

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Every month we get a number of letters that make us want to say: "Hey, watch our lips! If you move, you must let us know!"

It's really a test of our sense of humor to get a letter that says, "I haven't received my Board Talk for three months and I want to know why. By the way, I moved and my new address is . . ." The subscriber is unhappy and we're unhappy because we've spent money to send mail that was not delivered. Nobody gains but the Post Office.

What's really not funny is to hear, via the grapevine, that somebody paid their subscription many months ago but never received their Board Talk. We're not infallible, but in 99% of the cases we've checked out, when we do get a complaint, we find that we have been sending The Board Talk every month to an incorrect or incomplete address.

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If you hear any complaints about people not receiving The Board Talk, you'd be doing us a real favor by showing the complainers this column.

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In the next issue, we'll have our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments that are Board Talk subscribers. There will be a number of new places on the list and we hope you'll make it a point to visit them in your travels, have a friendly game, and let them know you appreciate their support of The World of Shuffleboard.

Unfortunately, there will also be some establishments that were on previous lists that won't be there because they haven't responded to their "red checks." Might be a good idea to ask your favorite shuffleboard establishment if they're going to be on the list. It's free advertising and from what we've heard — it works!

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Tourney Talk

Hagen/Mouten Win at Cypress, Houston

Diana Hagen and Howard Mouton dominated a field of 24 players in a blind draw Aug. 15 at the Cypress Pub in Houston, Texas. Harvey Kidd and Betty Ellis placed second with Terry Watkins and Robin Lent in third.

"Owner Carl Bennett runs an excellent tournament," reports Kelly Cameron. "He added \$100 to the pot and held a barbecue for the players."

Cameron/Koteras Winners at Hangers' Grand Opening

Hangers, Houston, Texas, celebrated their grand opening by having a blind draw tournament with 22 participants. Kelly Cameron and Dale Koteras took first place honors. Lee Brady and co-owner Robin Lent came in second, with Velma Covington and Ray Driskill finishing third.

See Shufflers' Notebook for further information on this new shuffleboard establishment.

Hennis/Vorndran Win Dave Hall Memorial

A tournament in memory of Dave Hall, an avid shuffleboard player who recently passed away, was held at Monty's Bar in Chesterfield, Ind., on Aug. 15. Winners were Rom Hennis and Dave Vorndran.

Second place honors went to Bob Vorndran and Steve Schuyler, with Denna Miller and Tom Vordran in third and Bobby Summers and Jimmy Lee in fourth place.

Other Indiana Action

The American Bar in Portland and the Town Tavern in Summitville completed their summer season with the results of the last three tournaments as follows:

On July 25, Marcia Brown and Don Kelley finished first, with Glenn Newland and Mel Sanders in second place, and Bobby Brown and Jerry Prichard in third.

On Aug. 8, Larry Creakbaum and Jim Long were top winners. Larry and Gregg Massie came in second, with Mike Koontz and Denny Kenzie finishing third.

On Aug. 29, Larry Massie and Emmett Wilcox were first place winners. Gregg Massie and Tony Avery took second place honors with Randy LeMaster and Glenn Newland in third spot.

"These summer tournaments provided loads of fun and fellowship," reports Marcia Brown of the American Bar. "Special thanks to the players from Michigan and northern Indiana for their participation."

Houston Action Update

August action in Houston included a blind draw at the Sports Arena and a mixed doubles at Hangers. A \$15 per player entry fee attracted 22 players to the Sports Arena and a \$1,000 purse. Winners were Tony Howard and Kelly Cameron, first; Diana Hagen and Jim Templeton, second; and Bill Lent and Lance Smith, third.

Twenty players drew partners at the Hangers mixed doubles tourney. Betty Ellis and Kelly Cameron took top

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

The "Nuts and Bolts" of Our Sport

The last time I renewed my subscription to The Board Talk, I enclosed a letter containing some ideas for discussion in the newsletter. Your reply said you thought they merited discussion, too. It's been a year, and I'm still interested in seeing them discussed.

The Board Talk is mainly tournament information, an editorial and some letters, which is fine. I would like to see some articles concerning the nuts and bolts of the game — things like shuffleboard care and maintenance.

I've been to numerous places that have boards, but have no idea how to maintain them. I'd like to hear some different people's opinions on the good and bad points of the different types of speed powder, and on the practice of sifting. I know many places would set up league play, bar to bar, if they knew how. I'd like to hear about old boards versus new boards and their construction. How about a comparison of currently manufactured boards?

I feel that, to a degree, shuffleboard is on the rise and there are many new players and board owners who would like to know more things about the game. We've got our first new board in town in probably 10 years and the owner didn't know a thing about the game or caring for it.

I always look forward to getting my Board Talk.
Phillip Moffett, Fresno, Calif.

Thanks for the reminder, Phillip. We will start a series next month on the topics you suggested. The first will be caring for your board.

A Salute for the Austin Open

Bob and I went to the Austin Open in August and it was the nicest tournament I have been at. It was in a hotel with a big ballroom with five shuffleboards, the Colorado River about 30 feet outside, a nice swimming pool on the West end, and about a half mile from the center of Austin.

There was a nice lounge with a big banquet room, smorgasbord at noon, \$40 rooms with pancake or egg and toast breakfast included, and a free snack bar in the lounge in the evening.

Bob's doubles partner, Eric Waldman from California, beat him in the singles, keeping him out of the money, but he came in fourth in both the singles and doubles. Eric and Bob beat Darrol Nelson and John McDermott in the doubles.

I came home with more money than I went to Austin with. The tournament was well run except for the sound system and not having posters or a good bulletin board.

If you would be interested in another place to hold your 4th of July tournament, we think the Palace Bar could qualify. We have three boards now and will have two or three more boards refinished and ready to play by next July. We also have apartments where we could put up a number of players. There is also a new Sheraton Hotel in Marion 10

miles away and two or three older motels five miles from Fairmount.

Something to think about.

Charles (Buss) Voorhis, The Palace Bar, Fairmount, Ind.

Austin Open director Don Valk will surely appreciate your salute, Buss. We know the work that is involved in staging a tournament and such kind words make it all worthwhile. Your son, Bob, is one of the most highly respected players in the game, not only for his skill but for his sportsmanship, and you have every right to be proud of him.

When we started our annual Board Talk tournaments, we left the door open to "nominations" for other sites. We've received only one other invitation (also from Indiana) to host The Board Talk tournament and we'll be taking both in to consideration.

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J.C. Stewart, Springfield, Oregon

(Written by Bonnie McNair)

Someday, J.C., you will see your Dad inducted into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. But we're sure your salute will mean even more to him.

Welcome to Hangers!

With our new subscription, we would like to announce the opening of Hangers Sports Bar & Grill, 11902 Jones Rd., Houston, Texas.

Bruce Springsteen, Willie Nelson and Frank Sinatra were not at the July 20th opening of Hangers, but manager Sam Philp explained that "what's important was that Bill and Robin Lent, Ray Moore, Adele Keith, Ken and Nancy Garret, Randall Black, Chuck Hartley, Jim Templeton, Harold Rush, Joe Ishee, Sonny Fergerson, Betty Ellis, Phyllis Corey, Shawn Ishee, Velma Covington, Terry Grace, Danny

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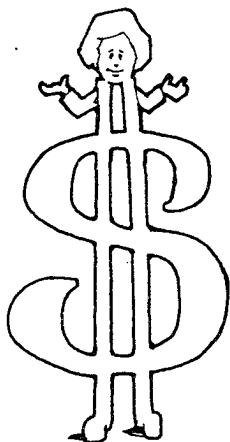
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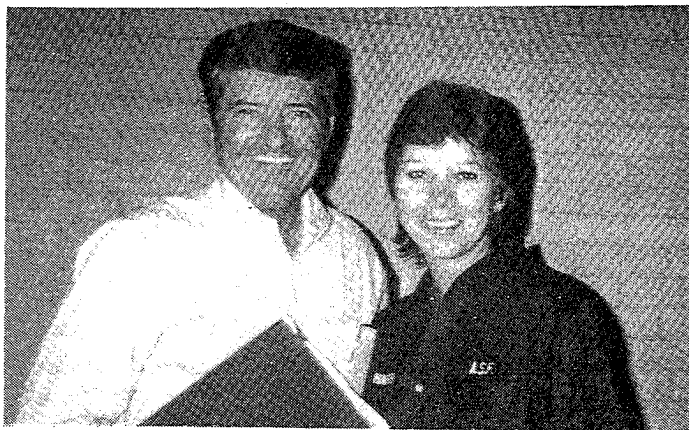
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Good shufflin'!

George & Donna Wilber
Publishers

1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Oct. 2-4

Fall Tournament
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

Oct. 3

Fall Tournament
American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 9-12

Co-Ed/Pro-Am Tournament
Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas

Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Singles Tournament
Edgewater, Bellflower, California

Nov. 26-29

3rd Annual Turkey Day Tournament
Stagger Inn, Bellflower, California

Jan. 20-25, 1988

U.S.S.A. Tournament
Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada

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honors, with Sharon Finch and Dale Koteras in second. Lilly Kidd and Harold Rush finished in third place.

Todd/Kibler/King Winners at Harrington Moose

"Scratch" Todd and Eddie Kibler won the doubles tournament at the Harrington Moose, Harrington, Delaware, on Aug. 22-23. John Lukas and Tommy Burnhard finished second, with Ronnie and Ray Herrmann in third place.

Chuckie King took top honors in the singles, with Donnie Casula in second and Joe "Meatball" Easter from Philadelphia in third place.

Reporter John Lukas extends special thanks to the Herrmann brothers — Ray, Ronnie and Jerry, and the Casula brothers — Donnie, Paul, Richie and Larry. "Thanks also to Joe Tomchik and Carlos from New Jersey, Ed Galke from Long Island, and all the Philadelphia and New Jersey shooters for supporting our tournament," John said. "Sorry the Delaware shuffleboard league did not turn out."

Silver Bullet Bad Guys Win

Six 8-member teams made up from members of the U.S.S.A. Amateur Shuffleboard League in Dallas held a special event at the Silver Bullet Club, 8330 Abrams, Dallas. The teams were restricted to a 60-point system based on each player's handicap. The Silver Bullet Bad Guys won the

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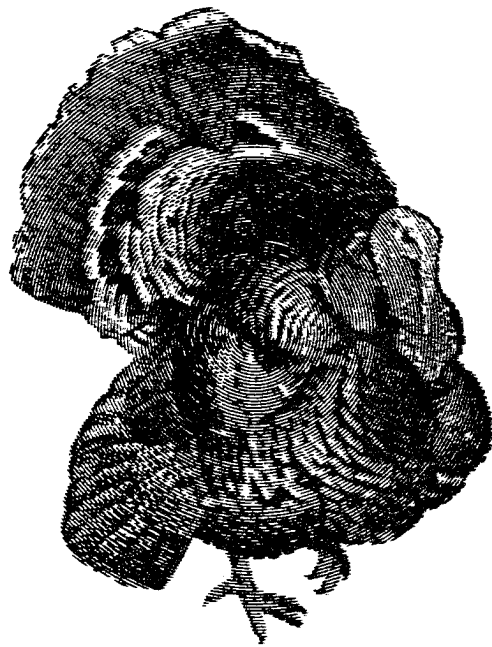
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event with the Silver Bullet Aces taking second place.

"If any of the Board Talk readers are ever in Dallas, be sure and drop by the Silver Bullet," says league secretary Lajana Story. "Owners Jim Nichols and Jerry Patterson are two of the greatest guys you will ever meet."

Bennett/Munck Win at Dunes #2

Jim Bennett and Pete Munck won first place in the Dunes #2 (formerly the MisQue) draw partner tournament in Glendale, Arizona, on Aug. 22. Bob Lewis and Virgil "Pops" Gordon took second place honors with Peggy Richards and Art Evans in third. Papa Joe and Dennis West finished fourth.

"It was a very good tournament with eight women playing, which was great to see," reports Wendell Herbison.

Reist/McDonald/Lopez Winners at Stober's

A field of 27 players in the singles and nine teams in the doubles vied for a share of the total \$3100 pot at the Labor Day tournament at Stober's Lounge in Lansing.

Wayne Reist of Lansing was winner of the hard-fought singles competition. Lee McDonald, also of Lansing, took second place honors with Buddy Broka, Toledo, Ohio, in third spot.

Lee and his partner, J.R. Lopez of Lansing, took the doubles title. Wayne and partner, Jerry Siebert of Lansing, came in second, with Buddy and Fritz Broka finishing third.

Norris/DeAngelo/DeBois Win at Seafarer

Chuck Norris and Mike DeAngelo took top honors in the doubles tournament at the Seafarer Tavern, Warrenton,

Oregon, over the Labor Day weekend. Gary Singer and Al Pease finished second, with Don (DK) Kerr and Rich Miller in third place.

Doug DeBois took first place in the singles, with Galen Gaunce in second and Al Pease in third place.

See details about this tourney in Shufflers' Notebook.

Broka/Voorhis/Somers Take Lakeside Titles

Three out-of-staters were tops in the singles and mixed doubles tournaments at the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Mich., on Sept. 12-13. Bud Broka of Toledo, Ohio, came out ahead of a 35-player field to take first in the singles. John McDermott, Southfield, Mich., finished second. Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Ind., took third place, with Cheryl Collins, Davisburg, Mich., in fourth spot.

Bobby V. and his partner, Deb Somers of Fairmount, Ind., won the mixed doubles tourney. Jerry Hershman of Utica, Mich., and Cassie Kern of Pontiac took second place, with Lee McDonald, Lansing, and Marie Sweeney, Lake Orion, finishing third.

Co-Ed/Pro-Am Tourney, Corporate Image, Oct. 9-12

The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, will host a Co-Ed and Pro-Am tournament on Oct. 9-12. Entry fee for the Co-Ed tourney (mixed doubles) is \$50 per player, and \$100 per player for the Pro-Am (1 pro, 1 amateur). Entries close at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 with sale for both events at 7 p.m. The Co-Ed event will begin immediately after the sale.

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1988 Pro Tour Update

The first order of business is to thank those who have responded about having a pro tour stop in their town. As of press time, we have signed up seven first-class events (see schedule below) and have room for three more.

For those who are not aware of the details, the goal is to run a series of events by a uniform set of rules. Points will be awarded to the top finishers at each tourney. At the end of the year, the top players will receive a cash bonus for their efforts.

This will be a system that will benefit both the players and the people hosting the tourney. For the players, it will allow them to leave home and compete, using a format that represents the best ideas and rules as established by a committee of their fellow players. For the tournament hosts, there are several benefits. Top players have much more of an incentive to attend their tourney. Through the use of their monthly ad in *The Board Talk*, the Federation will help to promote these events. Last, but not least, *The Board Talk* has agreed to give a discount of 10% to any ads for sanctioned events. This includes all Federation sanctioned events, not just those on the pro tour.



Phil Skover and John McDermott

We would like to promote two more tournaments on the West Coast and would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all the Northern California players who have done so much for the game to join us. This invitation is also being given to all the players in Washington and Oregon. Even though we are pleased with the success of the tour so far, your participation would be the icing on the cake.

For anyone who did not see *The Board Talk* last month, the requirements for hosting a tour event are as follows: A facility that will accommodate four boards, an agreement to run the tournament by the players' committee rules, and a \$500 donation to the point standings money. We want to make sure everyone is aware that 100% of this money will be paid out to the winners at the end of the year.

The details of the point system will be worked out in Fort Worth at a meeting to be held before the Corporate Image's mixed doubles pro-am tourney in October.

As soon as everything for the 1988 tour is finalized, we will attempt to secure a national sponsor, something which is long overdue for this game. To achieve this, the Federation has hired one of the top sports marketing consultants in the country. Stay tuned to *The Board Talk* for more details.

1988 Tour

February — Corporate Image
May — Michigan Open
July — Board Talk Tournament
August — U.S. Open
October — Oklahoma City
November — Colorado Open
November — Stagger Inn Thanksgiving Tourney

Sanctioning Non-Tour Events

Beginning with the 4th Annual State of Michigan Championships, to be held at Papa's Pub & Grub, Warren, Mich., the Federation will promote and sanction tournaments for a fee of \$50 per event.

Participating tourneys will receive exposure through the Federation's new "Calendar" section beginning with next month's issue. Also, as previously mentioned, they will receive a 10% discount from *The Board Talk* on their tournament ads.

Congratulations!

Wally Fredericks of the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Mich. was the winner of a new set of weights donated by the Federation at a tournament held at the Lakeside Lounge, Sept. 12-13.

John McDermott & Phil Skover
Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.
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Murphy, Chuck Lato, Heather Renzin, Russell Moore, Kirk Purser, Daryl Pifer, J.C. Hawkins, Jim and Kit Branie, Harvey and Lilly Kidd were here" for the opening.

Most played in the opening tournament which was won by Robin Lent and Ray Moore with Adele Keith and Ken Garrett taking second place honors.

Featuring two shuffleboard tables, balanced to perfection by Joe Spratt, two pool tables, darts, and a menu to delight rather than prevent starvation, the 4000 sq. ft. facility is expected to be a rousing success.

Shuffleboard tournaments are scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and draws will happen whenever a group is willing. When league play resumes, Hangers expects to field teams to provide formidable competition statewide (watch out, Dallas and San Antonio).

Everyone here enjoys The Board Talk and we look forward to receiving our copy as soon as possible. You'll be hearing more from us.

Jim Templeton, Hangers Sports Bar & Grill, Houston, Texas

Welcome aboard, Hangers! We're sure subscribers across the country will drop in for some of your action when they're in your area. If we didn't decipher your list of dignitaries correctly, please extend our apologies to them. Some were faithful subscribers; others were new names to us.

Upset in the Rockies at Jerry D's

The last Tuesday in August held some major upsets at Jerry D's Position Night in Dacono, Colorado. Although the field was small, it was very competitive. Participating were Jerry and Susan DeNovellis, Travis Anderson, George Ostrum, Richard "Scotty" Scott, Jody Slack, and Bob Voorhis and Debbie Somers from Indiana. The tournament was an endurance test, finally ending at 3:30 a.m.

The winners were: Jerry D, 1st; Richard "Scotty" Scott, 2nd; Bob Voorhis, 3rd; Travis Anderson, 4th.

Bob Voorhis was vacationing in Winter Park, Colorado, and it was a pleasure to have him and Debbie Somers play at our bar. We also celebrated his birthday. What a party, huh, Bob?

Jerry D's Top 10 picks for Colorado: (1) George Ostrum, (2) Jody Slack, (3) Travis Anderson, (4) Lucky Ivy, (5) Morey Balins, (6) "Shady" Grady McGovern, (7) Fred Compian, (8) Jerry DeNovellis, (9) Richard "Scotty" Scott, (10) Kevin McCurdy, with honorable mention to Bob Bennett, Ken Howard and Jorge Esteve.

Jerry and Susan "D", Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar, Dacono, Colorado

We'd like to hear more about shuffleboarders who visit places on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. That's what this network is all about and we love to hear it's working. Thanks for letting us know, Jerry and Susan.

Action in the East

Entries are coming in for our tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, Oct. 2-4. We are three weeks away (as letter was written) and have about 25% of our entries committed with money, so we still have high hopes.

Just returned after 18 days in cold Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark — coldest summer in 40 years. Got up to 64 one day around 1 p.m. Beautiful trip with a lot of new experiences.

I picked up another subscription the other night and hope you can include them in "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." — Hilltop Inn, 825 Hilltop Rd., Route 273, Elkton, Maryland.

Heard great reports from the Eastern gang who went to Howell for your 4th of July tournament. Congratulations!

Shuffleboard continues to get stronger around here. Cecil County League expanded from 14 to 17 teams this year. The Delaware Eastern Shore League expanded from 8 to 12 teams. The Wilmington, Delaware, Women's League, for the first time in years, got a new team.

A lot of small tournaments going on, seems like almost every weekend. Of course, I am trying to get to them all to push our entries for the Lafayette Inn.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

The Hilltop Inn will be on the "Play Your Way" listing in the next issue, Dick. We hope we'll also have a report in the next issue about a super successful tourney at the Lafayette Inn.

Seafarer Tavern Does It Again!

The Seafarer Tavern, Warrenton, Oregon, once again put on a fantastic tournament over the Labor Day weekend. There were 14 teams for the doubles with a combined purse of \$1380. The tavern paid entry fees for fourth place. Trophies and hats were awarded also. A last-minute vote and Presto! we also had a singles tournament. That purse was only \$880 combined, but what do you expect from a shuffleboard crowd on the second night of a wild weekend? (See Tourney Talk for results.)

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Notebook *(continued from page 8)*

The state of Washington made a good showing at the tournament. We had two female teams who were brave enough to take on the guys. A special thanks go to Tina Olsen/Dru Ensworth and Bobbie Speck/Maggie Cerecedes for taking on the guys. They gave it a good try.

A special thanks also to Costigans Tavern from Longview for the "lively" group. I don't think anyone had more fun than them and we hope to see them there again — hopefully for the next tournament, Nov. 13-14-15.

I would like to take some space to plug the Seafarer Tavern just a little bit. Warrenton is located between Astoria and Seaside, Oregon. It's a small fishing town with a big heart. The tournaments are put on by owners Willie and Vickie Hawks with tremendous help from their bartenders, barmaids, and even the regulars. You don't just go to a shuffleboard tournament — you go to a feast!

To give you an idea of what I mean, Thursday night was all you can eat tacos for \$2.00. Friday night was on your own. Saturday noon was all you can eat all day long BBQ chicken right off the grill out back (complete with corn on the cob and salad) for \$5.00. Sunday was all you can eat BBQ ribs with the same as Saturday's meal for \$6.00 all day long. Monday was clam chowder (home made) and baked fresh salmon, free to everyone in the tavern. Plan on gaining a few pounds when you go.

There is a motel across the street, a bar with live music down the street, chartered fishing across the street, and most people bring their vans, motor homes, campers, or whatever and park out the back door. You can hook up to electricity (no charge) and the bathrooms inside are available if needed.

So, anytime any of you shuffleboarders are out this way, try to catch a tournament in Warrenton. I guarantee you'll have fun. Just ask DK, Singer, Arndt, DeAngelo, Pease, Gaunce, Norris. . .

Welcome back, Village Inn, Portland, Oregon! The Village Inn is back in business under new management/ownership of Don and Judy Campbell and family. They still have a good board and put on Saturday night eliminations. They also will be playing a league or two. The Village Inn is located at 5919 SE 82nd Avenue and the telephone number is 774-9076. Come on in anytime! Carol Nor-Bun, Portland, Oregon

The Seafarer sounds like a great place for tournament action and we're sure they, and the Village Inn, appreciate your promotion, Carol. We hope you can convince them to promote their upcoming tournaments in The Board Talk. They might be surprised with the "company" they'll get.

Whoops!

Would you mention that Lee Brady and Dale Koteras, both of Houston, took third in the doubles at the Austin Open. I saw two write-ups about the tourney and neither one mentioned these guys. They deserve the credit. Diana Hagen, Houston, Texas

We are delighted to give Lee and Dale the recognition they deserve. We've said it before and we'll say it again: all tournament sponsors or directors should inform us of winners or assign someone to do so. It is really frustrating to promote the heck out of a tournament and then not hear who wins it! Thanks for letting us know, Diana.

Welcome to a New Subscriber/Advertiser

I am sending two pictures that might be of interest to you. They are shuffleboard players at Larry & Ray's Tavern tournament in Tacoma in August. They were all a good bunch, very skilled in the game, and also very courteous and fun. It was my pleasure to meet them for the first time this summer.

They subscribe to your paper and Jim Foran gave me the information to get in touch with you. Needless to say, they spoke very highly of your paper.

I am looking forward to receiving your monthly.

JoAnne Stein, Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Omaha, Neb.

Thanks for the photos, JoAnne. We appreciated being able to put faces with the names that have become familiar to us. Thanks, too, for the full-page ad and directory listing. We hope you'll get good response from The World of Shuffleboard!

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10. Joe Easter, Pa.

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3. Howard Mouton, Texas
4. Rick Boyer, Texas
5. Sam Summers, Okla.
6. Earl Kelly, Texas
7. Dave Williams, Texas
8. Glen Davidson, Okla.
9. George Ostrom, Colo.
10. Jody Slack, 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. Cheryl Collins, Mich. | 6. Marie Sweeney, Mich. |
| 2. Diane Hagen, Texas | 7. Trish Turner, Mich. |
| 3. Peggy Richards, Ariz. | 8. Deb Somers, Ind. |
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Tourney Talk *(continued from page 6)*

Singles Tourney, Edgewood, Bellflower, Oct. 31-Nov. 1

The Edgewood, 10122 Rosecrans, Bellflower, Calif., will host a singles tournament on Oct. 30-Nov. 1. \$100 entry fee with 60-30-10 payoff. Best two of three, double elimination.

The auction will start on Friday at 7 p.m., with the tournament beginning at 9 p.m. Play will continue at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For information, contact director Craig Amundson, 213-863-5219, or The Edgewood, 213-866-9268.

See ad in this issue, and plan to participate.

Michigan State Championships, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 14-15

Papa's Pub & Grub, 23617 Van Dyke, Warren and The Shuffleboard Federation will present the 4th Annual State Championships, with singles on Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and the doubles on Nov. 14-15. Entry fees, \$50 for singles and \$50 per team for doubles, will pay four places — 50-25-15-10. You must be a Michigan resident to participate.

Auctions for each will be held at 9:15 p.m. the Friday night preceding the events.

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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 auc-

tion 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. See ad in this issue.

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.

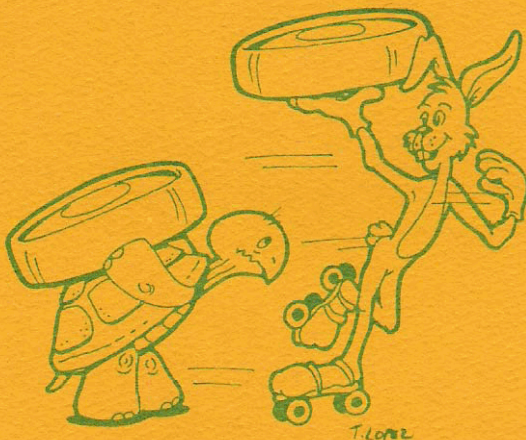
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