

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Nobody feels more joy about the good things or agonizes more about the bad things that happen at a tournament than the hosts who have invited The World of Shuffleboard to their event. Following one of the "bad" events at our recent tournament, when our palms were sweating and our hearts were sinking down to our churning stomachs, someone asked, "Do you suppose the pioneers in organized golf and bowling went through these growing pains?" To which some wise man, bless his heart, responded, "But of course they did. Nothing good comes without some pain."

A greater than expected number of the shuffleboard family turned out for our reunion. More space would have made it more comfortable for players and spectators and more boards would have kept the events on schedule. (We and The Shuffleboard Federation and Playfair Shuffleboard Company have already addressed these problems for next year.) We sort of felt, this year, like the kid who puts on last year's pants and finds them six inches above his ankles! At Shuffleboard Federation pro-tour tournaments now, a few key officials are paid an honorarium and we applaud that as a big step forward. The first couple years, we took up a collection from the players to show appreciation for the time and effort the officials, auctioneers and other helpers invested in our tournaments. We were embarrassed to give those skinny envelopes to them! Winners who automatically take something off the top of their pots for a "tip" to those who worked night and day are few and far between. Shufflers are great people, but they're also among the most critical and hardest to satisfy. Officials and directors are more often verbally abused than they are praised. They deserve to be compensated and we're glad that has been recognized.

Proper officiating is extremely important in a tournament. The ideal scenario would be to have a bracketeer/director who doesn't play or drink and is willing to take all manner of abuse and work long hours for a pittance (bless you, Rob Kern!) and a crew of officials with the same qualifications, dressed in black and white striped shirts so everyone would know who to holler at. If anyone has those qualifications and is interested in the job, we're taking applications.

The majority of the workers at our tournament are still unpaid volunteers and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts! There are very few from our vast World of Shuffleboard who know the behind the scenes work involved in staging a big tournament. For example, there's no magic wand

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Tourney Talk

Anderson/Lampley Win Acme Nationals

The pucks slid into action Saturday afternoon, June 17, with a 22-team roster and over \$3,000 in prize money at the Acme Nationals '89 in Tacoma, Washington. "The competition was fearsome because the teams with little tournament experience were dedicated house players familiar with the nooks and hooks of both boards," reported Michelle Foran. "As Jimmy Allis so honestly put it, any team entered in this particular tournament has the skill to win."

He soon found that out. Loren Lampley and Nels Anderson, both from Shelton, Washington, took first place, leaving behind the awesome team of Jimmy Allis and Steve Brazier, both from Seattle. "It is a true pleasure to watch such talented players perform their magic on the boards," Michelle said. "It is also fun to compare your own strategies with such great players to see how you stack up."

Jimmy and Steve took second place, with Fred Johns and Dick Henley of Longview, Washington, in third. Fourth place went to a mixed team out of Spokane, Rose White and Bob Shirley.

Michelle reports that everyone seemed to have a great time at the well-organized tournament. "Nancy Hiller, the owner, did an excellent job of extending herself to the players and her help was unbelievable. The bartenders were so courteous and efficient, you never had a chance to ask for service; they were always there asking you. So a special thank you to Bob Sharbutt, John Massey, Greg Haney, Billy and Gus Gustelum, Brad Malone, Kelly Grubbs and Ed (Pineapple) Kaleikini from all the players and spectators.

"The potluck was delicious, as usual, because Bill Ketron is an excellent cook. He barbecued up a pile-o-chicken that melted in your mouth and sent the roosters-a-crowin'. Along with that was a heap of barbecued ribs and many salads, beans and garlic bread. What a feast! Nice job, Bill."

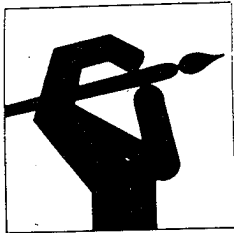
Ron Wicks from Tacoma donated a sportsmanship trophy in honor and remembrance of a well-loved shuffleboard player, Marty Melike. This special award was won by Cory Bisson from Tacoma, one of the tournament directors. This trophy will travel to tournaments in the Northwest to be shared by many.

"The Acme Nationals is becoming one of the better tournaments in the area and getting better every year. Hope to see more new faces next year," said Michelle.

McFarland/Allis/Waldman Win at Ted Z's

Gregg McFarland of Orange, Calif., came out ahead of a field of 21 entries in the singles at Ted Z's annual 4th of July tournament at the Best Little Warehouse, Temecula, Calif. Sparky Sparkman took second place honors with Karl Spickelmier in third. Jim Allis came from Washington to take fourth place. Bill Gibbs of Arizona and Little Bobby Thomas shared

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Glen Wants to Know

This is one of the over-the-hill gang, Glen Davidson, in good old 110 degree California. I have been shooting so bad that I just took off a couple months to rest up, but I will be at Marysville on Labor Day. I'm sure that will scare everyone.

Congratulations to Eric Waldman and Jim Allis for taking first place at Ted Z's in Temecula, and to Karl Spickelmier and Ted for second. A special congratulations go to Gregg McFarland for first in the singles, a first for him, a young player whose time has come. He is one of the players that I put on my list of players to watch.

I have been attending tourneys for 20 years or more and the more I watch, the more I want to know why it is that when the finals start in these tourneys, all the boards are closed, even boards that are on the other side of the room, four, five or six boards away. I know that, to a point, it shows respect to the players that are in the finals, but there are some players who drive 1,000 miles or fly two to three thousand miles to get to a tourney. They lose out the first two matches, then they are forced to sit and watch for a day and a half and never get a chance to make expenses. Most of the players I know could care less if someone else is playing even the board next to them.

Why doesn't someone start thinking about the players and take a vote on this. I have talked to a lot of players that do agree with me, as long as the action is not on the board next to the finals board. If I'm in the finals, I just as soon someone else is playing and having a little fun for their money. I'm sure this does not include everyone, but it includes a lot of people. Let's get with the program. If you're running a tourney, why don't you think of the people who make the tournament? Take a vote. Remember, the players are the tournament, the show, the main body. Without them, there's nothing. Get with it, tournament directors -- be different. Do something for the players or forget shuffleboard.

Congratulations to Bill Melton for a great year of top shuffleboard. He deserves it and so does Rozanne.

Glen Davidson, N. Highlands, California

During our recent tournament, we allowed play on open boards. We're not aware of such restrictions at other tournaments.

Our Poet Kathy Waxes Eloquent Again

The party is over and the fireworks have ended,
But this is no time to sit down and cry,
'Cause the action was great and the turnout was splendid
At the Board Talk's 5th Annual held the 4th of July.

Once again, George and Donna were the World's Finest Hosts. We thank them again for the love they display. So, let's raise up our glasses and give them a toast For the time and dedication they exhibit each day.

This year's tourney winners were a list of Who's Who, With the Michiganders ad Texans taking home the most cash. But even the losers weren't singing the blues 'Cause they're all coming back for next year's bash.

So when '90 rolls in, come on out; join the fun,
Get your name on the top of the next winner's list.
'Cause the Board Talk Reunion has just begun
And it's definitely a party that shouldn't be missed.

Thanks again for a great tourney!

Kathy Broka, Toledo, Ohio

Your kind words soothe our tired and anxious hearts, Kathy. We hope they will all come back for next year's bash. We promise it will be the best yet. Thank you, too, for being a great auctioneer as well as a great poet!

STEWART BENEFIT FUND ESTABLISHED

West Coast shufflers have launched a fund-raising drive to help Al and Von Stewart pay medical bills which accumulated from Al's accident and Von's massive heart attack and subsequent triple by-pass surgery. Two benefit tournaments are scheduled, one on August 19 in Orange County, Calif. and the other on Aug. 26 in Bellflower, Calif. (See enclosed flyer for details.) But even if you cannot travel to California to participate in the tourneys, you can make a contribution to the fund. Make your checks payable to the Al Stewart Fund and send it to Lou Lusero, 22011 Hansom Ave., Carson, CA 90745 or the P.C.S.A., P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706.

"Ten of us met on a Wednesday night to talk about what we could do to help Al and Von," reports Lou. "On Thursday, we put a flyer together and on Friday, we distributed 200 copies. We've got about 40 people working on it. Everybody is pitching in and they're excited about it. You just can't believe the response we've been getting. One guy gave \$100 and didn't even know Al."

Lou said area businesses have donated a TV set, watches, dinners at various restaurants, in addition to money. A limousine service has offered to pick Al up and take him to the Bellflower tournament where a check from the proceeds of the two tourneys will be presented to him. The remaining contributions will be presented to the Stewarts at the January Las Vegas tournament. An honor roll of businesses and individuals who contribute to the fund will be printed in a future issue of The Board Talk.

Your Board Talk publishers heartily endorse this effort and encourage you to respond. Whether or not you know the Stewarts, we assure you this outpouring of compassion from The World of Shuffleboard couldn't happen to two finer people!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHUFFLE SHOE IS?

Few shufflers know what Shuffle Shoe is, according to Phil Heinzman, owner of D.J.'s in Warsaw, Indiana. He recently purchased a 22 foot Valley board in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. It looks like an ordinary shuffleboard except it has a couple of steel pegs, 16 inches from each end of the board. And the "pucks" (5 of them came with the board) are shaped like small horseshoes. They're about 2-1/2" by 1-1/4" by 3" in size and have the words "Shuffle Shoe" on them.

Valley has been out of the shuffleboard business for a number of years. Sol Lipkin of the American Shuffleboard Company vaguely remembers that the game existed, probably in the early to mid-1940s.

If you have any knowledge or information about this unique form of shuffleboard, would you please write to The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. We'll pass the information on to Phil and to our readers, who must be as curious as we are about this piece of shuffleboard history.

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that makes those boards appear and disappear again -- just plain sweat and muscle strain. We've yet to find a good witch who can twitch her nose and make all the entry and auction monies balance out and swish them into the proper envelopes for winners. It still takes sharp, trustworthy people to do that chore. Certainly, love of the game is the only thing that keeps them from being at the tournament instead of sailing, swimming, or just soaking in the 4th of July sunshine. We'd also like to thank The Shuffleboard Federation and Playfair Shuffleboard Company for their valued contributions to the tournament. They, like us, make major investments to make it a success and the only reward we receive is good will (we hope).

Glen Davidson reminds us in his letter (See Shufflers Notebook) that it's the players who make the game and we certainly don't argue with that. However, particularly during shuffleboard's "growing pains," we believe players have a responsibility to put something back into the game that brings them so much enjoyment. They can help improve the sport and make it what we all want it to be -- by sharing constructive ideas with the Player Policy Board, by helping beginning players improve their game, by offering their help to tournament organizers, by playing a role in establishing amateur leagues. Remember TINSTAAFL -- "There is no such thing as a free lunch."

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

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FOUND: A set of keys on a scantily-clad women's figure key chain at the Board Talk tournament in the Holiday Inn, Lansing. If they're yours, call 517-371-2538 and we'll send them to you.

1989 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Aug. 4-6

*Doubles Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

***Aug. 10-14**

*U.S. Open
Holiday Inn Town Lake, Austin, Texas*

Aug. 19

*Stewart Benefit Tournament
Orange County, California*

Aug. 26

*Stewart Benefit
Bellflower, California*

***Aug. 31-Sept. 4**

*East Coast Extravaganza
Holiday Inn Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Pa.*

Sept. 22-24

*Coors Open
Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York*

Sept. 22-24

*Open Singles
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

***Oct. 4-8**

*Budweiser-Nebraska Open
Holiday Inn Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska*

***Oct. 18-22**

*4th Annual Colorado Open
Holiday Inn Denver-West, Golden, Colorado*

***Nov. 9-12**

*Springfield Shuffleboard Shootout
Holiday Inn South, Springfield, Illinois*

***November**

6th Annual State of Michigan Championships

January 1990

*2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza
Showboat Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada*

***February 1990**

*5th Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza & State of Texas Amateur Championships
Dallas-Fort Worth Area*

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

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fifth and sixth spots. Jim Allis teamed up with Eric Waldman of Montana to take the doubles title, with Karl Spickelmier and host Ted Z in second place. Billy Chiles and Gregg McFarland finished a valiant third, with Sparky Sparkman and Troy Tolbert in fourth. Chris Danke and Joe Muniz, Bobby Thomas and John Mollett finished fifth and sixth.

The total pot was \$16,000.

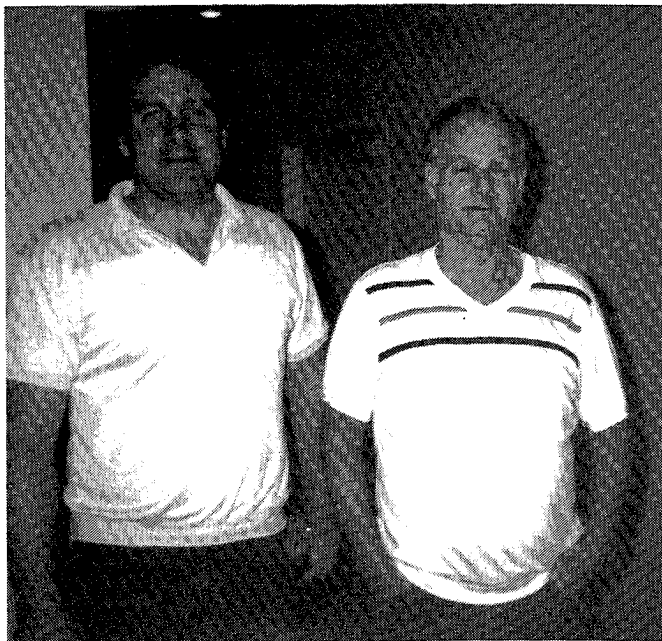
Overflow Crowd at Board Talk's Reunion Tourney

Players from 18 states gathered at the Holiday Inn, Lansing, over the 4th of July weekend for the 5th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. Total pot for the four-event tourney was over \$27,000.

An unprecedented 40 players gave spectators a show in the men's singles, with five states represented by the top six finalists. John McDermott of Michigan took top honors, with Bobby Voorhis of Indiana in second place. Neil Fetter of Michigan finished third, Tony Howard of Texas took fourth place, and Dick Losee of New York and Denny Busch of Nebraska were fifth and sixth.

Top-ranked Diana Hagen of Texas displayed her winning skills, coming out on top of a field of 18 in the women's singles. The tough-playing Fritzzy Broka of Ohio gave Diana a run for her money to take second place honors. Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska showed how they do it in the cornhusker state and took home the third place purse. Marie Sweeney of Michigan rounded out the winners' circle in this event.

Twenty-six teams fought for a share of the open doubles pot, with Texans Earl Kelly and Frank Blade capturing the title. John McDermott teamed up with veteran Mickey Mickens of New Jersey to take second place. Bobby V and Gordie Collins of Michigan finished third, with Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana in fourth. Dick Losee and Milt Benedict of New York and Terry and Buddy Broka of Ohio took fifth and sixth places.



Tough Texans Frank Blade and Earl Kelly came out from a field of 26 teams to take the open doubles title.

Rick Boyer of Texas/Michigan and Marie Sweeney of Michigan beat out 18 other teams in the mixed doubles event. Buddy and Fritzzy Broka of Ohio took second place honors with Bobby V and Deb Somers of Indiana in third. Sue Spack and Tom Meagher of Michigan finished in fourth place.



Marie Sweeney of Michigan gives her mixed doubles partner, Rick Boyer, a big victory hug after their win.

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Shuffleboard Sweepstakes

Sept. 16

Doubles: \$30 per team

(Bar donates \$100 if 18 or more teams are entered)

2 Boards — Double Elimination

Auction at Noon
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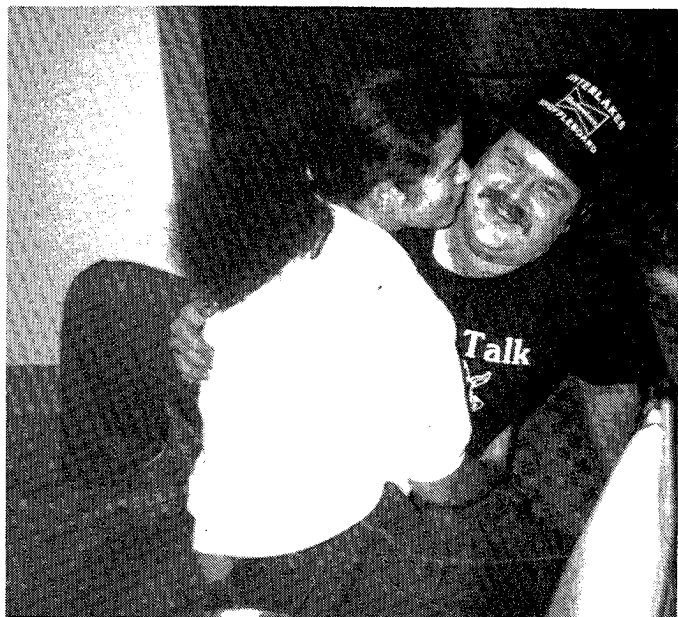
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An exhausted Tournament Director/Chief Bracketeer Rob Kern receives some first-aid from wife Cassie after he collapsed at tourney's end.



Tony Howard gets a salute from Board Talk editor George Wilber for giving his afghan to Diana Hagen.

In a raffle for Al and Von Stewart of California, the name on the winning ticket for the hand-crocheted afghan donated by Betty Ruona of Michigan, was Tony Howard of Texas. Knowing how Diana Hagen admired the lovely white and pastel colored afghan, Tony gave it to her, saying "I'm better off with my old Army blanket. I'd probably spill beer on that beautiful cover!" Trudy Broka of Ohio also contributed a hand-made wreath for the worthy cause. The name drawn was a member of the Broka family, who gallantly said to draw again. This time the name drawn was Von Stewart; her name put on a big batch of tickets purchased by The Shuffleboard Federation. So the box containing the wreath, a money order from the raffle, and a good deal of love from throughout the World of Shuffleboard, was wrapped up and sent off to California.

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Coors

Benedict's Coors Open Shuffleboard Tournament SEPTEMBER 22-24

THREE ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT ON FIVE BOARDS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 – DRAW PARTNERS

- Drawing and bidding 7 p.m.
- Entry fee - \$10 per person
- Limit first 48 sign-ups
- Prizes to first 3 places

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 – BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER

- Drawing and bidding 7 p.m.
- Entry fee - \$25 per team
- Limit first 42 teams
- Prizes to first 4 places

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 – OPEN SINGLES

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- Prizes to first 4 places

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TOURNAMENT NO. 1

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August 18-19, 1989 at the Covered Wagon, 406 S. Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, California

Friday, August 18: registration taken until 8 p.m. – round robins all day – horse race window open from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (horse race pool to be paid back to participants)

Saturday, August 19: play starts at 8 a.m.

TOURNAMENT NO. 2

Los Angeles County Benefit Bash

August 25-26, 1989 at the Peanut House, 9024 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower, California

Friday, August 25: registration taken until 8 p.m. – round robins all day – horse race window open from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (horse race pool to be paid back to participants)

Saturday, August 26: play starts at 8 a.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BARBEQUE: \$5.00/Person (All proceeds go to the "AL STEWART FUND")

RAFFLE

Door prizes will be raffled off at both tournaments. The grand prize at the Covered Wagon will be a 13" color television. The grand prize at the Peanut House will be a compact disc player. There will be many other prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Again, all proceeds go to the "AL STEWART FUND."

PLEASE NOTE: These tournaments are separate. The entry fee is \$25.00 for each tournament. Come join in the fun while helping a fine man!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Lou Lusero: (213) 513-6486

Joe Muniz: (213) 926-3714

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Home Town Team Wins Corporate Image Challenge

The "home town" team of David, Bonnie and Bobby Williams, J. D. Sweet, Bill Wooldridge, Don Parker, Sandy Jenkins and Richard Steinsels won the 8-person team challenge at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth, Texas, July 14-16. Alternate was Sam Height.

Earl Kelly of Dallas came home all charged up from his doubles win at the Board Talk Tourney in Michigan to lead his team to a second place finish. His team members included Don Reeves, Evelyn Harris, Steve Burkett, Brenda Barton, George Davis, Terry Yingst, and Larry Cambrey.

Tischler/Myles/McGrew/Crane Win at Dillinger's

John Tischler and John Myles topped the field of 22 teams in the open doubles tournament at Dillinger's Saloon in Oxford, Mich., on July 15-16. Taking second place honors were Dick Keener and Bill Canterbury. Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers of Indiana came to town to capture third place.

In the mixed doubles event, 13 teams vied for honors and a share of the pot. Phil McGrew and Gail Crane were winners with Marie Sweeney and Rick Boyer repeating their winning ways (Board Talk tourney mixed doubles title holders) to take second place. Bernie Sunde and Val Borja finished third, with Sue Spack and Tom Meagher in fourth. Sue and Tom also finished fourth in the Board Talk mixed doubles event.

East Coast Extravaganza, Aug. 31-Sept. 4

The Shuffleboard Federation and the American Shuffleboard Company are joining forces with shuffleboard

promoters from the east to bring you the 1st East Coast Extravaganza over the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Six big events are on the schedule: an open singles, \$100 entry fee, limit 32 players; a women's singles, \$50 entry, limit 24; an open doubles, \$200 per team, limit 32 teams; a mixed doubles draw partners, \$25 entry fee; and an amateur team event, \$300 per team, limited to 12 teams.

In the amateur team event, there will be a maximum of eight players. Each team must have at least two women and may have one "A" player. If you play in the team event, you are not eligible for any of the other events. All rosters are subject to approval and must be submitted by Aug. 25.

Use the reservation form on the enclosed flyer to reserve your spot.

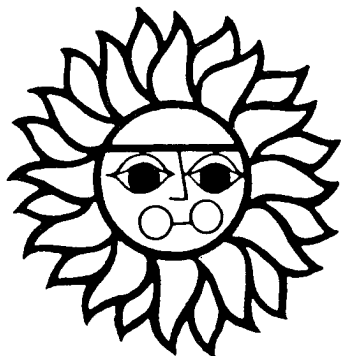
Room rates at the Holiday are \$55 per night, tax included, for one to four people. The hotel has a number of attractions for the family including volleyball, basketball, swimming, horseshoe pits and a playground. To make your room reservations, call 717-697-0321.

For information regarding the tournament, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

Benedict's Coors Open, Sept. 22-24

The Benedict family invites you to their Coors Open Tournament on Sept. 22-24 in Sherburne, New York. Three one-day tourneys are on the agenda: a draw partner, entry fee, \$10 per person, limited to the first 48 sign-ups; a bring your own partner, \$25 per team, limited to 42 teams; and an open

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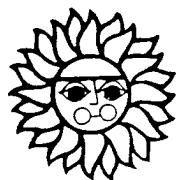


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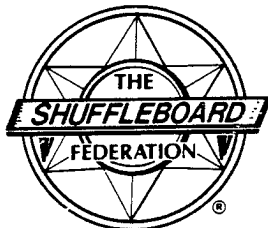
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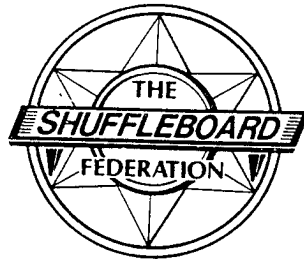
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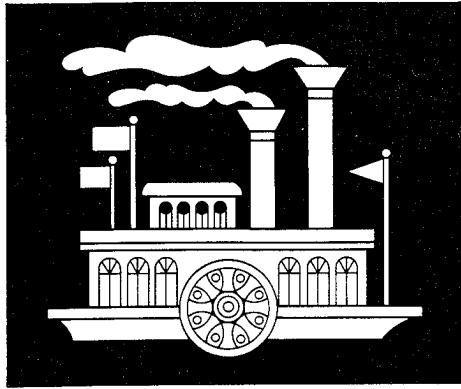
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8-Member Amateur Team Event: \$380 entry fee, includes P.C.S.A. membership fee
of \$80 per team.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts, men players entered in the team event will not be able to participate in any other event. Women players in the team event will also be able to participate in the Women's Singles event. No other exceptions will be permitted.

Players will be assessed the \$10 P.C.S.A. membership fee one time only, regardless of number of events entered.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room rates are \$36 per night, double occupancy. Reservation forms will appear in future issues of The Board Talk.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, Dec. 1, 1989

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Feb. 11, '90	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles Tournament

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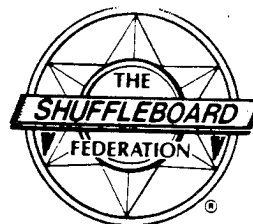
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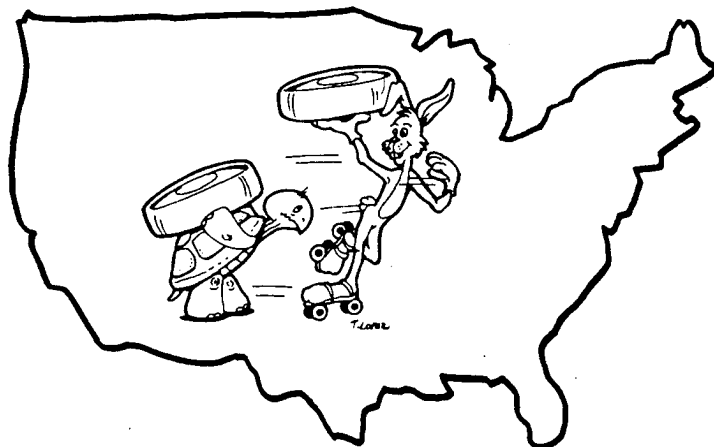
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Who's Who in The World of Shuffleboard:

NEBRASKA COUPLE MAKING MARK IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CIRCLES

Board Talk subscribers first read about Denny Busch of Omaha, Nebraska, when he earned a new set of weights by signing up 25 new subscribers for the fledgling publication, putting his state on the national "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." map. Since then, his name and that of Gwynette Orsi have appeared as winners in local Omaha/Lincoln tourneys. Then Denny and his partner earned recognition as winners of the bring partners event at the big 3rd Annual Arbuckle Open in Oklahoma, over the Memorial Day weekend. He also finished fourth in the men's singles. That successful step out of hometown circles into national competition put him on the "tournament trail."

There were few people at The Board Talk's 5th Annual Shufflers' Reunion Tournament over the 4th of July weekend who knew the friendly, attractive young couple from Nebraska. But it didn't take long for them to gain respect for their skill on the boards. In the final tally, the relative unknowns had become known. Denny tied for fifth and sixth in the 40-player field in the men's singles, and Gwynette took third in the women's singles.



Denny Busch and Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska are confident the future of shuffleboard is bright.

Denny, a refrigeration technician, has been playing for eight years. He was introduced to the game by Tim Piccolo (of Piccolo's Bar in Omaha) and local player Dan Forehead. Dan and Gil Carter taught him the basics of the game. His father, brother and sister-in-law also play shuffleboard. The highlights of his career, to date, are winning the bring partner event at the Arbuckle Open and participating in the Board Talk tournament. He believes the sport will grow in the future "because of all the fantastic people" involved in shuffleboard. What he enjoys most about the game are the competition and the people.

Gwynette, a waitress, has been playing for six years. She was introduced to the game when the owner of the bar where she worked purchased a board. She learned the game simply by watching and playing. The highlight of her career was winning the "Hall of Fame" tournament by beating the overwhelming favorites in a very close match. They had not been beaten in two years.

She agrees that the sport of shuffleboard will continue to grow in the future. What she enjoys most about the game are the people, the competition, and the challenge.

Editor's Note: Player questionnaires were available at Benedict's Classic in New York, at the Michigan Open, and the Board Talk tournament and will form the basis for an ongoing series about the people in The World of Shuffleboard. In the July issue, we highlighted the Fridley family from Waterloo, New York. If you have not yet filled out a questionnaire, write or call us: 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906; phone 517-371-2538. You could be the next featured Who's Who.

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Events will include an open singles, \$310 entry fee; women's singles, \$110 entry fee; open doubles, \$220 entry fee; and an 8-member amateur team event, \$380 per team. Those entry fees include the \$10 PCSA membership fee and players will be assessed that fee one time only, regardless of the number of events they enter.

In the amateur team event, men players will not be able to participate in any other event because of scheduling conflicts. Women in the team event will be able to participate in the women's singles.

Watch future issues of The Board Talk for further information. In the meantime, place the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the good word.

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