

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

A warm welcome to our new subscribers; there has been a long list of them this past month. And renewals, too — bless them for their loyalty. One of our new subscribers added an extra \$10 earmarked "Shuffleboard Booster's Donation." One of our current subscribers sent a renewal check noted for "one more great year" — words that sent the editors' spirits soaring.

Quite a contrast to a couple years ago when one of our early "hustlers" complained, "I can't sell any subscriptions if you keep talking about going out of business." We don't talk about that any more because we're full of confidence about our role in The World of Shuffleboard and about the future of that special world.

Thanks to all of you who help give us that confidence.

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Old St. Pat would feel pretty important if he were a Board Talk Subscriber. Three flyers in last month's issue for three big tournaments in his honor! We love stuffing our issues with flyers. It makes us look alive and healthy and it sure does help pay the bills! At the same time, it makes us feel a little guilty to have them all highlighting events for the same time. One of the things we hoped to do with The Board Talk was to serve as a clearing house so tournament organizers could schedule events that wouldn't compete with others, especially if they hoped to attract players from throughout the nation. That's why our Shuffleboard Calendar is part of every issue.

Perhaps the three big tourneys, all on the same dates in spite of the calendar, mean that The World of Shuffleboard has grown to the point where it can support that many events.

We sure hope that's the case. We do urge you, however, to check that calendar before you schedule your events.

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In last month's issue, the Shuffleboard Federation issued a plea for information on leagues, number of players, tables and tournaments in your area. If you have not responded to that request, we urge you to do so.

The Federation is attempting to achieve what we all want — corporate sponsors for our sport, sponsorship that so many other sports have that we don't. Those statistics are absolutely essential to attract those sponsors. Before they invest any money, they've got to be impressed with NUMBERS! Write to the Shuffleboard Federation today. We've all got a stake in what they're trying to do.

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Most of us in The World of Shuffleboard today feel like pioneers. We're not! We're part of a revival, certainly, but the "new ground" we're cultivating was seeded decades ago and has just been lying dormant for awhile.

The Board Talk is not the first national shuffleboard publication in history. In the early 50s, Shuffleboard World,

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## Tourney Talk

### Action at Monty's

John Humes and Emmet Wilcox were first in a field of 24 players at a doubles tournament held at Monty's Bar, Chesterfield, Indiana, on Nov. 14. Bob and Tom Vorndran came in second.

On Jan. 16, Larry Tumulty and Joe Walters finished first, with Tom Vorndran and Steve Schuyler in second place.

### Dallas All-Stars/McGovern/Danke Winners at Showboat

The Dallas All-Stars won the team event at the Showboat in Las Vegas, Jan. 23-24. The players were: Dee Ross-Humphries, captain; Charles (C.W.) Walker, coach; Evelyn Harris, co-captain; Tammy Denson, Sandy Jenkins, Bill Jenkins, Bill Holloway, Ennis Jenkins, Richard Henning, and Frank Bladergroen.

The Hangers from California fought their way back to play the Dallas team again in the finals, but Dallas remained undefeated. Terry's Team from San Antonio, Texas, took third place.

Grady McGovern of Colorado took first place honors in the pro singles, with Earl Kelly of Texas in second, and Clark Kenny in third place.

Chris (Monahan) Danke of California won the women's singles. Brenda Moore of San Antonio came in second, with Tammy Denson, Dallas, in third.

### Taylor/Duncan Take Superbowl Title at Sports Arena

The Superbowl weekend tournament at the Sports Arena in Houston, Texas, drew 24 players vying for a pot of nearly \$1,000. Jimmy Taylor and Dave Duncan took first place honors, with Ray Hartness and Terry Watkins in second place. Howard Mouton and Claudia Stinson finished third with Rod Cameron and Chuck Lato in fourth place.

Sports Arena host Warren Faulk extends thanks to everyone for coming and a special thanks to Diana Hagen for her help.

### Full House at Lafayette Inn's Winter Classic

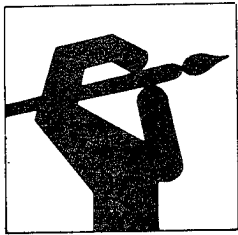
Players from eight states gathered at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland Feb. 5-7 for the Winter Classic.

In the draw partners event, Chuck King of Dover, Del., and Tom Bernard of Rising Sun finished first. Poncho Prevento of Northeast, Md., and Joe Kardos, Kendall Park, N.J. finished second, with John Lukas, Millington, Md., and Jim DeWitt, Redkey, Ind., in third place.

In the women's singles, Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Md., was the winner. Lynn Barr, Rising Sun, finished second, with Judy Kilgore, Rising Sun, in third place.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## A Great Tourney at Black Cat

1988 got off to a big start in Portland, Oregon, with the 9th World Series of Shuffleboard at the Black Cat Tavern.

Hosts Gene and Shirley Johnson thank the following players for making the tournament a big success: Mel Currie from Canada; Chris (Monahan) Danke, John Fisher, Bubba Warren, Ron Harralson, Karl Spickelmier, Billy Chiles and Eric Waldman from California; John McDermott from Michigan; Al Pease, Dave Arndt, Jim Allis, Jim Foran, Ron Wicks, Doug Taylor and Bill Powell from Washington; Chuck Norris, Frank Monarrez, Georjean Monarrez, Galen Gaunce, Ted White, Gary Singer, Mike DeAngelo, Charlie Gates, Mac Makarounis and Red Foster from Oregon.

Chris (Monahan) Danke did quite well in bucking heads with the men and she certainly had the majority of spectators and players rooting for her. I think honorable mention should go to Red (Dennis) Foster for making a good show during the tournament. You came a long way, baby!

Special mention also to Phil Skover of Michigan who hustled all weekend (not games though). Another special thanks should go to the out-of-state gals — Maggie, Bobbie, Michelle, and Loretta — for their great personalities and fun while in our town. Maybe someday, like Georjean and Chris, some of us will be able to jump in and play the boards.

Carol Nor-Bun, Portland, Oregon

*We're glad the tournament was such a success, Carol (results in February Tourney Talk). Wish we could have been there.*

## A Word from Washington

Here's hoping you have space to print the results of our increasingly popular local tournament. Since a few of the participants are Board Talk subscribers and others read each issue at the nearby Corner Tavern (Bow, Washington) or check out my copy posted at the Edison Tavern (583 Cain's Court, Edison, Washington), I know they would enjoy reading about the tourney in The Board Talk.

I am also sending you the latest copy of our Skagit County Shuffleboard League Newsletter. I'm sure you get enough chances to look at stuff like this, but I am proud that we have a growing league in this part of the country, where shuffleboard has declined markedly in the urban areas in recent years.

Thanks and congratulations for all you are doing to promote our favorite pastime.

Phil DePree, Bellingham, Washington

*We welcome your tournament results, Phil (see Tourney Talk), and the opportunity to read your league newsletter. Someday we hope to be able to offer leagues the opportunity to insert their newsletters in The Board Talk. We appreciate your spreading the word about The Board Talk, but encourage you and the Corner Tavern to get a little more selfish about the issues you pay for. Suggest to those "others" that they invest their own \$10 and help build the shuffleboard network.*

## Al — The Problem-Solver

I just recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning my own board. We found a well-used 22-footer that was for sale in a local pub. There were two problems: a) I only had 19 feet of space available; b) how could I move the board to my house?

Well, I found Al Stewart of El Monte, Calif., and he was able to solve both problems for me. Now I have a 19-foot board which is better than new!

Frank Clark, Thousand Oaks, California

*We're not surprised, Frank. Al Stewart is not only a master of his trade, he's a creative problem-solver! Enjoy your board.*

## Shuffleboard "Neighbors" Trade Hospitality

The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Lawton American Legion Post traveled by bus with 28 shooters aboard to Wilmington, Delaware, Diamond State VFW Post for a Sunday afternoon of shuffleboard in January. After the two hour bus ride, they were partnered up with 28 shooters from the host club on a draw-partner basis (one member from each club per team) and a single elimination tournament was held.

We were able to shoot all 27 games on 28 pt. boards, thanks to help from the Polish American VFW in Wilmington who allowed us to shoot some of the games on their board (also 28 ft.). All games were over in 6-1/2 hours.

Prizes went to the first four teams: Pat Sterling, Harrisburg, Pa., and John Lukas, Millington, Md., 1st; Bob Hand, Harrisburg, and Sam Sech, Glasgow, Del., 2nd; Lorraine Speraw, Harrisburg, and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del., 3rd; and Bernie Little, Harrisburg, and Madeline Richards, Wilmington, 4th.

Pat and Jim Sterling and the Lawton Post have invited us to Harrisburg, so we go by bus on Feb. 28. Jim said it will be tough but they are going to try to repeat the hospitality and food. We got the leftovers of a Wild Game Feast the night before so, in addition to a normal good spread, we were treated to wild goose, duck, squirrel, venison, rabbit — all good eating!

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.

*Thanks for sharing a great idea! We bet there are other shuffleboard places located across the border from each other that would find enthusiastic player reception to such a bus tour "exchange" program.*

## Jimmy Finds U.P. Action

I was in the U.P. over Christmas with relatives and stopped in South Range, a little town a few miles out of Houghton. It's about the size of Summitville, Ind., but has three bars with boards in them. They have had a league up in this area for many years with Calumet and Taurium competing, with nearby towns also in the league.

The Cozy Corner Bar in South Range is a good place for any player who happens to get up this way on vacation to

stop by for a beer or coffee break or a good meal, as the restaurant connecting with it serves excellent food. I was glad I had an extra copy of The Board Talk. I gave it to Rich Stevens, the owner, who immediately became a subscriber.

Doc Khan used to visit this area years ago when he was living in Newberry, Mich. and mentioned that they have some tough players around this Copper Country area. The players were glad to hear that I had seen Doc in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and that he's still active in the game.

Rich and Pete, the cook on the Isle Royale boat, are excellent players and ready to play anyone as they love the game and are real gentlemen. Several of the players expressed an interest in getting down to the next Board Talk July 4th tournament.

Jim (the cop) Kumpula, Michigan and Florida

*We're happy to welcome our first U.P. shuffleboard establishment to our World of Shuffleboard. We can highly recommend this beautiful area to vacationers from across the nation and hope those who visit Michigan's U.P. will stop and have a game with Rich and Pete. We look forward to meeting them in July.*

### Dick Gorman Gets Salute

Shuffleboard in our area is growing bigger and better every day. The tournaments are always challenging and exciting and the prize money grows bigger with every tournament.

This is all due to the hard work and efforts of one man — Mr. Dick Gorman! Dick spends countless hours of his own time, on the road, on the phone, and doing paperwork, all promoting shuffleboard tournaments in our state. The tournaments are always run in a professional and fair manner. If it weren't for Dick and his dedication to promoting shuffleboard in our area, the great tournaments we've been having would be impossible.

This is why we at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., and Ours and Yours, Sudlersville, Md., would like everyone to know just how much we appreciate everything Dick does for us and the game of shuffleboard. It's a lot of hard work and Dick does a fantastic job.

So it is with our deepest thanks and gratitude that we say: "Thanks, Dick, and keep up the good work!"

Nelson & Pat Renzo & Judy Kilgore, Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.

Art & JoAnn Ware, Ours & Yours, Sudlersville, Md.

*We shout "Amen!" to your tribute to Dick. It was George's privilege to participate in your recent Winter Tournament and view first-hand the hours and effort Dick invests in running a smooth tournament. He's a great promoter of our sport and deserves this recognition. We know he will appreciate it.*

### Denny Puts Nebraska on the Map

Shuffleboard season is in full swing here in Omaha. I hate to report it but our Tuesday night league split this year. It seems that some of the bar owners and players were upset with the governing body of our league. We hope to correct the situation next year, but the outlook is bleak.

The tournament season is also here with a tournament almost every week. I did a little hustling for you last weekend at Rooney's Camelot tournament. We had 26 teams playing for over \$7300. Curt Carter and Bob Moline took home the winners' share with Gwyn Orsi and Cyndi Hindman coming in second.

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## 1988 National Shuffleboard Calendar

### March 4-6

Draw Partner/Bring Partner  
The Sports Arena, Houston, Texas

### March 5

6th Annual "Big Jim" Memorial  
Kimmel Inn, Kimmel, Indiana

### March 12

Singles Invitational  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

### March 18-20\*

St. Patrick's Day Classic  
Palm Tavern, Springfield, Oregon

### March 18-20

Draw/Bring Your Partner  
Bluecoat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

### March 18-20

Great Arizona Open  
Dunes II, Glendale, Arizona

### April 1-2

Qualifying Tournament  
Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

### April 8-10

Spring Classic  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

### April 22-24\*

Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

### April 30-May 1

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

### May 7

Doubles Tournament  
American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

### May

2nd Annual Michigan Open

### July 1-4 \*

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

### August\*

U.S. Open  
Austin, Texas

### October\*

Ft. Worth/Dallas Area

### Oct.-Nov.\*

3rd Annual Colorado Open

### November\*

4th Annual Turkey Day Tourney  
Stagger Inn, California

\*Shuffleboard Federation  
Pro Tour

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the official publication of the American Shuffleboard Leagues, Inc., reported the results of the ASLI's U.S. Tournament with 45 men's and women's teams from 14 states participating.

Eighteen American shuffleboards set up in the Peoria (Illinois) National Guard Armory were the focal point for a packed gallery that paid 25¢ admission to watch the action.

Sol Lipkin of the American Shuffleboard Company, who many of you know and respect, remembers that tournament well. He played a major role in making the event happen and seeing that things went smoothly for the 500 players participating in the national tournament. He recognizes that the future of shuffleboard rests with the league players.

"For every pro player, there's thousands of average players like you and me involved in league play. Those are the players who make up a majority of The World of Shuffleboard, and they are the people who keep the game going today as they did in the 1950s," he said.

We thought you'd enjoy reading about that big tournament 38 years ago so we're reprinting the editorial from the June 1950 edition of Shuffleboard World. We think we've made great progress, and we have, but this editorial also makes us realize that we've got a long ways to go.

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We do a lot of bragging about the fact that shuffleboard, unlike some other sports, has no age, sex or physical barriers. At this point in time, it seems the sex barrier is the one that remains unresolved.

We've heard opposing views on just where women fit into the scheme of things. Most leagues have been integrated, but tournaments are another story. Today, we have open singles and doubles, and draw partners open to both sexes, women's events, but no "men only" events.

Whether that's progress or not seems to be a matter of controversy. We've had reports from those who have attended tournaments with open events that indicate that women players, even those who can compete effectively against their male counterparts, are treated like second-class

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# First U. S. Shuffleboard Champs Named at Peoria

## \$10,433 Given in Prizes at ASLI Event

PEORIA, Ill. — To say that American Shuffleboard Leagues' United States Tournament held here was *great, wonderful, superb*, would be understatement of the worst order. The two-day event May 27 and 28 at the Peoria National Guard Armory was all that — and more! It was truly the most outstanding event in Shuffleboard history in this country, one which will live long in the memories of those who attended and participated.

Forty-five men's and women's teams from 14 States participated, with champions being crowned in four divisions. Rupsis Tavern of Schenectady, N. Y., got the big prize of \$2,500 for its victory in the men's longboard affair. The South Jersey team of Camden, N. J. and the Embassy Club of Kenosha, Wisc., were runners-up, winning \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively.

Wayside Inn of La Crosse, Wisc., took the women's longboard crown and prize money of \$1,000 while I'm Inn of Overland, Mo., and Chuck's Tiny Lodge of Midlothian, Ill., won honors in the men's and women's Cushion Shuffleboard divisions.

### A Fitting Climax

A total of \$10,433 in prize money was distributed among 18 teams in all divisions. In addition each of the

four winners received one of the glamorous United States Championship trophies donated by the American Shuffleboard Company of Union City, N. J.

The U. S. Tournament was a fitting climax to ASLI's first season of operation. Scheduling of play and special events followed closely plans tediously drawn over the past several months. Most contingencies were accounted for, and protests were surprisingly few.

Credit for the superb operation must go to ASLI Director Ken W. Poulsen and Tournament Manager Howard W. James. They were ably assisted by Asst. Tournament Manager Clayton O. Beebe, Chief Scorekeeper Lee Allnut and Registrations Supervisor Blanche Beebe.

Instrumental, too, in keeping activity flowing smoothly was the five-man Grievance Committee. It was headed by Mr. Beebe and consisted of Howard Conlon, Schenectady, N. Y.; John Weiss, Ogden, Utah; William Raab, Newark, N. J. and Ken Poulsen, Racine, Wisc.

### Dignitaries Turn Out

The tournament atmosphere was considerably heightened by the presence of beautiful Linda Danson, radio and television star of New York, who presided as Queen of the U. S. Tournament. She was crowned by Illinois State Treasurer Forrest Smith during a pageant on the first night of the Tournament. Miss Danson took Peoria by storm in a series of personal appearances in nite clubs and stores throughout town and on the radio. She had as her maids of honor Miss Shirley Armstrong of Peoria, and Miss Nancy Dietrich of Springfield, Ill.

Play was conducted on 18 American 22-foot Shuffleboards and four 12-foot Cushion-Rebound Boards.

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citizens. We've heard questions on why there should be special events for women when there are no men-only events and women are free to enter the opens.

While the issue is debated on bar stools across the country, so do we debate it in editorial conferences around our kitchen table. We've come up with our editorial position and you can agree or disagree...

We think Fritzi Broka of Ohio, made a good point in her letter in the January issue, when she said that, because of lack of opportunity, most women are not yet at the point where they can effectively compete against men on a professional level. They need their women's events, she said, to build that experience and confidence to invest in open events.

We agree that women are in a "catch up" situation today. We encourage tournament organizers, during the next few years, to schedule women's events and we urge women players to support those events, as well as participating in open tourneys. We strongly urge male chauvenists to leave their prejudices at home and treat women with the respect they deserve.

However, we do believe that, within the next three to five years, there should be no further need for either "women only" or "men only" events. By that time, we should be fully integrated, with no discrimination against any player.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 1)*

Joe Kardos and Joe Tomchick, Carteret, N.J. teamed up to take first place in the bring your partner event. Chuck King and John Lukas took second place honors, with Ray and Ron Herrmann of Philadelphia in third place. Other winners were Skip Hammond, Milford, Del., and Bob Cerklefskie, Harrington, Del., 4th; Tom Bernhard and Dallas Hayman, Dover, 5th; and Mary Ann Watson and Mike Kennedy of Philadelphia, 6th.

Chuck King took top honors in the open singles, with Jim DeWitt in second place. Larry Casula of Newark, Del., finished third, with Bill Jones of Sherburne, N.Y., in fourth place. Al Kweeder of Philadelphia took fifth, and Gary Barker of Earlville, N.Y. finished sixth.

See more information on this tourney in Shufflers' Notebook.

### Sawyer/Mehler Win at Edison, Wash.

The third annual mixed doubles tournament, held Feb. 6-7 at Edison Tavern, Edison, Washington, was won by the team of Larry Sawyer of Anacortes and Cindy Mehler of Bellingham. Sherman Anderson of Mount Vernon and "Beanie" Cranmore of Blanchard finished second. Third place went to Edison's Wes and "Paddy" Conn, while Dale Kingma and Cindy Hansen, Mount Vernon, finished just out of the money in fourth.

A field of 19 teams competed for nearly \$1,000 in prize money, as Sawyer shared first place for the third time in the

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history of this popular local tourney. Jim and Roxanne DePree, sponsors, and Sherm Anderson, tournament director, thank one and all for their enthusiastic participation.

### Corporate Image Scores Another Success

Thirty-two singles and 16 doubles teams participated in the Corporate Image's 3rd Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza in Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 11-15.

Veteran Glen Davidson of Oklahoma drew on his wealth of experience to take top honors in the singles. Michigan's John McDermott finished second, with Eric Waldman of California in third place.

In an exciting doubles event, Sam Summers of Oklahoma teamed up with Karl Spickelmier of California to take first place. They beat out the tough team of Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Donnie Cox of California. Glen Young of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Hal Perry of Sacramento, Calif., finished third.

Two unscheduled events were held — a women's singles and a draw partner mixed doubles. Texans rose to the top in the women's event with Janet Cook in first, Diana Hagen in second, and Brenda Moore in third place. Other contenders were Fritz Broka, Ohio; Chris Danke, Calif.; Evelyn Harris,

Susie McCormick and Tammy Denson, all of Texas.

In the draw partner mixed doubles, Diana Hagen and Billy Mays beat out Janet Cook and Glen Young for top honors.

Tournament organizers thank officials Rudy Wedgeworth, Jody Slack, George Ostrom and Bobby Williams; auctioneers Bill Wooldridge and Joe Don; and Linda Cooper, better known as "David's slave" or "Grand Marshal" for the week.

### Memorial Tourney at Kimmell Inn, March 5

Remember the 6th Annual "Big Jim" Memorial tournament at the Kimmell Inn in Kimmell, Ind. on March 5. Auction starts at 1:30 p.m.

### Partners Action at Sports Arena, March 4-6

The Sports Arena, 11528 Jones Rd., Houston, Texas, will host a draw partner and bring your partner tournament on March 4-5-6. The draw partner, \$50 per entry, will start on Friday night. The bring your partner, \$100 per team, will start Saturday. Pays 60-30-10. Two new boards, free barbecue.

For information, call Warren at The Sports Arena, 713-469-0345.

### Invitational Tourney, Lafayette Inn, March 12

The Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, will host the Atlantic Coast Singles Invitational tournament on March 12. All entrants are by invitation only, limited to the first 32 signed up and paid \$50 entry fee. The tourney will be a one-day affair using all three in-house boards.

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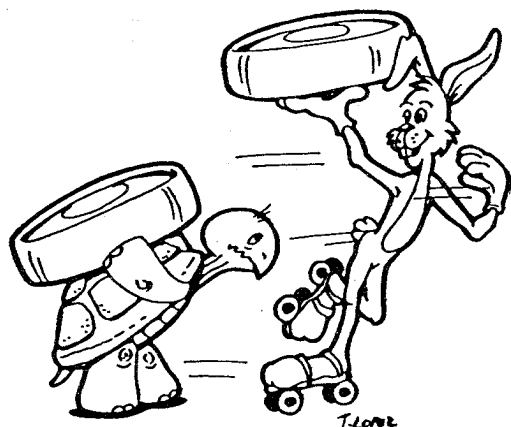
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# Lafayette Inn's Spring Classic April 8-9-10

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## Friday, April 8th — Draw Partners

- Drawing & Bidding — 7 p.m.
- Games start at once
- Will finish Friday night
- Entry fee — \$10 per person
- Limit first 36 sign ups
- Prizes — first 3 places

## Saturday, April 9th — Women's Singles

- Drawing & Bidding — 9:30 a.m.
- Games start at once
- Will finish Saturday afternoon
- Entry fee — \$10 per person
- Limit first 16 players
- Prizes — first 3 places

## Saturday, April 9th — Bring Your Own Partner

- Drawing & Bidding — 1:30 p.m.
- Games start at once
- Will finish Saturday
- Entry fee — \$25 per team
- Limit first 40 teams
- Prizes — first 6 places

## Sunday, April 10th — Open Singles

- Drawing & Bidding — 12 noon
- Games start at once
- Must finish by 9:00 p.m.
- Entry fee — \$25 per person
- Limit first 30 entries
- Prizes — first 6 places

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Tournament Mgr. Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004

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Who is invited? Anyone who has been named in the Board Talk's Top Ten of any division. The drawing and bidding will start at 12:30 p.m. Payoff will be the first six places and ties through 10th place will be played off.

For information, contact Dick Gorman, 138 Glen Oak Rd., Wilmington, DE 19805, phone 302-994-0004, or Nelson Renzo, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, MD 21911, phone 301-658-9075.

### St. Pat's Day Classic, Palms, Springfield, Oregon

Joni Jones will host a St. Patrick's Day Classic at the Palm Tavern, 136 N. 4th, Springfield, Oregon, March 18-20. Entry fees of \$50 for the singles, \$200 for the doubles, will pay 60-30-10. The auction is scheduled for 9 p.m. Friday night.

For information, call Evie Wechter, 503-342-4196; Joni Jones, 503-688-0830; or the Palm Tavern, 503-746-6267.

This tournament is on the Shuffleboard Federation pro tour.

### Draw/Bring Partner Events at Bluecoat Inn, Tulsa, Okla., March 18-20

The Bluecoat Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host a shuffleboard shootout on March 18-20. A \$50 per person draw tournament will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday with a \$100 per person bring-your-own-partner event following on Saturday. Both tournaments are double elimination.

The Bluecoat will add \$250 to the bring-your-partner pot. 60% - 30% - 10% split for first, second, and third. Auctions will be held prior to the tournaments.

Tournament directors are Sam Sweatt, 918-446-0597 (or 665-1930), and Bill Melton, 405-369-2448. Tournament hosts will be Tom Thinton and Patti Kay, 918-742-1014.

The Bluecoat Inn is located at 4930 S. Yorktown, between Peoria and Lewis on the north side of Highway 44 by the French Quarter apartments.

### Great Arizona Open, March 18-20

Dunes II, 5542 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale, Arizona, will host the first Great Arizona Open on March 18-20. Entry fee for the singles is \$75 and \$150 per team for the doubles. Both events are two out of three double elimination.

The Dunes will have four boards, including two brand-new Playfair boards. The auction will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday. There are nearby hotels under \$25.

For information, call Lary Tafoya, 602-263-0034, or Bob Lewis, 602-242-6782.

### Qualifying Tourney at Palace Bar, April 1-2

The Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana, will hold a qualifying tournament April 1-2. The entry fees of \$50 for the singles and \$50 for the doubles will send as many singles and doubles players to the April 22-24 national tourney at the Palace Bar as entry fees allow. The more entry fee money there is, the more players will qualify for the national tournament. The auction payoff will be for first, second and third

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## Qualifying Tournament! April 1-2

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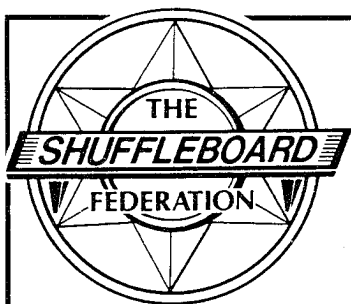
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## News

Outstanding! That is a brief, accurate description of the 3rd Annual Washington's Birthday Classic at The Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, first stop on the Federation's 1988 pro tour.

The week started with a women's singles, organized on short notice by the Shuffleboard Federation. Eight women battled it out for \$4,000 in prize money in a best of 3 double elimination tournament. All four boards were used with the women shooting on one or two at a time, and the people practicing for the open competition were able to use the remaining boards. Most of the men present had never seen a women's tournament before and were impressed with the intensity and skill with which the women played.

The women's event, along with the open singles and doubles, used pre-assigned starting times for all matches. The players really appreciated knowing when they were going to play and on what board. A two-hour allowance per match was used, and with the average match going about one hour and 40 minutes, things ran very smoothly. It allowed for some warm-up time prior to the matches and it was a luxury the players appreciated.

Officials were assigned to most of the matches and everyone felt that it is an idea whose time has come. These officials were there on their own time and did a great job. If, however, we want an adequate number of knowledgeable officials, some form of compensation needs to be worked out.

Tournament coordinator Linda Cooper reports virtually no complaints the entire week, which is a real tribute to the officials and promoters David Williams, Bill Melton and Royce Hines.

### Players Meeting

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, the boards were shut down for a short players' meeting. The players voted overwhelmingly in favor of banning the double release spin shot and that has been added to the Federation rules. Joe Falvey of the Shuffleboard Federation then addressed a quiet and obviously interested group. Joe is the first professional in the area of sports marketing ever involved with shuffleboard and it was obvious that the players were impressed. Everyone present could sense the growing player unity that developed over the course of the week.

### American Shuffleboard Company Lends a Hand

We are overjoyed at receiving a vote of confidence and helping hand from the American Shuffleboard Company. They will be providing two extra boards for the Federation's upcoming St. Patrick's tournament at the Palm Tavern in Springfield, Oregon. In addition, they will be providing boards for the upcoming Texas Amateur Tournament which is being sponsored by a major liquor company. The Federation will be conducting further talks

with American to discuss how we can work together in promoting the game.

### Playfair Shuffleboard Company Helps, Too

Once again, Playfair Shuffleboard Company will be providing the boards for the Michigan/Playfair Open in May. In addition, they will be involved with the 4th Annual Board Talk Tournament over the 4th of July weekend.

### We Still Need Your Help

The Shuffleboard Federation is compiling some information for potential sponsors and we need your help. We need information from everyone who reads this concerning league and tournament play in your area. Don't let your town be left on the outside looking in. If you want to be part of the action, you need to let us know how many players, leagues, and tournaments are around your area, how long they have been in existence, and are they for men, women or both. Also, if you are interested in forming a league in your area, let us know and we will help.

### Point Standings

Glen Davidson	144	Bud Hillburn	33
John McDermott	119	Billy Chiles	33
Eric Waldman	90	Casey Summitt	33
Howard Mouton	69	Glen Young	33
Billy Mays	57	Donnie Cox	22
Chris Danke	53	Bud Broka	33
Bobby Voorhis	50	Karl Spickelmier	33
Hal Pierry	50	Sam Watson	33
Rick Boyer	34	John Myles	32
David Williams	34	Johnny Ballard	32
Sam Summer	34	Diana Hagen	32
Bill Melton	34	Wayne Reist	32
Lee Brady	34	Leroy Ledford	32
Bob White	34	Bill Boody	32
Mickey Baugh	34	Rod Cameron	32
Earl Kelly	34	Dale Koteras	32

### Points Figured on the Following Basis:

First	100	Fifth	15
Second	75	Sixth	15
Third	50	Seventh	10
Fourth	25	Eighth	10

2 points for each match won

1 point for each player in the tourney

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## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 8)*

for each event. Four boards. Auction will start at 6 p.m. April 1.

For information, call Bobby Voorhis, 317-948-9102 or 317-948-4931.

Mark your calendars now for the Shuffleboard Federation-sanctioned tourney on April 22-24. \$150 entry fee for the singles; \$200 entry fee for the doubles.

### **Spring Classic, Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, April 8-10**

Four big events are on the agenda for the Spring Classic at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on April 8-10. The tournament is co-sponsored by The Board Talk. All will be one-day events, with action on four boards.

Entry fee for the draw partner tourney is \$10 per person. Drawing and bidding starts at 7 p.m. Friday night with games immediately following.

The women's singles is scheduled for Saturday. Entry fee \$10. Drawing and bidding at 9:30 a.m. with play immediately following.

The bring your partner tournament will start Saturday afternoon following the 1:30 p.m. drawing and bidding. Entry fee is \$25 per team.

The open singles, \$25 entry, is scheduled for Sunday, with drawing and bidding at noon.

All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Nelson Renzo's open buffet will again be a bonus, and jackets will be awarded to all first place winners.

Register for any or all events. Send your advance registra-

tion, with entry fees, to Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, Md. 21911. For information, call tournament hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo, 301-658-9075, or tournament director Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

### **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.

See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

### **Annual Doubles Tourney, Bourbon, Indiana, May 7**

Known as one of the biggest tournaments in one of the smallest towns in the Midwest, this one should be at the top of your "don't miss" events. Scheduled for the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, the annual doubles promises good action and a big purse.

For information, call Mike Koontz, 219-342-0693. See next month's issue for further details.

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## Notebook *(continued from page 3)*

I hope to get some more subscriptions for you in the upcoming weeks. We have over 60 bars with shuffleboard tables and only two listed in your directory, so it shouldn't be much of a problem to get them interested.

The "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing is a fabulous idea. We were fortunate to have three people from Canada stop in at Piccolo's on their way to the Showboat Open. It was great talking to people from another country about the game we love.

I notice that Piccolo Bar is not on the listing. They are already on your mailing list. Please check this out.

Thank you for the great work that you're doing.

Denny Busch, Omaha, Nebraska

*We certainly hope your league makes a comeback, Denny. They are the vital grassroots of our World of Shuffleboard.*

*Send us your tournament results every month for Tourney Talk. Tell us when, where and who won (names and home towns). We'd also be glad to promote them in advance so you can attract your neighbors and visitors from other states.*

*Thanks for the subscriptions. You've made a big step toward earning your own set of weights (25 new subscriptions will do it!). Because we won't have our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing until May, we're going to extend a special welcome to the shuffleboard bars you signed up: Champs Sports Restaurant & Lounge, 4680 Leighton Ave., Lincoln; Elbow Room, 4973 Center, Omaha; J.C.'s*

*Bar, 4971 Q St., Omaha; and Baratta's Bar, 1202 S. 6th, Omaha.*

*We apologize to Piccolo's, 13328 Millard Ave., Omaha, for leaving them off our February listing. We had the subscription in the owner's name instead of the bar so it slipped through. It's been corrected and will be on the May listing. Thanks for letting us know.*

### Some Feedback from Disappointed Players

We, the members of two complete teams from San Antonio, who recently attended the highly-touted and totally misrepresented U.S.S.A., Inc., tournament in Las Vegas wish to voice our disappointment in the entire fiasco.

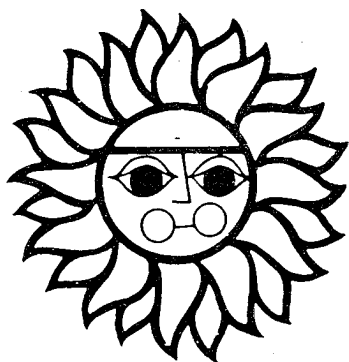
Not because we wish to hurt anyone's feelings or to discourage others from holding similar successful team tournaments, rather because we hope in the future that promoters will remember our bad experience and plan and organize better to deliver promises made. These are but a few of our bad memories:

1. 20 shuffleboards promised — 5 or 6 flimsy Billy Boards were delivered. We appreciate the problems, but the product was bad.

2. Team entries — were to be in by Dec. 15, 1987; one team was made up and entered on the day team play began. The team from Canada was advised on Dec. 14 that 17 teams were entered already and money must be rushed. A total of 8 teams participated; one of those was made up after we arrived in Las Vegas.

3. Men's singles — were to be played on Jan. 21, 22, 23. One of our team members who also entered the men's

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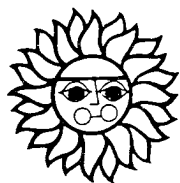


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## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 10)*

### Board Talk's 4th Annual Tourney, July 1-4, Waterloo, Indiana

Mark your calendars now — and request your vacation time — so you can participate in The Board Talk's 4th Annual 4th of July Tournament. Site of this year's tourney will be Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana. Four Playfair boards for tourney play, plus the "World's Longest Board" for side action and fun.

Watch upcoming issues for details. This tournament is on the Shuffleboard Federation's pro tour.

## Notebook *(continued from page 11)*

singles was never able to leave the hotel because he never knew when he was supposed to play his next match.

4. Open ladies' singles — the lady singles players were never given reliable times for play. And then they were threatened with having to forfeit if they were involved in team play and could not play singles when called.

5. Team competition — was to be from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. One match was finally completed at 3:30 in the morning, and the winner was required to play early the next morning while their opponents had a full night's sleep.

6. No "T" squares were available and from the second day on participants had to make their own wax dispensers.

7. Rulings in the case of disputes were difficult to obtain

and responsibility for final decisions was almost non-existent or totally unfair.

8. Time schedules were not kept nor available to participants.

9. Trophies for winners were very cheap, crude and handmade while the tournaments were being held. Most of our players were ashamed of them and left them in the Showboat lobby.

There is a lot more that can be said, but this probably is enough for now. Overall, it was poorly planned and terribly executed.

The fact that very few of the national professional players were in attendance should have alerted us to the fact that we were in for a disappointment. Guess they communicate better than us amateurs. Wish they had clued us in.

Our San Antonio shuffleboarders may not be among the top pros in the U.S.A., but we try to make up for it with our spirit and love for the game. An experience like the USSA-Showboat disaster certainly shakes our faith a little in national team tournaments and will make us very apprehensive for future events.

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*Your letter certainly drives home the need for tournament organizers throughout The World of Shuffleboard to accept responsibility for their events and not to make promises they can't keep. We hope this experience won't sour you on other tournaments. We need you!*

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## Interlakes Shuffleboard League News/Standings

Tidbits: Happy Birthday to Emmanuel Marakis, owner of the Lakeside Lounge. . . . Happy Birthday also to Norma Narducci, who plays for Lakeside II (her team mates also voted her the most improved player, and at their request was awarded a jacket by Budweiser for her personal contribution to her team) . . . . A special recognition goes to our two eldest league members: Elsie Lile, who will be 86 this

year, playing for Wagon Wheel II, and Jessie Guizar, who will be 82 this year, playing for Liberty Bar. . . . We'd like to send a speedy recovery to Frank Daichendt, President of the Men's League. . . . Our banquet this year will be held at Oakland County Sportsmans Club, located at 4770 Waterford Rd. in Clarkston. It will be on April 30. Gordie Collins will be donating shuffleboard tables for this event — thanks, Gordie!

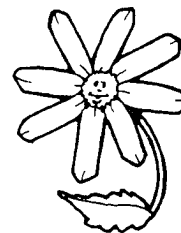
Standings as of 2/13/88

### Men's League

Wagon Wheel I	299 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Lakeside I	285 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Majestic	276
Victors	246 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Lakeside II	231
O'Brady's	227
Liberty	218 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wagon Wheel II	214 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Bachelors	210
Prues	184
Bob & Elmers	152
Charlies Roost	127 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Catalina Lanes	112
Oxbow Lake	66 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

### Women's League

Lakeside I	167
Wagon Wheel I	161
Lakeside II	151 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wagon Wheel II	133
Sports Page	125
Majestic	118 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Victors	117
O'Brady's	105 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Bachelors	104
Charlie's Roost	87
Catalina Lanes	57 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Liberty	110



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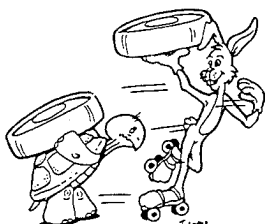
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### Lafayette Inn Winter Classic Sells Out Three Events

One hundred and fifty-six entries out of 166 places were sold out two days before the events started on Feb. 5-7 at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., Winter Classic. The \$7700 prize money was paid to entries from eight states. The winners were also presented with a Lafayette Inn winner's jacket, subscriptions to The Board Talk, Board Talk t-shirts, and Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia presented trophies to the winners of the big events. (See results in Tourney Talk.)

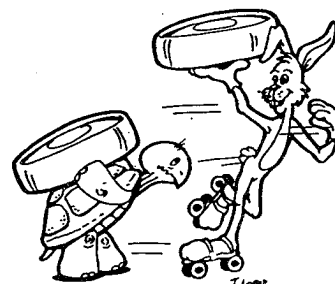
The longest distances traveled to attend the tournament were made by Jim DeWitt and his wife from Redkey, Indiana; Beef "Stein" of Waterloo, Indiana, and George Wilber of Lansing, Mich. A gang of four from Sherburne, New York, showed up with more from Brooklyn and Long Island.

Pat and Nelson Renzo were once again excellent hosts and provided an excellent open buffet all day Saturday and Sunday, as well as followed their usual practice of lowering drink prices. The hospitality was great and the shooting and friendship provided by everyone was even better.

Tournament manager Judy Kilgore and Nelson said hope "you all" will return for our March 12 Invitational and/or the Board Talk co-sponsored Spring Classic on April 8-10 (see ad in this issue), or any of our first Saturday of the month open tournaments.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

George felt very fortunate to be able to participate in this smoothly-run tournament and get to meet all the fine players from the East. He came home with lots of information and enthusiasm to share, but he forgot the doggie-bag he was supposed to bring to his wife with samples of the Renzos' famous buffet.



## MISSING!

Was news of shuffleboard action in your state missing in this issue of The Board Talk? Become a part of a national communications system for shuffleboarders. Send notice of tournaments, results of tournaments, news and views about the sport to The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906, by the 15th of each month.

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