

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Most of you are well aware that The Board Talk, after five years of uncertainty, is the viable "voice" of shuffleboard and will continue to be as long as we're able to see the scoring machine (with our glasses on, of course) and punch the keyboard with our arthritic fingers. After that, we have high hopes that a second generation will take over the reins. There wasn't much interest there until Billy Mays taught our 12 year old grandson some techniques at the Michigan Open and he went on to beat Buss Voorhis.

We are going to make it, there's no question, but we still operate on a very slim margin. Both of us still have to keep our regular jobs (that's why you get the answering machine when you call) and we have to keep operational expenses down as much as possible. You can help...

The one "controllable" expense (we can't do much about typesetting, printing and postage costs) is our phone bill. We feel an obligation, when we've promoted a tournament, to publish the results. That ought to be easy, you say?

It is -- if we get the results. But that's often not the case. So, at deadline time, we make numerous long distance, often futile, calls trying to track down those results. The result, on this end, is a phone bill that's got to make AT & T very happy!

How can you help? Immediately after your tournament, no matter what time of month it is, send us the results. Include names (first and last) of the winners and their home towns, what place they finished and how many were entered in the event (that's important in the Top 50 ratings). That's all we need for Tourney Talk. If you want to add some "color," we'll put it in Shufflers' Notebook.

You don't have to be uncomfortable about not being a professional writer to report the results of your tournament. Just give us the facts and we'll take it from there. And don't depend upon someone else to do it for you!

In the next issue, we'll publish our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments who are subscribers to The Board Talk. We've heard from players who have used this listing in their travels and about the hospitality they receive when they stop by one of our network members. It truly is a shuffleboard network that stretches "from sea to shining sea." If your favorite place to play is not a subscriber, convince them they should be. To get in the next listing, they must send their subscription in by July 20.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

Exciting Tourney at Wheeler Dealer

The Wheeler Dealer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted its second annual tournament on May 13-15. Winners of the draw partner event were Andy Friedhofen of Springfield, Missouri, and Bill D., Tulsa. Second place honors went to Bud H., Tulsa, and Frank B, Dallas. Janet Cook of Amarillo and Lee Brady of Dallas took third place.

Bill Melton of Oklahoma teamed up with Billy Mays of Texas to take first place in the bring your partner. Bud Hillburn and Glen Davidson finished second with Howard Mouton and Janet Cook in third place.

Owner Gene Wheeler, along with tourney directors Steve Burkett and Cliff Goff, extend thanks to all the players and spectators for their support in this second annual tourney.

Benedict's Classic First Annual a Success

Two of the three one-day events sold out two days before Benedict's Classic in Sherburne, New York, on May 20-22. Ninety-two entries divided just over \$7700 in prizes for this first annual event.

In Friday night's draw partner event, winners were John Lukas, Millington, Md., and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. Second place went to Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del., and Gary Barker, Earlville, N.Y. Tom Bernhard, Rising Sun, Md., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del., came in third.

Saturday's bring your partner event went to Don Casula, Wilmington, Del., and John Lukas. Chuck King of Dover and Scratch Todd took second place honors, with third place going to home town favorites Bill Jones and Milt Benedict (owner) from Sherburne, N.Y.

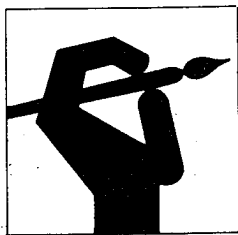
Sunday's singles marathon winners were Ray Herrmann, Philadelphia, 1st; Chuck King, 2nd; and Milt Benedict, 3rd.

Milt and Betty Benedict say a particular thanks to Art and Joanne Ware, owners of Ours and Your Place, Sudlersville, Md., and Nelson Renzo, owner of the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, for bringing their large contingencies all those miles and participating in the first annual Benedict's Classic.

"The gang from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania who went to this garden spot in northern New York were treated to some beautiful scenery, hospitality and great people," reports Dick Gorman. "Betty, Milt and Debbie Benedict were outstanding hosts, both in hospitality and great food. On Sunday morning, they served us an outstanding

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Hustlers Will Never Be Finished!

As in all things, there are two sides to every story. Who is this so-called "hustler"? (See June Hammer.) He is one of a small group of men, and very few women, who has kept the sport of shuffleboard alive the past 30 or 40 years while most of you were golfing, playing tennis, boating, fishing, or doing whatever you were doing. They were playing in redneck bars and night clubs from the Crown Point Inn in Jersey, all the way to the Pink Pony in Brawley, California, and many stops in between.

In any other sport, a man who pays his own way all over the country and then puts up his own money to play when he gets there would be called devoted to his sport. In shuffleboard, he is called a hustler. These so-called hustlers will never be finished! They have proven that over the last 40 years, my friends. And maybe thousands of people who "play" shuffleboard wish they could walk into the local tavern and beat this so-called hustler, but it's not going to happen. Shuffleboard isn't just a game to these guys -- it's part of their lives.

Once the game gets bigger, and all the "old stats" come into play, you'll have your commissioners, referees, staffs, qualified state and local personnel and plenty of assorted whoevers and whatevers. But you won't have "the game" these hustlers have been preserving for 30 or 40 years. You probably won't be able to get within 30 feet of a player at a tourney, no talking, no side betting, and nobody getting in stroke until it's over (maybe).

Players will no longer play in bars or clubs; it will be beneath them. I've seen it ruin motorcycle racing for the die-hard fan, and shuffleboard will be no different.

You will never see things like Pee Wee Ramos making one of twelve foot combos and drive into a trey in the other corner shots, or Tommy Campbell lagging five treys in a \$200 a corner game on the first challenge off the street, or Glen Davidson drive a one into a trey to go out, or Bob Miles outlag a near four for \$1500 a game, or Billy Mays make a 5 or 6 weight combo to go out from 10. You'll never see these things because you people don't even know they exist.

Hip, hip, hooray for the beautiful people. Sometimes I wonder just who is "hustling" who.

Bush Street Buddy "To The Death," Anywhere, U.S.A.

Definition of a hustler: "To crowd or jostle, to force, to make money by clever or unscrupulous means; having no morals, unprincipled." We know some of the players you mentioned and they certainly do not fit that definition. Open play establishes the reputation upon which shuffleboard will or will not progress and grow. Hustlers will never be responsible for preserving any sport.

Federation Gets Salute

While I've made only a few tournaments, the 2nd Annual Michigan Open, sponsored by The Shuffleboard Federation, bears mentioning. The tournament was great, as was the hospitality. Players were accommodated in every way possible. Any problems that came up were worked out by The Federation, leaving the players nothing to worry about but their game.

It now seems possible that the game of shuffleboard is evolving into a sport, complete with standard rules of play and widespread popularity. Along with more participation and recognition will come more competition and money. The players will benefit if the goals of The Federation are realized.

Synonymous with The Shuffleboard Federation is the name of Phil Skover, a person of integrity who backs up what he says. Thanks, Phil. I hope to be able to attend many more Federation-sanctioned tournaments.

Brenda Moore, San Antonio, Texas

We're certain, Brenda, that The Federation, and particularly Phil, will appreciate your salute. Only those who have staged a tourney of this scope know the investment of time, hard work, worry and sleepless nights that go into such an event, knowing full well that it's almost impossible to please all the people all the time. We're glad you made this one; meeting you was one of the highlights of the big weekend.

But Where Were the Women?

We wanted to let everyone know that we really had a good time at the 2nd Annual Michigan Open over Memorial Day weekend, but were disappointed by the women's participation -- or lack of it. We know they have a 14-team Women's League in that area while we don't have enough women to make up a whole team in our areas. They have a major tournament right in their own backyard while we had to travel 2,000 miles to play.

We expected the place to be crawling with women players. Instead, we had only 13 entries in the women's singles -- 3 of us from Texas, 1 from Arizona, 1 from Ohio and another from Indiana. Where were all the Michigan and Indiana women?

We were looking forward to connecting faces with the names we read about in The Board Talk. Some did come to watch; we came to play. You'll missed out on a real good time.

• Congratulations, Gail. You played great!

The Women from Texas

We can't answer that question; maybe you'll get some responses in the next issue. It could be that they simply lack

your confidence. We think Gail Crane (you're right -- she did play great!) is one of those who is just realizing she is "major league" material. We look for a good turnout of women at our 4th annual tourney; hope you'll be among them.

Welcome, Desert Martini!

I would like to introduce you to a new subscriber from Lake Havasu City, Arizona, The Desert Martini. When I told them about The Board Talk, they were very enthused and asked to be entered into the shuffleboard network.

During the winter, Lake Havasu City plays host to many "snow birds" from the north and I'm sure they would enjoy playing shuffleboard at The Desert Martini. Sylvio and Tammy are gracious hosts and keep the board in excellent playing condition.

Keep up the good work.

Brian J. Mulholland, Huntington Beach, Calif.

We are delighted to welcome The Desert Martini to the network, Brian! Our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing will be in next month's issue and we'll have lots of new places added. We encourage readers to use this listing in their travels. There's nothing that makes an establishment owner feel like he or she has made a good investment than to have a shuffler stop in and say: "The Board Talk sent me!"

Glen Gives Plaudits and More "We Want to Know"

Congratulations to all the winners of the Wheeler Dealer tournament (see Tourney Talk for results). This event will get better every year.

The tourney at the Ace of Clubs Memorial Day weekend went well and was finished by 9 p.m. Monday evening. I was told by Sharon and Jerry that their Labor Day tourney will be seeded. I hope by next year all tournaments will follow. I say this for the majority of the players that I have talked with.

My congratulations go out to Darrol Nelson for a double win and Jim Allis, his partner in the doubles. Also to Bob Hunt and Fred Thumann for their second place win. They both shot good enough to win, but came up short. They are two players who well deserve their win. As long as I have known them, they have supported shuffleboard in high fashion and good sportsmanship. Fred also M.C.'d and directed the tourney. It's tough to win and run a tournament, too. There's a few of us who know that, Fred, and all of us thank you for the work you have always done in your area to promote shuffleboard and to help bring it to where it is today.

"We want to know" why there hasn't been a Fred Thumann Day declared in Yuba City area by all the players as well as the owners of the clubs that Fred has promoted shuffleboard in. If there's a guy that deserves it, it's Fred Thumann -- promoter, auctioneer, player, humanitarian. Thanks for all the years of dedication, Fred.

My congratulations to Don Cox for second place in the singles. The match went six games with Darrol coming through to win. Don has a second in doubles at Ft. Worth, a first in singles in Arizona, and now a second in singles at Yuba City. Not bad for a fellow with a crick in his neck.

Third in the singles was Jerry (Arky) Warren, who played as well as anyone, only to finish third, but still a victory. Arky said he was about ready to quit but now he shall go forward again on to first in September. Keep it going, Arky.

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1988 National Shuffleboard Calendar

July 29 - 31

*Men's Women's Singles Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

July 30

*1st Annual 6-Man Team Tournament
Ray's Place, Mishawaka, Indiana*

August 5-7

*Draw/Bring Partner Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

August 9-14*

*U.S. Open
H.J. South Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas*

Aug. 31-Sept. 5*

*Annual Labor Day Masters
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California*

September 2-5

*1st Annual Labor Day Tournament
Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana*

October*

Ft. Worth/Dallas Area

Oct.-Nov.*

3rd Annual Colorado Open

November*

*4th Annual Turkey Day Tourney
Stagger Inn, Bellflower, California*

Dec. 30 - Jan. 2

*New Year's Tourney
Black Cat, Portland, Oregon*

January

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Open Singles:

**Last year's winner:
Darrol Nelson, Oregon**

**\$300 per player. Auction 6 p.m. Wednesday,
Aug. 10. Play starts Thurs. morning, finals
Friday night.**

Open Doubles:

**Last year's winners:
Billy Mays & Earl Kelly,
Texas**

**\$400 per team. Auction 6 p.m. Wednesday,
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Sunday.**

- All tournaments 2 of 3 double elimination.
- Limit of 32 entries in each event.
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Tourney Talk *(continued from page 1)*

breakfast with chef Dallas Hayman assisting on the grill. Can't say enough about how congenial this whole town was to the foreigners from the south."

Harold's Lounge Hosts First Annual

Harold's Lounge in Saginaw, Michigan, hosted its first annual doubles tournament on May 21-22. Winners were Bernie Sunde of Madison Heights and Doug Stewart of Detroit. J.R. Lopez and Lee McDonald of Lansing took second place honors. John Tischler of Detroit and Jerry Siebert of Lansing finished third.

All the players thank owner Dale DeWaard for his hospitality and look forward to his next tourney.

Tumulty/McFadden Win at Monty's

Larry Tumulty and Ray McFadden took first place honors in the draw partner tourney at Monty's Bar, Chesterfield, Ind., on May 23. Tom Vorndran and Orris Hughes finished second. Phyllis Vorndran and John Humes took third place, with Bobby Summers and Larry Walters in fourth place.

Hawkes/White Top Winners at Rome's

Rome's Saloon in Denver, Colorado, is coming on strong with its shuffleboard tournaments featuring a men's and women's tournament on consecutive weekends.

The men's tourney had over \$900 in prize and auction money. Ken Hawkes of Denver took first place, with Jody Slack of Denver in second, and Fred Compean, Denver, in third place.

The women's tourney had over \$800 in the pot. Sam White of Houston, Texas, took first place, with Kim Wilson of Boulder in second and Sherry Brewer of Denver in third place.



Darrol Nelson Takes Grand Slam at Ace of Clubs

A total of 33 players -- 14 teams and 28 singles -- vied for a \$30,000 pot at the Ace of Clubs 10th Annual Memorial Day Tournament in Marysville, California.

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1st Annual 6-Man Team Tournament

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See Tourney Talk for details.

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Darrol Nelson of Oregon took first in the singles, with Don Cox of California in second place, and "Arky" Jerry Warren of California in third.

Darrol Nelson, with Jim Allis of Washington as his partner, took first in the doubles. Local great Fred Thumann teamed up with Bob Hunt of California to take second. Glen Young of Arkansas and Troy Tolbert of California took third place honors.

For more "color" on this big tourney, see Shuffler's Notebook.

Michigan Open Another Success

Players from several states gathered at the Holiday Inn in Bloomfield Hills for the second annual Michigan Open over the Memorial Day weekend. Three events took place on six boards in this Shuffleboard Federation's tourney.

In an exciting singles, Bill Melton of Oklahoma came out on top, with Billy Mays of Texas in second place, and Michigan's John McDermott in third.

Billy Mays and Earl Kelly of Texas teamed up to take top honors in the doubles. Bill Melton and partner Sam Summers of Oklahoma took second place, with Bud Broka of Ohio and Howard Mouton of Texas in third.

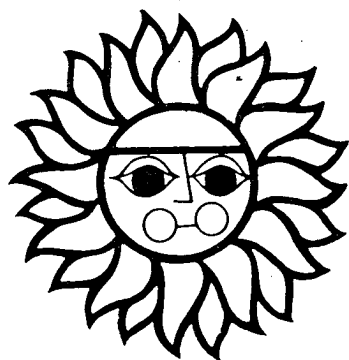
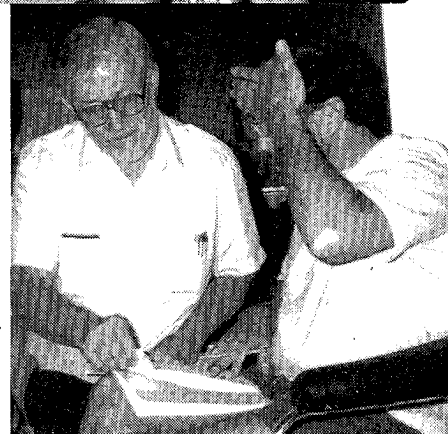
In a hard-fought women's singles, Michigania Gail Crane came out on top. Peggy Richards of Arizona took second place honors and Brenda Moore of Texas finished third.



Linda Cooper of Texas led a crew of dedicated workers at the Michigan Open.

Headaches go with the turf, Board Talk Editor George Wilber tells John McDermott.

(Photos by Kelly Elkins)

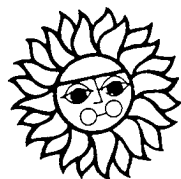


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Kelly Cameron Prevails at Arbuckle Open

In an outstanding field of 32 players, defending champion Sam Sweatt went down to defeat in the semi-finals to fellow Tulsan, Gary Moore, setting the stage for the most exciting match of the Arbuckle Open's Memorial Week-end tournament. Alan Primrose reports that Gary Moore made what appeared to be the winning shot in the final game when he was able to hide a deep two in the left center of the board. Kelly then let go with a breathtaking lag sliding just by for the winning three. "It was a deserving win for Cameron, who came early, practiced all week and showed he had what it takes to be a winner," said Alan.

With a total of \$13,525 up for grabs, other winners were:

Sweetheart Doubles (16 teams) -- Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, and Rena Hendrix, Moore, Okla., 1st; Chuck Hervey, Dallas, and Lois Lambrecht, Tulsa, 2nd; Bill Hollaway, Dallas, and Caren Manweiler, Wynnewood, Okla., 3rd.

Open Draw (23 teams) -- Fred Washington, Oklahoma City, and Larry Barthel, Tulsa, 1st; Shirley Robertson, Tulsa, and Tom Hendrix, Moore, Okla., 2nd; C. W. Walker, Dallas, and Billy Melton, Davis, Okla., 3rd.

Women's Singles (15 players) -- Edith Rakowski, Tulsa, 1st; Rena Hendrix, Moore, 2nd; Shirley Robertson, Tulsa, 3rd.

Bring Your Partner (16 teams) -- Gary Moore and Larry Barthel, Tulsa, 1st; Dave Davidson, Tupelo, and Alan Primrose, Davis, 2nd; Bill Stoops and Cliff Goff, Tulsa, 3rd.

Harry Bland, Alan Primrose and Mike Melton thank all

the players and spectators for making the Arbuckle Open a success.

"Special thanks go to all the local sponsors who bought spaces on our walls and to the local Budweiser distributor in nearby Ardmore, Okla., for the door prizes, lights and manpower helping us move in and out," says Allan. "Also many thanks to Bill Stoops, auction; Cliff Goff for being anywhere we needed him; C. W. Walker for helping run the brackets; Betty Brantly and Marge Bland for concessions; J. D. Primrose for security; and Steve Burkett for backing up the truck."

Butch McKenzie Memorial

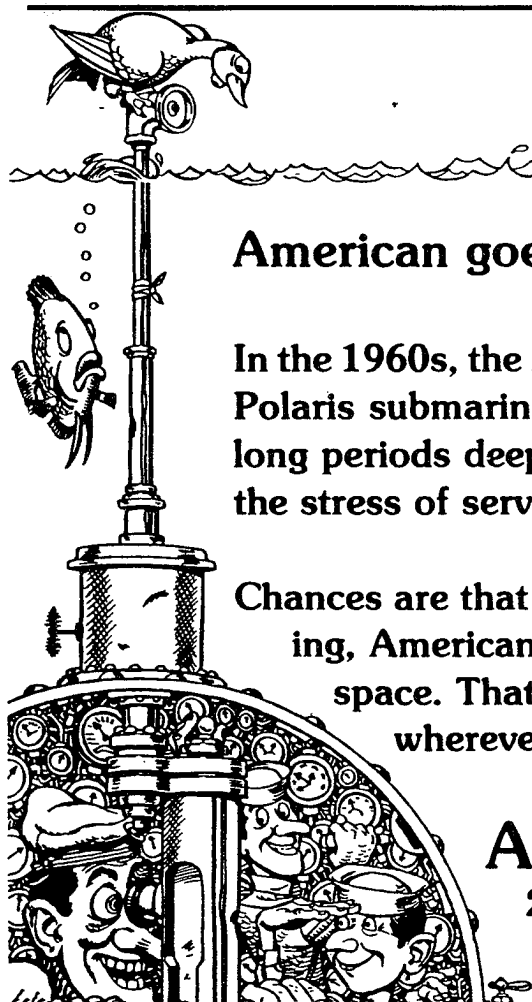
Butch McKenzie, a long-time shuffleboard player at Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Md., lost his young life to a long battle with cancer this past winter. The Hilltop team finished the season in the Cecil County Shuffleboard League, winning the overall championship and dedicating the victory to Butch McKenzie.

On Memorial Day weekend, owner Frank Stezzi and team captain Don Casula held a Butch McKenzie Memorial Tournament with part of the proceeds donated to the Cancer Society in Butch's memory.

First place went to Don Casula, Wilmington, Del., and Dan Tichell, Elkton, Md.; second to Chuck McKenzie (Butch's brother) and Larry Kirk, Northeast, Md.; and third to Frank Stezzi and Sam Sech, Glasgow, Del.

It was a fitting Memorial weekend to a guy who will be missed by all, reports Dick Gorman.

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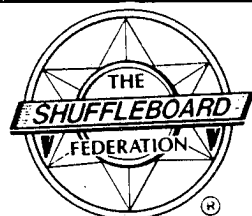
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"Friendship Through Competition"

We would like to begin this month's column by thanking all those who made our Michigan Open tournament successful. Playfair Shuffleboard Company once again supplied the four tournament boards and Playfair employees Rico and Tony did a great job of setting them up and taking them down.

Our officials, Joe Kowaleski, Jody Slack, and Gordie Collins, who also supplied two extra boards for open play, did a great job of keeping things running smoothly.

Special thanks go to Bill Vincent, Bill Bishop, and John Gudoa of the Anheuser Busch Co. for their \$1,000 donation to the Agent Orange Commission. Budweiser sponsored our local Interlakes League and has pledged to become more involved in next year's tournament and expand the area of league sponsorship as well.

Billy Mays of Dallas, Texas, put on two trick shot exhibitions, one for our local ABC television station, which was attended by the representatives from Budweiser, and another later that night for the general public. We found out later that week that the ABC spot was picked up by a wire service and issued as a formal press release to over 100 ABC stations nationwide.

A big thank you to our co-sponsors who donated between \$100 and \$500 which paid for trophies, officials, and \$1500 worth of free rooms. Our co-sponsors were: Fetter Management, The Board Talk, Carl's Golfland, Townhouse Interiors, Papa's Pub & Grub, Leroy Bayes, Liberty Bar, Leo Daigle, Bachelors I Bar, Beall's International Ltd., and J. H. Greewalt.

Last, but not least, our number one helper Linda Cooper and her assistants, Mary and Eileen McDermott. Linda came from Fort Worth and attended to the countless little things that need to be done to make a tournament a success.

Point Standings

John McDermott	(4)	339	Glen Young	(2)	96
Glen Davidson	(3)	313	Howard Mouton	(2)	94
Darrol Nelson	(2)	271	Lee McDonald	(2)	94
Bill Melton	(3)	233	John Myles	(3)	92
Earl Kelly	(3)	202	J. (Arky) Warren	(1)	86
Bobby Voorhis	(3)	179	Chris Danke	(2)	83
Billy Mays	(2)	165	Hal Perry	(2)	82
Donny Cox	(2)	145	Karl Spickelmier	(2)	79
Eric Waldman	(2)	141	Fred Thumann	(2)	74
Sam Summers	(3)	133	Leon Benton	(2)	70
Jim Allis	(2)	109	Lee Brady	(2)	69

Bud Broka	(2)	64	John Humes	(1)	50
Mickey Baugh	(2)	63			

Points awarded as follows:

1st	100	5th	15
2nd	75	6th	15
3rd	50	7th	10
4th	25	8th	10

Bonus points: 2 for each match won, 1 for each player in the tournament.

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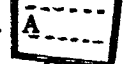
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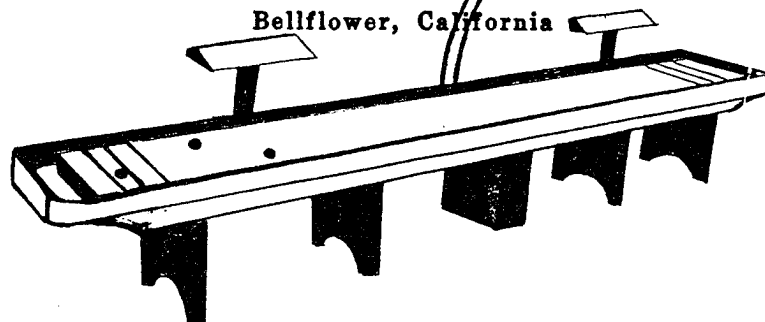
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Lembkes/Bunch Win at Black Cat

Twenty teams and 32 singles players took part in the Black Cat's Annual Sweathogs Shuffleboard Tournament over Memorial weekend. Purse for the two events was nearly \$4,000.

Doubles winners were Jolene and Roy Lembke (+4), 1st; Chris Foster and Steve Wilson (0), 2nd; Mac Makarounis and Frank Monnerez (-4), 3rd.

In the singles, Chris Bunch (1) repeated his 1st place win. Mac Makarounis (-3) took second place, and Mike DeAngelo (-2) took third.

The Sweathog tourney is a handicap tournament to give beginning players a fairer chance to compete with seasoned veterans, reports Red Foster. Each of the players has an assigned rating ranging from +6 (given to beginners) to a -3 (given to players showing consistent high level ability). Ratings are assigned by a player panel.

In doubles play, handicaps are figured together and shown on the scoreboard -- if on the plus side. For example: two +4 players have a +4 handicap and would ring up 4 points. If two -3 players are a team, their handicap is -4 and they start the game 4 points in the hole. In singles play, each contestant starts the game with his or her individual handicap.

Convery/Casula Win at Lafayette Inn

On June 4, the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., held its final Saturday tournament until September. Eighteen shooters, over half of them from Philadelphia, showed up for an afternoon of fun and competition.

First place in the draw partners event went to Jim Convery of Philadelphia (his first trip to Lafayette) and his partner, Paul Casula of Delaware. Second place went to Donnie Casula of Delaware and his partner, Jim Wallace of

Port Deposit, Md. Third place went to Tom Bernhard and Jay Ratledge, both local shooters.

"Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our tournaments," says manager Judy Kilgore. "We hope we are getting the wrinkles ironed out so we can have well organized and smoothly run tournaments. We enjoyed meeting everyone this past year and hope that next year will find us having bigger and better tournaments with all the familiar faces and many more new ones. Watch The Board Talk for our schedule of tournaments."

McDermott/Voorhis/Somers Win at Lakeside

John McDermott came out on top of a field of 16 singles at the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan, on June 11-12. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana finished second, with Bernie Sunde in third place.

In the mixed doubles, Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers of Indiana took first place. John McDermott and Cheryl Collins took second place honors, with Bernie Sunde and Shelly Mida in third.

Men's/Women's Singles at Blue Coat, July 29-31

Patti Kay will host a women's singles and men's singles tournaments at the Blue Coat Inn, 4939 S. Yorktown, Tulsa, Okla., on July 29, 30 and 31. Entry fees are \$20 for the women, \$25 for the men, two out of three double elimination

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for both events. The house will add \$50 to each pot. Auction at 7:30 p.m. Friday night with play immediately following.

For information or to make your reservation, call Patti Kay, 918-742-1014.

6-Man Team Tourney, Ray's Place, July 30

The 1st Annual 6-Man Team Shuffleboard Tournament will be held at Ray's Place, 1213 E. Jefferson, Mishawaka, Ind., on July 30. \$300 per team entry fee, 5 out of 9, three boards. All teams with \$100 cash advance entry by July 23 will receive \$25 from hosts Ray and Donna. Pays 70-30. Auction starts at 10:30 a.m. with play immediately following.

The Mishawaka Inn will give special lodging rates to participating players.

For information, call 219-255-3909. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Draw/Bring Partner Events at Blue Coat, Aug. 5-7

A draw partner and a bring your partner tournament will be held at the Blue Coat Inn, 4939 S. Yorktown, Tulsa, Okla., on August 5, 6 and 7. \$50 entry fee for each event, with the house adding \$100 to the bring your partner pot. Auction at 7:30 p.m. Friday with play immediately following.

For information, contact Patti Kay at the Blue Coat, 918-742-1014.

U.S. Open, Aug. 9-14, Austin, Texas

Don Valk's U.S. Open will be held at the Howard Johnson South Plaza Hotel in Austin, Texas, Aug. 9-14. The big event will feature an open singles, open doubles, and a women's singles. All tournaments will be 2 of 3 double elimination with a limit of 32 entries in each event. All events will be seeded.

Action will start Tuesday, Aug. 9, with the auction for the women's singles at 6 p.m. Play will start Wednesday morning with finals on Friday night. Entry fee for the women's singles is \$100.

The auction for the open singles and doubles will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Entry fee for the open singles is \$300 and \$400 for the open doubles. Play for the singles will start Thursday morning with finals on Friday night. Doubles play will start Saturday morning with finals on Sunday. There will be pre-assigned starting times for all matches -- one and a half hours per match with minor adjustments if necessary.

Be sure to identify yourself with the U.S. Open Shuffleboard Tournament when you make your reservations at the Plaza Hotel (phone 512-448-2444) to get the special rates that have been arranged for you. Those rates are: king size bed, 1 or 2 persons, \$40 plus tax; 2 beds, 2 persons, \$40 plus tax; poolside suite, 1 person, \$63 plus tax, \$6 per person additional up to 4 people. All rooms are oversized with refrigerator, two phones, bedside remote-control 24-hour satellite color TV, and Water-Pik shower massage. The hotel features a large swimming pool, hot tub and nine-hole putting green, restaurant, night club and lobby bar.

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See ad in this issue and make plans for this big event.

Labor Day Masters Tourney at Ace of Clubs

The annual Labor Day Masters Tournament at the Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, Calif., will run Aug. 31 through Sept. 5. Action will start on the 31st with the auction for the

women's singles, \$75 entry fee. The auctions for the doubles and singles will be held Thursday, Sept. 1, with the doubles starting Friday morning. \$200 entry fee for the doubles, \$200 per player for the singles. Five boards.

This is always a good tourney with the top players in the nation participating. See ad in this issue and plan to participate. For information, call Jerry or Sharon at the Ace of Clubs, 916-743-6885.

Labor Day Tourney at Beef's

Four big events are on the agenda for the Labor Day weekend tournament at Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana. Action will start with the auction for the draw partner and open singles at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. The draw partner event, \$20 per player entry fee, will start following the auction. Entry fee for the open singles is \$40.

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THE BOARD TALK'S TOP 50 PLAYERS IN THE U.S.A.

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8. Joe Muniz, CA
9. Mac Makarounis, OR
10. Bill Maxwell, CA

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1. John McDermott, MI
2. Glen Young, ARK
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4. Lee McDonald, MI
5. Buddy Broka, OH
6. Jim Long, IN
7. Dave Boaz, IN
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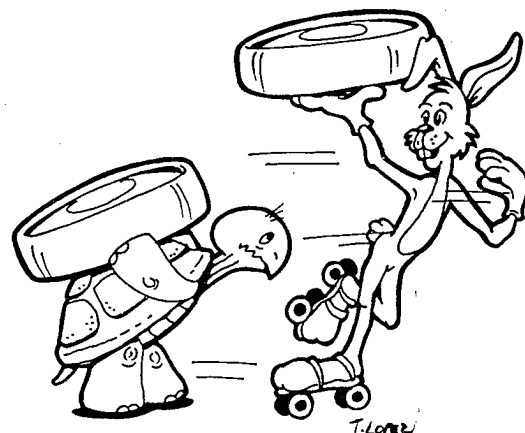
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| 1. Peggy Richards, AZ | 6. Cheryl Collins, MI |
| 2. Diana Hagen, TX | 7. Chris Danke, CA |
| 3. Gail Crane, MI | 8. Fritz Broka, OH |
| 4. Brenda Moore, TX | 9. Marcia Brown, IN |
| 5. Debbie Powers, CO | 10. Janet Cook, TX |

Criteria for selection of Top 50: (1) you must play (you may be the best player in the country, but if you don't play in tourneys, you won't be rated); (2) singles events will receive stronger consideration than doubles, mixed doubles, draw partner or 6-person team events; (3) stronger tournaments will receive more consideration than lesser ones; (4) in most divisions, player talent is so close an upgrading of 5 or 6 positions from one number to the next will not be unusual.

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For further information, call Beef, 219-837-8021, or George Wilber at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

Shuffleboard Extravaganza, Showboat, Las Vegas, January

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association will sponsor a "Shuffleboard Extravaganza" at the Showboat Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, in January, 1989. Events will include an open singles, open doubles, women's singles, and an amateur team event with eight players -- six men and two women.

Post the enclosed flyer on your refrigerator or bulletin board to remind you to save some vacation time for this big event. Watch future issues for further details.

Glen Young and Troy Tolbert finished third. That's three in a row for Troy. He says he's ready now for a second and then on to a first.

There's one player at Yuba City I would like to mention who is one of the most dedicated and the one most likely to knock off the top dog at any time and has played the game for 25 years or more. He is none other than San Francisco George. Unfortunately, George hasn't won one of the big ones, but he is indeed a player with class and deserves the recognition he is getting. It is indeed a pleasure and honor for me to know San Francisco George. Good luck, George, on that big win coming.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Wouldn't it be great to have a Fred Thumann at every establishment in our World of Shuffleboard. We endorse your idea for a Fred Thumann Day. And we add our congratulations to all the great players who participated in this tournament.

Players, Workers Get Salute from Sharon and Jerry

The players in our great Memorial Day Tournament should give themselves a pat on the back. They are showing that this really is a PRO sport! Most of the matches went three games, but everything went so smoothly that we hardly even had to call a weight all weekend. (See results in Tourney Talk.)

In the singles, we had a lot of good matches with Don Cox winning the winners' bracket. Darrol and Don played six strong games. We were all on the edge of our seats to see how this was going to end.

This was the first time Arky placed. After playing singles for the last three years, it shows that if you keep playing, you will only get better. Great playing, Arky!

I really want to extend my thanks to the California players who always show me such great support and good friends Darrol Nelson for coming from Oregon, Jim Allis from Washington, Glen Young here for the first time who is staying

for the September tourney, and a long-time friend, Glen Davidson from Oklahoma.

Don't forget to plan your vacations around the Labor Day Masters Tournament. This is always our biggest tournament. Everyone is saying they are coming. We will be starting early. Doubles will start Friday morning and we are adding a women's singles event Wednesday with entry fees of \$75, so come on all you women players -- this one's for you!

I would also like to thank the auction buyers like Bruce Hale who helped get the totals up so high (over \$30,000).

Thanks to all our good friends who helped -- Fred and Lois who always put so much into making our tournament have the reputation of being one of the best; Karl Spickelmire for always giving a helping hand; Pete for doing a great job powdering all the boards; and all the players like Glen Davidson and Glen Young for always giving me new, good ideas.

It's all you players who have taught us how to run a tournament that's best for you.

Sharon and Jerry Miller, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

We appreciate what you're saying, Sharon and Jerry. Everyone who stages a tournament wants it to be the very best. But without the support of enthusiastic, caring players and dedicated workers, it just can't be done. Bless 'em all!

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