

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Every month, after we go to press, we receive results of tournaments and notices of upcoming tournaments that should have been in the issue we've just put to bed. It's frustrating! It makes us want to shout out to The World of Shuffleboard: "Watch our lips! The deadline for every issue of The Board Talk is the 15th of the month!" That deadline is published in every issue (last month it was on the back page, right above your name and address so you wouldn't miss it), yet few take it seriously.

We know it's difficult to understand that early deadline when you don't receive your Board Talk until several weeks later. But there's a lot of work that goes on between the 15th and the finished product that you read. There are a few exceptions to the rule and this month is one of them. With three big tournaments the weekend following the deadline, we held up a couple pages to insert the results. However, we stuck to the deadline for the remaining pages because if we didn't, it would be time for the May issue deadline before you got your April Board Talk.

That deadline isn't just for you; it also pertains to the editors. A lot of people were looking for the March "Top 50 of the U.S.A." listing because there would have been many changes. Why wasn't it there? Because Editor George came home from Rising Sun, Maryland, and got involved in his shuffleboard business. He was in Detroit on February 15 and missed the deadline. Editor Donna closed the pages and took them to the printer.

Help us help you. Keep that 15th of the month deadline in mind when you plan your tournaments so we can promote them, and when you report the results, so we can pass that information along to The World of Shuffleboard in a timely manner.

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Only those of you who have run a tournament know the hours invested and the hard work involved. The remainder only know the difference between a smoothly-run tourney and one that you go back and tell your buddies: "Boy, are you lucky you didn't go! It was a disaster!"

The smoothly-run tournaments are the result of the efforts and time of a lot of people and, to this point in time, it's been a volunteer effort simply because of the volunteers' love of the game. Volunteerism is great when it helps get something you believe in going. After that, it wears a little thin. It gets expensive and it takes time away from family members and other priorities, with no compensation.

That fact of shuffleboard life was very much in our minds as we started planning for our 4th Annual Board Talk Tournament. Unlike sponsors who benefit from the added food and beverage sales involved in a tournament, we operate on the basis of trying to keep our loss figures to a minimum. Our dependence on volunteers the past three years has been heavy and those volunteers have been fantastic.

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Tourney Talk

Central Indiana Action

Jim DeWitt and Glenn Newland took first place in double elimination play at the American Bar in Portland, Ind., on Jan. 30. Jim Long and Jerry Knox took second place honors with Bob and Bobby Brown in third.

At a single elimination tourney at Town Tavern in Summitville on Feb. 6, Jerry Ware and Bobby Voorhis came in first with Phil Crowder and Tony Bright in second place. Other winners were Marcia and Bob Brown, 3rd; and Dave Boaz and Ray McFadden, 4th.

Marcia Brown and Jim DeWitt teamed up to take first place in a mixed doubles tourney at the American Bar, Portland, on Feb. 13. Jim Caster and Vicki LeMaster finished second, with Rick and Young Stocker in third.

Tolbert/Fisher Win at Amato's

Players battled for a pot of \$1,670 in a blind draw doubles at Amato's, Huntington Beach, Calif., Feb. 12-14. Troy Tolbert and John Fisher took top honors with Bill Maxwell and Bellflower Bruce in second place. Sparky Sparkman and Don (Mr. L) Bandoli finished third.

The players extend a special thanks to "Glasses Jack" for running a smooth auction, and to the management for the tasty buffet on Sunday.

Todd/Evers/Husfelt Win at Ours & Your Place

Twenty players participated in the Ours & Your Place first "Third Sunday of the Month" tournament in Sudlersville, Maryland, on Feb. 21. Scratch Todd, Denton, Md., and Sandy Evers of Sudlersville came from the loser's bracket to beat Jack Gardner, Goldsboro, Md., and Sue King, Harrington, Delaware, two games for first place. Third place went to Dallas Hayman, Harrington, and Diane Schulties.

A draw partner single elimination was added to the day's activities. Scratch Todd teamed up with Kevin Husfelt for first place, while Jack Gardner and JoAnn Ware took second place.

Maxwell/Lampley Win Fir Cone Tourney

Billy Maxwell, Sacramento, Calif., and Loren Lampley, Shelton, Wash., were winners of the doubles tournament at the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Feb. 27-28. Thirty-five teams participated with over \$5,000 in the auction pot. Taking second place honors were Clark Kenny and Mike Waters of Tacoma. Al Pease of Tacoma and Gary Singer, Portland, Oregon, finished third.

Sellers/Casula Win at Harrisburg

Thirty-four people loaded up on a coach bus at the Diamond State VFW Post in Wilmington, Delaware, Feb. 28,

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Houston, Texas — Trying to Make a Comeback

It is no secret that last year's "Tournament of Winners" at PT's in Houston was a disaster tantamount to the aborted "U.S.S.A. National Championship Tournament." I attended both tournaments and they were extremely disappointing. I think the key word here is "disappointing." PT promised \$36,000 in prize money. USSA promised 20 new boards. Both were mere promoters' pipe dreams. I had a great time at both events, but there was always the lingering feeling that I had been taken by a shifty promoter.

Anyway, all that is behind us now and hopefully shuffleboard players and promoters are growing and learning from mistakes. A good example of a well-run tournament was Dave Davidson's Washington's Birthday event (Corporate Image). I can honestly say that this tournament ran like a swiss watch:

1. Each match on the entire bracket chart had a start time next to it that was adhered to.
2. Four boards in excellent shape.
3. Major players from all over the country.
4. Officials always available.
5. Plenty of room for spectators and players alike.

Dave did not promise the moon, yet he delivered it.

Warren Bass at Houston's Sports Arena, as well as other Houston shuffleboard clubs, is trying to rebuild a good reputation here in Houston. The March 4 tournament at the Arena drew over 32 participants from Texas — mostly from Houston, but 15 players came from Austin and Dallas. In fact, the Dallas folks all came up on a bus and parked it out back of the Arena. Tammy Denson came up on the bus with them but she won so much money, I wouldn't be surprised if she flew back to Dallas first class.

Warren provided free tuna casserole on Friday, then free barbecue on Saturday. He brought in an extra board at his own expense, for a total of three good boards. On Saturday we were supposed to have \$50 bring your partner, but since only seven teams signed up (all players from Houston), we all decided to have another \$50 draw so that all the out-of-towners could join in. The change of plan was a success since we got 12 teams in there on the draw. It was a heck of a lot of fun.

Table shuffleboard may not appeal to everyone, but for that addicted minority — it is a way of life.

Tony Howard, Houston, Texas

Many of us share in the disappointment about the two national tournaments you mentioned, Tony. Their dreams did exceed the results, but we're also sure that both expected to fulfill their obligations, right up to tournament time. Why else would they invest advertising dollars in The Board Talk? It was a financial disaster for both of them as well as a disappointment to all of us players. We predict the USSA will live to get theirs going successfully. We hope so because The World of Shuffleboard really needs an amateur event.

What About Those Rules?

Roy and I have been on a long vacation. We left Oregon in early January. Stopped by Mr. G's in Visalia, California,

where we enjoyed their hospitality and good shooters. We then met our old friends at the Edgewood in Bellflower, Calif. — it still feels like home. I played in the team event at the Showboat in Las Vegas, but we didn't do too good. We then took in the great shooting at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth, Texas.

While visiting our son in Springfield, Missouri, we happened onto the 6th Annual Miller's Highlite City Doubles Championship at Uncle Bentley's Pub. There were 20 teams representing 13 taverns. The shooting wasn't up to the Corporate Image standards (what is?), but was quite respectable. First place went to Andy Friedhofen and Bill Stacey. A good shooting women's team, Pam Teeter and Cheryl Bowler, took second. Third place went to W.L. Burks and J.R. Woods.

What surprised me was that with their quality of play, they were still playing "keep hammer," the "long foul line," and sprinkling the corners was not permitted. Other places we played in Missouri also used these antiquated rules.

I suggest that the Shuffleboard Federation rules be amended to include these basic items and then published in The Board Talk so that it could be copied and distributed. My talking just doesn't carry the weight that the official rules of shuffleboard would.

I can understand how some lonesome bar in Timbuktu can still be in the Dark Ages, but with all the activity and good shooting we saw in Springfield, it was hard to believe. Maybe some of your readers have ideas on how rules can be standardized. If so, let's hear from you.

Jolene Lembke, Bend, Oregon

Check the next letter, Jolene, about the same subject.

Doc Khan Back in Michigan

Well, I am back in Michigan — to live. After all, this is my home. My last assignment was at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, the home of the Fighter Pilot. While in Vegas, I played on the Deluxe Liquors League and we won the Greater Las Vegas League Championship with a big trophy and cash for players. I will miss them.

I have been made Director of Medical Services here and will be living in Traverse City — God's country. There are a bunch of boards in the area — one right here at the Depot Bar. Another good one is at the Hoffbrau in nearby Interlochen.

Time and again, I run into the problem of people not knowing that the first, 6-foot line is the correct foul line. It is hard to find shuffleboard rules unless you buy a new board. I request that The Board Talk print a few basic rules on a flyer sort of paper. (American Shuffleboard rules have too much extra stuff that we don't need.) I would be happy to pay if there is a charge, but then anybody could take out that flyer and post it in any bar for convenience and avoiding arguments. I hate to play when they say the second line counts, remove pucks, etc.

Doc Khan, Traverse City, Michigan

Welcome back to Michigan, Doc! We received your letter too late to print the rules in this issue, but will do so in May.

Welcome to a New Tournament Director

The first "third Sunday of the month" tournaments, which will be held regularly from now on at Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, took place on Feb. 21 (see Tourney Talk for results). As usual, our hosts JoAnn and Art Ware provided good food and friendship to all participants and spectators.

As for me, I'd like to say thanks to all for bearing with me. This was my first attempt as tourney director. JoAnn and Art have asked me to take this job at Ours & Your Place tournaments so we can give a break to Dick Gorman, the "Best Tournament Director in the East." We know he'll be there to help if we need him, but he shouldn't have to shoulder all the responsibilities for tournaments in our area. Dick, like the rest of us, loves to play the game and wants to see it grow.

I'm fairly new at the game of shuffleboard. I started playing in September 1986. Since then, I've met most of the "Best Players" on the East Coast and I've played against a lot of them — a great experience! Thanks to The Board Talk, I feel that I know most of the players "across the U.S.A." and hopefully in the future I'll get to play some of them.

Don't forget our mixed doubles tournament on Saturday, April 30, followed by our open singles on Sunday, May 1. If you're looking for competition, come to Ours & Your Place, home of many Top Ten shooters.

Judith Iseman, Chestertown, Maryland

Welcome to the ranks of tournament directors, Judy. We know you'll do just fine. You've had an excellent teacher! We salute JoAnn and Art and you for recognizing that one person can only do so much, no matter how much he loves the game. We don't want a dedicated person like Dick to suffer from burn-out!

Federation Gets Salute

Please extend a big thank you to John McDermott and Phil Skover of the Shuffleboard Federation for arranging the women's tourney at the Corporate Image tournament in Fort Worth in February. All of us women players really appreciated it!

Diana Hagen, Houston, Texas

We're glad you wrote, Diana. It gives us an opportunity to share a recent discussion we had with Phil. He tells us that the Federation is 'fully committed' to the organization of a Women's Tour. He assured us, 'This is not an attempt to pacify women. We sincerely want them to be an integral part of Shuffleboard Federation activities because they deserve to be.' He also told us about the Federation's newly-adopted slogan: 'Friendship Through Competition.' We like it a lot! That's what shuffleboard ought to be all about.

A Message for Glen

My congratulations, Glen (Davidson), for your win at Corporate Image. You tough son of a gun!

Mexican Tommy Workman, Wilmington, California

Glen sure did prove that 'while there may be snow on the roof — there's still fire in the furnace!' We add our congratulations as well.

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1988 National Shuffleboard Calendar

April 8-10

Spring Classic
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

April 16

Doubles Tournament
First & Last Stop, Kendallville, Ind.

April 20-24*

1st Annual Pro Tourney
Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

April 23-24

Doubles Tournament
Best Little Wherehouse, Temecula, California

April 30-May 1

Mixed Doubles/Singles
Ours & Yours Place, Suddlersville, Maryland

April 30-May 1

Shufflin' Neighbors Tournament
Piccolo's Bar/Joe's Duck Inn,
Omaha, Nebraska

May 7

Doubles Tournament
American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

May 13-15

2nd Annual Wheeler Dealer Tournament
Wheeler Dealer Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 20-22

1st Annual Classic
Benedict's, Sherburne, New York

May 26-30*

2nd Annual Michigan Open
Holiday Inn, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

May 27-30*

10th Annual Memorial Day Tournament
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

May 26-30

Arbuckle Open
Midway Bar, Davis, Oklahoma

July 1-4*

4th Annual Board Talk Tournament
Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana

July 1-4*

Annual 4th of July Tournament
Best Little Wherehouse, Temecula, California

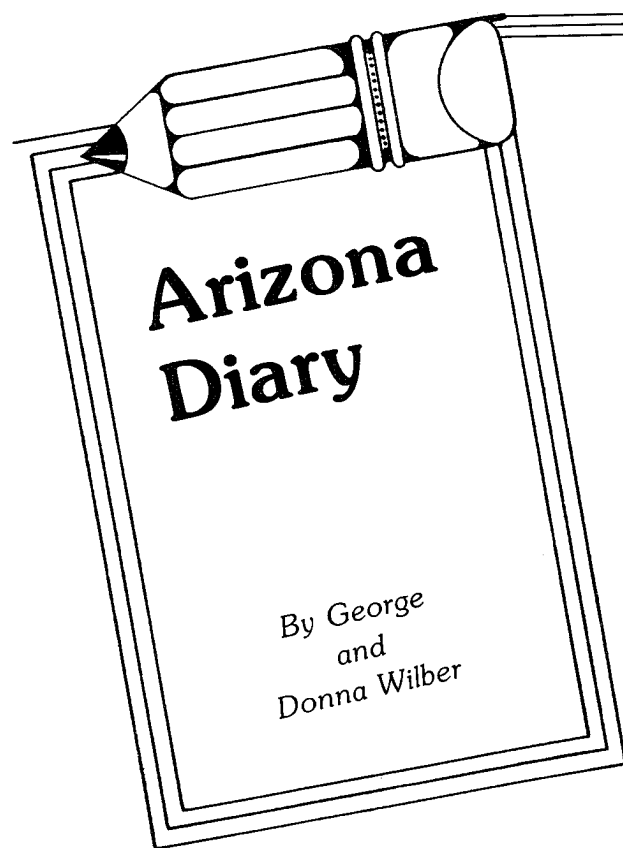
August*

U.S. Open
Austin, Texas

September 2-5*

Annual Labor Day Tournament
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

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Take some well-seasoned greats like Mexican Tommy ("poetry in motion") Workman. Mix with a bunch of today's stars like Donny Cox. Sprinkle with a generous portion of tomorrow's headliners like Billy Maxwell. Add a dash of Peggy Richards' brand of courageous determination. (Note: these ingredients come in various brand names and may be substituted with those of equal value.)

Blend well with these vital ingredients: a cool, dedicated director like Larry Tafoya; a congenial host like Dunes II owner Don Harbison; hardworking officials like Jack Thomas, Jim Bennett and Wendell Herbison; a hustling auctioneer like Steve Hart; super-speedy, personality-plus bartenders like Mikki, Jodi, Lyn and Katie; and a gallery of enthusiastic fans.

Decorate with beautiful flowers from Bellflower Bruce (this is an optional ingredient, but it won't be quite as good without it!).

Fold all ingredients together and steep in generous helping of good fellowship for three days in the Golden Arizona sun and cool, starlit nights.

That's a guaranteed recipe for a successful tournament like the first annual Arizona Open in Phoenix, March 18-20.

We came to Arizona for several reasons. It was a first effort and would probably be a small one; maybe our presence would give them some encouragement. The plane fare was affordable and it would be warm — a big attraction for winter-weary Michigianians.

It was warm all right, but they sure didn't need us! We walked into a standing-room only Dunes II, greeted by a throng of well-knowns in The World of Shuffleboard. The entry sheet showed 38 signed up for the singles and 19 teams in the doubles, all of whom would battle valiantly for a share of the nearly \$14,000 pot.

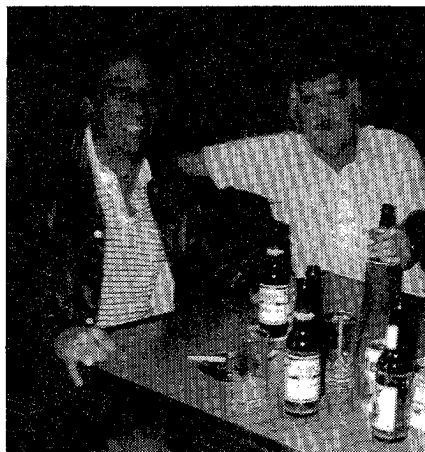
Our personal congratulations go out to singles winners Donny Cox, Rio Linda, Calif., 1st; Glen Young, Hot

Springs, Ark., 2nd; and Joe Muniz, Cerritos, Calif., 3rd. And to doubles winners Glen Young and Howard Mouton of Houston, Texas (who broke his "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" trend), 1st; Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, and Hal Perry, Sacramento, Calif., 2nd; and Karl Spickelmier, Malibu, Calif., and Troy Tolbert, Huntington Beach, Calif., 3rd.

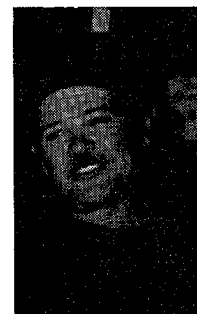
All were first-class, hard-fought battles and even the losers looked good, particularly those three women who didn't let being outnumbered intimidate them one bit — Chris Danke, Diana Hagen and Peggy Richards.

Organizers Larry Tafoya and Bob Lewis, who gambled on the 11 known entries going into this year's tourney, have already made arrangements for next year — a huge Moose Lodge facility that will be comfortable for both players and spectators.

If they use the same "ingredients" as they did this year, it's bound to be another success.



Howard Mouton and Glen Young celebrate their victory in the doubles. It was a tough battle!



Don Cox (what a smoothie he is!) was also pretty happy about placing first in the singles.



Bellflower Bruce gets a reward from one of the many women at the Arizona Open for the roses he presented to them.

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for a two-hour bus ride to make a return visit to the Lawton American Legion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The 29 visiting shooters drew partners for 29 teams in the straight partner tourney.

Winners were Ralph Sellers of Harrisburg and Don Casula of Wilmington. Pat Sterling (Harrisburg hostess) and Charlie (drop your pants) Walker of Wilmington finished second with third place going to Charlie Dall, Wilmington, and Don Gaffney, Harrisburg. Imogene Schrech, Harrisburg, and Vin (Saint) Killian, Wilmington.

"The Lawton Legion gang, led by Pat and Jim Sterling, were most gracious hosts, and a major sized food buffet was a big attraction for the players," reports Dick Gorman.

Renzo/Lukas/McDaniel Top Winners at Lafayette

At the Lafayette Inn's monthly open shuffleboard tournament in Rising Sun, Maryland, on March 5, 30 shooters participated in two double elimination draw partner events.

Winners of the first event were host Nelson Renzo and John Lukas of Millington, Maryland. Second place honors went to Don Casula of Wilmington and Mopey Hasson, Perryville, Md., with third place earned by Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md., and Dave Shewbridge, Elkton, Md.

The second event went to John Lukas (again!) and Jim McDaniel, with Mopey Hasson and Dave Shewbridge in second place. Don Casula and Wayne Nichols of Conowingo, Md., took third place.

The next open tourneys at the Lafayette Inn will be held the first Saturdays of April, May and June. "Come join us!"

Sports Arena Tourneys Draw Well

Howard Mouton and Harold Rush of Houston were top winners in a \$50 draw tourney at the Sports Arena in Houston, Texas, on March 4. Tammy Denson of Dallas and Dale Koteras, Houston, took second place honors, with Don Valk of Austin and Lee Brady, Houston, finishing third. Thirty-two players vied for a pot of \$3320.

On March 5, another \$50 draw partner event attracted 24 players competing for a pot of \$2350. Tammy Denson and Charles Walker of Dallas were first place finishers. Glen Young of Dallas and George Lawrence of Houston came in second, with Sharon Finch and Little Ray Hartness of Houston in third place.

In an earlier \$15 draw tourney on Feb. 27, 24 Houston players vied for a pot of \$1105. Winners were Terry Grace and Terry Watkins. Dave Duncan and Diana Hagen finished second, with Dale Koteras and Jim Taylor in third.

Hayman/Fritzi & Bud Broka Top Winners at Lafayette Inn Invitational

On March 12, 32 invited players arrived at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for a singles, single game double elimination tournament. The attempt was to find out who were the top ten in the Atlantic Coast Division that day. Everyone who has been a ranked player and those who have done well in regional tourneys were invited, as well as ranked players in all other divisions.

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1st Annual PALACE BAR Pro Tourney April 20-24



April 20: Women's Singles — \$100 entry

Auction at noon — play immediately following

April 21: Auctions for Open Singles & Doubles

6 p.m. with singles play immediately following

Open Singles — \$150 entry fee Best 2 of 3, Double Elimination for Shuffleboard Federation Points

Open Doubles — \$200 per team

Assigned Times Posted — Four Boards

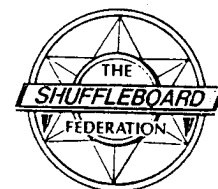
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Director Dick Gorman reports that only two players from other divisions accepted the invitation. Fritz Broka of Toledo, Ohio, entered along with two other women who have been ranked in the women's division — Rosalie Kaufman, Queenstown, Md., and Mary Ann Watson, Philadelphia, Pa. Buddy Broka from the Mideast Division also was a participant. The one-day event paid \$5,000 including prizes. The event was played out through the first 10 places.

Winners were: Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del., 1st; Ken Cox, Cambridge, Md., 2nd; Bill Lally, Philadelphia, 3rd; Milt Benedict, Sherburne, NY, 4th; Jerry Herrmann, Philadelphia, 5th; Paul Casula, Newark, Del., 6th; John Lukas, Millington, Md., 7th; Jim Somers, Parsonsburg, Md., 8th; Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md., 9th; and Ron Herrmann, Philadelphia, 10th.

The following day, another sell-out four days in advance, a mixed doubles tournament was held. Twenty-seven teams played on the in-house four boards.

First place honors went to Fritz and Bud Broka (and their little ace in the hole, Wolf), Toledo, Ohio; with hometown entries Lynn Barr and Mark Grove, Rising Sun, in second and Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia in third place. Other winners were Lee O'Donnel, Nottingham, Pa., and Bob Hall, Rising Sun, 4th; Judy Kilgore (tournament co-director), Conowingo, Md., and John Lukas, 5th; and another Rising Sun entry, Stacey Edmund-

son and Tom Bernhard, 6th. Extra prizes were given to each person in the top six finishes by local Budweiser distributor, Sentman Brothers.

"Everyone agreed we had a great time shooting, eating Pat and Nelson Renzo's buffet and visiting with great shuffleboard friends. Total payoff for the weekend of \$7400 wasn't bad, either," reports Dick Gorman. "We're all looking forward to the Lafayette Inn Board Talk Spring Classic on April 8-10."

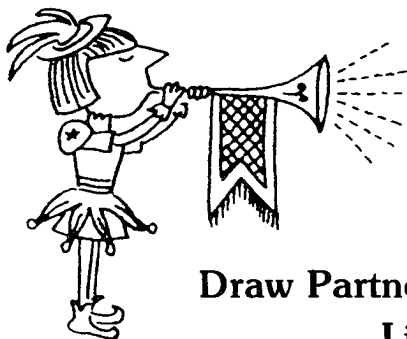
For information on that tournament, call the Lafayette Inn, 301-658-9075.

Jody Wins at Jerry D's



Winner of Jerry D's Rowboat Open in Dacona, Colorado, in January, was Jody Slack (center). He is flanked by other winners (left to right): Yates Powers, 3rd; Travis Anderson, 2nd; Bill Kelter, 4th; and Ken Howard, 5th.

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Announcing a FIRST! Benedict's Classic May 20-22

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Limit: 1st 24 teams

Open Singles — \$25 per person

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The American Legion

Bourbon, Indiana

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Cox/Young/Mouton Take Arizona Open Honors

Thirty-eight singles and 19 doubles teams participated in the 1st Annual Arizona Open at Dunes II, Phoenix, March 18-20, vying for a total pot of nearly \$14,000.

Don Cox of Rio Linda, Calif., bumped heads with the tough Glen Young, Hot Springs, Ark. (or is it Dallas?) to take first place honors. Joe Muniz of Cerritos, Calif., finished third.

Glen Young teamed up with Howard Mouton, Houston, Texas, to win the doubles event. Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, and Hal Perry, Sacramento, Calif., took second place, with Karl Spickelmier, Malibu, Calif., and Troy Tolbert, Huntington Beach, Calif., in third place.

For more details on this tourney, see Arizona Diary in this issue.

Nelson Takes Palms Title

Three talented players from three different states took top honors in the tournament at the Palms Tavern, Springfield, Oregon, over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Darrol Nelson of Oregon took first, with John McDermott of Michigan in second place and Jim Allis of Washington in third place.

Sweatt/Hillburn/Meltons Win at Bluecoat

Sam Sweatt and Bud Hillburn took first place in the draw partner event at the Bluecoat Tavern, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 18-20. Bill Melton and Shirley Robertson finished second.

In the Bring Your Partner event, it was the father and son team of Bill and Mike Melton that took first place honors. Renee Hart and Steve Burkett finished second.

Boyer/Stocker Win at Summitville

Rick Boyer of Fairmount and Rick Stocker of Redkey, teamed up to win the doubles tourney at the Town Tavern, Summitville, Indiana, on March 19. Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr of Fairmount finished second. Fourteen teams competed for a pot of \$1100.

Doubles at First & Last, Kendallville, Ind., April 16

The First and Last Stop, Kendallville, Ind., will host a doubles tourney on April 16. Entry fee \$20 a team. Auction at 1 p.m. with play immediately following. For more information or to make your reservation, call owner Pat Cinninger, 219-347-9975.

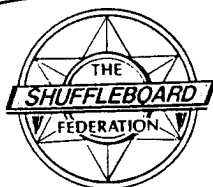
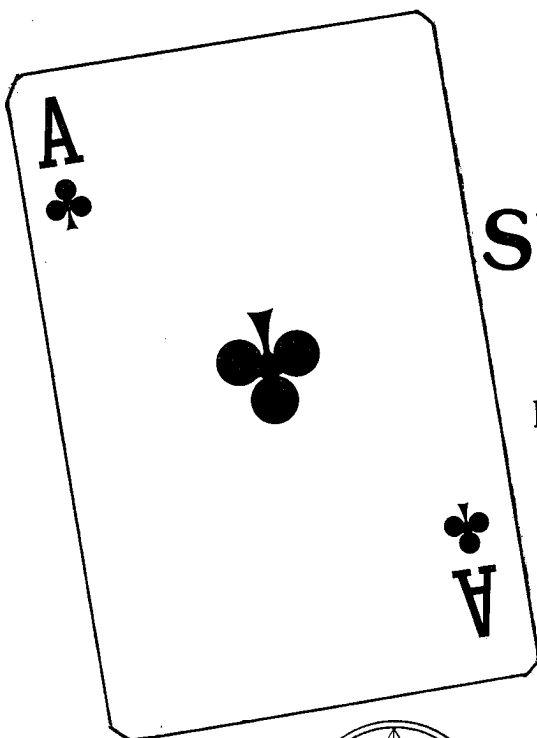
Palace Bar Pro Tourney, Fairmount, Indiana, April 20-24

The 1st Annual Palace Bar Pro Tournament will be held at The Palace Bar, 121 S. Main, Fairmount, Indiana, April 22-24.

Action will start on Wednesday, April 20, with a women's singles, \$100 entry fee. Auction at noon with play immediately following. Four boards, double elimination.

Auctions for both the open singles and doubles are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday with singles play beginning immediately after the auction. Entry fees for the open singles, \$150; \$200 for the open doubles. Best 2 of 3,

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10th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Tournament May 27-30

Doubles \$200 per team — Singles \$150 per player
Auction on Fri., 7 p.m. Doubles start Sat., 8 a.m.

Five Boards — 4 for Tourney Play

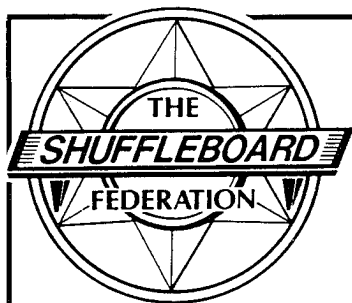
Tournament Directors: Fred Thumann & Jerry Miller

Bracket Boards by Sharon Miller

*"Last year's prize money was \$30,000;
let's make it \$40,000 this year!"*

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"Friendship Through Competition"

Announcing the J & B Shuffle

The Shuffleboard Federation is proud to announce that, for the first time, our sport will have a tournament backed by a major corporate sponsor. The event, to be known as the "J & B Shuffle," is a Texas Amateur Tournament involving over 600 players representing 64 bars from Dallas and Houston. Each bar will have a team consisting of 10 players who will compete in a single elimination tournament using a best five of nine format.

The tournament, which will receive extensive media coverage, begins on April 9, 1988, and will conclude the week of May 16. All participants will receive shirts and ten gallon hats with the J & B Shuffle logo. Additional prizes will be provided along the way with the final two teams each winning a brand new shuffleboard table. The American Shuffleboard Company is providing boards for the tournament.

This event, organized and sanctioned by the Shuffleboard Federation, is just the beginning. We feel very strongly that our game is on the verge of receiving national attention and that amateur leagues and professional tournaments with corporate sponsors is just around the corner.

Thanks for Those Letters

The Federation would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who have responded to our request for league information. With your help, more events like the J & B Shuffle are possible. The more information we can gather, the better position we will be in when communicating with potential sponsors. It is, after all, a numbers game.

If you have not yet taken a few minutes to send us information on your league, why not do it right now. We need to know how long your league has been in existence, how many players, whether the league is for men, women or both. Don't wait for someone else to do it. Drop us a line today and make sure that when we put together our sponsorship proposals, your league is on the list. Rest assured that those of you who support us in the beginning will be the first to benefit.

Bill Melton to Head Policy Board

The Shuffleboard Federation, in an effort to do the best job possible for the players, is helping to form a Player Policy Board. Bill Melton, a "backbone" of shuffleboard for the past 20 years, will be the chairman of this board. The Policy Board will represent the players by voting on tournament rules and format on their behalf. All suggestions received by the Federation will be forwarded to Policy Board members.

Bill will be selecting other players who have the respect of their peers from around the country as board members. As we have previously stated, we want to organize the players and bring national attention to the game. We do not want to make the rules. We want to use the best rules and ideas developed by players over the years to form an organization

which can attract media attention and attract sponsors' dollars.

Welcome to The Federation, Ace of Clubs and Ted Z

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California, and the Best Little Warehouse in Temecula, Temecula, California, as the newest members of our 1988 pro tour. Jerry and Sharon Miller, owners of the Ace of Clubs, have been successful promoters of shuffleboard in northern California for many years in addition to traveling and competing around the country. Both of their annual tournaments, held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, have been added to our schedule.

Also added to the 1988 pro tour is Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse in Temecula. Ted is a long-time player and we are happy to add his 3rd Annual 4th of July tourney to our schedule. We believe there are enough players to support two or even three tournaments on the same weekend provided they are far enough apart geographically. All of us have an interest in seeing our game grow, and with tournament scheduling done on a responsible basis, there is enough room for everyone.

Time for a Change?

We have heard a lot of players voice their opinion on the current system of distributing tournament prize money. The tournaments are growing and it might be time to reward more than just the top three players. A sixth place finish in a tournament with 16 players probably should not receive any of the prize money. But how about sixth place at the recent tournament at the Corporate Image? That is something to be proud of and should be worth enough of the purse to pay some of the expenses.

We have given a lot of thought to this subject and have come up with what we think is a good idea. How about the number of places receiving prize money being determined by the number of entries in the tournament? For the upcoming Michigan Open, we're going to try it. Here's how we're going to do it: 16 entries or less, pay 3 places; 17 to 24 entries, pay 4 places; 25 to 32 entries, pay 6 places; 33 or more entries, pay 8 places.

We feel that this will attract more players to tournament play and also help those who are currently active in tournaments to have the finances to attend more. Please write us and let us know how you feel about this or any other ideas you have.

Point Standings

Based on players' input, we are going to make a change in the qualification requirements. Final standings will still be based on the top 5 finishes. We are going to change the number of tournaments you need to attend outside your division from three to two.

There has also been some confusion on how points are awarded. You receive your points based on your performance in the singles tournaments on our pro tour. All of the individual sports on TV — golf, tennis, bowling — have singles and doubles tournaments, but singles is what you see on TV.

Though doubles have been the backbone of shuffleboard for many years, singles tournaments are becoming increasingly popular and our best chance of attracting a national

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double elimination. The singles event is on the Shuffleboard Federation's pro tour. Assigned starting times will be posted.

Host Bobby Voorhis reports that there are rooms for 10 to 12 players in Fairmount and other motels nearby at Marion, including Sheraton and Holiday Inns.

For further information, call the Palace Bar, 317-948-9102. See ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

Doubles at Ted Z's, Temecula, Calif., April 23-24

Ted Z will host a doubles tourney at his Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula, Calif., on April 23-24. \$100 per team entry fee.

For further information, call Ted at 714-676-3770.

Singles/Mixed Doubles at Ours & Your Place, April 30-May 1

Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, will host a singles and mixed doubles tournament, April 30-May 1.

The mixed doubles, \$25 per team, limited to 24 teams, is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Drawing and auction at 10:30 a.m. with games immediately following. Pays six places.

The open singles, \$25 entry fee, will be held on Sunday with play following the drawing and bidding at noon. Entries limited to 20 teams; play must finish by 11 p.m. Pays six places.

For information, call tournament director Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

"Shufflin' Neighbors" Tourney in Omaha, April 30-May 1

Tim Piccolo of Piccolo's Bar, 13328 Millard Ave., Omaha, Nebraska, and Joe Spielman of Joe's Duck Inn, 13336 Millard Ave., Omaha, will host their "Shufflin' Neighbors" tournament the last weekend of April. The open doubles will be held at Joe's Duck Inn and the open singles next door at Piccolo's. For information, call 402-895-9988 or 402-895-9987.

Bourbon American Legion Doubles Tourney, May 7

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, will host a bring your partner doubles tournament on Saturday, May 7. The double elimination tourney will pay four places, 50-30-15-5. \$30 entry fee, four boards. The auction is scheduled for 9 a.m. with play on the first available board.

A chicken barbecue and hog roast will be available to players and spectators.

The tourney is limited to the first 64 paid entries received, so get yours in early — this one fills up fast. Send your advance entries to Mike Koontz, 102 N. Harris, Bourbon, Ind. 46504. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 424. For further information, call Mike at 219-342-0693, or the Legion, 219-342-9125.

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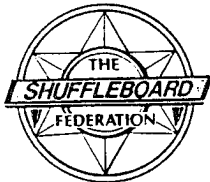
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For further information, call hosts Milt and Betty Benedict, 607-674-4571 or 607-674-9717. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

10th Annual Memorial Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif., May 27-30

The Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, Calif., will host its 10th Annual Memorial Day Tournament, May 27-30.

The auctions for the singles and doubles are scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. The doubles, \$200 per team entry fee, will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Singles, \$150 per person entry fee, will be played on Sunday, with all finals on Monday. Four boards for tourney use, plus one for open play.

Tournament directors will be Jerry Miller and Fred Thumann with bracket boards by Sharon Miller.

"Last year's prize money was \$30,000; let's see \$40,000

this year," said Sharon.

For information, call Sharon at 916-743-6885. See ad in this issue and plan to participate. This tourney is on the Shuffleboard Federation pro tour circuit.

Arbuckle Open Set for May 26-30, Davis, Okla.

Five big events are on the agenda for the Arbuckle Open at the Midway Bar, Davis, Okla., May 26-30. Action starts Thursday with a Sweetheart Draw Partners, \$20 per team entry fee. An open draw, \$10 per person, is on the schedule for Friday, with the women's singles, \$20 entry, on Saturday. The men's singles, \$25 entry fee, will be on Sunday, and the bring your partner event, \$50 per team, on Monday. Four boards. Two out of three double elimination when time permits. Events start at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Sale prior to each event.

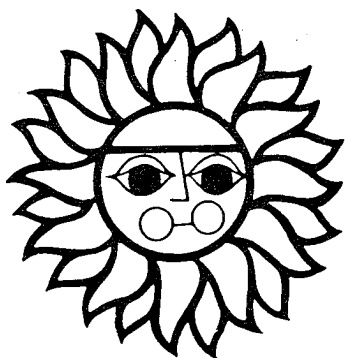
The Davis area is a great place for family vacations, featuring the Arbuckle Wilderness, Lake of the Arbuckles, Cedar Rapids Water Slide, Turner Falls Park and Chickasaw Recreation Area. Motels and restaurants nearby the tourney site, with RV spaces and camping available.

This tourney is open to all except players (men and women) who have been listed on the Board Talk's Top 10 during 1988.

For more information, call Harry Bland, 405-622-6136; Alan Primrose, 405-369-2673 or 3314; or the Midway Bar, 405-622-9034.

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

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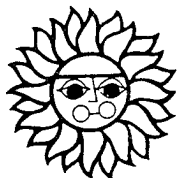


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2nd Annual Michigan/Playfair Open, March 26-30

The second annual Michigan/Playfair Open will be held March 26-30 at the Holiday Inn, Bloomfield, Hills, Mich. Open singles, \$200 entry fee; open doubles, \$200 per team; and women's singles, \$100 entry fee. Limit of 32 entries in each event. All tournaments are 2 out of 3 double elimination.

Pre-assigned starting times will be posted for all matches. Sponsor sale is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 26, with drawing for all events at 11 p.m. Deadline for registration is 6 p.m. on May 26.

The first 10 people to send in a 25% deposit for any event will receive Thursday and Friday nights' lodging free. The second 10 people to send in a 25% deposit for any event will receive Thursday night's lodging free. The Holiday Inn has great facilities.

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Events this year will include open doubles, singles (Shuffleboard Federation sanctioned for points), and a women's singles.

Keep watching upcoming issues for details. In the meantime, request your vacation time for this big event.

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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How Should Shuffleboard Be in 1988?

In my opinion, the game is still behind times 20 years. The game and players have come and gone since the 50s two or three times and now everyone is talking again about what should be and shouldn't be.

That is great! But ask yourself what have YOU done for the game? Usually the people who grumble the loudest are the ones who have never been involved in organizing a tourney or a league. If someone else will do all the work, get everything set up for them so all they have to do is come in, put their money up (or have someone else put it up for them), then they can complain all the way through the tourney — about bad boards, weights or wax, or about the way the round robins are run, etc.

I say to all you crybabies: put on a tournament yourself, then you will definitely respect the people who do all the work for you. Why not go in and ask if there is anything you can do to help — and then do it. At my tourneys, I always tried to put the complainers in charge of some event and let them listen to the rest of them. I noticed quite a change in attitude in all of them.

If you don't agree with what's going on, get involved yourself. You will be an enlightened person by it all. Good luck on your first event. You will need it!

Bill Melton and David Williams and all the staff at the Corporate Image did a great job as usual with their tournament.

I would like to say welcome back to the game to Hal Perry of Sacramento, Calif., who came down for the first time to the Corporate Image and finished third with Glen Young. Not bad for a guy who had not played in tough competition for two years. Thanks also from me to Donnie Cox of Sacramento for being my partner in the doubles. We almost got there — next year, Donnie! My congratulations to Sam Summers of Oklahoma City and Karl Spickelmier of Malibu, Calif., 1988 Corporate Image doubles champs, for a good, tough game.

It was good to see Fred Thumann, Leroy Ledford, Jerry and Sharon Miller and Leon Benton from the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif., at this spectacular event. Also Bud and Fritz Broka and their son from Ohio; Larry Creakbaum, Bobby Voorhis and his coach/Dad from Indiana; and Wayne Reist from Michigan. Thanks, also, to John McDermott for letting an old man on his last few years beat him. This win will keep me high enough to continue for another year anyway.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We realize shuffleboard has been taking one step forward and two steps backward the last 20 years, Glen, but we really don't think we should expect it to have the player or fan participation that golf, bowling or even tennis has. In the past, shuffleboard players have destroyed their own game by letting it acquire a reputation of being a hustler's sport by doctoring the board, putting curves in to their benefit, wiping the corners bare of wax, making their opponent use worn weights only they were familiar with, not letting a challenger on the board unless he or she will play for the amount of money they specify, and more. Some of this still goes on today.

We agree there are crybabies in the sport. However, there are crybabies in all sports, amateur and pro. As for them putting on their own tournament, forget it. They can't han-

dle the responsibility. There are a certain few that will always run the organization and tournaments and then there are those who only want to tell YOU how to run a tournament. Brian Crowl of the Playfair Shuffleboard Company sent us some clippings from a 1950 shuffleboard publication he'd found when he was doing research before he went into the business of manufacturing boards. They were quite a revelation and contain some lessons that we must learn if we are to survive.

There were articles about the second annual conference of the Table Shuffleboard Association of America (TSAA). There were agenda items such as point versus frame play; different rules followed by different leagues and tournaments; the seeding of players for tourneys as followed by organized tennis; and the feasibility of patterning the TSAA according to regulations similar to the American Bowling Congress.

There was also discussion regarding the merits of handicapping players to bring closer competition in any type of organized play, and the need for shuffleboard manufacturers and suppliers to recognize the TSAA as the players' association.

"The facts are that unless the industry can see the efficacy of TSAA as the preserver, promoter and future life's blood of organized shuffleboard play, this organization, like others, will fall by the wayside."

Evidently, it did fall by the wayside, as did many others in the industry. With the exception of American, those once-familiar shuffleboard manufacturer names listed in the publication have faded from the scene. In an editorial entitled, "Which Way Shuffleboard?," the writer talks about 20-odd firms which sent representatives to a meeting in Chicago to decide whether the TSAA was the answer to their promotional problems, or whether they, the business side of the sport, would form their own organization.

"To make TSAA a success, all factors in shuffleboard must be included," the editor concluded.

All factors — the players, the leagues, the manufacturers, the suppliers, the publication that served as the voice of shuffleboard back then — most of them are gone now. Let's not let it happen to us! Let's learn from the past. Let's get commitment from all factors to make sure that almost 40 years after those words were written, we'll all not only be survivors, but an inspiration to those who will follow!

March Madness — Omaha Style

Regular season league play in the Omaha Metro Shuffleboard League is coming to an end with Piccolo's and First Stop having wrapped up their respective league titles. Observatory Lounge, J.C.'s Bar and Golden Hill Bar join Piccolo's as qualifiers for the City Championship playoffs from the National League. The American League has First Stop and Baratta's Bar occupying two of the four spots from their league. With 36 points up for grabs, Huck's Tavern, Mama's Pizza, C.J.'s Saloon and Semaphore Bar are within 8 points of each other.

Our playoff format will seed the teams with opposite leagues playing each other. Barring upsets, we will face a team from the city that we haven't played this year. The tournament is single eliminatin with matches at both of the bars. The team with the most match points after completion of both matches continues on. Three-time defending city champion Piccolo's has many hungry challengers. Good luck to all teams involved.

Sixteen teams competed in Muggy's Lounge Open Doubles tournament. Chuck Busch and Cyndi Hindman fought through the loser's bracket and beat Bob Johnson and Mike McCrillis for first. Ron Petes and Bill Weekly got third with Jay Watson and Mike Rooney taking home the 4th place trophy.

The Elbow Room held their second annual "Pretty Good Players" tournament. This is a tournament restricted to players who haven't placed in the top three places in any open doubles tournament in the past two years. Forty-two player teams showed up to make it the largest tournament in Omaha for three years. Congratulations to first year player Mike Roach and Jack Miller Jr. who has been inactive for awhile on their first place finish. Denny Morrison and Al Dusek made their first tournament appearance together and got second place. Four or five teams (plus supporters) made the 50-mile journey to Omaha to compete. They then proceeded to shuttle between the Elbow Room and the Observatory Lounge where the second annual "All Good Players" tournament was held.

Bill Loos and Don Oberding from Lincoln gave them plenty to cheer about but came up short as Junior Butler and Leonard Iberg of Omaha won. Steve Farrell and Tony Halzapfel of Omaha got second with Dan Forehead and Denny Busch of Omaha in third. Special thanks to hosts Chuck Guthrie and Mike Kiefer for giving 12 teams a place to play.

Arnold's Tavern in Lincoln, Nebraska, had their second annual "Winner Take All" tournament the following week. Nine players from Omaha and 15 from Lincoln paired up and put up \$100 a team with \$1600 going to the winner. The 12 teams generated another \$4150 in the auction that was split 50/30/20. Congratulations to the brother-sister combo of Steve Stutzman and Marilyn Worley of Lincoln for their undefeated, but not unchallenged, first place effort. \$55 bargain Larry Morrow of Omaha and Kenny (the mouth) of Lincoln took home second place money with even money favorites Curt Carter and Bob Moline Jr. of Omaha in third. Thanks from everyone there go out to Mrs. Stutzman for her Saturday lunch.

Tim Piccolo and Joe Pielman will host their "Shufflin Neighbors" tournament the last weekend of April. Open doubles will be held at Joe's Duck Inn and open singles next door at Piccolo's. Call 402-895-9988 or 402-895-9987 for details or entry.

Denny Busch, Omaha, Nebraska

We're delighted to hear about all the action in your area of The World of Shuffleboard, Denny. We bet you'll get some company as a result. By the way, you have earned a new set of weights by signing up 25 new subscribers. We encourage readers to check next month's "Play Your Way Across the USA" listing for places to stop when they're travelling through Nebraska.

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We think the time has come when we can't ask any more of those faithful volunteers and we believe there are others out there in The World of Shuffleboard who feel the same. That's why we're going to take "one giant step" for volunteers and take a small percentage of our pots to, not pay for the time they invest, but at least cover some of their expenses, at our 4th Annual Board Talk Tournament in July.

We don't know how that's going to be accepted, but we're going to take the chance that participants will recognize that

a smoothly-run tournament doesn't just happen and that it's worth a few dollars of their entry and auction pots to make life easier for them.

We know this is a big step, but we're not going to hesitate to take it. We hope others will follow suit, and we'll be awfully disappointed if The World of Shuffleboard doesn't recognize that this is an idea whose time is overdue.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

CLASSIFIED AD: Wanted: Information as to the whereabouts of former World Champion shuffler, Bob Miles. Call Mexican Tommy Workman, 213-835-9804.



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sponsor is through them. As soon as the Policy Board is operational, they will vote on how to split the \$6,000 in the point standings fund.

Current point standings are: John McDermott, 227; Glen Davidson, 144; Darrol Nelson, 125; Eric Waldman, 90; Jim Allis, 73; Howard Mouton, 69; Billy Mays, 57; Chris Danke, 53; Bobby Voorhis, 50; Hal Perry, 50; Fred Thumann, 40; Leon Benton, 38; Red Foster, 36; 8 are tied with 34; 9 are tied with 33; and 8 are tied with 32.

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Top Player Ratings Temporarily Discontinued

By George Wilber

We are discontinuing the division ratings because of criticism of it. Certainly, some of it was justified. One big reason is that so many deserving players go to less tournaments than others because of various reasons — either a work schedule, finances, health, family responsibilities, etc. They, therefore, do not receive the rating they probably deserve. However, I know of no other way to rate players, except how they perform in qualified tournaments.

Since we've run the ratings, these are some of the things I've experienced:

1. Accused of showing favoritism.
2. Many times, I have been advised on how much better a friend is than the rated players.
3. I received a call stating that a player didn't deserve rating because the caller beat him in a money game.
4. Accused of over-rating a league teammate.
5. Been asked to drop the rating of an unpopular player.
6. Verbally attacked for dropping the rating of a player.
7. Overheard unkind remarks about my ability to rate.
8. Been chided for not rating a player who did well in league play or a small home area tourney.

9. Had player insist on being rated because of finishing high in a couple of draw your partner tourneys.

10. Had players insist on being rated because of how they used to play before the ratings started.

The guidelines I used to rate players were: did not recognize league play; gave very little recognition to tournaments of 12 or less; gave higher recognition for winning singles than doubles.

We started the ratings to create interest and for reader enjoyment. However, it probably has caused more bitterness than enjoyment. I wouldn't rule out the possibility of re-establishing the ratings in the future. If so, I would like one or more persons from each division doing the ratings in the division of which they are familiar, preferably people with a knowledge of the game and the players and who could be very unbiased. Volunteers, of course!

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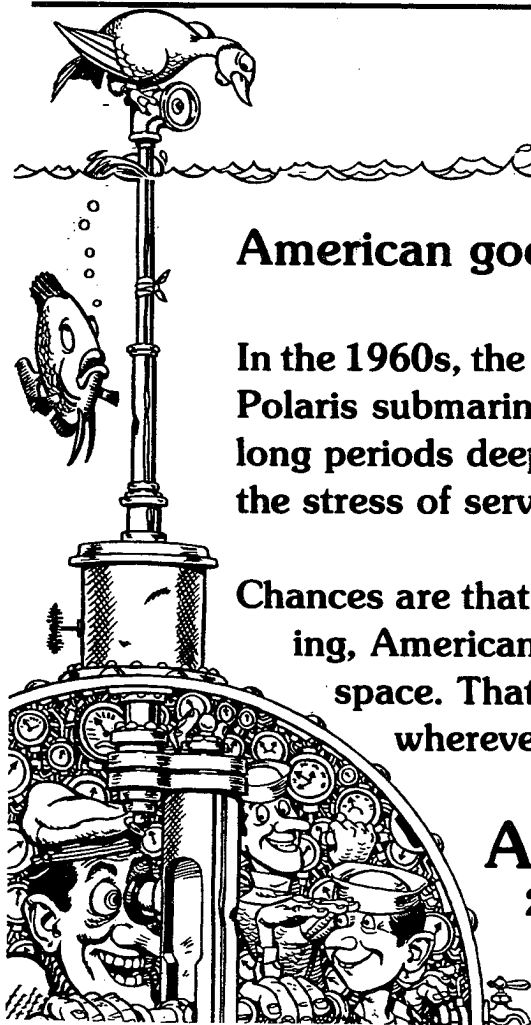
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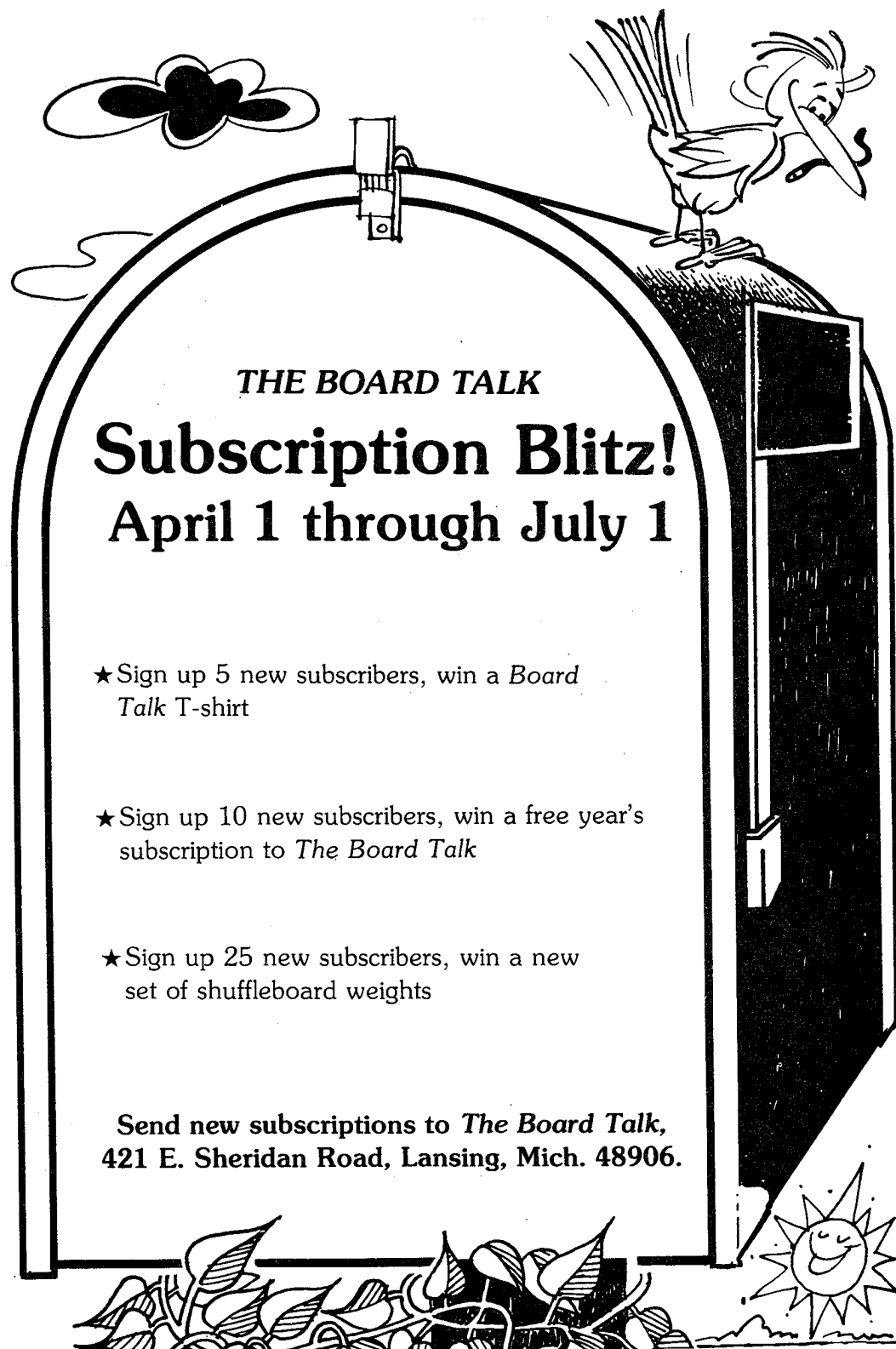
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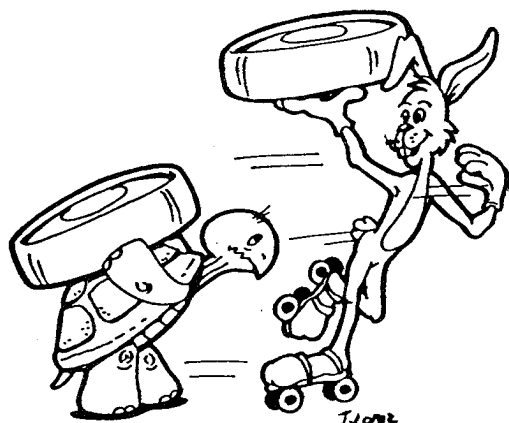
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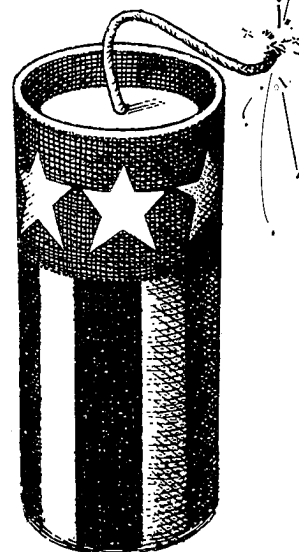
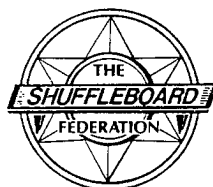
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The Women's League has completed their season with Lakeside I the champions. Wagon Wheel I took second place honors with Lakeside II in third place, and Wagon Wheel II in fourth. Trish Turner and Rosie Turner captured the doubles crown, with Sue Spjack and Betty Berry in second place, and Gail Crane and Marie Sweeney in third. The valiant team of Penny Cottrell and Terry Ramey finished

fourth. Trish Turner was also the singles champ, with Gail Crane in second and Jamie Kay in third place. Congratulations to all! Don't forget our banquet on April 30 at the Oakland County Sportsmans Club, 4770 Waterford Rd., Clarkston. Gordie Collins will be donating the boards for this event. Thanks, Gordie!

Cheryl Collins
Kathy Morgan

Standings as of 3/24/88

Men's League

Wagon Wheel I	409
Lakeside I	379
Majestic	354½
Victors	330½
Bachelors I	304½
Liberty	302
Lakeside II	297
O'Brady's	296
Wagon Wheel II	282
Prues	257
Bob & Elmers	202
Charlies Roost	171½
Catalina Lanes	159½
Oxbow Lake	114

Women's League

Lakeside I	186
Wagon Wheel I	176
Lakeside II	161½
Wagon Wheel II	148
Sports Page	147
Majestic	130½
Victors	128
Liberty	120
Bachelors I	117
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