

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Christmas is the season of miracles, a time when wishes come true. So, even though we don't have a lot of material goods in our Christmas bag this year, we do have a long wish list that, if it were within our powers to deliver, we would.

To Al and Von Stewart, we would give a lovingly wrapped package filled with good health and enough cash to pay off that huge hospital bill.

To E.O. Tenison, we would give at least 75 more years of enjoyment in The World of Shuffleboard.

To Neil Fetter and all the others in The World of Shuffleboard who give back a part of their winnings to those in need, we would give many more wins and hope that others who only take will learn by their example.

To Dick Gorman, we would give a communications system that feeds directly into ours (which Santa has yet to deliver) because his reports never have to be rewritten, name spellings checked, or deadlines missed.

To people like Garry Singer, Jack Tyler, Glen Davidson, Kathy Broka, Jim Hoffman and all the others who write letters for the Notebook throughout the year, we would give a private office in our 20-story Board Talk headquarters (which Santa hasn't delivered yet either) because their contributions give "life" to this publication.

To all our advertisers (you know who they are), we would give a lifetime of business support from all our subscribers because it is their support that makes it possible to deliver this publication to you each month.

To each of you, especially those who have told someone else about us, we would give you anything your heart desires because you keep us going.

In lieu of the above, we wish you and yours the very Merriest of all Christmases.

George and Donna Wilber
Publishers



Merry Christmas

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Tourney Talk

Lafayette Inn Fall Classic Sells Out

All events were sold out in advance for the opening of the season Fall Classic at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, Oct. 27-29. The 134 entries arrived in advance of the tournament weekend to show strong interest in the upcoming season. Unfortunately, 27 people were on the waiting list hoping somebody wouldn't show. Advance registration is becoming a must to assure entering competition, director Dick Gorman says. The total payout for the weekend was just over \$10,000.

Competition started out Friday night on the four in-house boards with a draw partner event that paid almost \$2,000 to the final three teams. In first place were Doug Fridley Jr. of Waterloo, N.Y. and Dick Losee of Poolville, N.Y. Second place was taken by Richie Casula, Newark, Del. and Len Dell, Baltimore, Md., with third place going to George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md. and Rick Greider, Darlington, Md.

Saturday morning saw 16 women show up to compete for slightly over \$1,000. The final winner was Pam Draheim of Waterloo (first time ever winner). Second place went to Judy Gartland, Philadelphia, and third place to Mary Wagner, Milford, Del.

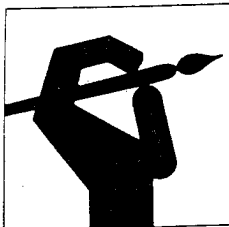
Saturday afternoon and evening, 32 teams of bring your own partners competed for over \$4200 with payouts going to the first six places. First place went to Milt Benedict of Sherburne, N.Y. and Dick Losee. Second place was taken by new competitors at the Lafayette Inn, Alonzo Knight and Allan Hever of Hagerstown, Md. Third place went to Mickey Baugh (married now and living in Maryland) and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. In fourth place were Steve Bennett and Russ Reynolds of Sherburne; fifth place to Dennis Brown of Sherburne and Doug Fridley Jr.; and sixth to Bob Davis, Hockessin, Del., and Frank Only, Newark, Del.

Sunday, after an extra hour's sleep (back to Standard Time), 24 entrants competed for \$3,000, while 11 shooters stood by hoping someone would want to drop out. First place went to Len Dell who beat out second place Dick Losee, who almost took the triple crown by winning all three events. Third place went to Mickey Baugh, and fourth to Doug Fridley Jr.

These tournaments continue to sell out in advance, say hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo and we wish we had the space to accommodate but four boards are our limit right now -- maybe someday. "We hope all those who wish to enter will please register in advance so as not to be disappointed. Our first Saturday of the Month tournaments continue as well as our Sunday Mixed Doubles tournaments which also usually sell out in advance," they said.

Watch the January Board Talk for details of the February Winter Board Talk Tournament. It will most probably sell out in advance. If you want a sneak preview of the details, check your August Board Talk or call Lafayette Inn, 301-658-9075.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Look Back at Shuffleboard's Heyday!

Thanks to Bob Lytrick of Portland, Oregon, I finally obtained a copy of your publication (April 1988). Please sign me up.

We wife, Virginia, and I owned the Boondox Tavern in Longview, Washington, in the mid-60s and early 70s. We purchased and installed four new Imperial American boards. The local tavern owners made special trips to our tavern to tell me how crazy I was, as shuffleboard was dead in that area. But I pushed Friday night elimination, and eventually the Longview vicinity became a hotbed for shuffleboard. At its zenith, there were three men's leagues, nine teams in each league and two women's leagues. Jim Allis played for me when he first broke into the game, and I was Don Kerr's first shuffleboard partner. I promoted weekend matches between Portland, Tacoma, Yakima, Aberdeen, etc. I once held \$3600 in a cigar box behind the bar in a match between Portland and Tacoma.

Quite a few of the greats of that era -- Glen Young, Don Cameron, Three-Fingered Troy, Galen Gaunce, Truman and Peoria Bob Perry, just to mention a few, bumped heads at the Boondox.

I attended tournaments in Garden Grove, Blythe, Yuba City and Sunnyvale, California, where I first met Texas Billy Mays. He immediately beat my star player 15-3. I won't mention his name.

I instigated and managed the Northwest Regional Shuffleboard Tournament for eight years, bringing it to Longview in 1964. This was a 7 day, 2 weekends tournament, six man teams with subs playing authorized league play in Oregon and Washington. There were three men's divisions, A, B and C, and two women's divisions. My peak year in 1969, American Shuffleboard installed 25 boards for me and I had 165 teams entered. The local media estimated there were 6,000 people in attendance the two weekends. As taverns were eliminated,

boards became available for the hustlers from California, Texas, Nevada, etc. On alternate years, the Canadians from Vancouver, B.C. would bring an all-star team down and the following year our all-stars would go to Canada. This was primarily a trophy tournament with cash prizes for each division. The noise was deafening as players and spectators brought air horns, sirens, bullhorns and even firecrackers. It would be two or three days before I regained my hearing.

A touch of humor: The first year I had the tournament, Les Lystad, president of American Shuffleboard, was talking to me and said, "You know, Jack, there's only one class of people in the world worse than the Hell's Angels." I said who's that? And he said, "Shuffleboard players!" He was only kidding, of course, because at that time, shuffleboard was his bread and butter. This was before the advent of pool in the Northwest. In a sense, he was right, as I met some of the most fantastic characters and witnessed some of the most humorous sights that would fill volumes.

I still go to Longview in August of every year and manage an "over the hill gang" tournament, a fun get-together of old friends in the area.

I would like to have a schedule of upcoming tournaments as my wife and I would love to drop in some time and see some of the old gang. I know this letter is lengthy, but I witnessed a lot of history back in the 60s.

Any time any of the old bunch is passing by, feel free to drop in.

Jack Tyler, 66-092 Santa Rose Rd.,
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
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25 boards! 165 teams! 6,000 people in attendance! Wow!



An estimated 6,000 spectators watched this tournament in 1969 which 165 teams entered and played on 25 boards installed by American Shuffleboard. A piece of history from Shuffleboard's heyday in the 60's.

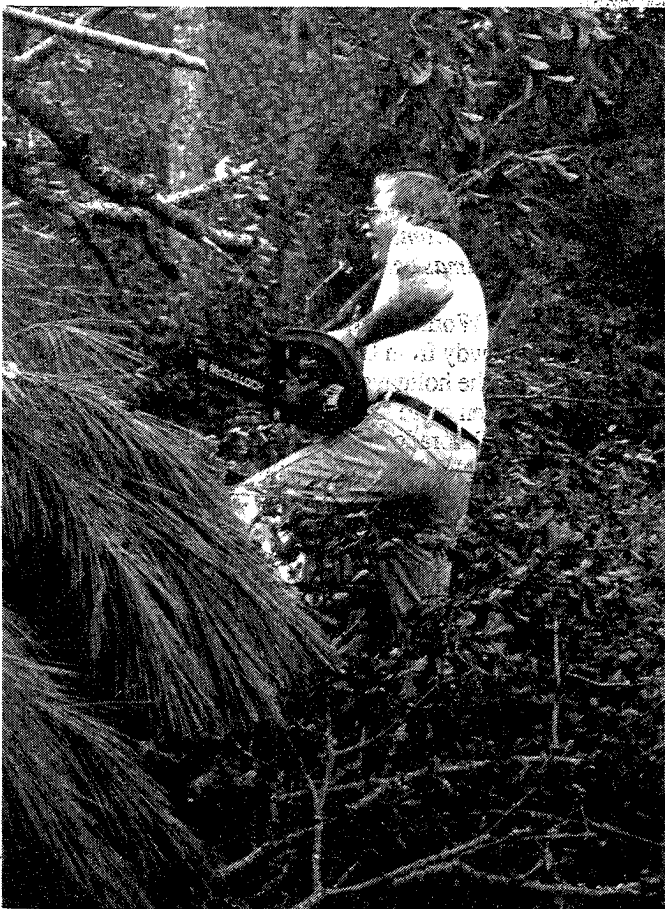
We think the game has come a long way on the comeback trail, but appears it has some catching up to do yet. Maybe we'll get to meet you in Las Vegas, Jack.

Hoffmans Escape Most of Hugo's Fury

Thought I would drop you a line since I haven't seen or heard from you for some time. I just bought a new computer writing program and am sitting here at the office trying to figure out how the darn thing works. They never make anything simple enough for people like me who don't know anything about typing. For example, I just spent 10 minutes trying to understand how to set the margins!

Rose and I bought a house in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to use as a vacation home until I retire and then we plan on moving there permanently. To give you an idea of how my luck runs, we closed on the house on June 6, then over the 4th of July we went down and bought furniture for the house and spent four days there.

You know what happened next -- Hugo came through in September and wiped about everything out in the area. We were lucky though in that our house itself was not extensively damaged but we lost about five trees. A 30-inch oak fell in the front yard, landing between the house and the garage. We lost two other trees in the front and five or six more in the back. All of them fell close to the house but none hit it directly. We lost a few shingles and had some other minor damage to the house, but at least it is still standing. Others in the area were not so lucky.



No, it's not the dreaded chain-saw killer! It's Jim Hoffman cleaning up the damage caused to his retirement home by Hurricane Hugo. Can't you see him trying to explain that to the airlines people?

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1989-90 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Dec. 31 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Tourney
D.J.'s Bar, Warsaw, Indiana

Jan. 12-14

Row Boat Open
Jerry D's, Dacono, Colorado

Jan. 17-21, 1990

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

Feb. 9-11

Winter Board Talk Tournament
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

***Feb. 9-18**

5th Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza
Holiday Inn, Arlington, Texas

Feb. 15-18

Western Open
Phoenix, Arizona

March 9-11

Invitational Singles
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

March 23-25

Doubles Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

***March 30-April 8**

3rd Annual Great Arizona Open
Holiday Inn Financial Center, Phoenix, Arizona

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

WATCH OUR LIPS!



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THE BOARD TALK

421 E. Sheridan Road
Lansing, MI 48906

Notebook (continued from page 3)

What was ironic is that Jamie and Rose went down to Myrtle the 15th of September to spend a couple or three weeks relaxing. As you know, Jamie is pregnant and is due the first of January. They had no more than got their clothes unpacked when Hugo headed their way. They left Myrtle on the morning of the 21st (Hugo finally hit at midnight that night) and headed inland. They drove to a little town just north of Florence, S.C. (about 60 miles inland) and got a room at a small motel.

What they didn't know was that they were still in the path of Hugo! Rose called me from the motel around midnight on the 21st and while we were talking the phone went dead. I didn't hear from them until 11:00 the next morning. I found out later that Hugo had roared through Florence at about 2:30 a.m. and had destroyed many homes and downed numerous trees which knocked out all electricity. The storm tore some of the roof off their motel and burst the water main as well as knocking out the electricity.

Neither of them got hurt, though, and I'm sure Jamie will have some tall stories to tell you when she sees you. She said she was going to call her baby "Baby Hugo" but I don't believe Rose will go for that (neither will I)!

I flew down to Myrtle on Saturday to clean up the mess but got only as far as Raleigh by air so I had to rent a car and drive the rest of the way. You should have heard me trying to explain to the airlines why I was taking a chainsaw on board! But that's another story -- along with the one about me getting lost when I finally got to Myrtle.

The Board Talk keeps getting better with each issue. I read every one from cover to cover. Keep up the good work!

Jim Hoffman, Livonia, Michigan

Thanks for the interesting letter, Jim. We're glad everyone is O.K. Hope to hear the rest of your story soon!

Shuffler Long Way From Home

By some quirk of fate, I find myself in Perth, West Australia, located about 12,000 miles from home in Portland, Oregon. I must say it's truly beautiful here. It's Springtime in a Mediterranean climate. Perth, a city of about 1 million people, is located 12 miles inland from the beautiful azure blue Indian Ocean which separates Australia from Africa. The west coast of Australia can be compared with that of California, climate wise. The beauty is -- there are fewer people, very little pollution, not much crime and without earthquake fault lines. Palm trees, blue skies and soft ocean breezes.

If this sounds like paradise, it is! Perth is a very clean, young, international city with all kinds of ethnic settlements. The economy depends on import, export goods and tourism. The city is quite modern and vital, with many 40-story (well, maybe 20-story) buildings that support a strong financial and business district. Also, there are many malls that offer duty-free shopping for overseas travelers. There are hundreds of wonderful eateries that have all sorts of ethnic delights -- East Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Malasian, French and other European (Italian is great), even Mexican and, of course, the Golden Arches and Burger King are here. The offerings can certainly be compared with those of San Francisco. Public transportation services are excellent. Everyone driving on the "wrong" side of the road certainly takes some getting used to, though.

It seems the only thing missing is -- you guessed it -- shuffleboard! I've talked with several tavern and club owners and

at first they think I'm talking about the deck type. After explaining a bit about the game, there is a certain amount of enthusiasm and willingness to participate that develops. It certainly seems like a natural, when one considers the popularity of lawn bowling, darts, shooker and pool. I think there are some great opportunities for the game to flourish here. So, if you promoter types with a few bucks to invest are interested in the possibilities, drop a line or give me a ring. Also, I would like to hear from the board manufacturers. Who knows? Maybe this could be the start of great international tournaments.

My plan is to be here until some time in March before heading home. In the interim, if anyone is thinking of taking an international vacation that offers just about everything, this place is highly recommended. (George and Donna, you surely deserve the treat for all your great efforts.) I think Malasia Air System (MAS) offers some good flight arrangements. Let me know and I will help.

I do expect to hear from all of you on the other side of the world (it's O.K. I've got a big postal box). I know, it's a dirty job, but somebody's.... Seriously, drop a few lines to fill me in. Michelle? Carol? Diane? Linda? Trish? Jackie? Pat? Maggie? Rose? Ruthie? Georgene? Chris? Evie? Dave? Al? D.K.? Jim and Jim? John? Freddy and Freddy? Doc? Rich? Joe? Mike? Mitch? (forget it) Mac? Frank? Billy and Billy? Bruce? Ed? Galen? Teena? Glen? Marv? Doug? Carl? Steve? Chuck? Darrol? Les? Red? Loren? Nels? Red? Is anybody out there?

And don't forget Christmas gifts. My sizes are... Don't get personal!
Love you all!

Garry Singer, 4 Kingston Ave. #1
Perth, West Australia 6000
Phone: (09) 328-2825

Great hearing from you, Garry! If we win the lottery, we'll catch the next flight. Come on, readers, let's fill Garry's postal box full of Christmas cards!

Glen Salutes the Women and Others

A great big howdy from Oklahoma. Madge and I are back in Oklahoma for the holidays. I went to Amato's for their 16 team event and then on to Lincoln, Nebraska, and last, but not least, to Denver, Colorado.

The folks from Nebraska came with enthusiasm and dedication. We played a pro-am event, round robins and then on into the pro doubles and singles. There were some ladies who showed they are not afraid to stand up and be counted. I had the pleasure of winning a round robin with Maggie Worley and she has won several tournaments around the area -- a top player. Gwen Orsi, another top player, has also won many tournaments around Omaha. Betty Barney, Maggie's sister, an up and coming player in the female ranks. These are the only women from that area who participated. All I can say is if there are as many women as they say there are, the rest of you don't know what you missed, and nothing ventured, nothing gained. Hope to see all of you there next year. The directors did a great job for a first tourney -- Steve Stutsman, Denny Busch, Bill Stutsman, Roger Stutsman and Fred Carmean.

The young and old players from that area to watch include: Jay Watson, Jim Keller, Gwen Orsi, Dan Zahn, Joe Spielman, Denny Busch, Joanne Waller, Bill Loos, Bill Simions, Ron Campbell, Randy Mussar, Tim Piccolo, Jim Filkins, Steve Stutsman and Joel Rohn. Steve Stutsman is a promoter and the

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**As Much a Tradition
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owner of Arnold's Bar. He subscribes to The Board Talk and you can always get a game at Arnold's. He is the key figure in Lincoln, Nebraska, for our game. Thanks to Steve from all of us.

I got to play in the pro-am with Bill Loos and we won it. I played in a round robin with Steve Stutsman and won it all. They are all a good bunch of players there. Thanks to Denny Busch for being my doubles partner. We almost made it, Denny. We'll get 'em next time. The singles and doubles winner, Earl Kelly from Dallas, Texas, mowed us all down, 1-2-3. At 57 years young, he's been winning a lot of tourneys this year. He beat out Rick Boyer in the singles for the No. 1 spot. Then Earl and Frank Blade knocked out Rick Boyer and Bobby Voorhis for the No. 1 spot in the doubles. Nice going, old man Kelly and congratulations to all of you. I'm looking forward to one more doubles win before I quit.

I won the singles in Denver. This was a singles I really needed to boost my image. John McDermott finished in second, with Bobby Voorhis in third. In the doubles, Bill Melton and Frank Blade were the winners. Rick Boyer and Jody Slack finished second with Bobby Voorhis and Karl Spickelmier in third, and Earl Kelly and me in fourth.

Thanks to John McDermott for letting an old man recapture his youth. John has come a long way in this game of shuffleboard in two years. He is one of the top players, if not the top, in the nation. Anyone who can drive a truck from one spot to another, set up all the boards, run the tourney and then win it, which he has done many times, has got to be in the top

three in the nation. In the near future, I say John McDermott will be the world's champion year after year for many years. And to think he's only 30 years old. Wow!

Rick Boyer, Bobby Voorhis and Frank Blade are there also. I'm looking forward to seeing Rick, Frank, Bobby, John, Karl Spickelmier, Eric Waldman, Bill Melton, Sam Summers, Jim Allis, Darrol Nelson, Doug Buhl, Hal Perry, Glen Davidson, Don Cox, Leroy Ledford, Mac from Portland and Billy Chiles in the Las Vegas tourney. I predict the best player to win.

Congratulations to my old buddy, Sam Summers, for a great year of shuffleboard.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma and California

Thanks for the newsy letter, Glen. We predict you're going to win many more tournaments before you retire. You didn't mention that "old" couple, George and Donna Wilber, on your list of people you hope to see at the Vegas tourney, but we'll see you there. Our apologies to any of the people you mentioned in your letter whose names are misspelled. We do our best, but sometimes fall short.

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BUDWEISER INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Hi, flatball world! A minor glitch has got us running a little behind on publishing our Inter-Lakes League standings, but what the heck, it's Christmas.

I have a few personal messsages I'd like to pass along. One goes to Darrol Nelson of Oregon and to Rick Boyer of the rest of the United States. I hope you're peaking in our window and that all is well. Also to our longtime Inter-Lakes leader and my longtime personal pal, Kathy Morgan, who is taking a break from league play this season, I have but one word of comfort and joy, "Ushmuk."

And now on behalf of the Inter-Lakes shuffleboard players (just short of 500), league officials, and our sponsor, Budweiser, let me wish everyone from coast to coast a Merry Christmas and to leave this holiday message: Remember that we are all just candles in the wind so be sure to count your blessings.

Next month we can get back to the adventures of Moose and Squirrel.

Jeff Dugaw
Interlakes Shuffleboard League
Oakland County, Michigan

Men's League Standings Through 11-7-89

(West)		(East)	
Lakeside I	131	Wagon Wheel I	136 1/2
Lakeside II	105	Dillinger's	117
O'Brady's	104	Liberty	111
Victor's	101	Bob & Elmer's	96
Glengary	88 1/2	Don's Pub	80 1/2
Prue's	72 1/2	Majestic	73 1/2
Bachelor I	70	Wagon Wheel II	70
Catalina Lanes	68	Charlie's Roost	57
The Pub	16	Richard's	55 1/2
		Saylor Daves	43

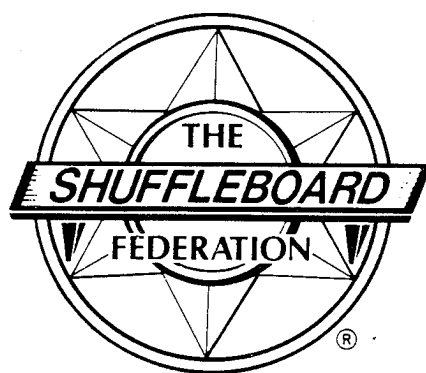
Women's Standings Through 11-7-89

Lakeside	59
Liberty	43 1/2
Majestic	43 1/2
Wagon Wheel I	41
Bachelor I	35 1/2
Wagon Wheel II	35
O'Brady's	33 1/2
Victor's	31
Saylor Daves	27
The Pub	24
Glengary Inn	23

Mixed Doubles Standings Through 11-89

Lakeside II	44 1/2
Liberty	41 1/2
Majestic	39
Bachelor I	38
Richard's	33
Catalina Lanes	20

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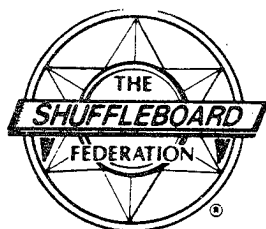


- Open Singles – \$50.00
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- Ladies Singles – \$25.00
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- New Year's Eve
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1990 INVITATIONAL TOUR SCHEDULE

5TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY TOURNEY

NASL Handicap Team Tournament:
February 9-11
Six person team, four men and two ladies
\$150 entry per team

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
February 14
\$50 entry for amateurs
\$25 entry for pros

Pro Events:
February 15-18
Open Singles --
\$200 entry fee
Starts Feb. 15; Finals Feb. 18
Ladies' Singles --
\$100 entry fee
Starts Feb. 16; Finals Feb. 18
Mixed Doubles --
\$200 per team
Starts Feb. 17; Finals Feb. 18

3RD ANNUAL GREAT ARIZONA OPEN

NASL Handicap Team Tournament:
March 30 - April 1
Six person team, four men and two ladies
\$150 entry per team

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
April 4
\$50 entry for amateurs
25 entry for pros

Pro Events:
April 5-8
Open Singles --
\$100 entry
Starts April 5; finals April 8
Ladies' Singles --
\$50 entry
Starts April 6; finals April 8
Open Doubles -- \$150 per team
Starts April 7; finals April 8

4TH ANNUAL BUDWEISER MICHIGAN OPEN

NASL Handicap Team Tournament:
May 18-20
Six person team, four men and two ladies
\$150 entry per team

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
May 23
\$50 entry for amateurs
\$25 entry for pros

Open Singles:
\$200 entry
Starts May 24; finals May 28

Ladies' Singles:
\$100 entry
Starts May 25; finals May 28
Mixed Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts May 26; finals May 28

5th ANNUAL U.S. OPEN

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
July 4
\$50 entry for amateurs
\$25 entry for pros

Open Singles:
\$200 entry
Starts July 5; finals July 8

Ladies' Singles:
\$100 entry
Starts July 6; finals July 8

Open Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts July 7; finals July 8

2ND ANNUAL BUDWEISER NEBRASKA OPEN

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
August 30
\$50 entry for amateurs
\$25 entry for pros

Open Singles:
\$100 entry
Starts Aug. 31; finals Sept. 3

Ladies' Singles:
\$50 entry
Starts Sept. 1; finals Sept. 3

Open Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts Sept. 2; finals Sept. 3

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\$300 entry
Starts Oct. 10; finals Oct. 14

Ladies' Invitational Singles:
\$100 entry
Starts Oct. 11; finals Oct. 14

Pro Invitational Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts Oct. 12; finals Oct. 14

Invitational Mixed Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts Oct. 13; finals Oct. 14

6TH ANNUAL TURKEY DAY TOURNEY SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Pro-Am Draw Partners:
Nov. 22
\$50 entry for amateurs
\$25 entry for pros

Open Singles:
\$200 entry
Starts Nov. 23; finals Nov. 25

Open Doubles:
\$200 entry Starts
Nov. 24; finals Nov. 25

1ST ANNUAL TURKEY DAY TOURNEY PHILADELPHIA AREA

Draw Partners:
Nov. 22
\$25 entry

Open Singles:
\$100 entry
Starts Nov. 23; finals Nov. 25

Open Doubles:
\$200 per team
Starts Nov. 24; finals Nov. 25

**Santa's Workshop
is busy...**



**...and so are we! There are a lot
of "elves" working to make your
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the highlight of your New Year.**

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

Hart/DeWitt/Newland Win Indiana Championship

Twenty-one singles and 14 doubles teams participated in the Indiana State Championships held Oct. 28-29 at D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw. Hostess Karen Heinzman describes it as a "super tourney" with a \$2575 pot in the singles and \$2130 in the doubles. Various door prizes and trophies were awarded to first and second place winners both days and all winners received a bottle of champagne.

Winner of the singles was Steve Hart, Anderson, with Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount in second place. Jim DeWitt of Redkey and Phil Ladd finished third and fourth.

In the doubles event, Jim DeWitt and Red Newland took the biggest share of the pot, with Dave Boaz and Rick Stocker in second place. Steve Hart and John Humes of Ingalls took third place honors, with Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis and Skip Jackson in fourth.



Some of the Indiana Champions were (back row, left to right) John Humes, Steve Hart, Red Newland, Jim DeWitt, Larry Creakbaum, (front row, left to right) Rick Stocker, Dave Boaz, and Skip Jackson.

Good Crowd at Lafayette Inn 1st Saturday of Month Tourney

Thirty shooters were on hand on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., waiting for the popular monthly draw partner event. Nine more showed up later, but unfortunately too late for the 1 p.m. start time. After the tournament, there were a lot of challenges going on the four in-house boards.

The event was won by Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. Second place went to Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Md., and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. and third place to Mike Robinson, Wildwood, N.J. and Dave Shewbridge, Elkton, Md. "It was real nice to have Mary Ann Watson and Mike Kennedy from Philadelphia back with us after an extended absence," said director Dick Gorman. "They say we will see a lot of them again. They are back shooting."

Anyone is welcome to these first Saturday of the month events, say hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo, so please stop by and see us, and shoot on a brand new board which we hope to have in place in the next several weeks.

Myles/Lopez/McDonald Win at Rudy's Hall of Fame Tourney

Action was at its best on the gala Nov. 4-5 weekend at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, complete with food, compliments of owner Rudy Stober and family at Rudy's 1st Hall of Fame Tournament.

In the singles, John ("One-Arm") Myles of Livonia, Mich., blew everybody out on his way to first place in the singles. Neil Fetter of W. Bloomfield, Mich., finished second, with Phil McGrew of Pontiac, Mich. in third and John Tischler of Detroit in fourth in a field of 30 players.



It's tough to hold a trophy that big with one arm, but John Myles handles it well, just as he did in the singles event at Rudy Stober's (left) 1st Hall of Fame Shuffleboard Tournament.

A couple of local players, no strangers to the winners' circle, J.R. Lopez and Lee McDonald, were No. 1 in the doubles, followed by the team of Phil McGrew and John Myles. Bill Canterbury of Pontiac and Dick Keener of Clarkston, Mich., were third. On a sad note, owner Rudy Stober had to quit after winning his first three games because of illness. It seems his partner, George Wilber, hit a couple weights and drew a deuce or two, and Rudy couldn't handle the shock.

Gartland/Herrmann Win Lafayette Inn Mixed Tourney

November 12 was the first of six mixed doubles tournaments scheduled for the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for this shuffleboard season. Twenty-four teams pre-registered to record this tourney as another sell-out. Points are accumulated for all mixed doubles tournaments and a female and male will be crowned mixed doubles champions at the last tournament scheduled for April 28, 1990.

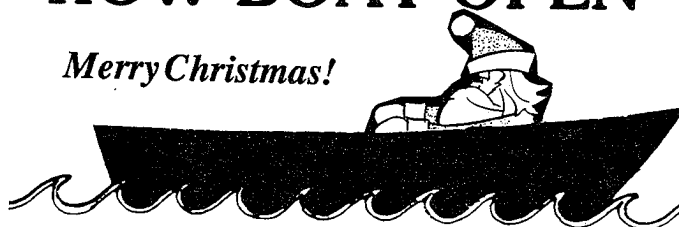
The competition was spirited as Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia took first place, followed by Shirley Domino, Dover, Del. and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. Third place went to Rosalie Kaufman of Queenstown, Md. and Chuck King, Dover and finally dividing up the \$1500

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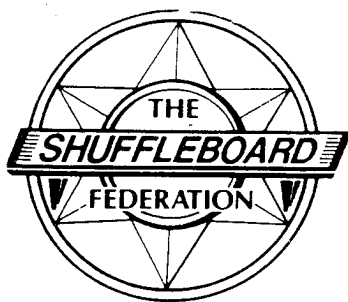
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1989 TOUR WRAP-UP

Budweiser-Nebraska Open

This first annual event went very well and has tremendous potential to become one of the best tournaments in the country. Our sincere thanks to DALE HERMAN of D & D DISTRIBUTORS, the BUDWEISER distributor for Lincoln. Dale contacted us last year and expressed his desire to host a Pro Tour event.

While Dale Herman was responsible for us going to Nebraska, it was the fantastic treatment from virtually every player and spectator from the state that has us enthusiastically looking forward to the 1990 tournament.

The Shuffleboard Federation would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the local people who helped us set up and take down the boards: Steve, Bill and Roger Stutzman, Maggie Worley, Fred Carmean, Ron Campbell, Don Olberding, and Dave Simonini.

The tournament included a Pro-Am, which was won by Glen Davidson and Bill Loos. Harvey Groleau and Maggie Worley finished second; Denny Busch and Ron Campbell placed third, and Bill Melton and Steve Stutzman took fourth.

Earl Kelly became the first person to win the singles and doubles in nearly two years with an excellent display of shooting and lagging as he beat Rick Boyer in the singles finals. Frank Blade and David Williams finished third and fourth respectively.

In the doubles, Earl Kelly and Frank Blade came out on top, beating out the team of Rick Boyer and Bobby Voorhis. Sam Summers and Bill Melton edged out Glen Davidson and Denny Busch for third place honors.

Colorado Open

It was Frank Powers of Rome's Saloon who provided the bodies for set-up for the 4th Annual

Colorado Open. Frank is also working with us on the promotion of a local chapter of the NATIONAL AMATEUR SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE in Denver.

Glen Davidson struck another blow for the old-timers by blitzing everyone he encountered with a steady stream of four lags, lagging two fours in the same game on at least three different occasions and breaking into the top ten in the process.

John McDermott finished second ahead of Bobby Voorhis and his doubles partner, Karl Spickelmier, who finished third and fourth respectively.

In the doubles, Frank Blade won his fourth straight doubles (the last four Federation Pro Tour events he played in), this time teaming up with Bill Melton. They edged out Jody Slack and Rick Boyer who won five straight matches in the loser's bracket before bowing out. Karl Spickelmier and Bobby Voorhis finished third with Eric Waldman and David Williams in fourth.

Springfield Shootout

Our sincere thanks to our set-up crew of Joe De-Rosa, Don Carpenter, Rick Stockton, and John from ALL-STAR MUSIC and his crew.

Bill Melton ended the year the way he started it, winning the singles and wrapping up a fantastic year which saw him lead the points race from start to finish.

He won four of his matches, including the two victories over Glen Davidson in the finals, by stealing the third game of the match with his opponent having 14 points and the hammer. As Jim the cop is fond of saying, "It's never over 'til it's over."

Glen Davidson, who we are happy to have back as a regular, and who we would like better if he would lag twos and threes instead of the fours we have had to watch the last three tournaments, finished second in both events. He was disappointed when he left, but that type of finish feels better a couple of days later than immediately after the fact.

Third and fourth place in the singles went to Dave Ingram of Peoria, and Sam Summers respectively. Dave impressed everyone with his play and has the potential to be one of the great players in the game if he is willing to put in the necessary effort.

The doubles was won by Sam Summers, who has won more of them in the last year than anyone, this time with Bobby Voorhis on the other end. They knocked off a couple of the all-time greats, Glen Davidson and Bob Perry, in the finals.

Third place went to Bill Melton and Frank Blade who defeated the Indiana team of Jim DeWitt and Steve Hart.

Hoffman and Broka to Head NASL

We are happy to announce that Diana Hofmann and Kathy Broka have been named as officers and





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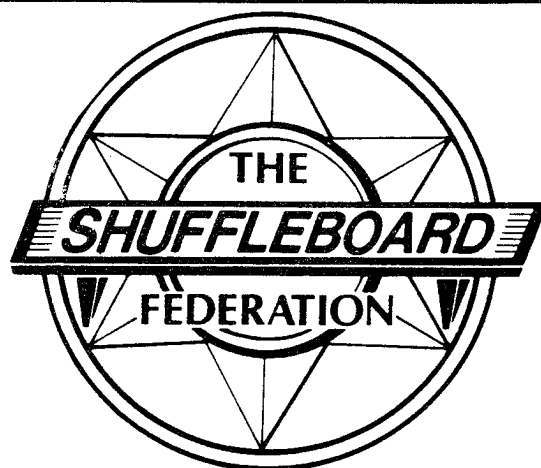
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fourth place finishers Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. and Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md.

The next two tournaments are scheduled for Dec. 3 and Jan. 14. "Please remember we limit entries to 24 teams, so you can get here early and we can meet the requirements of the law -- so sign up early," say hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo. "You can sign up by calling 301-658-9075. Also watch The Board Talk for our next big one -- the Winter Board Talk Tournament on Feb. 9-11."

All are Winners at Warren's 3rd Anniversary Party, Sports Arena

Win, lose or draw, everyone who participated in Warren Faulk's 3rd Anniversary Party at the Sports Arena in Houston, Texas, Nov. 10-12 were winners! Participants enjoyed deer meat provided by Randall Black and elk meat provided by Paul Cotman and prepared by expert chefs Warren, Don Weldon and Paul Cotman, reports Tony Howard.

The \$50 draw partner event attracted 20 players from Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Dallas vying for a pot of \$2620. Winners were Diana Hagen and George (the King) Lawrence. Brenda Moore and Joe Roden took second place honors with Don Valk and Greg Tedford in third, and Billy Mays and Bill Lent in fourth place.

If you missed out on the fun of this anniversary celebration, mark your calendars now for No. 4.

D.J.'s Bar 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Tourney

Phil and Karen Heinzman will host their 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Tourney at D.J.'s Bar, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw, Indiana, on Sunday, Dec. 31. \$25 per team for the bring your partner event, double elimination on two boards. Pays four places. Auction at 1 p.m. A complimentary bottle of champagne will be given to the first 20 entries.

For more information or to reserve your spot for this fun tourney, call Phil or Karen at 219-269-1913. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Jerry D's Row Boat Open, Jan. 12-14

On your way to the Showboat for the 2nd Annual Extravaganza there, stop in at Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern in Dacona, Colorado, and participate in his Row Boat Open on Jan. 12-13-14. \$50 entry fee for the singles event, double elimination, limited to the first 16 teams. Jerry D's is a fun place to spend some time and you may just win some money for Vegas!

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P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza II, Las Vegas, Jan. 17-21

If you made your room reservations for the P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza II at the Showboat Hotel/Casino, Jan. 17-21, you're in good shape! If you receive this issue before Dec. 1, you can still call Lisa Taylor, 714-761-2765, to check room availability.

If you're still in the process of putting together an amateur team, and having trouble getting players to commit themselves, there's hope for you. If you send a \$50 deposit to the P.C.S.A., P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706, in the next few days, you'll have a spot reserved for your team if the quota hasn't been filled. Amateur teams will play the best out

of seven and they will draw for partners. The Amateur event will start at 8 a.m. on Jan. 19.

Also on the schedule: the pro singles, \$310 entry fee, starts on Jan. 18, limit 32 players; the women's singles, \$110 entry fee, starts on Thurs., Jan 18, limit 28 players. The sponsorship sale for the pro singles and the women's singles will be on Wed., Jan. 17. The pro doubles, \$220 entry fee, starts on Saturday, Jan. 20, limit 32 teams. The sponsorship sale for the pro doubles and the amateur event will be Thursday, Jan. 18. The entry fee for the 8-member amateur team is \$380.

Remember: due to scheduling conflicts, anyone playing in the Amateur Team Event will be ineligible for the Pro Singles and Doubles. Women players playing in the Women's Singles are not eligible for the Pro Singles due to scheduling.

If you have questions about the tourney, call the P.C.S.A., 213-926-2152.

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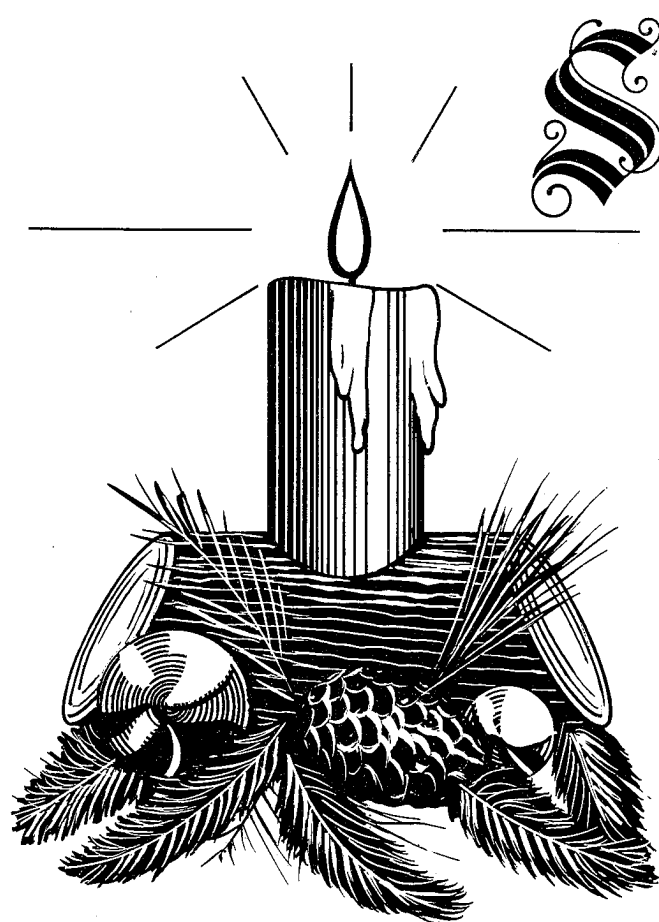


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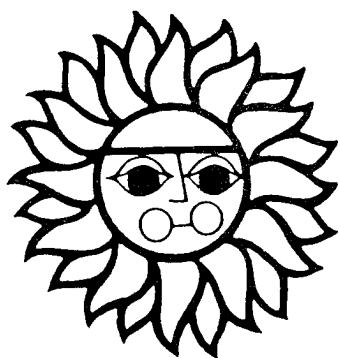
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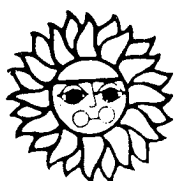


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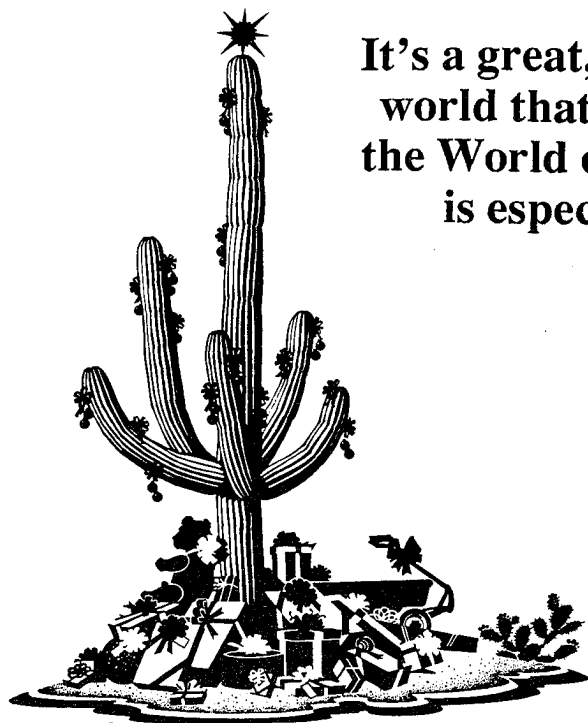
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By Kathy Broka

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There once was a gent from "Big D."
His name was Earl Kelly, you see.
He was known as a blaster,
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There once was an Okie named Bill
Who sat at the top of the hill.
But the race was a dash...
Could he net all the cash?
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There once was a fellow named Mick,
Whose goal was a weight NOT to stick.
Keep it clear and then lag
Is the trick in his bag.
So beware, 'cause this Easterner's slick.

There once was a guy named Ramone,
Who could never be reached on the phone.
He would cruise here and there
With nary a care,
'Cause his path was a choice all his own.

Howard, just where have you been?
We're all waiting to see you again.
You fell out of the scene...
Where've you been, "butter bean"?
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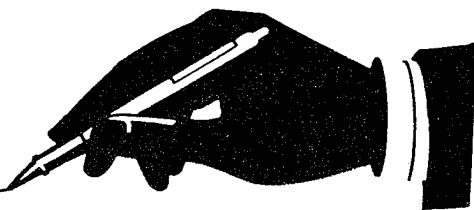
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