
- 3. Lee McDonald, Mich.
- 4. Jr. Lopez, Mich.
- 5. Dave Boaz, Ind.
- 6. Jim Long, Ind.
- Jerry Siebert, Mich. 8. Bud Broka, Ind.
- 9. Emmet Wilcox, Ind.
- 10. Larry Massie, 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. Joe Muniz, Calif.
- 8. Ted Z, Calif.
- 9. Fred Thumann, Calif.
- 10. Doug Buhl, Calif.

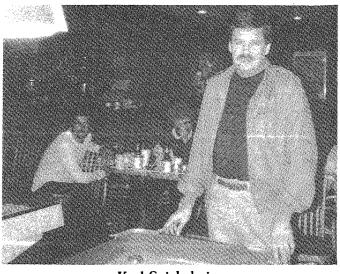
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- 1. Billy Mays, Texas
- 2. Bill Melton, Okla.
- Glen Davidson, Okla.
- 4. Rick Boyer, Texas
- 5. Howard Mouton, Texas
- 6. Dave Williams, Texas
- 7. Earl Kelly, Texas
- 8. Sam Summers, Okla.
- 9. Bob White, Texas
- 10. George Ostrom, Colo.

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

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

- 1. Chris Monahan, Calif.
- 2. Diane Hagen, Texas
- Cheryl Collins, Mich. Young Stocker, Ind.
- 5. Rita Yank, Pa.
- 6. Georjean Monnarrez, Ore.
- 7. Jamie Hoffman Kay, Mich.
- 8. Marie Sweeney, Mich.
- 9. Marcia Brown, Ind.
- 10. Shirley Harris, Ohio



Karl Spickelmier

at the Ace of Clubs annual event. Karl beat Doug Buhl (another great player) in the finals.

Another big win for Karl was first place at Ted Z's place

Congratulations, Karl, and good luck from The World of Shuffleboard.

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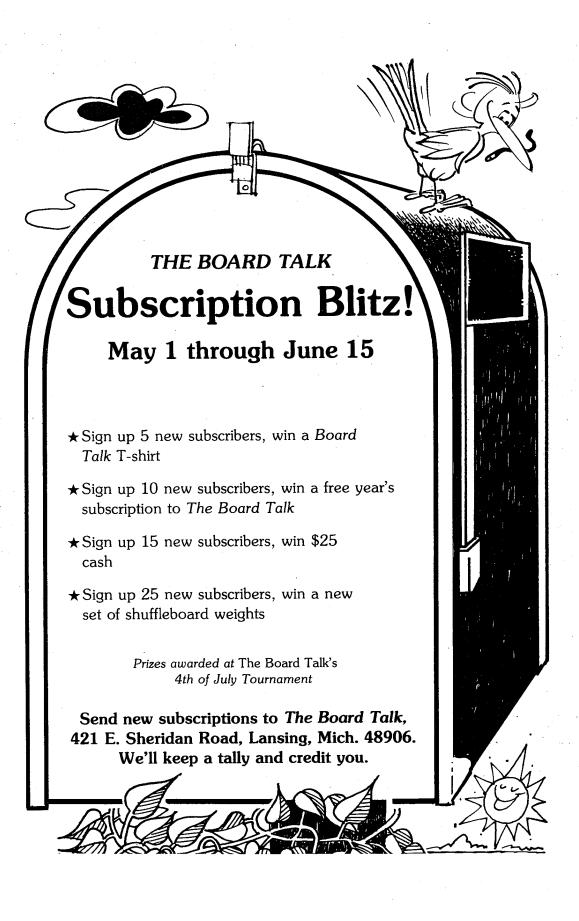
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several months when his advertising revenue paid the printing cost of *The Board Talk*. How many of your favorite shuffleboard tournament sites have used the FREE Tourney Talk section to gain participation in their tournaments and let someone else carry the burden of PAID advertising support?

We hope the players who went home from this tournament with bitter feelings will turn those emotions into something constructive — like support for, and involvement in, development of our national shuffleboard organization that will assure that this doesn't happen again.

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Living in a world of deadlines can be frustrating. Every month, after we've gone to press, we receive news that should have been in the issue we've just "put to bed."

There are two places in each issue of *The Board Talk* where we publish our deadline date — in the Missing! notice and in the advertising space reservation form. It says the 15th of each month is the date that news and ads must be submitted to assure that they appear in the following issue.

That may seem unrealistic to those who have something important to share when they don't receive their Board Talk until several weeks later. We won't bore you with all the details of the steps that must be taken between the time we receive your contributions until the time the presses roll. Suffice to say that the deadline is necessary for us to deliver

your shuffleboard newsletter in any kind of timely fashion.

A good rule of thumb is to send us your tournament results immediately after the event and to start promoting upcoming tournaments several months in advance.

We don't refuse to take information by telephone, but we much prefer that it be in writing to reduce the chance of errors. People have a "thing" (and rightly so) about having their names spelled correctly. Please use full names and readers do like to know where the winners are from. Following these simple guidelines will make your reports and promotion so much more effective.

In this issue is our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments which are Board Talk subscribers. Let us assure you — this list is used by travelling shuffleboarders! We ask those who are on the list to check the information and let us know if the address is not correct or to add a missing phone number. Also, if you own a shuffleboard establishment and your subscription is in your name instead of the name of your business, let us know so we can add you to the map.

If your favorite place to play is not on the map, ask the owner why. It's a good advertisement — and cheap, too!

We allow a three-month "grace period" after subscriptions expire before we remove names from our mailing list. There are a few on this month's map who will not appear on the next quarterly listing if they do not renew. Are you one of those? Better check the red check!

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