

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Every month, new subscribers join our ranks, shufflers who wonder about our "roots," who we are and how we started. Since there's no burning issues to address this month, we're going to devote this space to some history and some projections for the future of *The Board Talk*...

1983 — There was a lot of "pillow talk" going on in the Wilber household. George, a player and secretary of the Greater Lansing Area Shuffleboard League, was totally committed to the game. Donna was not a player, but she was an enthusiastic spectator and she was a professional writer. Both felt there was an information void in *The World of Shuffleboard* and believed they could fill that void. However, they had failed once in the publishing business and weren't anxious for a repeat of that experience. Should they go for it or play it safe?

1984 — Vol. 1, No. 1 of *The Board Talk* rolled off the presses in January. Designed to be a local or state shuffleboard publication, it contained results of tournaments in Detroit, Pontiac and Lansing, a column by the *Lansing State Journal's* sports writer Bob Gross, some league standings, and announcement of a qualifying tournament in Pontiac for a really big tourney in Las Vegas.

In February, the editors accompanied the winner of that qualifying tournament, Lee McDonald of Lansing, to Las Vegas. They took along some copies of the first issue of *The Board Talk* and recorded the names of some of the participants who were interested in receiving the next issue. Overnight, *The Board Talk* "went national," a move that caused many sleepless nights for the editors. The new publication limped through the year with a meager list of subscribers and a couple faithful advertisers. The editors were glad to see 1984 become a part of history.


1985 — *The World of Shuffleboard* took a "wait and see" attitude about *The Board Talk*. If it was going "belly up," why invest \$10 for a subscription? Potential advertisers waited until its audience was large enough to make an investment. A "no-win" situation for the publishers. The mailing list was slowly growing, but so were the print bills and the first-class postage charges.

In July, *The Board Talk* sponsored its first annual tournament. Participation was gratifying, but it was a costly venture for the sponsors.

Numbers of subscribers finally reached the point that allowed the editors to obtain a more affordable mailing permit, but the future of the publication remained uncertain at the close of *The Board Talk's* second year.

1986 — The "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments that were *Board Talk*

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Tourney Talk

Monahan/Spickelmier Win at Amato's

Chris Monahan and Karl Spickelmier teamed up to take top honors in the bring-your-partner tournament at Amato's, Huntington Beach, Calif., on July 24-26. Chuck Kimbrough and Jim Kennedy finished second, with "Bubba" Rick Warren and "Mr. L" Don Bandoli in third place.

Nine teams, with \$100 entry fees, vied for a pot of \$2010.

Chris extends a special thanks to the gang at Amato's for the fine service and great Sunday buffet.

Adairs Win "Adam and Eve" Tourney

Danny and Goldie Adair won the "Adam and Eve" tournament held recently at the Deluxe Licquors in Las Vegas. Jerry Bryan and Mary Frank took second place honors with Jim Golden and Sheila Taylor in third.

"It was a good tournament, all scores were close and everyone enjoyed it," reports Frank Zavala.

Arndt/Cena Take "Broiler Fest" Title

Dave Arndt and Max Cena were top winners at the Broiler Fest tournament sponsored by the Palm Tavern, Springfield, Oregon, on July 31-Aug. 2. Bruce Wechter and Mickie Byers took second place honors with Garry Singer and Al Pease finishing third.

Hostess Joni Jones thanks all the players who made the tourney a great success, Sam, Sparkie and Mike DeAngelo, who organized and kept things moving smoothly.

Nelson/Collins/Mays/Kelly Tops at Austin

Darrol Nelson of Oregon kept his singles title at the 2nd Annual Aqua-Fest U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, Aug. 7-9. Bill Melton of Oklahoma took second place honors with Eric Waldman, California, in third place.

In the women's event, Cheryl Collins of Michigan captured first place, with Peggy Richards of Arizona in second place, and Brenda Moore of Texas in third.

Billy Mays and Earl Kelly of Texas won the open doubles, followed by Bill Melton and David Williams of Texas.

See more details in the Shuffleboard Federation ad.

Jenkins/Bladergrean Win "Sweetheart" Tourney

Sandy Jenkins and Frank Bladergrean of Dallas won the "Sweetheart" tournament at Terry's Place, Dallas, Texas, on Aug. 15-16. Second place went to Evelyn Harris and Ralph Coburn, with Bill Jenkins and Suzie McCormick in third place. Eighteen teams entered the tourney, with the house adding \$10 per team to the pot.

Cooksie/Melson/McDonald Win at Dillinger's

Jack Cooksie and John Melson, Lake Orion, teamed up to take first place in the doubles tournament at Dillinger's Saloon, Oxford, Mich., on Aug. 15-16. Marie Sweeney, Lake Orion, and Jeff Cottrell of Drayton Plains took second place with Jerry Hershman and O.B. Brimm, Utica, finishing third.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Colorful Report on Ted Z's Tourney

I couldn't make it in time to play in Ted Z's tournament in Temecula, Calif., but I decided to drive up and see the last two days of competition and see old friends and good shuffleboard. I wasn't disappointed!

Yesterday, my copy of The Board Talk arrived and as I was reading the results, there was something missing. You don't get the flavor of the event in the box scores. There are the characters and situations that develop...

Picture Bobby Goldsmith, white beard flowing, teamed up with the old pro, A.Z. Turnbo, reaching back for that extra effort to finish in the money — not for the monetary reward but for his personal goal of appearing in The Board Talk in the list of top finishes. Mission accomplished!

Chris Monahan, the only female entry in the singles, waiting anxiously and not at all disappointed, at having drawn the powerful Darrol Nelson in the first round. If she was intimidated, Hollywood will be her next stop because her act was good. Chris kept her poise and determination and victory was hers in the first game. Darrol would have to call on the experience that has made him a champion many times over to win the next two games and put this player in the loser's bracket.

Then there's shuffleboard's "Country Boy." Give this guy a floppy hat and put a straw in his mouth and you have an instant Tom Sawyer. Tall and lanky, speaking softly and only when spoken to, lost in the crowd until his turn to play. Then down with the hat and spit out the straw — this is a serious player! If Dr. J was a shuffleboard player, his name would be Billy Chiles! Game after game, he throws with the same fluid motion. All eyes are on table number one as he and his capable partner, Billy Maxwell, march to a convincing win over Darrol Nelson and the gutsy Joe Muniz in the doubles finals.

The class act of the tournament was easily that of a couple that didn't even show up. Saturday afternoon a cake was delivered that was big enough to feed everyone there and then some, with this message: "To Ted Z and Friends, Sorry we couldn't make it. Janice and Eric Waldman."

We had a mixed doubles draw partner tournament at Jay's on Indian School Road and a total of 18 teams played for just under \$1,000. We're seeing more and more women that are getting serious about their game and the enthusiasm we saw here was very encouraging.

Cathy and Marge had never placed in the money in tournaments like these but they played well and earned their share. Bill Gibbs is at a point where he will be competitive at any tourney on the West Coast when time allows for his participation.

Bill Gibbs and Alice Aredondo finished first with Peggy Richards and Rick Andrews in second place. Bob Lewis and Marge Smith came in third, with Larry Tafoya and Cathy Stearns in fourth.

Larry Tafoya, Phoenix, Arizona

We're sure all our readers will enjoy your colorful report, Larry. You're right about box scores having no "flavor."

Jerry D's Top 10 Picks

The last Tuesday of every month at Jerry D's (Dacona, Colo.), we hold a position tournament to determine the best players in the state of Colorado. I've been having these tournaments since the beginning of the year, so I have a good idea of who the best players are. I feel this will help you in rating the people in our division.

Results of our July tournaments were: Travis Anderson, 1st; Jorge Esteve, 2nd; Jody Slack, 3rd; and Kevin McGurdy, 4th.

My Top 10 picks for Colorado are: (1) George Ostrom, (2) Jody Slack, (3) Travis Anderson, (4) Lucky Ivy, (5) Morey Balins, (6) Grady McGovern, (7) Fred Compean, (8) Juan Esteve, (9) Kevin McGurdy, (10) Bob Bennett, with Honorable Mention to Jerry DeNovellis, Richard Scott, Jorge Esteve and Ken Howard.

Jerry DeNovellis, Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern, Dacona, Colo.

Thanks for your input, Jerry. We hear a lot of static about the rankings, but very few people take the time to send in their "nominations." We appreciate it. Attention Colorado readers: see ad in this issue.

Davis, Oklahoma, Gets Salute

A group of us from Dallas went to the Chuckwagon tournament July 10-12. For a small community that has only had a league formed for nine months, they sure know how to run an event!

The people were some of the nicest we had met at any tournament plus, according to what we saw, they are going to be a force to be reckoned with as far as local talent. I know all of us here in Dallas really appreciated the hospitality and efficiency of Mike Melton's efforts.

If you want to have a good time and all the competition you can handle, don't miss Davis, Oklahoma, as you're shuffling your way across the U.S.A.!

Sandy Jenkins, Dallas, Texas

Mike is evidently following in his dad's footsteps, continuing to make the name of Melton highly-respected in The World of Shuffleboard. We're sure he and the other folks at the Chuckwagon will appreciate your salute, Sandy, and we hope readers will take your advice.

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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Lee McDonald of Lansing was winner of the singles tourney. Jerry Hershman took second place with Jim Kelsey of Lake Orion in third place.

The Masters, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif., Sept. 4-7

If you haven't signed up for The Masters at the Ace of Clubs, Sept. 4-7, call Jerry or Sharon at 916-743-6885 to get your name on the roster. Entry fees for this Silver Anniversary event are \$200 per team for the doubles, \$150 per player for the singles.

Action starts with the auction on Friday, 7 p.m. with the doubles beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

The Ace of Clubs is located at 328 I Street, Marysville, Calif.

Doubles/Singles, Stober's, Lansing, Sept. 4-7

A doubles and singles tourney will be held at Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan, Lansing, on Sept. 4-7. Entry fee for the singles is \$20 per player, \$40 per team for the doubles. Auction for the singles will start at noon on Saturday, with doubles following. Both events are double elimination and pay 60-30-10. Round robins on Friday night.

Host Rudy Stober will offer special \$1.00 drinks starting Friday night at 10 p.m. continuing through Saturday.

For information, call George Wilber, 517-371-2538, or Rudy at 517-487-4390.

3rd Annual Oklahoma City Open, Peppermill Sept. 11-13

The Peppermill, 3600 NW 58th, Oklahoma City, Okla., will host the 3rd Annual Oklahoma City Open on Sept. 11-13. Entry fee for the draw partner event is \$100 per team, and \$200 per team for the bring your partner event.

The auctions for both events will start at 7 p.m. Friday with the draw-partner tourney following. The bring-your-partner event will be held Saturday and Sunday.

For information, call Leon Ammerman, 405-947-7386; Bill Melton, 405-369-2448; or Sam Summers, 405-843-9991.

Singles/Mixed Doubles, Lakeside, Sept. 12-13

The Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Union Lake, Mich. will host a singles and mixed doubles tournament on Sept. 12-13. Entry fees are \$20 per player for the singles, \$40 per team for the mixed doubles. Double elimination, three boards.

For information, call 313-698-4104.

Women's Singles/Amateur Doubles, Corporate Image, Sept. 18-20

A Women's Singles, with \$50 per player entry fee, and an amateur doubles, with \$100 per team entry fee, will be sponsored by the Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, on Sept. 18-20. Both are double

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1987 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Sept. 4-7

The Masters

Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

Sept. 11-13

3rd Annual Oklahoma City Open

The Peppermill, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sept. 18-20

Team Tournament

Silver Bullet Club, Dallas, Texas

Sept. 19

1st Annual Singles Tournament

American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

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

Nov. 26-29

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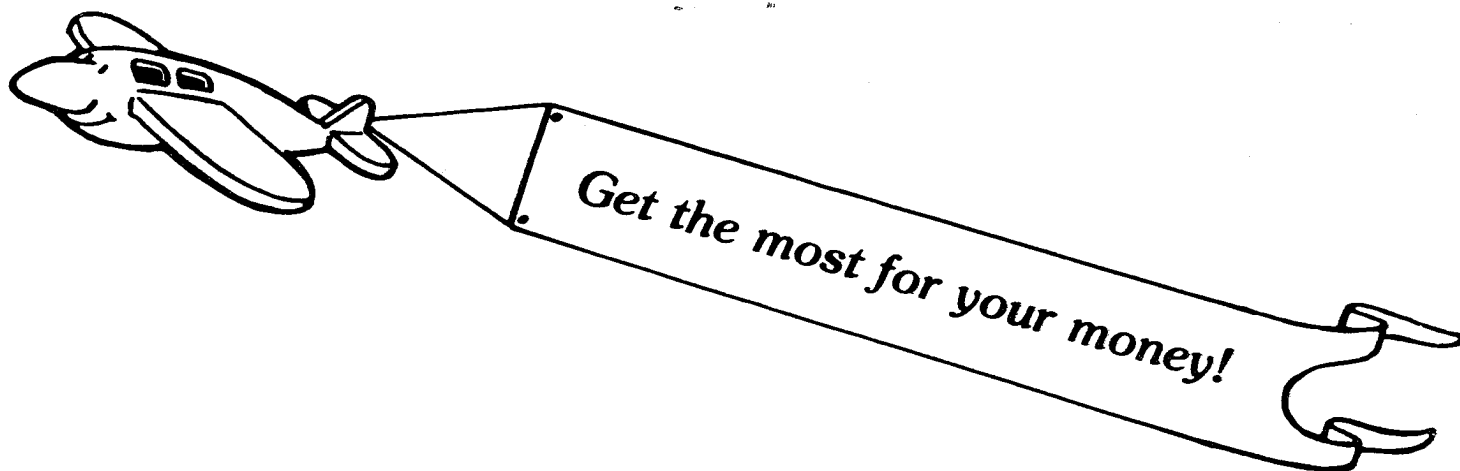
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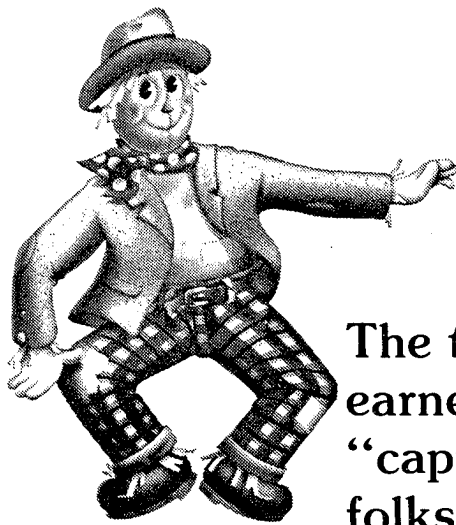
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Sept. 19

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Oct. 3

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The American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

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elimination events. Sale for both events starts at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 18.

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

Silver Bullet Open, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 18-20

The Silver Bullet Club, 8340 Abrams Rd., Dallas, Texas, will host an open team tournament Sept. 18-20. \$100 entry fee and the club will add \$25 per team. Eight players per team with a minimum of three women. Double elimination, U.S.S.A. rules. Pays 60-30-10 with trophies for the first place team.

Entry fees and player rosters must be submitted by midnight on Sept. 11. No professionals allowed; pros will be determined by a five-person Silver Bullet committee.

Action will start with the draw at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, auction following at 7 p.m. and tournament play beginning at 9 p.m.

For further information, call Jerry Patterson or Jim Nicholas at the Silver Bullet Club, 214-340-5755.

See ad in this issue.

1st Annual Singles, Bourbon, Ind., Sept. 19

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Ind., will hold its 1st Annual Singles Tournament on Sept. 19. \$25 entry fee, double elimination, four boards. The auction will start at 11 a.m.

For information, call Mike Koontz, 219-342-0693, or the American Legion, 219-342-9125.

See ad in this issue.

Open Doubles, Wagon Wheel, Sept. 25-26

The Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Mich., will host an open doubles tourney on Sept. 25-26. \$50 per team entry fee, double elimination, three boards.

If time permits, a singles will also be held.

For further information, call the Wagon Wheel, 313-693-6789.

Fall Tournaments, Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, Oct. 2-4

The Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Maryland, will host a fall tournament, Oct. 2-4, with four events. A Women's Singles is scheduled for Friday night, \$10 entry fee, followed by a Draw Partner event, \$10 per person entry fee. On Saturday, a Bring Your Partner tourney, \$25 per team entry fee, is on the agenda, with an Open Singles, \$25 entry fee, on Sunday.

All games are 15 points, straight, single game double elimination. Open buffet on Saturday and Sunday for all participants. Jackets will be awarded to all first place finishers. Auction for each event.

Tournament manager Dick Gorman suggests advance registration because there is a limit on the number of teams. For the last tournament held at the Lafayette Inn, the singles tourney was "sold out" three weeks prior to the event. Send your entries, with checks payable to the Lafayette Inn, to the Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, MD 21911.

For further information, call Dick at 302-994-0004, or Lafayette Inn hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo, 301-658-9075.

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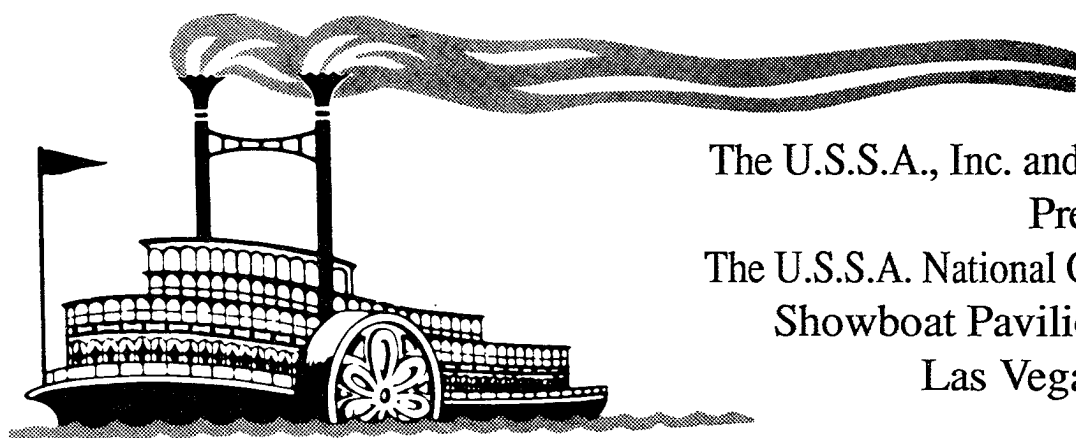
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The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.

We would like to begin this month by thanking Glen Davidson for sharing his thoughts concerning the Michigan Open. The only way that we can continue to improve our tournaments is by inviting and listening to feedback from the players. We have not figured out how to run a perfect tournament yet, but with continued hard work and plenty of input from the players, we think we can get there.

Anyone reading this who has some ideas concerning rules and tournament formats that they would like to share should write them down and send them to the Shuffleboard Federation. We will organize them and make copies which will be sent to your player representatives. On Oct. 9-12, the Corporate Image (Fort Worth, Texas) is hosting a mixed doubles and pro-am doubles. There will be a players' meeting on Oct. 8, at which time all of the written suggestions we have received will be distributed to the players and voted upon. All decisions made there will be incorporated into tournaments sanctioned by the Shuffleboard Federation.

1988 PRO TOUR

We have been working out the details for a professional tour which will include a point standings system to determine a national champion. There will be at least eight tournaments and possibly as many as 10.



Phil Skover and John McDermott

If you are a bar owner or a player and would like to have one of these tourneys in your area, you need to contact the Federation as soon as possible. The requirements are simple: a facility that will accommodate four boards, an agreement to run the tournament by the Federation's rules, and a \$500 donation to the point standings fund. The money collected will be distributed to the top finishers in the point standings contest.

We have four tournaments lined up already and will announce a complete schedule in our ad in the November Board Talk. In addition to earning cash prizes, the top eight

players will also be awarded a spot on the national team which will represent the United States in a challenge match against a Canadian team.

Before we finalize the format for 1988, we hope that players everywhere will share their ideas with us so we can do the best job possible. Among the things we want your input on are: the rules published in the August Board Talk, entry fees, seeding of the players, and distribution of the prize monies.

Another area we want to address is tournament officials and committees. A suggestion was made that a group of players be nominated at the beginning of the year to act as a standing committee to be used at all of the major tournaments. We think that is an excellent idea and intend to incorporate it into tournaments sanctioned by the Federation.

In the August issue of The Board Talk, a question was raised in The Hammer concerning compensation for the people who run the brackets, handle entry fees, prepare the boards, etc. What do you think?

U.S. OPEN

Congratulations to tournament director Don Valk for another successful tournament. It was played in a beautiful banquet room with a nice view of Town Lake on one side and a pool on the other.

The State of Michigan continued to establish itself as one of the new leaders in The World of Shuffleboard with six players and another six spectators making the trip to Texas.

It is always nice to meet new people who were previously just a name in The Board Talk and this trip many of us got to meet a player from Phoenix, Arizona, who made quite an impression — Peggy Richards. She has a good combination of skill and composure and has established herself as a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Congratulations to the winners in the open singles. Darrol Nelson successfully defended his title, followed by Bill Melton in second and Eric Waldman in third.

The ladies' event saw Cheryl Collins of Michigan winning her third straight singles with Peggy Richards of Phoenix in second and Brenda Moore of San Antonio in third.

In the open doubles, two teams that are always in the running captured the top honors. Billy Mays and Earl Kelly took home first place honors with Bill Melton and David Williams second.

Well, it's time to sign off for this month. Please write to us and share your ideas so that we can continue to work for the advancement and growth of the game we love.

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

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Bourbon's Annual Fall Tournament, Oct. 3

The American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana, has been hosting an annual fall tournament for many years. This one, on Oct. 3, will be a doubles at \$20 per team entry fee, double elimination, four boards. The auction will start at 11 a.m.

There's always good competition and good money at the Bourbon tournaments. If you've never participated before, try it — you'll like it!

For information, call Mike Koontz, 219-342-0693, or the American Legion, 219-342-9125.

See ad in this issue.

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.

For further information, contact Linda Cooper, Manager, 817-451-0607.

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

Mark your calendars now for this U.S.S.A. Championship Tournament. Reservations are due Dec. 15, 1987. Check the enclosed flyer for details and send your reserva-

tion to U.S.S.A., Inc., 8124 Bambi Street, Dallas, TX 75217. For further information, call Lajana Story, 214-398-0573, or Joyce Holmes, 214-826-1646.

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subscribers was introduced in February. March marked a "turnaround" for the publication. Subscribers, advertisers, and news from all parts of the country started rolling in. For the first time, it appeared that *The Board Talk* would become a viable publication that would not have to be subsidized by the full-time jobs of its publishers.

In July, the 2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament drew participation from seven states and Canada. In October, the first listing of the U.S.A.'s Top 20 Players was published, creating more feedback than any previous feature.

1987 — The February quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing had grown from 37 establishments in 12 states a year ago to 95 in 20 states and Canada. *The Board Talk's* mailing list broke the 600 mark and its largest issue — 16 pages — was published in May. The Top 20 players listing changed to a Top 40 with ratings by division. A Top 10 Women's players list was added.

In July, the 3rd Annual Board Talk tournament attracted players from 11 states. It was a good one!

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| 1. Cheryl Collins, Mich. | 6. Marie Sweeney, Mich. |
| 2. Peggy Richards, Ariz. | 7. Trish Turner, Mich. |
| 3. Chris Monahan, Calif. | 8. Young Stocker, Ind. |
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vest their own \$10. And there's some advertisers who put their *Board Talk* invoices at the bottom of the pile. The mid-night and weekend oil keeps burning to put the publication together in our spare time without any salary. It's still a "kitchen table" enterprise but the future, we strongly believe, is bright!

1994 — *The Board Talk* has grown from a 4-page newsletter 10 years ago to a 48-page slick magazine with 4 color ads from every major company in the USA that manufactures products shuffleboarders consume. There's feature stories on the events and people who make up The World of Shuffleboard. Leagues in every city have a special insert with standings, announcements and other local "color" for their particular area.

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It's been a good year for shuffleboard!

We hope you'll be there to see if our projections for 1994 were just a dream — or an achievable goal. We'd be happy with halfway between!

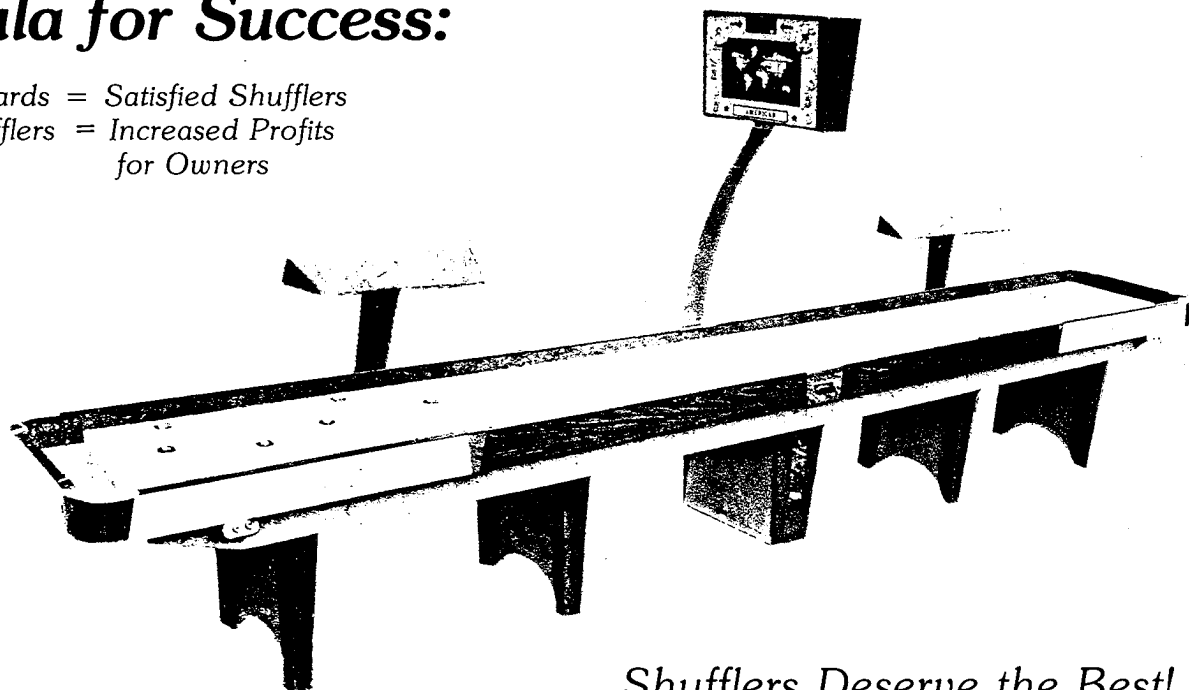
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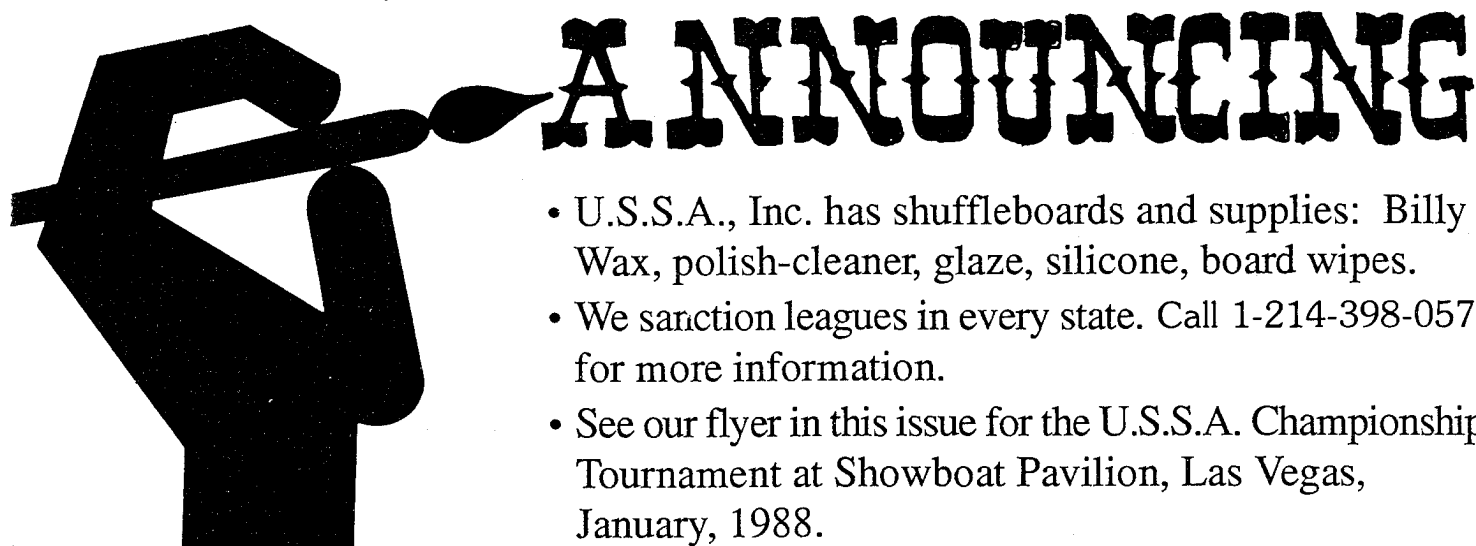
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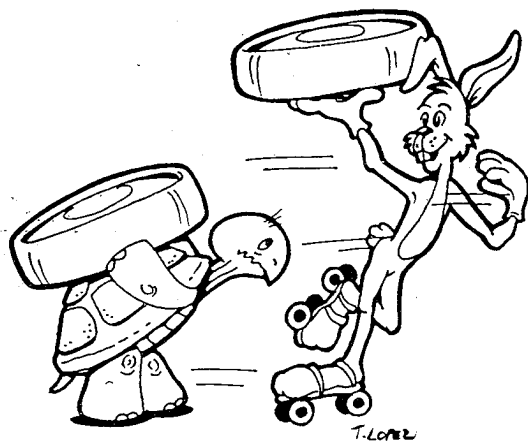
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