

he Board Talk

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The Hammer

We try to make it a point during the Thanksgiving season to put aside the mundane concerns of the day and concentrate on the things for which we're truly thankful. Doing so in the past, when we were not sure we'd still be here to deliver the next Thanksgiving Day message, was a bit of a challenge. Not so this year! We're alive, we're healthier than we were last year, and we know we're going to be here next year!

To each and every one of you — those faithful who renewed their subscriptions, the new subscribers, the advertisers who kept us going, the contributors of news and views we're thankful for you. Happy Thanksgiving to you and

yours.

The population of The World of Shuffleboard is as varied as the world itself. Can we serve them all with one "voice"? In this issue, for example, we go from one end of the spectrum to another — California's Ace of Clubs with a \$30,000 pot for 40 players to Maryland's Lafayette Inn with a \$5500 pot for 119 players. Is one less important than the other?

We think not. There are those who can afford the \$100/\$150 entry fees and sponsors who can wager over \$2,000 for a chance to share the big pot. There are others for whom a \$10 to \$25 entry fee offers incentive for travel, participation and competition. This is not to say that the winners of one could not compete effectively with the winners of the other.

We believe that some day they will - that players of equal skill will have the opportunity to compete with each other regardless of financial status. They'll do so because the companies that profit from The World of Shuffleboard will decide to plow back some of those profits into the sport with sponsorship of events that will put the best against the best. It will happen — and we'll be there to record it.

In this issue is our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments that are Board Talk subscribers. We urge all of you to patronize these places and extend your thanks for their support of The World of Shuffleboard.

We were sorry to lose 14 establishments who failed to renew their subscriptions, but extend a warm welcome to 19 new ones! If your favorite shuffleboard site isn't on the list, find out why.

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Tourney Talk

Cameron/Hagen/Smith Win Texas Championships

Kelly Cameron and Diana Hagen from Houston won the doubles event in the Texas State Amateur Championship in July. Second place was won by Rick Jensen and Richard Steinfels of Fort Worth, with third going to Tony Howard and E.R. Smith of Houston.

E.R. Smith won the singles event, with Bobby Williams of Fort Worth in second and Mike Melton, Davis, Okla., in third place.

Williams/Peterson win Texas Regional

Bobby Williams and Norm Petterson of Fort Worth won first place in the Texas regional tournament in September. Bonny Williams and Rudy Wedgeworth of Fort Worth finished second, with Janet Moore and Brady Moore, Amarillo, in third place.

Ledford/Cox/Nelson Tops at Marysville

Seventeen doubles teams and 29 singles competed for a \$30,000 pot in the Labor Day weekend tournament at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif.

Taking first place honors in the doubles were Leroy Ledford of Marusville and Don Cox of Rio Linda. Ron Harrolson of San Jose and Loren Maxham of Chico took second place, with Mel Currie of Canada and Jim Allis of Seattle, Wash., finishing third.

Darrol Nelson of Lowell, Oregon, won the singles title, with Don Cox in second place and Nick Chaffin of Roseville, Calif. in third.

See more details on this tourney in Shufflers Notebook.

Summers/Kelly/Melton/Williams Win at Peppermill

The Peppermill hosted the 3rd annual Oklahoma City open on Sept. 11-13, with seven of the Midwest's Top Ten players participating.

In the draw-partner event, Sam Summers of Oklahoma City and Earl Kelly of Texas took first place honors. Bill Holley of Oklahoma City and Mike Bruza of Tulsa finished second with Harvey Walden of Memphis, Tenn., and Ronnie Gamble of Seminole, Okla., in third place.

In the bring-your-partner event, Bill Melton of Davis, Okla., and Dave Williams of Fort Worth, Texas, teamed up to take first place. Sam Summers and Lee Brady came in second, with Larry Barthel and Mike Bruza, both of Tulsa, in third place.

Sharpshooters Win Silver Bullet Open

The Silver Bullet Sharpshooters met the undefeated Silver Bullet Underdogs in the finals of the double elimination team tournament at the Silver Bullet Club, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 18-20, and took first place. The "Top of the Hill" team beat out the "Dry Dockers" for third place.

Jerry Patterson, owner of the Silver Bullet Club, presented the winners with a big trophy, prize money, auction money, and individual trophies to the first place win-

Members of the winning team were: Dee Ross-

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Big Turnout at Lafayette Inn

The Lafayette Inn tournament (see results in Tourney Talk) was a big success with 119 participants in four events. We attribute the success to adding one more board (now have three in house) and changing the format — women's singles, draw partners, bring your partner, and open singles in that order, all 15 point single game double elimination. The Board Talk helped again with our geographic area spread even further — Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula on his way home from Florida to Detroit, Al Ryan from Brooklyn, Ed Galke from Long Island, as well as a strong contingent from Philadelphia led by Joe "Meatball" Easter, Jim Yank and Mike Kennedy.

We are enthusiastic and have set the dates for the winter tournament, Feb. 5-7, and the Spring Classic, April 8-10. We plan to target new areas for new participants — Lancaster, Pa., and Baltimore, Md. We keep hoping for some Midwest participation.

A salute to Pat and Nelson Renzo for their jobs as hosts. They gave us a tremendous welcome and what a buffet all day Saturday and Sunday! You can't go home hungry from there. Of course, Nelson's place is famous for crabs and some had to try them, too. Nelson also reduces drink prices during the tournaments.

John Lucas was the hot one; maybe we should call him the "Triple Crown Winner." We kept our entry fees low and still had good pots by keeping the participation level high, which is better for the sport in the long run. We played each day right to the limit of the law. Closing hours are very tough here (Liquor Commission rules). We will probably expand next year by starting earlier on Saturday. We have a 10 p.m. closing law on Sunday.

Again, I can't say enough for your support.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

It's always nice to receive part of the credit for good participation in a tournament, Dick, and we appreciate that very much. We think most of the credit lies with your reputation as an outstanding tournament director and to the Renzos as recognized top-notch hosts. We hope you will get participation from the Midwest at your next tournament.

The "pros" may not be attracted by your low entry fees, but there are many, many good players who should recognize this as an opportunity to compete with players from another part of The World of Shuffleboard with a small enough investment so they can afford the travel and lodging expenses. You can't put a price tag on the kind of experience we know you can offer — and philosphically speaking, there should be a commitment to supporting one another.

Welcome Back, Glen and Madge

Madge and I are real glad to be back (from Alaska) and in the action.

Although I didn't show too much at Marysville over the Labor Day weekend, I did shoot well before the tournament after being off for two and a half months. Not being under

pressure for that long did make a difference for me.

The Ace of Clubs tournament (see Tourney Talk for results) is getting better al the time. Owners Jerry and Sharon Miller, with Fred Thumann as director and master of ceremonies, did a fantastic job before and during the tourney. Sharon has the bracketing down to a fine art.

About 90% of the out-of-state players did not like the rule on bringing your own weights; some said they would not come until that rule was changed. The reason for the bring-your-own-weights rule I made when we were getting all the rules sorted out for the P.S.A., the front-runner on professional shuffleboard, was this: Over the years of going from one tourney to another, there was always a worn-out set of weights at every tournament and the players from out of town, being the underdogs because of the home town advantage of the boards, had to go in and play worn-out weights as well, giving the hometown players even more advantage.

If the home town players are against the out of town players bringing your own weights, then they want the advantage of their own boards and also the weights. I say to all of you, you're running behind the times. Get with the times and let's move forward. Think about it — pool, bowling, golf, even in baseball, players have their own bats.

If we are going to be an organization with one set of rules, let's do it. If not, then we will still be a lot of scattered individuals throwing a wrench into the wheels of progress. Let's think positive and work together to get all the tournaments now going upgraded to Triple AAA status and keep working for new ideas and get away from always wanting the advantage. If you have to have the advantage, then you must think you can't win any other way.

One more subject that we worked on in the PSA is the quality of the boards. My PSA rule about the boards is that they will pull in toward center at least 3 to 4 inches. This gives more trap shots on the ends and makes the player improve his game in order to play them. The slide shots do hang up on rails and makes it a more exciting game. The rails that fall off takes away from the game and we all had better start learning the curved boards because there will not be any falling off the rails on ESPN. We have to put on a show for the spectators. We are entertainers!

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

We agree, Glen, concerning the use of personal weights. We see no reason why they shouldn't be allowed. However, your opponent(s) who don't have their personal weights should have the privilege of using your weights, too, if they so desire, because it removes lots of doubts about them being "doctored." Maybe all personal weights should be inspected, measured and weighed before each tourney. Also, both American and Sun-Glo weights should be equally ac-

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The Board Talks's Top 50 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. Stosh Chmielewski, Pa.
- 3. Don Casula, Del.
- Chuck King, Del.
- 5. Scratch Todd, Md.
- 6. Burr Miller, Del.
- 7. Ed Galke, N.Y.
- 8. Mickey Mickens, N.J.
- 9. Bill Lally, Pa.
- 10. Ron Hermann, Pa.

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

- 1. Darrol Nelson, Oregon
- 2. Don Cox, Calif.
- 3. Leroy Ledford, Calif.
- 4. Karl Spickelmier, Calif.
- 5. Billy Chiles, Calif.
- 6. Eric Waldman, Calif.
- 7. Joe Lavin, Calif.
- 8. Frank Monnarrez, Oregon
- 9. Nick Chaffin, Calif.
- 10. Jim Allis, Wash.

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

- 1. John McDermott, Mich.
- 2. Bobby Voorhis, Ind.
- 3. Lee McDonald, Mich.
- 4. Larry Massie, Ind.
- 5. Bud Broka, Oh.
- 6. Jim Long, Ind.
- 7. Jerry Warr, Ind.
- 8. Jerry Knox, Ind.
- 9. Wayne Reist, Mich.
- 10. Ron Wilburn, Ind.

MID-WEST DIVISION: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas. Oklahoma, Texas. New Mexico, Colorado. Wuomino, Montana

- 1. Bill Melton, Okla.
- 2. Billy Mays, Texas
- 3. Sam Summers, Okla.
- 4. Earl Kelly, Texas
- 5. Dave Williams, Texas
- 6. Howard Mouton, Texas
- 7. Glen Davidson, Okla.
- 8. Rick Boyer, Texas
- 9. Lee Brady, Texas
- 10. Glenn Young, Texas

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

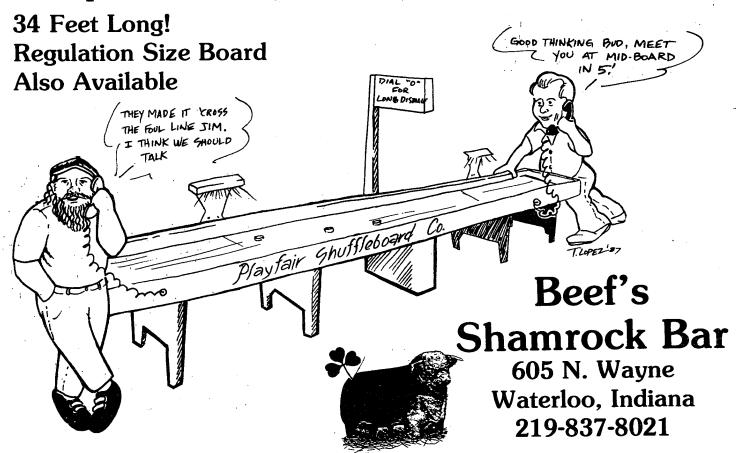
NOTE: Ratings in this category are based on limited information. Your input is invited.

- 1. Diane Hagen, Texas
- 2. Chris Monahan, Calif.
- 3. Cheryl Collis, Mich.
- 4. Georjean Monnarrez, Ore.
- 5. Peggy Richards, Ariz.
- 6. Mary Ann Watson, Pa.
- 7. Rose White, Ore.
- 8. Rosalie Kaufman, Md.
- 9. Marie Sweeney, Mich.
- 10. Marcia Brown, Ind.

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It's been several months since we've saluted our Top Ten subscriber states and the Thanksgiving season seems a good time to do so. After all, it's subscriber numbers that attract the advertisers we must have to bring this publication to you each month.

- 1-2. Texas & Michigan (tied)
- 7. Maryland

3. California

8. Arizona

4. Indiana

9. Pennsylvania

5. Oregon

10. Washington

6. Colorado

If your state is not among the Top Ten, spread the word about The Board Talk.

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

Humphries, captain; Evelyn Harris, Brenda Barton, P.B. Ross, Roy Ross, Bill Jenkins, Ennis Jenkins, and Lucky Ivey.

The second place team members were Captain Jim Eades, George Humphries, Bart Barton, Frank Bladergroen, Johnny Brown, Carolyn Farris, Penny Hudson and Doris Mays.

McDonald/McDermott Win Bourbon Doubles

At the American Legion's annual Fall Tournament in Bourbon, Ind., on Oct. 3, 43 teams entered in the double elimination competition. Lee McDonald of Lansing and John McDermott of Birmingham won the tourney without losing a game. Second place went to Larry Massie and Ron Wilburn of Summitville. Dave Vorndran and Rom Hennis from Anderson finished third with Bob Criger and Jerry Knox of Mishawaka in fourth place. Other top finishers not in the money were Bud Broka and Jim Long, George Wilber and Roy Stein, tied for fifth; Bob Brown and Jim DeWitt, Mike Koontz and Denny Kinsey tied for sixth.

One highlight of the tournament was the defeat of Rick Boyer and Billy Mays by Marcia Brown and Young Stocker in a closely fought battle when Marcia lagged a three between several weights.

Players from five states participated. The tourney ran smoothly with the use of a fourth board recently purchased by the American Legion. "It should be a great help this spring," said Mike Koontz, director.

Nelson/Hagen/Davidsons Win at Corporate Image

Twelve co-ed teams and 15 pro-am teams participated in this unique tournament at the Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 9-12.

Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Diana Hagen of Texas teamed up to take top honors in the co-ed tourney. Second place was earned by John McDermott of Michigan and Chris Monahan of California. Bill Melton of Oklahoma and

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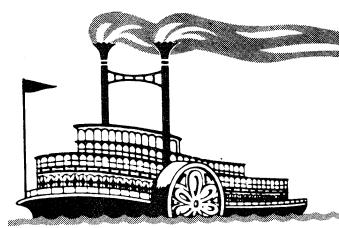
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Georjean Monnarrez of Oregon finished third.

In the pro-am event, Glen and David Davidson, Oklahoma, were the winners, with Glenn Young, Arkansas, and Bill Wooldridge, Texas, in second place. David and Bobby Williams of Texas finished third.

Knox/Kinsey Win at Warsaw

Jerry Knox of Mishawaka and Bill Baurs of Niles won the bring your partner tournament at Peterson's Bar, Warsaw, Ind., on Oct. 10. Mike Koontz and Denny Kinsey of Bourbon took second place honors.

Doubles Tourney, First & Last Stop, Nov. 7

The First & Last Stop, U.S. 6, Kendallville, Indiana, will host a doubles tournament on Nov. 7. Entry fee is \$10 per team and will pay 60-40 with the house paying \$25 for 3rd and 4th place winners. Auction is scheduled for 1 p.m. with the popular PeeWee Fleshman as auctioneer.

For more information, call the First & Last, 219-347-9975. This tourney is being co-sponsored by the Playfair Shuffleboard Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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

Shuffleboard Sweepstakes, DJ's, Nov. 14

DJ's, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw, Ind., will host a shuffleboard sweepstakes on Nov. 14. Entry fee of \$10 per team pays 70-30. Action will start at 2 p.m. For information, call 219-269-1913. See ad in this issue.

Michigan State Doubles Championships, Papa's, Nov. 14-15

The 4th annual Michigan State doubles championships will be held at Papa's Pub & Grub, 23617 Van Dyke, Warren, on Nov. 14-15. Entry fee of \$50 per team will pay four places, 50-25-15-10. You must be a Michigan resident to participate.

Auction for the event will be held Friday night at 9:15. For further information, call Papa's, 313-757-6760.

Voorhis Wins Bourbon Singles

The 1st Annual Singles tournament at the American Legion in Bourbon, Ind., was held Sept. 19, with 36 entrants from three states. Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Ind., placed first after losing his first game to Denny Kinsey, then working his way up through the losers' bracket.

Second place went to Dan Smith of Summitville, Ind., with John Myles of Livonia, Mich., in third. Jerry Warr of Fairmount placed fourth.

McDonald/McDermott Win at Wagon Wheel

Lee McDonald of Lansing and John McDermott of Southfield teamed up to take top honors at the Wagon Wheel's doubles tourney in Lake Orion, Sept. 25-26. Fritzi and Buddy Broka of Toledo, Ohio, took second place honors with Chris Passariello and his partner from Saginaw in third place.

Monahan/Pease Win at Fir Cone

Twenty mixed doubles teams — 18 and a half teams of the "best of the Northwest" — plus Chris Monahan, Sharon and Billy Maxwell of Southern California, participated in the 6th annual shootout at the Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington, on Sept. 26-27.

Chris Monahan and Al Pease, who had never met before, teamed up to steamroll their way into first place, losing only one game. That loss was to the third place team of Jolene Lembke and Loren Lampley in the finals of the winners'

bracket. The winners of the two previous year's tournaments, Rose White and Dave Arndt, took second after going into the losers' bracket in the first round.

"Tournament director Kennedy did a great job keeping the tournament running smoothly, while owner Buddy's hospitality was appreciated by all," reports Jolene Lembke.

Lafayette Draws 119 Entries in Four Tourneys

The Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, attracted 119 participants in four tournaments on Oct. 2-4.

Rosalie Kaufman, Queentown, Md., took top honors in the women's singles. Mary Ann Watson of Philadelphia took second, with Sue King, Dover, Del., in third place.

In the draw partner event, John Lucas of Millington, Md., and Art Ware, Sudlersville, Md., were the winners. New York's Ed Galke and Burr Miller of Milford, Del., finished second with Chuck King, Dover, Del., and Mary Ann Watson of Philadelphia in third place.

John Lucas and Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del., teamed up to take first place in the bring-your-partner tourney. Ray and Ron Herrmann of Philadelphia came in second, with Gene Curry, owner of Stone's Hotel and Oaks Tavern, and Rocky Rybicki, Wilmington, Del., finishing third. Other winners were Ace Wettington and Burr Miller, Milford, Del., 4th; Ed Galke, New York, and Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, 5th;

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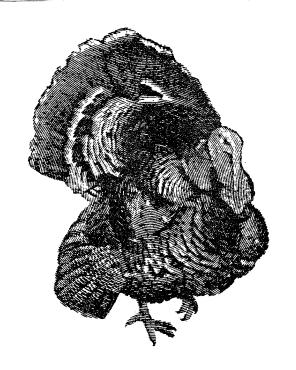
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and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula from Michigan and Florida, and Don Casula, Del., 6th.

John Lucas repeated his winning ways to take first place in the open singles. Stosh Chmielewski of Philadelphia took second place honors with Chuck King, Del., in third spot. Other winners were Scratch Todd, Denton, Md., 4th; Jim Yank, Philadelphia, 5th; and Don Casula, Del., 6th.

Doubles Tourney, Golden Nugget, Toledo, Nov. 21

A bring your partner event will be held at the Golden Nugget Saloon, 422 Main St., Toledo, Ohio, on Nov. 21. \$100 entry fee pays 60-30-10 with trophies for first place. Double elimination, 16 team limit. The auction will start at 11 a.m. with play starting at noon. Friday night round robins will begin at 7 p.m.

To reserve your spot, send check or money order to Phil McGrew, c/o Golden Nugget Saloon, 422 Main St., Toledo, Ohio 43605. A \$25 deposit will hold your spot.

Stagger Inn's 3rd Annual Turkey Day Tourney

Al Stewart's A & M Amusement Service will present the Stagger Inn's 3rd Annual Turkey Day Tournament Nov. 27-29 in Bellflower, Calif. Entry fees of \$250 for the team event and \$100 for the singles will pay 60-30-10. The auction will start at 11 a.m. on the 27th with the team event starting at noon.

A free turkey dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, for players and guests.

For information, call Ray Hogan, 213-866-0900.

Upcoming Tourneys in Central Indiana

The Palace Bar, 121 S. Main, Fairmount (317-948-9102), will host a doubles tournament on Nov. 7, followed by Monty's Bar 28 W. Main, Chesterfield (317-378-3602), on Nov. 14. The American Bar, 211 W. Main, Portland (219-726-9252), will host the tourney on Dec. 5, with the next one on Dec. 12 at the Town Tavern in Summitville (317-536-2150). Entries are \$20 per team, with auctions at noon and play starting at 1 p.m.

U.S.S.A. World Championship Pro-Am Tourney, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 21-24.

The Showboat Pavilion, Las Vegas, Nevada, will be the site of the U.S.S.A. Championship Tournament on Jan. 21-24. Action includes pro singles (\$435), women's singles (\$65), mixed doubles (\$70), 10-member amateur team event (\$825 per team) and open doubles (\$125). Entry fees include membership fees (one membership entitles you to enter all events) and the pro singles and 10-member amateur team event includes hotel.

Reservations are due Dec. 15. For information and/or to make your reservations, call Lajana Story, 214-398-0573, or Joyce Holmes, 214-826-1646.

Washington's Birthday Extravaganza, Corporate Image, Feb. 8-15

The Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, will host the 3rd annual Washington's Birthday Shuffleboard Extravaganza on Feb. 8-15. For information, call Bill Melton, 405-369-2448, or Dave Williams or Linda Cooper at the Corporate Image, 817-451-0607.



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Welcome Aboard, Joe!

We are happy to announce that Mr. Joe Falvey has joined the Federation as a marketing consultant. His involvement considerably enhances our chances of securing a national sponsor for a tour.

The Federation is certain that as the players have a chance to meet and talk with Joe, they will be as excited about him joining us as we are. For the last three years, Joe has been the Executive Director of the P.G.A. (Professional Golf Association), Michigan section.

His responsibilities at the P.G.A. included securing sponsorship money for Michigan P.G.A. events and the promotion and television production of these events. During his three-year stay with the P.G.A., he has been largely responsible for an increase in sponsorship money of almost 500%! The result of his efforts has brought the Michigan section from its position among the bottom third of all P.G.A. sections to the top three.

Joe's first exposure to the game of shuffleboard was at the Michigan Open earlier this year. He had given us some help in preparing a presentation for potential sponsors previous to this, but did not have any real appreciation for the sport. He had intended to stop by for an hour or so and ended up glued to his chair for 10 straight hours. When he finally left after the finals of the Women's singles, we could tell by the look in his eyes that he was excited about what he had seen. His only comment was, "I know we can sell this."

1988 Pro Tour

Joe has been largely responsible for our forming the series of tournaments which will be our tour in 1988. He has explained that in order to obtain a sponsor, two things are crucial: (1) A tangible product — This is why we are arranging a series of events as opposed to trying to find a sponsor for tourneys on an individual basis. (2) A reputable organization with a proven record of success.

At this time next year, when most companies are preparing their 1989 budgets, we will be hard at work trying to use the successes of the 1988 tour as leverage to obtain a sponsor the the 1989 tour.

Player unity is going to be a major factor in how successful we are. This is why your input as players is so important to us. We want you to share your thoughts and ideas so we can do the best job we can in promoting the sport.

Although it is our time and money being invested, the Federation is not three people in Michigan. It is an organization for everyone who plays and/or watches this game.

We Need Your Help

The only way we can accomplish our goals is with the help of all those players who are reading this right now. Tell

us what you would like to see more of at tournaments. What are the best rules? What are the worst rules? And what should we add to the rules, or what changes in existing tournament formats can be made to improve them?

As we stated last month, the Federation is now sanctioning tournaments for a modest donation of \$50. We hope to be able to present a long list of sanctioned events to potential sponsors at this time next year. The more we can show them, the easier it will be to obtain the support that shuffleboard players everywhere know they deserve.

Congratulations, Inter-Lakes Shuffleboard League

We are proud to be involved with the first league in the country that is showing their support for The Board Talk by purchasing a half-page ad for the next seven months to promote their league and have their standings published. The Board Talk, like the Federation, belongs to shuffleboard enthusiasts everywhere. Show your support for those who are supporting you. If you play in a league somewhere, bring them a copy of The Board Talk and see if they will get involved.

Still Looking

We are continuing to look for locations to host a pro tour event in the months of March, April and September. Several people, in addition to the ones we had already chosen in Michigan and Indiana, want to host an event in 1988. We would prefer to get more involved on the West Coast, but will have the remaining three tourneys in this part of the country if the people on the West Coast are not interested.

Those 10 pro events will generate \$5,000 for the players' fund and will be paid out to the top finishers in the point standings. Those scheduled for 1988 are:

February — Corporate Image

May — Michigan Open

July — Board Talk Tournament

August — U.S. Open

October — Oklahoma City

November — Colorado Open

November — Stagger Inn Thanksgiving Tournament

Coming Next Month

- 1. Final schedule for 1988 tour.
- 2. A questionnaire on improving rules and tournaments.
- 3. A formula for a point system to determine the year's top players.

John McDermott, Phil Skover & Joe Falvey Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, MI 48167

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ceptable. I've weighed and miked them both and they are the same. As far as someone wanting an advantage, Glen, in my travels, it seems to be quite promiment for our "cream of the crop" to make an all-out effort for an advantage. I find it interesting that you adjust your boards to come in 3 to 4 inches. It sure beats having weights fall off the rails. However, I always strived to make the rails straight, if possi-

Players, Helpers Get Ace Salute

Here we are at the Ace trying to recover from a long weekend and great tournament. First, we'd like to extend our appreciation to all the players who came from near and far. Thanks to one and all!!

A special thanks to Fred Thumann and Lois McCab for all their help. As always, it exceeded all limits. Thanks, too, to Don and Crissy and Fred for laying new carpet at the ends of the boards after hours the weekend before the tournament.

With all the fires in Northern California and Oregon, we lost a lot of players, but some fought the smoke and long hours to be here — all great players: Fred Johns, Jim Allis, Bill Powell and Darrol Nelson from Washington and Oregon, Billy Chiles from L.A. — and Glen and Madge Davidson.

I wish I'd had more time to sit down and visit with Madge. As always, she was around helping wherever she was needed. Sept. 4 was Madge's birthday and Glen got her a cake

that said, "Queen of the Round Robins," which certainly describes her.

Fred Thumann presented some joke gifts. I think Karl Spickelmier really liked his. in all, we had a lot of fun.

Bob White from Texas came for the tournament. By the time he left, everyone had fallen in love with him, wanted him to win, and would liked to follow him back to Texas to watch him play some more. He certainly played our boards well for the first time. Out of 29 singles entries, he placed fourth. I know he wasn't happy with that, but he certainly earned a lot of respect in California.

Our singles winner, Darrol Nelson, took his crown back home again. Don Cox gave Darrol a run for his money, winning the first 2 out of 3 match in the finals. Third place winner Nick Chaffin played great, but got cold waiting to play. Watch out, players, if he keeps up, you're going to be reading a lot more about him!

Leroy Ledford and Don Cox took first in the doubles again, the second time at the Ace this year. They beat Loren Maxham and Ron Harrolson two times, putting them in second place. Mel Currie and Jim Allis finished third. With Mel getting sick over the week-end, they still played great.

The board play was so good over the weekend — almost all matches went three good, close games.

Ron Harrolson and Loretta got married on Sept. 2, just before the tournament. I know he wanted to give her first place as a wedding present. But we know Loretta. We're sure she's happy with Ron as first place prize and second in the tourney.

We had a new woman player in the tournament, Mary (continued on page 12)

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Chapp of Sacramento. She got her feet wet in the doubles and I've nicknamed her our "Ace Lady." Mary played Chris Monahan 2 out of 3 game matches for \$100 twice Sunday night after not playing all day. We were proud of her. Chris won the first match and Mary won the second. Anytime you can draw with Chris, that's pretty darn good!

Thanks again to all the players. We will miss you. Hope to see everyone at the Bellflower.

Sharon Miller, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

An Invitation to the Corporate Image

We would like to extend an invitation to all avid players and spectators to participate in the 3rd Annual Washington's Birthday Shuffleboard Extravaganza at the Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 8-15.

Last year there was a team event preceding the tourney between the Midwest and Pacific divisions and this year we would like to have the Atlantic and Mideast divisions represented in this event to determine the champions. Last year, the Pacific division prevailed.

The 1987 singles and doubles events totaled \$49,500 in prizes and auction and the '88 tournament should exceed this amount.

Because of the magnitude of this tournament, we are asking that everyone advise of intent to play. We may require a deposit that will be published in the December Board Talk. The reason for this is so we can plan our tournament

schedule so it will run in a timely manner, and so the finals of each event will conclude while all the spectators are still present instead of in the middle of the night. It will also help us know when to plan the auction and how many days the events will last. This is impossible if we don't know the number of entries.

We plan to have each game time and board number on the bracket before any names are drawn. We also are planning on seeding at least the top eight players and teams according to the amount sold for in the auction. I believe this will increase the amount in each event.

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For more information, call Bill Melton, 405-369-2448, or (continued on page 13)

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the Corporate Image, 817-451-0607, and ask for Dave Williams or Linda Cooper.

We look forward to seeing all of you in February. Dave Williams, Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas

George is Back!

Jerry D was unable to defend his position night tournament title, but put up a giant fight. First place went to Gentleman George Ostrum; Jody Slack, 2nd; Jay Curtis, 3rd; and Bill Kelver, 4th.

Jerry D's Top Ten picks for Colorado are: (1) George Ostrum, (2) Jody Slack, (3) Travis Anderson, (4) Morey Balins, (5) Shady Grady McGovern, (6) Jerry DeNovellis, (7) Lucky Ivey, (8) Scotty Richards, (9) Fred Compean, (10) Kevin McGurdy; with Honorable Mention to Bob Bennett, Ken Howard, Juan Esteve, Jorge Esteve, Dick Baird and Bill Kelver.

You may note that some players have dropped in the ranking for failure to appear. Starting the first of the year, I will do this on a point-win system and will keep you posted. Jerry and Susan "D", Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar, Dacono. Colo.

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Interlakes Shuffleboard League News/Standings

The Interlakes Shuffleboard League has been in existence for 15 years.

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If you are presently using or have any different ideas on handicapping, we are interested in hearing from you.

We are excited about publishing our monthly standings and area "tid-bits" and hope to read about other leagues as

Kathy Morgan and Cheryl Collins

Men's League

Standings as of 10/15/87

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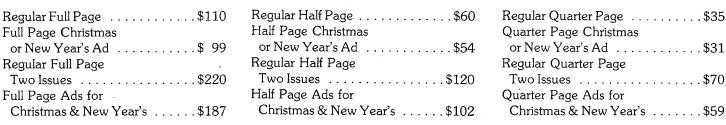
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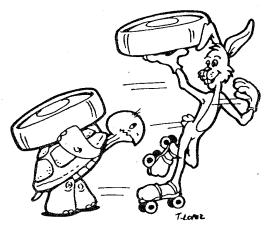
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