

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

It was our pleasure -- and a great privilege -- to be guests at the Interlakes Shuffleboard League Banquet at the Oakland County (Mich.) Sportsman's Club on April 30. We were among the nearly 250 shufflers and fans who attended the gala affair that featured recognition for the winners, good food, good music, and good fellowship for everyone present.

This group is very special to us. They have more Board Talk subscribers in their zip code area than we have in most states. They are the first league in the U.S. to buy a half-page ad in The Board Talk for their eight-month season to share their league standings and news (which is probably the reason they have so many subscribers). And, they were successful in getting a beer company -- Budweiser -- to sponsor their league. Like us, they're trail blazers and that makes us kindred souls.

Illustrating what special kind of people they are was the foreword in their printed banquet program. It was called "The Measure of an Individual," from the writings of Mahatma Gandhi.

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat; who strives valiantly; who errs and may fail again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who does know the great enthusiasm, the great devotion; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

There's a message there for shuffleboarders and we don't have to interpret it for you. Just read it over a few times and you'll get the message.

This is not saying that everything within the Interlakes League is perfect. Read Shufflers' Notebook to find out why. It's a league like so many other leagues across the U.S.A., struggling to find out where they fit into the World of Sports.

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Tourney Talk

Machinski/Howard/Finch/Driskill/Bolger Winners at Barney's

Players in four events vied for a pot of \$1255 at Barney's Billiards #6 in Houston, Texas, April 8-10.

In the bring your partner event, John Machinski and Tony Howard were top winners. Ric Curry and Sharon Finch took second place honors. Dale and Mary Koteras finished third with Harvey Kidd and Terry Watkins in fourth place.

In the Women's singles, Sharon Finch came out on top, with Kathryn Emmons in second, and Pat Rocha in third place.

In the draw partner event, Ray Driskill and John Machinski were the winners. Rick Curry and Harvey Kidd finished second, and George Lawrence and Kelly Cameron were in third place.

Ramone Bolger won the open singles with John Machinski in second place, and Dave Duncan in third.

Brunskill/Hughes Win at Amato's

Bob Brunskill of Yorba Linda and Don Hughes of Fountain Valley won the draw doubles tourney at Amato's semi-annual tournament of champions in Huntington Beach, California. Second place went to Troy Tolbert and Evelyn Hughes, both of Huntington Beach. Taking third place were Jim Martin of Yorba Linda and Vern Booth of Modjeska.

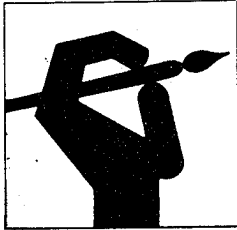
"Special thanks to Kathleen Wisdom for all the work in running the tournament and to the management for a fantastic buffet," reports John Fisher.

Manitoba (Canada) Open Tourney Results

The Manitoba Open Tournament was held at the Polo Park Inn in Winnipeg on April 13-16. Top winners were: Men's Singles, Don Wallbank; Men's Doubles, Harvey Groleau and Mike Jacoby; Mixed Doubles, Harvey Groleau and Cheryl Currie; Ladies Singles, Cheryl Currie; Ladies' Doubles, Pat Chymy and Wendy Popkes.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

And To The Victor Goes The...Black Eye?

For the second straight year, Wagon Wheel 1 and Lakeside 1 men's teams (Interlakes League, Pontiac, Mich. area) have tied during the playoffs. This year they had identical scores of 11-1 and 1-11 (how they can divide their teams up so unevenly is beyond me). To break the tie last year, they decided to play the entire match over -- the same day! (Was that a sobriety test or what?)

Surely they couldn't stagger into the same pickle again this year. No way! After a much heated discussion, they took their dispute into the parking lot! I must admit that I found the sight of two middle-aged men groveling on the ground somewhat amusing, but this neanderthal approach just doesn't work. You see, after they've rooted around in the mud and the blood and the beer, guess what -- they're still tied!

Eventually they decided on an abbreviated version of their original format and this whole mess was over with, but what if this should happen again?

George, you being the shuffleboard guru that you are, give these (uh) gentlemen something concrete they can use in the future. Be specific, though. Even a coin toss between these two might be tough. Whose coin are we going to use? Who calls it? Does it have to land on the table or can it drop in a beer mug? You get the picture and I'm sure that, in your infinite wisdom, you'll come up with something even Tinkerbell can cipher.

In closing, I'd like to scold these boys by borrowing a line from one of the all-time mental heavyweights, J. D. Clampett. Pitiful, jus' pitiful.

Jeff Dugaw, Union Lake, Michigan

You've got that right, Jeff, it is indeed pitiful. This is the very reason why our sport does not get the recognition we all say it so richly deserves. Can you imagine championships in any other sport settled that way? Can you imagine that parking lot scenario on national TV? If we had the discipline of baseball, those guys would get a \$10,000 fine and 30-days suspension. It illustrates how far we have to go yet!

Infinite wisdom that even Tinkerbell could understand? Tell those poor sports they have only to look to the distaff side of their league for the answer. The women have got it all figured out and it's down in writing so everyone knows what to expect. They're acting like professionals and setting a good example for the men to follow.

An Invitation from Canada

Any player or players willing to challenge me and Harvey Groleau to some exciting games, please write to me, or phone Harold, 204-5821322, or Harvey, 204-5827188. We would also like a return challenge at your local establishment.

We would also like to know if there are any shuffleboards and action in the northern states close to the border such as North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Harold Schmidt, 133 Luxton Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2W0L8, Canada

At this point, we have no subscribers in those states, Harold. Maybe some of our readers can give you some leads. We'd appreciate that information, too!

A Comment on the Rules

There is no one who would like to see the American Shuffleboard rules in every establishment any more than me. However, it is not easy to change the rules where they have played certain rules for years.

The two places mentioned in the April issue of The Board Talk by Doc Khan and Jolene Lembke are my two favorite places. Maurie, the owner of the Depot Bar in Traverse City, is a good friend. I have talked to him many times about the rules. His answer was: "I know the rules and would like to comply, but my customers are not pros and have no plans to play in the big tournaments around the U.S.A." Doc, ask Maurice to give you a call when those Oil People are playing at the Depot. They are a nice bunch of people and they play the American Shuffleboard rules. Say hello for me.

Now, about Jolene Lembke's comment about Uncle Bentley's in Springfield, Missouri (my state). It's true he doesn't have players the calibre of the Corporate Image in Fort Worth, but then how many towns or cities have players that good? Those players are the super stars from all parts of the U.S.A. It would be tougher for Uncle Bentley to change his rules than it would be for Maurice. Springfield has a lot of shuffleboards. They have a lot of league tournaments, playing the old rules of keep hammer and long foul lines.

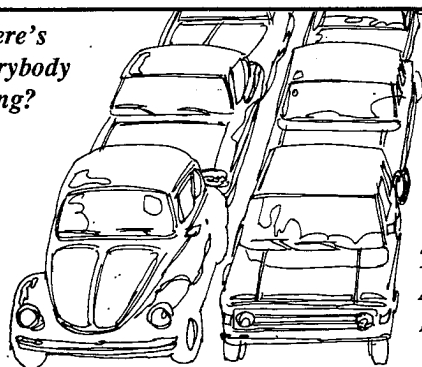
Uncle Bentley has some very good players and some of them have the skills to move up to the big tournaments. However, they will never be a match for good players outside of Springfield unless they get experience playing between the foul lines and get away from that keep hammer.

Uncle Bentley has a beautiful tavern and a bunch of real nice players. What I like about it is you can get a friendly game there about anytime and he is a new subscriber of The Board Talk.

Woodie Cockrum, Cuba, Missouri

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1988 National Shuffleboard Calendar

June 11-12

Singles/Mixed Doubles

Lakeside Loung, Union Lake, Michigan

June 17-18

Qualifying Tourney, Singles/Doubles

Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana

June 18-19

2nd Annual Nationals

Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

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 9-14*

U.S. Open

H.J. South Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas

September 2-5*

Annual Labor Day Tournament

Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

October*

Ft. Worth/Dallas Area

Oct.-Nov.*

3rd Annual Colorado Open

November*

4th Annual Turkey Day Tourney

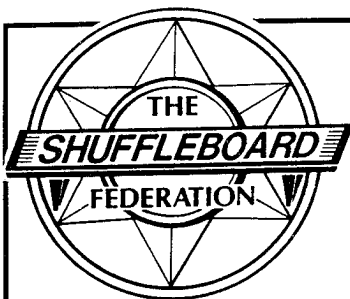
Stagger Inn, California

Dec. 30-Jan. 2

New Year's Tourney

Black Cat, Portland, Oregon

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Attention League Players

Time is running out! The Shuffleboard Federation has found a potential national sponsor for amateur leagues. One of the major beer companies in the country has agreed to meet with the Federation to discuss sponsoring a national amateur league, complete with state, regional and national playoffs.

If you play in a shuffleboard league and wish for your league to be included in our sponsorship proposal, call or write us now. Also, if you would like to start a league in your area, we will be happy to assist you and include you in our proposal.

He (or she) who hesitates is lost!

Point Standings

Glen Davidson	264	Bud Broka	64
John McDermott	260	Mickey Baugh	63
Earl Kelly	175	Billy Mays	57
Bobby Voorhis	137	Chris Danke	53
Darrol Nelson	125	Hal Perry	50
Bill Melton	100	Lee McDonald	50
Eric Waldman	90	John Humes	50
Sam Summers	79	Jim DeWitt	47
Jim Allis	73	Fred Thumann	40
Lee Brady	69	Leon Benton	38
Howard Mouton	69	Red Foster	36
John Myles	65		

We suggest to any of you who are "in the dark" concerning the point standing format that you read your Board Talk. The format has been explained in several previous issues. Also, advice and suggestions after the fact are rather pointless. The Federation asked for input from players for three consecutive months last year regarding the point system and did not receive a single call or letter on that subject. Perhaps in the future, when we request suggestions, we will receive them in time to incorporate them into our plans.

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"We would also like to thank Millie Jensen from Vancouver, B.C., at the age of 68, for participating, entertaining and winning the Ladies' B Singles and B Doubles," reports Harold Schmidt.

Arndt/Pease Win at Corner Tavern

Dave Arndt and Al Pease finished first in a 20-team field of contenders in the doubles tournament at The Corner Tavern, Bow, Washington, on April 14-15. Red Foster and Alvin Orcutt took second place honors. Jim Foran and Jim Allis finished third with Sherm Anderson and Larry Sawyer in fourth place.

Dennis Foster of Aloha, Oregon, reports that on Saturday afternoon, "Miss Piggy" was barbecued to perfection by Larry Schols, courtesy of hosts Linda and Gordy for players and spectators. "Good food seemed to be the order of business with a great breakfast available on Sunday and chicken wings and homemade rolls served around noon," Dennis reported.

Special awards went to: sponsor's award to Sherm and Larry for \$50 for highest local finish; directional award to "River Rat" for directing Canadians Gordon and Terry to the wrong house at 3:30 a.m. (what was that dark shadow?), and second place to tourney director Sherm Anderson for having a pat answer to "Where is three miles down the road?"; navigational award to the guys from Everett, Washington, for bringing a 40 foot boat up a 12 foot river and turning it around; outstanding help award to Irma, Sharon and Wilma, who all learned how to bring Dennis pull tabs instead of change; picnic

table lagging award to Jim A., Red F., and Chris F. (hang in there, boys, Sherm promised to have the table based and sprayed next year); best tournament hosts award to Gordie and Linda for not only having good-help, good boards, lots of food, but for being honestly glad to see the participants.

A Biggie at Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

The Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana, hosted a national tourney with three events on April 20-24.

In the Shuffleboard Federation sanctioned singles, Earl Kelly of Texas was the big winner. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma finished second, with host Bobby Voorhis in third place.

The formidable duo of Bill Melton and Sam Summers of Oklahoma took top honors in the doubles. Glen Davidson and Bud Broka of Ohio finished second, with Hoosiers Dave Boaz and Rick Stocker in third place.

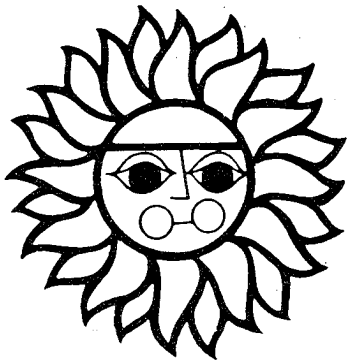
In the women's singles, Marcia Brown of Indiana took first place, with Fritz Broka of Ohio taking second place honors.

Waldman/Muniz Win at Ted Z's

Eric Waldman and Joe Muniz of California teamed up to win the doubles tournament at Ted Z's Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula on April 23-24. Howard Mouten of Texas and Glen Young of Arkansas took second place honors with Billy Maxwell and Billy Chiles of California in third place. Karl Spickelmier and Ted Z finished just out of the money.

With only 12 teams participating, the total pot was \$5,000.

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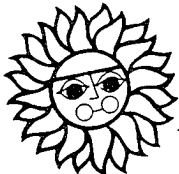


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Esteves/Miller/Slack Winners at Jerry D's Tournament of Champions

Jerry D's Tournament of Champions in Dacona, Colorado., April 29-May 1 featured the top 16 players for the year, qualifying from a field of 50 players. O.J., the auctioneer, filled the pot with \$3,000 and the three long days and nights of competition started with a blind draw doubles.

Winners were Jorge Esteves and Pete Miller, 1st; Travis Anderson and Ken Howard, 2nd; and Kevin Macurdy and Dan Slechta, 3rd.

After a dinner break of Jerry's famous lasagna and garlic bread, the serious singles competition started. The finish was almost a carbon copy of Jerry D's Row Boat Open: Jody Slack, 1st; Travis Anderson, 2nd; Ken Howard, 3rd; Bill Kelter, 4th; and Pete Miller, 5th.

Other shooters who qualified for the tournament were: George Ostrum, Lydia Nelson, Maureen Miller, Anthony Prough, Jerry D., Susan D., Jay Curtis, and Dirty Dick Baird.

Three Exciting Events at Ours & Yours

Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Md., hosted a mixed doubles, draw partner and singles tourney on April 30-May 1. Players from four states participated.

Hazel from Brown's Tavern and Buddy Bramer took first place in the mixed doubles. Chuck King and Rosalie Kaufman

finished second, with Peggy Herin and Al Kweeder in third place.

In the draw partner event, Joe Kardos and Bob Hall took first place honors. John Lukas Jr. (Old Man John's son) and Dick Gorman finished second, with Joe Tomchik and Peggy (Out to Kill) Herrman in third place.

John Lukas was winner of the singles, with Chuck King in second place and Eddie Kibler in third.

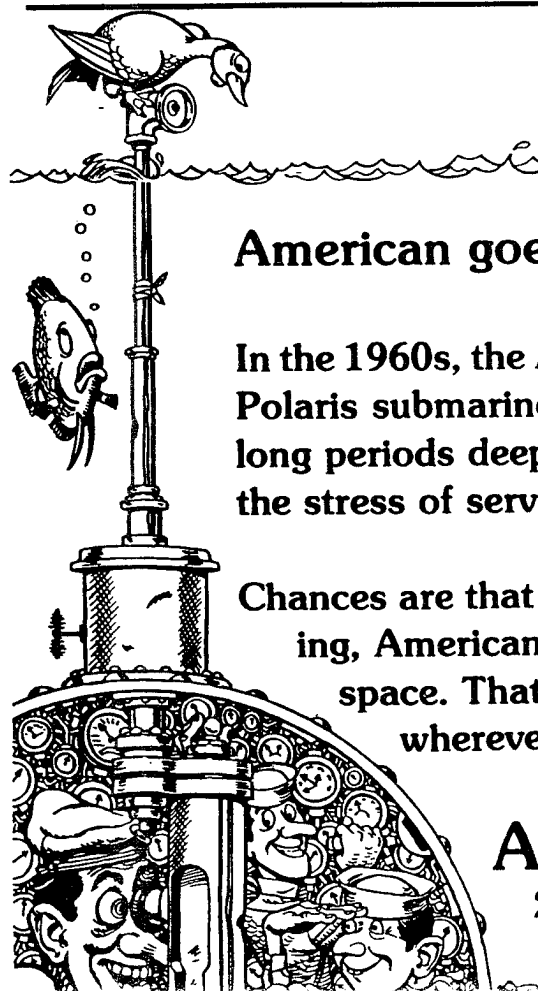
In an earlier draw partner tournament on April 17, John Lukas and Augie Stevenson were winners. Host Art Ware and Scratch Todd took second place, with hostess Joanne Ware and Jack Gardner in third.

Campbell/Worley/Busch Winners of Shufflin' Neighbors Tourney

The Shufflin' Neighbors tournament was a big success with 32 singles at Piccolo's Bar and 17 doubles at Joe's Duck Inn, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 30-May 1. The bars are next door to each other and the tournaments were run at the same time. Three sets of doubles partners played each other in the opening round of the singles tourney.

Defending runners-up in the doubles tournament played the defending champions with the roles reversed this year. Ron Campbell and Maggie Worley beat Tim Piccolo and Joe Spielman. Dan Forehead and Gwyn Orsi finished third, with Don Zahm and Bill Simants in fourth place.

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**Bill Melton
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The singles was won by Denny Busch, with Ron Campbell in second; Maggie Worley, third; Tim Piccolo, fourth; Jim Keller and Jay Watson tied for fifth.

Players were well fed with Joe's famous chili dogs and hamburgers cooking on the grill in back of Piccolo's all weekend. Joe and Tim thank all involved for helping to make the tournament one of the best parties of the year.

Bolger/Howard Win at Hangers

In a draw partner tourney at Hangers, Houston, Texas, on April 30, Ramone Bolger and Tony Howard were winners. Bill Lent and George Lawrence took second place honors, with Robin Lent and Dale Koteras finishing third.

Sixteen players vied for a total pot of \$1125.

Davidson/McDonald Win Bourbon Doubles

The American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, lived up to their reputation as a top tournament sponsor on May 7 with 45 teams entered in their doubles.

Top winners were Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Lee McDonald of Michigan. John Humes of Indiana and Steve Hart of Arizona took second place honors. Dave Boaz and Rick Stocker of Indiana finished third with Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana in fourth place.

Lukas/Benedict Win at Lafayette Inn

Sixteen players competed in two separate double elimination singles tournaments at the Lafayette Inn's monthly open in Rising Sun, Md., in May.

Winner of the first competition was John Lukas, Millington, Md. Dallas Hayman of Dover, Del., took second place, with Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Md. in third.

The second event was won by Milt Benedict, Sherburne, N.Y. Milt made the 10-hour trip, not only to win, but to promote his tournament on May 20-22. Taking second place honors was Bill Robinson, Woodlyn, Pa., and Dallas Hayman finished third.

The June 4 open will wind up the action for the summer with the next open tourney scheduled for Sept. 10, 1 p.m. This is not the usual first Saturday because of the Labor Day weekend. Tournament manager Judy Kilgore says everyone is welcome to participate.

Perry/Cox Win at Ace of Clubs

At a recent doubles "mini-tournament" at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif., the winners were Hal Perry and Donny Cox. Mike Stone and Ed White took second place honors with Ron Harralson and Loren Maxham in third place.

The total pot was \$3,000.

Acme Tavern's 2nd Annual Nationals, June 18/19

The Acme Tavern in Tacoma, Washington, will host their 2nd Annual Nationals Tournament on June 18-19. \$30 per team entry fee, plus \$100 added to the pot. Two tables. Pays 60-30-10 with trophies for each place. Auction starts at noon on the 18th. Big spaghetti feed on Saturday.

Recommended lodging: Doric Hotel, 206-572-9572.

For further information or to send in your entries, contact: Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402; phone 206-272-1892.

See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

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

ATLANTIC DIVISION: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

1. Mickey Mickens, JN
2. Stosh Chmielewski, PA
3. John Lukas, MD
4. Bill Lally, PA
5. Dallas Hayman, DE
6. Jerry Hermann, PA
7. Rick Nilblett, DE
8. Milton Benedict, NY
9. Chuck King, DE
10. Don Casula, DE

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

1. Don Cox, CA
2. Karl Spickelmier, CA
3. Darrol Nelson, OR
4. Jim Allis, WA
5. Hal Perry, CA
6. Al Pease, WA
7. Eric Waldman, CA
8. Bill Maxwell, CA
9. Joe Muniz, CA
10. Billy Chiles, CA

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

1. Glen Davidson, OK
2. Earl Kelly, TX
3. Howard Mouton, TX
4. Sam Summers, OK
5. Bill Melton, OK
6. Billy Mays, TX
7. Dave Williams, TX
8. Diana Hagen, TX
9. Lee Brady, TX
10. Sam Sweatt, OK

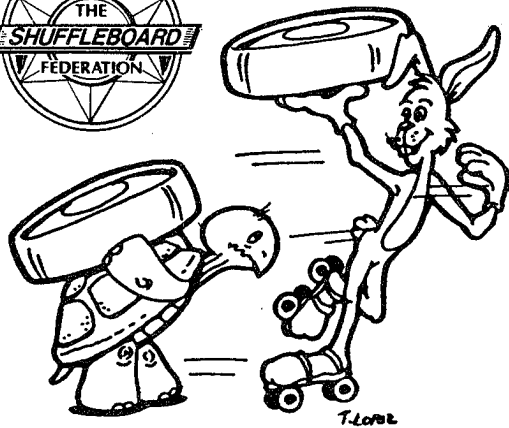
MID-EAST DIVISION: Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Iowa, Minnesota

1. Glen Young, ARK
2. John McDermott, MI
3. John Hunes, IN
4. Lee McDonald, MI
5. Bobby Voorhis, IN
6. Dave Boaz, IN
7. Jim DeWitt, IN
8. Bud Broka, OH
9. Rick Stocker, IN
10. Jim Long, IN

WOMEN: Nationwide

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Diana Hagen, TX | 6. Cheryl Collins, MI |
| 2. Chris Danke, CA | 7. Brenda Moore, TX |
| 3. Marcia Brown, IN | 8. Fritz Broka, OH |
| 4. Judy Garland, PA | 9. Debbie Powers, CO |
| 5. Peggy Richards, AZ | 10. Georjean Monnarrez, OR |

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Open Doubles: \$150 per team. Auction starts Saturday, July 2, 2 p.m., same time as women's auction. 2 of 3 double elimination.

Mixed Doubles: \$50 per team. Auction Sunday, 3 p.m.. Single game, double elimination.

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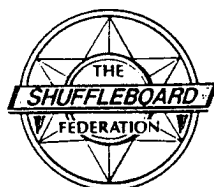
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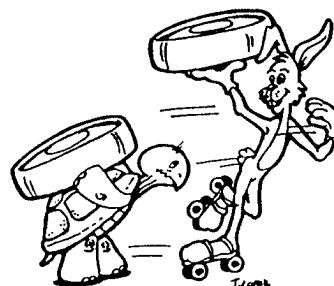
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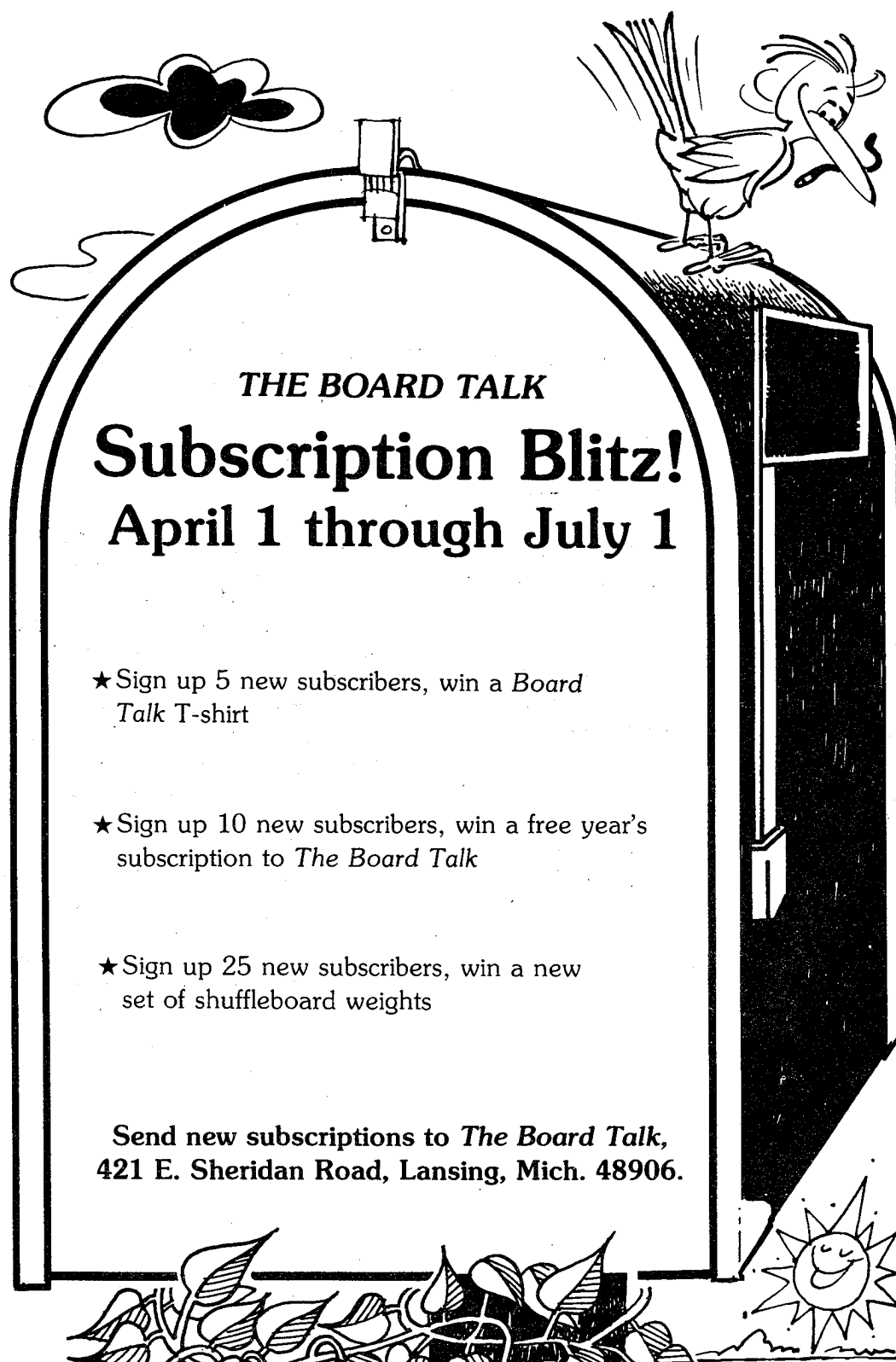
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June 17-18: **Beef's Shamrock Bar**
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June 24-25: **The Palace Bar**
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Qualifying Tournaments for Board Talk Event, June 17-18, 24-25

Two qualifying tournaments will be held in Indiana for The Board Talk's annual 4th of July tourney. The first is June 17-18 at the home of this year's Board Talk tourney, Beef's Shamrock Bar in Waterloo. \$40 entry fee for the singles, will qualify as many players as entry fees permit. Auction Friday at 7 p.m. with 60-30-10 payoff to the top three finishers. \$50 per team entry fee for the doubles on Saturday, same format as the singles. Auction time will be announced, but tentatively set for noon on Saturday. Four boards, single game, double elimination. Beef's opens at 9 a.m.

On June 24-25, the Voorhis family will host a qualifying tournament at the Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana. \$40 entry fee for the singles, \$50 for the doubles. Action will start with the auction on Friday at 7 p.m. Same payoff and format as the qualifier at Beef's. Three or four boards depending on number of entries. The popular Steve Hart is back in Indiana and will serve as auctioneer.

Post the enclosed flyer on these two qualifying tourneys in your favorite shuffleboard establishment and plan to participate. You could be one of the winners of entries in The Board Talk's big 4th of July tourney!

Ted Z's Annual Doubles and Singles, July 2-4, Temecula, Calif.

Ted Z's annual 4th of July tournament is scheduled for July 2, 3 and 4 at his Best Little Warehouse, 43084 Ranch Way, Temecula, Calif. Entry fee for the double elimination doubles event is \$100 per team. The Shuffleboard Federation sanctioned single is \$150 per person, 2 out of 3 double elimination.

Payoff will be 1 to 16 entries, 60-30-10; 17 to 20 entries, 57-28-10-5; 21 plus entries, 54-26-10-5-2.5-2.5. Three boards for sure with a possibility of four.

Sale for the doubles will begin at 10 p.m. Friday night, with the singles sale late Saturday afternoon.

Nearby hotels include: Best Western, 714-676-5700; Country Inn, 714-676-7378; Butterfield, 714-676-4833; Rancho Inn, 714-676-5656.

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

4th Annual Board Talk Tourney, Waterloo, Ind., July 1-4

By popular demand, a mixed doubles has been added to the agenda of The Board Talk's annual 4th of July tournament at Beef's Shamrock Bar in Waterloo, Indiana.

There will be action all week prior to the tournament on four Playfair boards, plus "The World's Longest Shuffleboard." Tournament action will start with the auction for the singles on Friday at 6 p.m. with play immediately following. Entry fee is \$150, two of three double elimination, Shuffleboard Federation sanctioned for points.

The auctions for both the women's singles and the open doubles will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, with the women's singles, \$50 entry fee, starting at the conclusion of the open singles. Single game, double elimination.

The open doubles, \$150 per team entry fee, will be 2 of 3 double elimination.

The auction for the mixed doubles, \$50 per team entry fee, is scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m. Single game, double elimination.

All events will have pre-assigned starting times and boards, all will be seeded, and limited to the first 32 entries.

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

Don Valk's U.S. Open will be held at the new Howard Johnson South Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas, Aug. 9-24, and will feature an open singles and doubles, plus a women's singles. All tournaments will be 2 of 3 double elimination with a limit of 32 entries in each event.

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

The auction for the open singles, \$300 entry fee, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wed., Aug. 10. Play will start Thursday morning with finals on Friday night.

The auction for the open doubles will also be at 6 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 10. \$400 per team entry fee. 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.

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This is a great tournament for a family vacation, timed to coincide with Austin's big AquaFest. Nearby the Plaza is the LBJ Ranch and a park with swimming and canoeing facilities.

For information and/or to make your entries, contact Don Valk, 1019-A Glen Oak Drive, Austin, TX 78745, phone 512-444-4133; or Bill Melton, 309 E. Freeman, Davis, OK 73030, phone 405-369-2448.

Notebook *(continued from page 3)*

Good to hear from you again, Woodie. We're going to try to respond to your comments one at a time.

First, the American Shuffleboard Company put out an official rules and regulations booklet and on the inside cover, it says, "This edition supercedes all editions published prior to November 1972. Copyright 1972." By our count, that's 16 years that this booklet has been available to shufflers. The 1972 A.S.L. edition changed the keep hammer to hammer changes (paragraph C, page 13), the long foul line to foul line nearest the player shooting (paragraph E, page 14) and a player may be advised of the location of his/her weights (paragraph C, page 16).

Second, we're sure Maurice's customers are a nice bunch of people. We may have met some of them since we used to stop in when it was the Flintstone's under the ownership of Vince Holzman. But as far as the rules are concerned, we feel that all rules should be the same, whether it's open play, tournament or league play.

Third, hopefully someday soon, Woodie, we'll get a chance to stop at Uncle Bentley's. Sol Lipkin of the American Shuffleboard Company told us that Missouri has always been one of the hot spots of shuffleboard in the U.S. and we're glad they have a lot of league play there.

The Player Policy Board, of which every shuffleboard player everywhere is represented, the Shuffleboard Federation, and the American Shuffleboard Co. are very close to a uniform set of rules which we hope everyone will adopt.

Players are urged to voice their opinions.

A Word on the Players' Pool

In regard to the \$6,000 Federation's players' pool, I don't think it would be fair for a player to only play in the open singles event in 5, 9 or 11 tournaments to get more points or win more money than another player who plays in both the singles and doubles events in 5, 9 or 11 tourneys.

The doubles event should count as much, or at least two-thirds as much, as the entry fee is \$150 for singles and \$100 per player for the doubles. (But even this rule is not the same at all sanctioned tournaments.)

Even some of the women might play in the open singles, doubles and women's events. Points should be given for all events, or money brackets set up for each event.

Maybe looking to the future, for the sanctioned tournaments something could be set up like we had in the C.I.S. League. Have the \$6,000 players' pool, plus at each tourney keep \$5 or \$10 out of each player's entry fee and add this to the players' money pool (30 in the

open singles, 24 in the doubles, 10 in the womens -- 34 X \$5 = \$170 goes in the players' pool, or at \$10, \$340 goes in the players' pool.

But there has to be a uniform entry fee rule. Not \$250 entry fee at one tournament and \$50 at another.

In regard to forfeits, if a player is 10 minutes late, the score should be 10 to 0, start playing with no warmup and finish set. In other words, a lost point a minute for being late.

Charles Voorhis, Palace Bar, Fairmount, Ind.

More "We Want to Know" From Glen

We just got home from our trip to Fairmount and Bourbon, Indiana. The tournaments were good ones. I have noticed that when I win one or come in second, they're always better than when I lose. As always at these gatherings of the elite of shuffleboard, there is always some things "we want to know."

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Notebook *(continued from page 11)*

"We want to know" how does it always happen that the finals are held in the wee hours of the morning with music so loud and spectators so drunk that you have to scream to make yourself heard. I think with a little planning, this could be eliminated, such as having the finals the next day after all the eliminatin is over. They do this in California and have been successful doing it. After you play for 18 hours getting to the winning position, then they say go ahead and play; we have the time. This is not good for anyone except the one who gets to rest all day before the match.

To really judge or be judged is to play after rest and relaxation -- not when a team or single player is exhausted. This becomes an endurance test, not a test of skill.

Both tournaments were good ones. The hospitality was great! Buss and Bobby and staff did a great job. The same for the Bourbon folks. This was a first for me since the early 80s of one game double elimination. To run 45 teams through in 16 hours is a winner in itself. Thanks to Mike, Commander Larry of the VFW, Al, John and their helpers for their hospitality and for being just plain ole country folks. Hope to see all of you again.

I would like to say to all the board keepers there, we have tried all the things to make a board slick and this is what we have found to work -- strip with polish and cleaner, pledge, and then silicone every four hours -- not ever game. It builds up and gets spotty. Use silicone, pure not lubricant, Krylon Industrial Silicone #1325. Try it, it works.

Thanks to Lee McDonald for holding me up through the tourney. I enjoyed getting to play with Bobby Brown, a young talent that will be someone to watch in the future. Other young players to watch are Dudley Hutcherson, Greg Massey and Mark from Fairmount.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No More Oil Boom, But We Still Have Shuffleboard!

First, I would like to thank John McDermott, Phil Skover, the rest of the Federation, and J & B Scotch for holding their J & B Shuffle in Houston and Dallas. These folks are putting out a lot of effort and I feel that John's Federation and The Board Talk are the keys to shuffleboard's growing popularity. John, George and Donna are helping shuff in big and visible ways, but each of us can help in a small way. Try to get friends and co-workers involved, and not just so you can bust 'em out in a bunch of \$5 games, but because they will enjoy it and they will keep playing.

Second, I would like to thank the staff at Hangers for a great little tourney this month. Terry and Brenda Moore made the trek up from San Antonio. Diane Hagen and Howard Mouton decided to wind up their road trip and come back to Houston for Hanger's tourney.

Third, I would like to request that the Top Player rankings be re-established in the Board Talk. I feel this was one of the Board Talk's greatest selling points and from what I saw of the ranked players, I felt George was doing a darn good job. Of course, no one can 100% accurately rate the top players. Sportscasters and different press agencies are constantly bickering over who should be at the top of golf or tennis. The fact that there is arguing and bitterness over who's the best is proof that there is a sport called shuffleboard.

George, for each of those whiners who complained about some of your rankings, there were probably 10 who supported your listings. I can categorically give a counter argument to each of those 10 reasons you stopped publishing them. I feel your criteria was valid. Your judgement was as unbiased as possible. If some inaccuracies appeared or if someone got that big of a case, then let them hang their own top 10 over their toilet bowl. They can read their top 10 on the bathroom wall and I'll read yours on the pages of The Board Talk.

Tony Howard, Houston, Texas

What more can we say, Tony, except thank you. The BT's Top 50 resumes with this issue.

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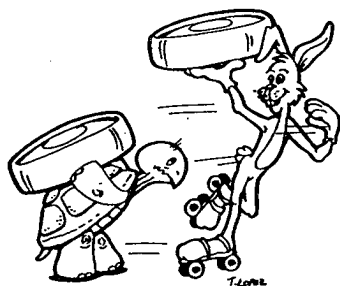
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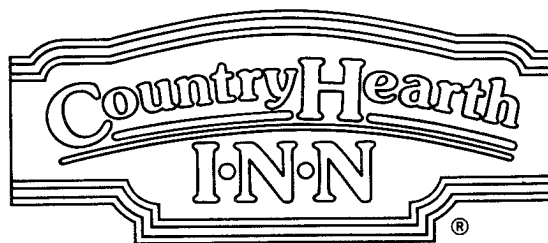
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To get from where we are to where we know we can and will be, we're going to have to make some tough decisions and some sacrifices. One of the first challenges we're going to have to address, in our

opinion, is the auction. There's trouble down the road on this one, for you and for us, and it may not be too far off. We hope that's one of the areas that the Shuffleboard Federation's Player Policy Board will address.

One answer appears to be corporate sponsors, so there would be no need for the auctions. The best bet we have for making this happen is the Shuffleboard Federation, which is making headway in that direction. But, as we've said many times before, numbers are the name of the game. If you haven't sent your league information to the Federation, please do so now.

This month, back by popular demand, the Board Talk's Top 50 Players in the U.S.A. Thanks for all your input! We appreciate it.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

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