

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

We're our own worst critics and we feel good about this issue, so that ought to tell you that it's worth reading. It's full of news about what has happened and what will happen in The World of Shuffleboard in the busy months ahead. If there's any doubt anywhere that this sport is alive and thriving, the action in this issue should erase those doubts.

There isn't anything that gets our adrenalin flowing more than having a subscriber tell us that, because of The Board Talk, they've had a special experience. Our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing is probably more work and expense than any other feature of this newsletter, and when we hear that the investment is worthwhile, our spirits soar.

That happened when we got the heartwarming letter from Jim and Patricia Richards from Phoenix, Arizona. It's in Shufflers' Notebook and we know you'll enjoy it as much as we did.

They told us, "our story almost sounds fictional, but it's true! Those people (from Bow, Washington) were absolutely marvelous as Billy Crystal would say and we can reiterate. These special people should be acknowledged." We agree!

That happened when we finally met Harvey Waldon from Tennessee. He's been on our mailing list for a long time but we only met him in person over the Labor Day weekend. He's a great guy and a super player. He travels a lot and he told us that he faithfully uses the "Play Your Way" listing to find some friendly action on what is often a long and lonely trip.

He had a suggestion which we think is a good one. He's been unsuccessful in locating some of the places on the listing because he doesn't know, for example, that Union Lake is in the Pontiac, Mich., area. He thinks it would be helpful to have some of the smaller places that aren't on the map indicate that they're, for example, in the Fort Worth area or wherever. Makes good sense. If your place, or your favorite shuffleboard haunt, is on our listing, but may be difficult for travelers to find, send us that information and we'll add it.

Also in this issue is a challenge from Ed Galke of New York, who believes there should be more dialogue between players on some of the problems that need addressing. If you're one of those people who have some opinions you'd like

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## Tourney Talk

### Sparkman/Chiles Win at Amato's

Eleven teams vied for a share of the \$3,695 pot at Amato's bring your own partner touney in Huntington Beach, Calif., on Aug. 5-7. Taking top honors was the team of Sparky Sparkman, Carlsbad, Calif., and Billy Chiles of Huntington. Jim Alford of Garden Grove and Craig Amundson of Bellflower finished a strong second, with Karl Spickelmier, Malibu, and Chris Danke, Huntington Beach, placing third.

Finishing just out of the money were the underdog teams of Troy Tolbert and Evelyn Hughes, and Frank Bentley and John Fisher, the two lowest teams in the auction.

"Special thanks to the management for the tasty buffet on Sunday and mostly to the players for their patience in attending a tournament with just one shuffleboard," says John Fisher.

### Monnarez/Norris Tops at Jay-Dee's

Competitors from over 200 miles away came to Rainier, Oregon, to participate in Jay-Dee's annual tournament held the weekend of Aug. 13.

The mixed doubles event was won by Georjean Monnarez and Chuck Norris of Portland. Jolene Lembke of Bend and Doug DeBois of Rainier took second, with locals Diane and Lee DeBois in third place.

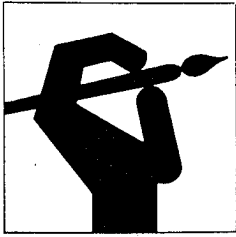
The open singles title was captured by the red-hot Chuck Norris. Frank Hepler of Longview, Wash., took second over Curt of Rainier.

### Lots of Winners at Seafarer

The Seafarer Tavern in Warrenton, Oregon, hosted a singles, doubles and draw partner tournament over the Labor Day holiday. The singles competition between 24 of the northwest's best was won by tournament director Don "Mitch" Mitchell of Warrenton. Mike DeAngelo of Portland finished second over Rick Gindt of Tacoma, Wash.

Al Pease of Hoquium, Wash., teamed up with Jim Foran of Tacoma to win the doubles over 15 other teams. Ruthie Miles and Don Campbell, both of Portland, captured second place with some spectacular shooting. Jolene Lembke reports: "One of the best ends I've ever seen occurred in the second game of the semi-finals when Ruthie went around Rick Gindt's shallow deuce for a deep 3 in the corner. There followed a series of 3-weight combos by both players. After seeing those shots, Jim Foran uttered the quote of the tourney, 'I give up,' and Ruthie wondered what she could do for an encore." Gary Singer of Portland and Rick Gindt finished third.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Turning Adversity Into Adventure

Our summer vacation to the Pacific Northwest started out peaceful enough, landing in Seattle doing the normal tourist bit -- Space Needle, Kingdome and Harbor Area. We then moved on to Mt. Ranier in the Tacoma area.

That evening we made a stop at the Acme Tavern for a little shuffleboard. We introduced ourselves to the owner, Nancy, who was quite congenial. She made some calls and before long, we had a few friendly matches set up. We played seven games against Clark and Clara Kenney, who were gracious enough to let us win three.

On Sunday morning, we began our trek to Vancouver, B.C., and this is where things became interesting. In a recent Board Talk, we saw an ad for the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington. Like the Acme Tavern, we like to visit Board Talk supporters.

Bow, Washington, is a beautiful farm community off the beaten path. We found an information board next to the General Store. I got out of the car to see if there was any information regarding the tavern. My wife decided to go into the General Store. She got out of the car, flipped the automatic locks on the rental car (now don't get ahead of me) and proceeded into the store.

We met the proprietor, Shirley, a charming lady, and as luck would have it, she knew where the Corner Tavern was and gave us directions as she walked us to the car. As I was thanking her, I heard this distressed "Oh, no! (or words to that effect) Jim, I'm so sorry, but I locked the keys in the car," and I said, "Don't worry about it. This just builds character (or words to that effect)."

Things were looking rather bleak at this point. It's 11:30 Sunday morning in the middle of this beautiful farm community and we don't know a soul, except Shirley, who provided us with a phone, yellow pages, and a wonderful friend named Beanie, a warm, delightful lady who just happened to play on one of the local shuffleboard teams at the Corner Tavern. Talk about luck!

After a series of calls, we located a mobile locksmith who could be out in an hour or so. Beanie graciously volunteered to drive us to the tavern where we could play shuffleboard until the locksmith showed up. Shirley would call us when he arrived.

We were introduced to everyone in the tavern. The nicest group of people you would ever hope to meet, from Linda, the owner; Sharon, the barkeep; and patrons like Eve and Bill. We were accepted immediately and felt like old friends. We played several games and, too soon, the call came that the locksmith had arrived.

Beanie drove me back (I couldn't get Patricia out of the tavern, she was having so much fun). I settled up with the locksmith, thanked Shirley for all her help and proceeded back to the tavern. Beanie must have perceived

my notorious sense of direction. She was nice enough to follow me back so I wouldn't get lost. We played a few more games, said our goodbyes to our new friends with hugs and an exchange of addresses. The five hours we spent in Bow will always be remembered.

We proceeded to Canada where we played shuffleboard in a couple of clubs. The people were nice but we had already lost our hearts to the people from the Corner Tavern who turned adversity into adventure one Sunday afternoon in June.

Jim and Patricia Richards, Dunes II, Glendale, Arizona

*Your letter makes the midnight oil worth burning! The experience you share is what we're all about and we thank you for this very special story. May it serve as a reminder to other places that opening up your hearts to kindred souls is appreciated more than you can imagine.*

## Our Role -- Critic or Communicator?

I feel you should print the true facts concerning your opinions and observations. Not in a derogatory way, but hopefully as a form of constructive advice. You know full well that the conditions of some of the boards at tournaments you attend are not up to true tournament standards.

I happen to agree with Glen Davidson (whom I would like to meet very much) about the slowness of boards from one end to the other. We have some boards around here that have an eight-foot difference from end to end.

The difference in speeds from both ends is attributed to the way the boards were finished either at the factory or the bar in which they were refinished.

I do not fully agree with Glen's views. I personally feel that tournament conditions should be made as perfect as possible. Our aim is to get as many people playing our sport as possible. If all boards were made as true as possible, you would encourage much more play.

After players really learn the different aspects of the game, then they can handle adverse conditions much more readily. Those climatic adjusters were designed to help straighten out the boards, not crank them into shape for house players.

As to your views about hustlers, remember only a hustler can be hustled. Any player, I emphasize any good player, can spot another good player almost immediately. I feel a handful of us players kept the game going until your Board Talk really got us over the top. I played for 42 years all over this country and Canada on my own money. I never hustled one person. I feel we have a lot more to accomplish such as national sponsorship, uniform playing conditions and rules, etc.

The only way we are going to accomplish those goals is through communication between everybody connected

with shuffleboard. As it is now, only a few people take the time to write you and express their viewpoints. I feel there has to be much more dialogue than just a handful of players and The Shuffleboard Federation.

Ed Galke, Oakdale, New York

*When we started this publication nearly five years ago, we did so for these reasons: (1) We loved the sport and believed in its future; (2) we felt there was an information void that we had the ability to fill; (3) because of the first two reasons, we felt we could eventually make a modest living serving The World of Shuffleboard.*

*The role in which we did NOT see ourselves was being a critic or some kind of shuffleboard commissioner. Providing The World of Shuffleboard a network of communications, we felt, would surface qualified people to take leadership in achieving the goals you outlined. At this point in time, the only ones who have stepped forward to accept that challenge is The Shuffleboard Federation and they've made significant progress this past year toward those goals.*

*We do believe in the "press" serving as a watchdog and maybe five years down the road, we will take an editorial stance on tournament conditions and other issues. However, at this point in time when shuffleboard as a sport has to crawl before it can walk, and walk before it can run, we feel we must give encouragement to anyone who strives to keep the sport alive and growing. Some places do not have ideal tournament conditions, but at least they're holding tournaments and gaining participation and interest in the sport. We have faith that they will realize the value of upgrading conditions to accommodate major tournaments in the future.*

#### **A Different View of Tulsa Leagues**

This letter is in response to Gary Moore's letter in your last issue.

My husband has played shuffleboard in Tulsa for 30 years. He has played with Gary and against him. His view of shuffleboard is of fun, nice people and a good time. I have been around shuffleboard for a long time, but never played.

The officers of the league talked us into getting a team out of our bar. They made it sound like so much fun that we did. From that, we made lots of new friends, had fun, and these new friends helped us in times of illness and death. They are true and loving people.

The officers of our league love shuffleboard so much that they took their time making calls, had meetings to arrange everything, did bookkeeping and everything that goes with having an organization run smoothly (which ours did), all without pay. And they did a wonderful job.

At the end of the league, the officers had a huge banquet for us, lots of food and drinks. They made a show of handing out trophies and we loved it. Our team won Best Sportsman Award (which the officers provided). It was a big honor for us because the other bars voted for us, even though our team came in next to last.

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## **1988 National Shuffleboard Calendar**

**Oct. 14-15**

*Draw Tournaments  
Sports Arena Club, Houston, Texas*

**Oct. 22-23**

*1st Annual Octoberfest Masters  
Yakima Pub, Tacoma, Washington*

**Oct. 27-30\***

*4th Annual Colorado Open  
Holiday Inn, Denver, Colorado*

**Oct. 28-30**

*Annual Fall Tournament  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

**Oct. 29-30**

*Doubles, Singles  
Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan*

**Oct. 29**

*4th Annual Doubles  
First & Last Stop, Kendallville, Indiana*

**Nov. 5-6**

*Fall Doubles  
Harold's Lounge, Saginaw, Michigan*

**Nov. 11-13**

*2nd Anniversary Tournament  
Sports Arena Club, Houston, Texas*

**Nov. 25-26**

*Hoosier Holiday Happening  
Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana  
Town Tavern, Summitville, Indiana*

**November 24-27\***

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

**Dec. 30-Jan. 2**

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

**January 12-16\***

*PCSA Shuffleboard Extravaganza  
Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada*

**February**

*Annual Lafayette Inn/Board Talk Tourney  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

**March 17-20\***

*Great Arizona Open  
Phoenix, Arizona*

\*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour

## Notebook *(continued from Page 3)*

We will be playing again this year, and no, Gary, we are not envious of anyone. We are proud of our officers, our teams, and Tulsa.

Hattie Ortega, Tulsa, Oklahoma

*We had some concerns about printing Gary's letter because it was so critical. We did print it because the concerns he expressed sounded legitimate; no names were mentioned (we refuse to print criticism of specific people), and we felt sure that someone with a different viewpoint would respond. You did not disappoint us!*

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

The draw partner event was won by Al Pease and Lee DeBois of Rainier. Frank Monnarez of Portland and Roy Lembke of Bend finished second, with Jolene Lembke and Georjean Monnarez in third.

### Good Shooting at Beef's

Players from several states gathered at Beef's Shamrock Bar in Waterloo, Indiana, for his Labor Day tournament and treated spectators to a weekend of good shooting.

Winners of the draw partner event were Don Perry of New York and Jerry Siebert of Michigan. Phil McGrew of Michigan and Harvey Waldon of Tennessee took second place honors, with Jimmy Kumpula of Florida and John Tischler of Michigan in third place.

In a tough bring your partner event, Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana came out on top. Bobby Voorhis and Jerry (Radar) Warr of Indiana took second place, with Jerry Siebert and John Tischler of Michigan in third.

There was over \$3,000 in the two pots.

In other action, Jim Stockmaster and Terry Broka of Ohio took top honors in a draw doubles event, with Greg Broka of Ohio and Don Perry of New York in second place. In a singles event, Terry Broka was the winner, with Harvey Waldon in second, and Phil McGrew in third.

Beef extends a special thanks to Jerry Siebert for serving as auctioneer and John Tischler for prepping the boards.

### Cox/Waldman/Thumann Big Winners at Ace

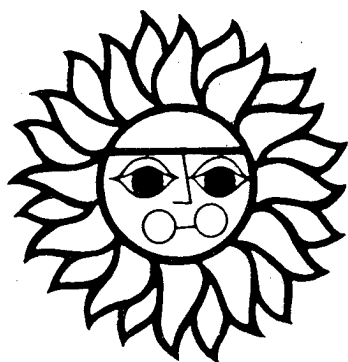
Thirty singles and 16 doubles teams competed for over \$40,000 at the Ace of Clubs annual Labor Day tournament, with the players' lists reading like "Who's Who in The World of Shuffleboard."

Don Cox of California earned top honors in the singles, with David Williams of Texas in second place. Glen Young of Arkansas finished third, with Rick Boyer of Texas in fourth place. John McDermott of Michigan and Howard Mouton of Texas tied for fifth place honors.

Eric Waldman and Fred Thumann of California were winners of the doubles event, with Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Leroy Ledford of California in second place. Glen Young and Don Cox finished third, with John McDermott and Jim Allis of Washington in fourth.

### Draws at Sports Arena, Houston, Oct. 14-15

The Sports Arena, 11528 W. Jones Rd., Houston, Texas, will host a \$10 draw and a \$20 draw tournament on Oct. 14-15. No auctions, single elimination, pays 60-30-10.

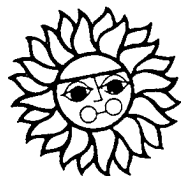


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**"Constant Action" Tourney at Lakeside, Oct. 29-30**

The Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Union Lake, Mich., will be the scene of a "constant action" tournament on Oct. 29-30.

Events will include a \$25 singles and a \$40 doubles. Auctions for both events will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Double elimination, first place trophy, with a door prize from Budweiser. There's a 16-team limit, so reserve your spot now.

For information, or to make your reservation, call Phil McGrew, tournament director, 313-681-8636, or 313-838-0588.

**1st Annual Octoberfest Masters, Yakima Pub, Oct. 22-23**

The Yakima Pub (formerly Larry and Ray's), 3822 S. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Washington, will host its 1st Annual Octoberfest Masters on Oct. 22-23. It will be a doubles tournament, \$30 per team entry fee, double elimination, with a 60-30-10 payoff -- plus the house is adding \$200 to the pot. Two boards.

The auction is scheduled for noon on the 22nd. A potluck is also on the agenda for the 22nd. Door prizes, too!

For information, contact tournament directors Jim Foran, 206-474-2724, or Clark Kenney, 206-472-5939.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard

establishment and plan now to welcome new owner Jim to The World of Shuffleboard.

**Colorado Open, Oct. 27-30, Denver**

Got your reservations made yet for this big one? If not, better do it now! The Colorado Open at the Holiday Inn in Denver, Colorado, will feature an open doubles, \$200 per team; open singles, \$150 per player; and a women's singles, \$75 per player. All events are 2 of 3 double elimination. The auctions for all events are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Oct. 26.

There will be six Playfair boards for participants with two reserved for the women's singles, which will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

You must be a registered guest at the Holiday Inn to participate if you are not a Denver resident. The Holiday is offering special rates of \$39 plus tax for tournament participants so be sure to tell them you are. Call 303-790-1421 to make your reservations. There is free transportation from the airport to the Holiday Inn from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

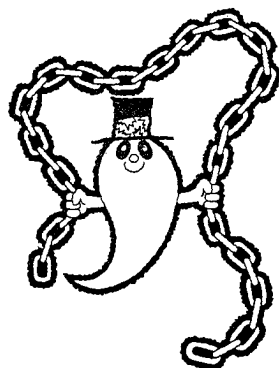
For information about the tournament, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666, or Jody Slack, 303-973-6529.

Please replace the flyer enclosed in last month's issue with the one enclosed, since there have been some changes.

**Fall Tournament, Lafayette Inn, Oct. 28-30**

The Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, Maryland, reports that all systems are go for their fall

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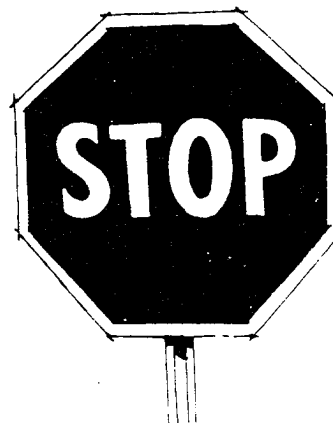
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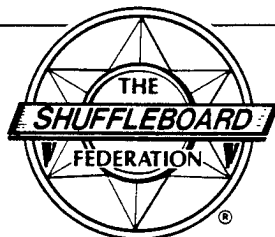
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The Federation is happy to report that we will be working with the PCSA on the upcoming Shuffleboard Extravaganza at the Showboat Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada in January.

The pro singles will be the kickoff event for the Federation's 1989 pro tour. Four additional boards will be provided by the Federation via American Shuffleboard Co., bringing the number of boards to 12.

Working together toward our common goals is what it is all about. The Federation was founded to help organize the efforts of everyone who is involved with and loves the game -- players, both pro and amateur, bar owners, manufacturers -- on the same team. The Board Talk has given us all a vehicle to coordinate these efforts and shuffleboard has come further these last few years than ever before. The momentum is on our side and we feel that shuffleboard is on the verge of achieving some long overdue recognition by corporate sponsors and the media.

The Federation is working diligently on our two main goals, a national amateur league and a sponsored professional tour. The pro plays across the country have an obligation to help the less experienced players. If you are a top player in your area, you can make a positive contribution. Help the amateur players in your area put together a team for the amateur team event in Las Vegas. Offer to work with them once a week for a couple of hours. Not only will you be helping the game continue to grow, but you may be surprised at how good it makes you feel.

### 1989 Tour

We will be finalizing our schedule for the 1989 tour in the next two months. There are a limited number of openings and if you are interested in hosting an event, or would like The Federation to help you promote an event in your area, contact us now. We are happy to report that the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, has been added to the 1989 schedule.

### Point Standings

The point standings race has tightened up considerably. The top 10 players will be recognized at the end of the year for their efforts, but many more players in addition to the top 10 will benefit. There has been some interest shown by a potential sponsor and we are confident that by 1990 we will secure a sponsor for the tour. Don't forget that doubles tournaments will also earn points. The Federation and the Player Policy Board are hoping to receive some input on this subject. Please write us with your ideas on doubles points and any suggestions on how to improve our current format for the singles.

### POINT STANDINGS

1. Darrol Nelson (5)	Springfield, Oregon	560
2. Donny Cox (4)	Sacramento, California	427
3. John McDermott (5)	Southfield, Michigan	416
4. Glen Davidson (5)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	404
5. Howard Mouton (5)	Houston, Texas	325
6. David Williams (4)	Fort Worth, Texas	324
7. Bobby Voorhis (5)	Fairmount, Indiana	276
8. Glen Young (4)	Hot Springs, Arkansas	275
9. Bill Melton (3)	Davis, Oklahoma	253
10. Eric Waldman (5)	Boseman, Montana	252
11. Earl Kelly (4)	Dallas, Texas	226
12. Jim Allis (5)	Seattle, Washington	208
13. Billy Mays (3)	Dallas, Texas	199
14. Hal Perry (5)	Sacramento, California	180
15. John Myles (5)	Livonia, Michigan	165
16. Sam Summers (4)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	153
17. Karl Spickelmier (4)	Malibu Beach, California	144
18. Chris Danke (4)	Huntington Beach, California	143
19. Bill Maxwell (2)	Los Angeles, California	141
20. Fred Thumann (4)	Auburn, California	136
21. Billy Chiles (3)	Highland, California	127
22. Ramone Bolger (3)	Houston, Texas	127
23. Leroy Ledford (3)	Yuba City, California	124
24. Arky Warren (2)	Sacramento, California	118
25. Jim DeWitt (2)	Redkey, Indiana	112

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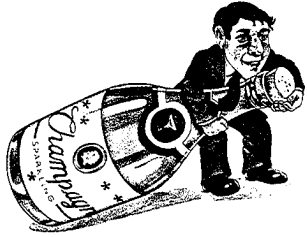
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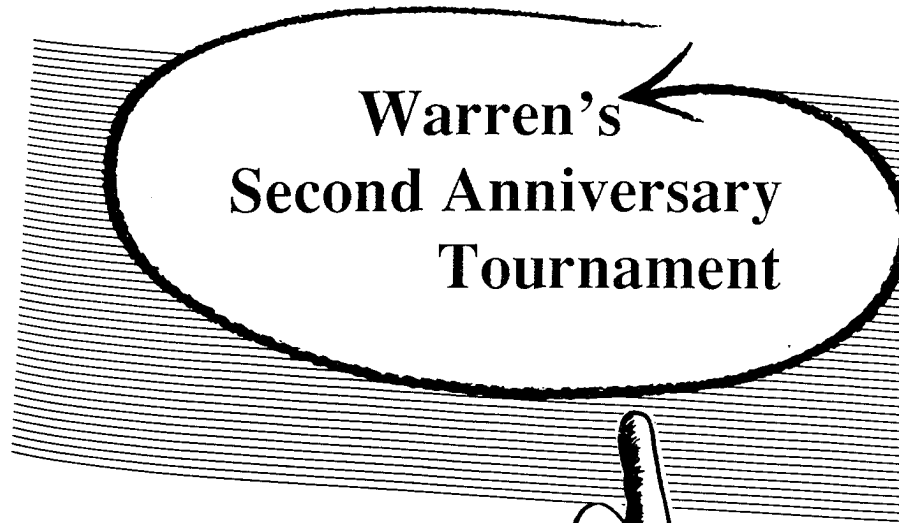
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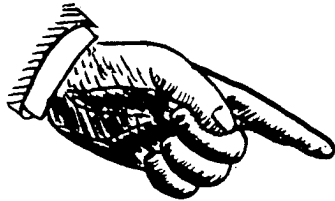


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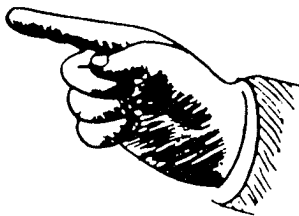
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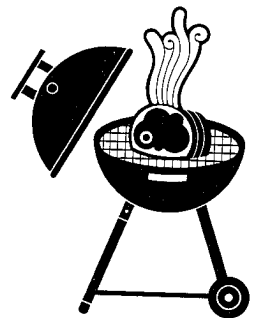


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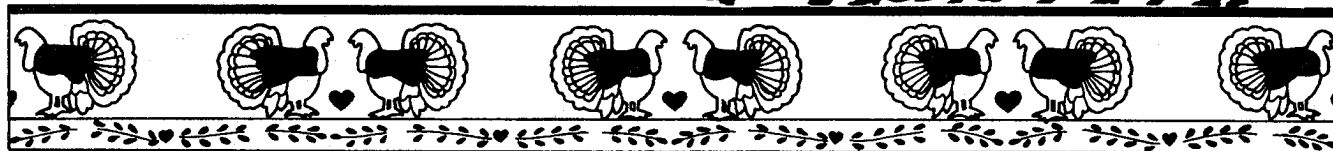
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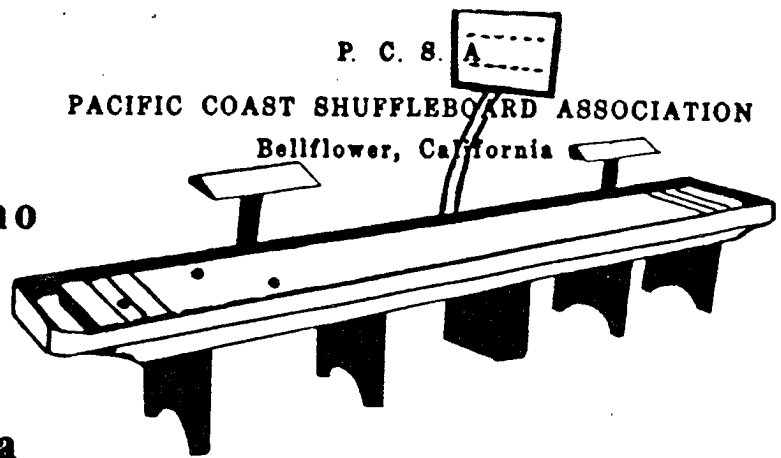
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*P.C.S.A. representatives returning from tournaments in different regions of the country are happy to report that interest in the Las Vegas Tournament is running very high. P.C.S.A. representatives also report that the most frequently asked question is, "WHAT IS P.C.S.A.'s DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR?"*

*That question is perhaps best answered by attempting to define "Who is not an amateur." After much thought and discussion, P.C.S.A. representatives have agreed that the following criteria will be used to determine Amateur Event eligibility:*

- 1. If a player has finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any major tournament Open Singles Event during the past three (3) years, that player is not an amateur.*
- 2. If a player has finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any major tournament Open Doubles Event two (2) or more times during the past three (3) years, that player is not an amateur.*
- 3. If a player has accumulated more than one-hundred (100) points in the Federation's 1988 Pro Singles Tour Point Standings, that player is not an amateur.*
- 4. Players who do not fall into either of the three (3) categories above but who are consistently competitive against top-level players will also be declared to be ineligible for the Amateur Team Event.*

*P.C.S.A. recognizes that Eligibility Rule No. 4 poses the most difficulty in as much as a number of players will or may be borderline. P.C.S.A.'s decision, after consultation with pro players from different regions, will be final.*

*It is imperative that the Amateur Team Event Rosters be submitted by the Thursday, December 15, 1988 deadline to allow P.C.S.A. sufficient time to determine "amateur" status of all players on all rosters. If P.C.S.A. determines that any given player is ineligible for the Amateur Team Event, the captain of that team will be immediately notified by telephone, followed by written confirmation of P.C.S.A.'s decision.*

*With everyone's cooperation, the Amateur Team Event could prove to be one of the more exciting events of the Tournament. P.C.S.A. respectfully asks for everyone's cooperation and understanding.*

*Finally, P.C.S.A. is proud to announce that the Federation has pledged its support to the Shuffleboard Extravaganza and will be providing four (4) additional shuffleboards for the Tournament.*

## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 5)*

tournament on Oct. 28-30. This big one was listed on their 1988-89 tournament schedule flyer in the August issue so you should already have it marked on your calendars.

Action will start on Friday night with a \$10 draw, limited to 36 entries. The women's singles is scheduled for Saturday morning, \$10 entry, 16 entry limit. On Saturday afternoon, the bring your partner tournament starts, \$25 per team entry, limited to 40 entries. The open singles is scheduled for Sunday, \$25 per player, limited to 30 entries. Auction for each event, single game double elimination.

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This one fills up well in advance so get your reservations in now. Call Dick Gorman, tournament director, 302-994-0004, or Pat & Nelson Renzo at the Lafayette Inn, 301-658-9075.

### 4th Annual Doubles, First & Last, Oct. 29

The First & Last Stop in Kendallville, Indiana, will host its 4th Annual Doubles Tournament on Oct. 29. \$20 entry fee, single elimination, short board rules. Auction starts at 2 p.m., but the doors open at 9 a.m. so you can get plenty of practice.

For information, call Pat at 219-347-9975. See ad in this

issue and plan to participate.

### Fall Doubles, Harold's Lounge, Saginaw, Nov. 5-6

A bring-your-partner tournament, \$40 per team entry fee, will be held at Harold's Lounge, 4030 Dixie Hwy., Saginaw, Mich. on Nov. 5-6. Double elimination on two boards, pays three places. Auction at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 with play immediately following. You must be signed up and paid by 9:30 a.m.

Come early! There will be action all week prior to the tourney with both boards open. On Friday night, there will be a draw partner, single elimination event. There's also a fish fry on Friday night.

Lots of lodging nearby. See the enclosed flyer for information.

For information on the tourney, call Dale DeWaard at 517-777-6280 or 517-777-4910.

See the ad in this issue, plan to participate, and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment so others will know about this tourney.

### 2nd Anniversary Tourney, Sports Arena, Nov. 11-13

Celebrate Warme Faulk's second anniversary at the Sports Arena Club, 11528 W. Jones Rd., Houston, Texas, on Nov. 11-13.

Action will start on Friday night with a \$50 blind draw. A \$200 bring your partner event is scheduled for Saturday with a \$75 singles on Sunday. Auctions for each event, double elimination, pays 60-30-10. Free barbecue on Sunday!

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## FALL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT NOV. 5-6

**\$40 per Team - Double Elimination - 2 Boards**

**Auction at 10 a.m., Nov. 5 - Play immediately following**

**All entries must be signed up and paid by 9:30 a.m.**

**Draw Partner, single elimination event Friday night, Nov. 4**

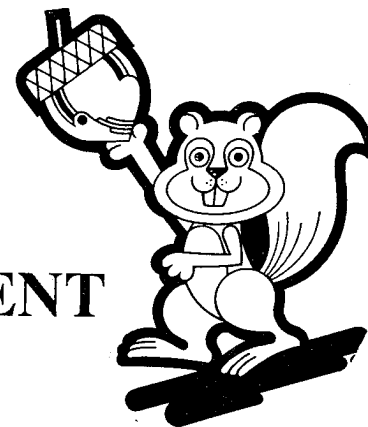
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**See flyer for lodging information**

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**Your Host: Dale DeWaard**



## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 7)*

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and make plans to participate in this big one.

### Hoosier Holiday Happening, Nov. 25-26

The Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana, and the Town Tavern in Summitville, will co-host a Hoosier Holiday Happening over the Thanksgiving weekend.

On Friday, Nov. 25, the Voorhis family will host a doubles tournament, \$50 per team entry fee. Three boards, single game double elimination. The auction will be held at noon, with play immediately following. For information, call 317-948-9102.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, the Town Tavern at Summitville, just a short distance from the Palace Bar, will host a singles tourney. \$50 entry fee, single game single elimination, on one board. Auction at noon. For information, call 317-536-2150.

### Al Stewart's Annual Turkey Day Tourney, Stagger Inn

Al Stewart's A & M Amusement Service Stagger Inn's 4th Annual Turkey Day Tournament will be held on Nov. 24-27 in Bellflower, California. This big tourney has been added to The Shuffleboard Federation's pro tour.

Entry fee for the doubles is \$250 per team; singles \$150 per player. The auction for both events will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 25. But come early! The Stagger Inn will serve a

FREE turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day for players and guests.

For information, call Ray Hogan at 213-866-0900. Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment and spread the word about this first-class tourney.

### PCSA Tourney, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 12-16

You should be making plans now for the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Shuffleboard Extravaganza at the Showboat in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Jan. 12-16. Events include an open singles, women's singles, 8-member amateur team event, and an open doubles.

There's been a lot of interest in most parts of the U.S. in the amateur team event, and included in this issue is a message from the PCSA defining just what an amateur is. Use that as a guideline in putting your team together and use the enclosed reservation form to hold your spot.

For information, call Joe Muniz, 213-926-3714, or Lou Lusero, 213-830-7600, Ext. 361, or 213-513-6486.

Share the enclosed flyers with your fellow shufflers.

### Great Arizona Open, March 17-20

A new home, six new Playfair boards and Shuffleboard Federation pro tour status are among the features of the second annual Great Arizona Open, March 17-20. Events will include a \$50 women's singles, \$100 open singles, and \$200 open doubles, paying six places.

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**\$10 Draw Partner**

**\$20 Draw Partner**

**Oct. 14-15**

**No Auctions**

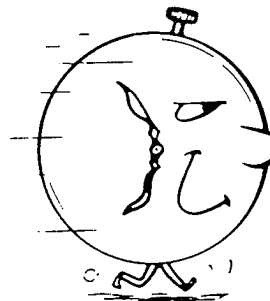
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## Constant Action

### Tourney

**Oct. 29-30**

**Open Singles - \$25**

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**Double Elimination**

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At the first Arizona Open last March, 46 players from 11 states participated and more are expected this year.

Watch future issues of The Board Talk for more details. In the meantime, mark your 1989 calendars for this biggie.

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9. Sam Sweatt, OK
10. Janet Cook, TX

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*Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii*

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5. Hal Perry, WA
6. Al Pease, WA
7. Bill Maxwell, CA
8. Karl Spickelmier, CA
9. Fred Thumann, CA
10. Leroy Ledford, CA

**WOMEN: Nationwide**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Diana Hagen, TX    | 6. Debbie Somers, IN  |
| 2. Chris Danke, CA    | 7. Cheryl Collins, MI |
| 3. Janet Cook, TX     | 8. Fritz Broka, OH    |
| 4. Brenda Moore, TX   | 9. Rita Yank, PA      |
| 5. Peggy Richards, AR | 10. Ruth Miles, OR    |

*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 tournaments, 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.*

**NOTICE**

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# INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Welcome one and all to the 1988-89 Interlakes Shuffleboard League. This year there are 16 men's teams and 10 women's teams competing. Again, as last year, Budweiser will be sponsoring. They've shown a deeper commitment this year which will be appreciated by both players and tavern owners. Perhaps other leagues across the country can benefit from this arrangement.

This year at our kick-off league meeting, we received a nice speech from Joe Falvey of The Shuffleboard Federation commending us for acquiring a major sponsor and wishing us luck for continued success.

The women's league opens fire on Sept. 27 with the men's league following on the 29th. The men's league has split in geographic half this year to cut down on travel. A Grievance Committee for both leagues has been established involving five separate bars (one person per bar) which will hear problems and suggest rule changes where appropriate.

The participating bars and league officials are as follows:

## Men's League

President: Frank Daichend  
Vice President: Gordie Collins  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Morgan

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Wagon Wheel I   | 9. Catalina Lanes   |
| 2. Wagon Wheel II  | 10. Liberty         |
| 3. Lakeside I      | 11. O'Brady's       |
| 4. Lakeside II     | 12. Richard's       |
| 5. Majestic        | 13. Prue's Bar      |
| 6. Victor's        | 14. Bob and Elmer's |
| 7. Oxbow Roadhouse | 15. The Boat Bar    |
| 8. Bachelor's      | 16. Dillinger's     |

## Women's League

President: Janet Shannon  
Vice President: Elly Canterbury  
Secretary/Treasurer: Cheryl Collins  
Alternate: Jamie Kay

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Lakeside I     | 6. Bachelor's    |
| 2. Lakeside II    | 7. Liberty       |
| 3. Wagon Wheel I  | 8. Majestic      |
| 4. Wagon Wheel II | 9. O'Brady's     |
| 5. Victor's Cafe  | 10. The Boat Bar |

A special welcome for newcomers: Boat Bar of Ortonville; Dillinger's of Oxford/Orion; and Richard's of Pontiac.

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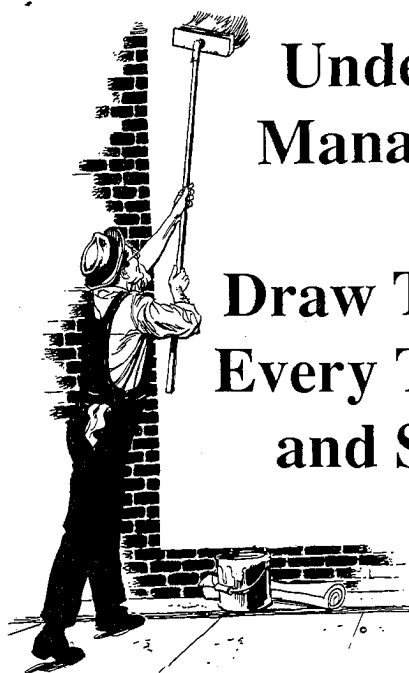
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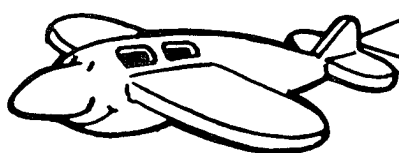


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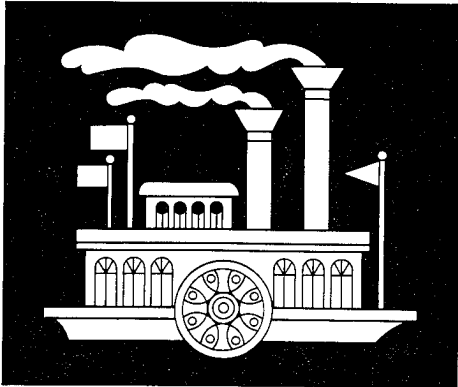
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The organizers of the Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas in January tell us they've received indications of great interest in their amateur event from all sections of the country except the East. They recognize this as a big void. They know, from Board Talk reports, that the sport is "hot" in that area of the U.S.A. and they feel the event would be less than their goal if players from there do not participate.

**The Board Talk**  
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We applaud the PCSA for defining just exactly what an amateur is (see flyer in this issue) and encourage all of you who meet that criteria to consider participation in this tournament. It's the closest we've come, in a lot of years, to see how players from across the nation compete against each other. And -- think of the fellowship involved -- win, lose or draw! It's an opportunity to cement the network that we've started.

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