

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

We have recently "survived" one of the nastiest presidential campaigns we're likely to see in our lifetimes, at least we hope so. Is everyone happy with the results? Of course not. But how many backed up the opinions they expressed over a beer in their favorite bar by actually going to the polls and voting? Sad to say, very few. Yet, those who didn't back up their convictions with a vote are the ones who will complain the loudest about the shortcomings of the new administration.

What's that got to do with shuffleboard? A heck of a lot! Because nobody complains louder or harder about the way a tournament is run than shuffleboard players. Yet, they consistently pass up the opportunity to make suggestions on how to do it better. The Shuffleboard Federation has a Player Policy Board, probably one of the smartest moves that's been made since the sport started its comeback. They've put out a plea, time and again, for input from players on what they want and need to make a tournament fair and worthwhile. But The World of Shuffleboard has remained apathetic.

Take a look at the makeup of that board. It's headed by Bill Melton of Oklahoma, one of the most highly respected players in The World of Shuffleboard. Integrity is his middle name! Other representatives of geographic and population areas of our World are people who care, who listen, who have the clout to make the changes/improvements you think should be made for the betterment of the sport.

The next time you have an idea, a complaint, a suggestion, don't tell the person on the stool beside you, who will nod his/her head in agreement and then go home and do nothing. Tell the Policy Board. You can have an impact! Make this one of your New Year's resolutions. Write to the Policy Board, in care of The Shuffleboard Federation, 41761 Onaway Dr., Northville, MI 48168.

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As we start the new year, it seems like a good time to recognize that the population of The World of Shuffleboard is not made up just of competitive players. There are the people who sit on the sidelines and cheer for their husbands/wives/significant others in league and/or tournament play. There's people like Al Stewart, who receives another well-earned tribute in this issue, totally committed to the game and its

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## Tourney Talk

### Anderson/Sawyer Win at Corner Tavern

Thirteen teams competed for nearly \$1,000 in prize money during a two-day tournament at the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, on Sept. 24-25. A pair of local shooters, Sherm Anderson of Mt. Vernon and Larry Sawyer of Anacortes, took first place. Gordy Smith of Burnaby, B.C., and Moses Miller, Vancouver, B.C., took second place honors. Third place went to Danny McKinna and John Troia of Everett, Wash. Clark and Clara Kinney, who travelled from Tacoma, Wash., to get away from the crowd, were fourth.

As usual, Gordy and Linda Grimbly provided a tasty spread of barbecued ribs.

The Corner's 6th annual open doubles tournament will be held during April or May. More details later.

### Grove/Lukas Win at Lafayette Inn

Mark Grove of Rising Sun, Maryland, and John Lukas of Millington, Md., took top honors in the Lafayette Inn's "first Saturday of the month" tournament in Rising Sun on Nov. 4. Second place was taken by Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pennsylvania, and Mike Renzo (Pat and Nelson's son) from Rising Sun. Third place went to Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, and Lee Rutherford, Port Deposit, Md.

In the singles competition, John Lukas was the top winner. Second place honors went to Mopey Hasson of Perryville, Md., with Buddy Brammer in third.

"A nice crowd consisting of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland shooters once again enjoyed a nice spread of hot roast beef and other goodies provided by Pat and Nelson Renzo," reports Dick Gorman. "We have a new tournament manager for these Saturday affairs -- Pat Renzo -- and she's off to a flying start. These popular get-togethers are held the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome."

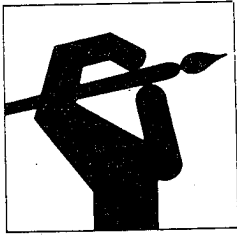
### Kimbrough/Danke Take Amato's Title

Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, hosted its bi-annual shuffleboard tournament of champions on Nov. 12. This blind draw doubles event drew 26 players who had become eligible by winning at least one house tournament held every Wednesday and Saturday nights. It was a single game, single elimination tourney.

Winners were Chuck Kimbrough of Carson, Calif., and Chris Danke of Huntington Beach. Second place honors were earned by Jerry Fruedenburg of Laughlin, Nevada, and Frank Bentley of Garden Grove, Calif. Jim Alford of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and Vern Booth of Modjeska, Calif., took third place.

"A good time was had by one and all," reports John Fisher. "A special thanks to management for a nice buffet."

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Board Talk Gets Salute

We must confess that we spent a year or so reading Bud's and Greg's issues before we subscribed ourselves. We didn't think anything of it at the time, until we read in one of the issues about the financial, as well as time-consuming, sacrifices you two have made in putting out The Board Talk. Needless to say, we got on the shufflers' wagon and signed up.

Since then, The Board Talk has become my favorite subscription and everything comes to a grinding halt when it arrives in the mail. Just ask Terry! Dinner has been late more than once.

I was lucky enough to get asked to be on the all women's team that is going out to Vegas in January and I have been practicing faithfully for 2 to 3 hours a day so I hopefully won't make a complete fool of myself or, more importantly, let my team members down when we play there.

Thanks again for your dedication and publication. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year. Hope to see you in Vegas.

Kathy and Terry Broka, Toledo, Ohio

*You will indeed see us in Vegas, Kathy, and when you do, you're going to get one big Board Talk hug! Readers, don't miss the poem written by Kathy from her kids' point of view in The Hammer.*

## Happy New Year to The Board Talk

First, I want to congratulate and thank you for another great year of The Board Talk. I have met so many great players at tourneys advertised in your newsletter. We would not have gotten where we are today without The Board Talk.

Second, I want to wish you both Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best wishes for continued success in 1989.

Bob Hall, Rising Sun, Maryland

*Thanks, Bob, for your kind words. We have a real strong feeling of confidence that 1989 will be a good year for the entire World of Shuffleboard.*

## Doc Has Ideas for Board Talk

It breaks my heart to read how many subscribers or establishments have let their subscriptions expire. Some of it may be just plain procrastination or laziness, but we have got to find a way to prompt these people into action. I have a few suggestions:

1. Send three notices for renewal just like the magazines do. I know it will cost, but if we get enough response, it may justify it.

2. Make a phone call to the person or the responsible person in an establishment. Again, the expense is there, but believe me, a phone call from George or Donna will get results.

3. Assign an individual to a particular town or area or region to actually go visit the establishment or make a local phone call to an individual reminding them of all the benefits of continuing to receive this great newsletter. Such a person could be a local league organizer or a prominent player, or a player with clout, charm and influence.

4. Establish fair and equitable and generous rates for those who wish to subscribe for three years, 5 years, 10 years and life membership. This will not only get an influx of revenue but also prevent annual renewal hassle. My Newsweek subscription runs out in June 1996 and Playboy in June 1992. Believe me, by 1996, Newsweek rates will probably double, so I do save a lot.

By the way, I love Board Talk and would be glad to volunteer in any capacity in which I may be of some service.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A.A. (Doc) Khan, Traverse City, Michigan

*Thanks for the ideas, Doc, but most of all, for caring. We have considered some of them, especially replacing our current red check method with mailed renewal notices. We're in an unusual situation right now. We're over the "hump" as far as survival is concerned; we are going to make it. However, we're mighty short on that precious commodity -- time -- to nurture The Board Talk's growth. Both of us have full-time jobs and they're not "9 to 5" jobs. Sometimes they involve travel that takes us far from home base for several days. Board Talk work is squeezed in between household chores and grandsons on weekends and nights. There's not much we can do about that for awhile. However, in 1989, we plan to invest in some equipment for our home office that will make us more efficient and make those renewal notices feasible. Also, now that we know we're going to be in business in the future, we plan to pursue your idea of price breaks for longer term subscriptions.*

## Al Gets Salute

As much as I don't like writing, I really want to pay tribute to Al Stewart (A & M Amusement Service, El Monte, Calif.). He is so dedicated to The World of Shuffleboard and I think he deserves some recognition.

During the Thanksgiving tournament at the Stagger Inn, he was there 12 hours a day for three days in a row, waxing all the boards for the complete tournament. At 70-odd years old, that's pretty good. And that was in addition to setting the boards up and taking them down by himself! He truly enjoys the game.

I hope you will hear from others because I can't say enough about Al and I just want him to know that we players appreciate him.

Chris Danke, Huntington Beach, California

*Al is a very special person in our world, Chris, and we know your words will be a great holiday gift to him.*

#### More Shuffleboard Growth in Pennsylvania

Three years ago, we organized an in-house league at the Lawnton Legion in Harrisburg, Pa. This year we started a draw partner tournament which is held at the Reliance Hose Co., where Dave Gardner, Sr. is our host and also manager of the Hose Co. We meet every Sunday afternoon and have from 14 to 18 players.

On Nov. 29, we started another draw partner tournament at the Penn Hotel and Sports Bar in Hershey, Pa. We had 18 players and know we will have a lot more next week. Everyone had a great time, even the few who never played before.

Owners of the Sports Bar, Ron and Fau Collins, are very enthusiastic and are hoping to expand shuffleboard in the Hershey area.

Jim and Pat Sterling, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

*The growth of our sport in your area is good news, Jim and Pat. Keep up the good work and keep having fun!*

#### More on Seeding

Regarding seeding, I agree with my old friend, A.Z. It will kill the growth. If you did a poll, the top pros are for it, the lesser pros are against it. So what does that tell you?

My brother, Bill, and I owned the Happy Hour in San Jose, Calif. in the 1970s. We ran up and up tourneys favoring no one. We never seeded and never slanted conditions to favor locals. That is the way to run truly successful tournaments.

Bob Jennings, Santa Ana, Sonora, Mexico

*A.Z. will be pleased with your response, Bob. Even though he asked for reaction to his viewpoints on seeding, we haven't been swamped with letters.*

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NOTE: The Board Talk closes on the 15th of each month. Send your news and views to: THE BOARD TALK  
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## 1989 National Shuffleboard Calendar

### Dec. 30-Jan. 1

New Year's Tourney  
The Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

### Dec. 30-Jan. 2

New Year's Tourney  
Black Cat, Portland, Oregon

### Dec. 31

New Year's Tourney  
D.J.'s, Warsaw, Indiana

### Jan. 6-8

Rowboat Open  
Jerry D's, Dacona, Colorado

### January 12-16\*

PCSA Shuffleboard Extravaganza  
Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada

### Jan. 13-15

Winter Tournament  
Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Md.

### January 21

Winter Tournament  
American Legion, Sudlersville, Md.

### Jan. 28-29

Tri-State Doubles  
Strober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan

### February 10-12

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

### Feb. 11-12

4th Annual Chili Day Tourney  
DJ's, Warsaw, Indiana

### Feb. 16-20\*

4th Washington's Birthday Tourney  
Holiday Inn, Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport

### March 3-5

Second Annual Tournament  
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

### March 11

2nd Atlantic Coast Invitational  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.

### March 17-20\*

Great Arizona Open  
Phoenix, Arizona

\*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour

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

### **Sech/Casula Win Draw**

The team of Sam Sech and Donny Casula won the draw partner tournament at the Diamond State VFW Post in Wilmington, Delaware, on Nov. 19. Thirty-four entries from three states participated. Second place went to John Lukas and Bernice, with Charley Walker (Rev. Moon) and Paul Lukas, John's son, in third.

"As usual, they had a great buffet for the players," reports Bob Hall. "This time it was pit beef and all the trimmings. The next tourney at Diamond State is Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 22. They will have the usual great buffet. Anyone is welcome to come and try their luck on the 28 ft. board."

### **Sech/Gardner Win at Perryville**

Twenty players from the Lawnton Legion, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, travelled by bus to the Perryville (Maryland) Legion for a nine-hour tourney in November. Winners were Sam Sech of Maryland and Dave Gardner, Sr. of Harrisburg. Second place was taken by Mary Everett of Maryland and Vic Magaro of Harrisburg. Third place winners were Richard Barr of Maryland and Dave Gardner, Jr. of Harrisburg. Frank Stillman of Maryland and Doris Keller of Harrisburg finished fourth, with Mopey Hasson of Maryland and Clara Fulginiti of Harrisburg in fifth place.

"Our hosts at Perryville, headed by Commander Richard Barr, and Carl Ewing and his angels, Janet Demar, Peggy Pence and Jiny Scharbrough, excelled in providing delicious food and great hospitality," report Jim and Pat Sterling. "Our thanks to John Barrow, owner of the Rendezvous Inn in Perryville, for the use of his board for some of the games which had to be played there because of the time factor."

### **Gartland/Herrmann Win Mixed Doubles**

The first of six mixed doubles tournaments scheduled for the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, was held Nov. 13 with 15 teams participating. First place was won by Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia. Second place went to Terry Buzzuto (first time ever in a tournament) and Chuck King, both of Dover, Delaware. Stacey Edmundson of Havredegace, Md., and Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Del., took third. Fourth place went to Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md., and Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun.

The four top teams split up over \$1,000 in prizes.

"A great buffet was provided to shooters by hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo," reports Dick Gorman. "The next mixed doubles are scheduled for Jan. 22 and Feb. 12 and some folks registered before they left this tourney. Come join us!"

### **Bobby V/Deb Summers Win Mixed Doubles**

Bobby Voorhis and Deb Summers of Indiana took top honors in a mixed doubles tournament at the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan, on Nov. 19. Second place went to Lee McDonald of Lansing and Cheryl Collins of Davisburg, with Phil McGrew, Pontiac, and Trish Turner in third. The winners split a pot of \$3,360.

Tournament director Phil McGrew extends thanks to auctioneer Kathy Broka, Jim Stockmaster for board preparation, and hosts Emanuel and Mary.

### **Biggest Tourney Ever in North Webster**

Lucky's Bar in North Webster, Indiana, hosted its biggest tournament ever on Nov. 26, with 21 teams participating. Winners were Mike Koontz of Bourbon, Ind. and Skip Jackson. Locals Larry Huffer and Ray Grayless took second place honors.

### **Welborn/Massie Win Indy Thanksgiving Tourney**

The \$50 doubles held at the Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana, over the Thanksgiving weekend drew 15 teams vying for a total pot of \$2,420. Coming out on top were Ron Welborn and Larry Massie of Summitville, Ind. Second place went to brothers Tom and Dave Vorndran of Anderson, Ind., with third place going to locals Jerry Warr and Bobby Voorhis.

On the 26th, 20 shooters put up \$50 apiece in a tough single elimination tourney at the Town Tavern in Summitville. Total pot was \$2,470, making the Thanksgiving weekend bookend tourneys worth almost \$5,000. Jim DeWitt of Redkey took top honors with Greg Massie coming in second. Bobby V. finished in third.

"Both these tourneys were over early, so there's room for more shooters next year in this annual event," says Bobby. Mark your 1989 shuffleboard calendars now.

## **TRI-STATE DOUBLES TOURNEY**

**Jan. 28-29**

**\$40 per team entry**

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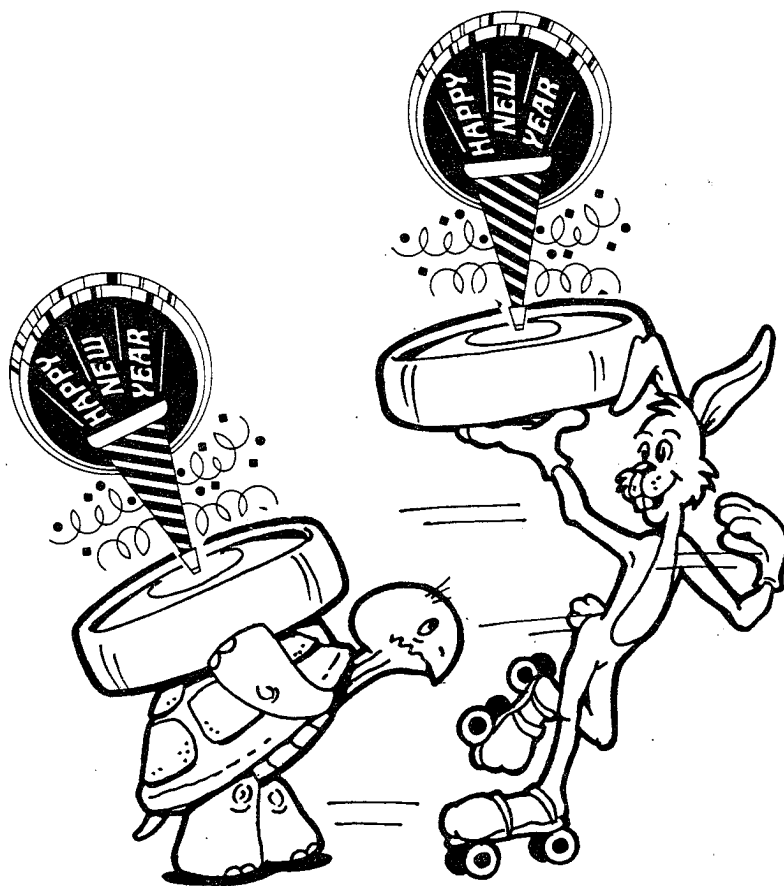
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World of Shuffleboard together  
grow even stronger in the  
year ahead. Bless you all!*



*George & Donna Hilber*

THE BOARD TALK

## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from page 4)*

### **Cox/Waldman/Spickelmier Take Stagger Inn Titles**

Don Cox of California and Eric Waldman of Montana teamed up to take top honors in the Stagger Inn/Al Stewart Thanksgiving weekend doubles tournament. John McDermott of Michigan and Leroy Ledford of California finished second, with Joe Muniz and Bill Maxwell, both of California in third place.

In the singles tournament, Karl Spickelmier of California was the big winner. John McDermott took second place honors, with Eric Waldman in third. Other winners were: Dave Williams, Texas, fourth; Billy Chiles, California, fifth, and Sparky Sparkman, California, sixth. There were 24 entries in this event and the six place payoff reflects The Shuffleboard Federation's new system of the number of entries determining how many places will be paid.

### **Yank/Herrmann Take Mixed Doubles Honors**

Twenty-one teams competed for almost \$1700 in the Lafayette Inn's second in a series of mixed doubles tournaments in Rising Sun, Maryland. Winners were Rita Yank and Ray Herrmann of Philadelphia. Second place honors went to Mary Ann Watson of Philadelphia and John Lukas of Millington, Maryland. Third place was taken by first time tournament shooter Betty McMillian of Rising Sun and Fuzzy Shires of Conowingo, Md. Fourth place went to Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia.

Dick Gorman reports that these mixed double tournaments start at 1 p.m. with an auction and are scheduled to be over by 9 p.m., which can be accomplished with four in-house boards.

"The \$20 per team entry fee included a hot buffet. You don't leave Pat and Nelson Renzo's hungry. You just leave tired hosts. They work hard! Nelson is the chief cook, assisted by Mozell and Y, while Pat directs the tournament activity," Dick said.

The next mixed doubles tourney is on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 22. Extra TVs will be provided to detract the shufflers. "We plan to have a great time," says Dick. "Why don't you join us? But call first to reserve a spot."

### **Voorhis/Warr Win at Alley Inn**

Fourteen teams vied for a total pot of \$1455 at a recent tourney held at the Alley Inn in Albion, Indiana. Top honors went to Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr of Fairmount, Ind., with Steve Hart, Anderson, and Jim DeWitt, Redkey, placing second.

### **Gorman/Robinson/Dugan/Herrmann Win at Lafayette Inn**

Thirty shooters gave up early Christmas shopping to participate in two draw partner, single game, double elimination events at the Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland. The first event went to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Del., and Bill Robinson of Woodlyn, Pa. Second place honors were earned by Bob Hall of Rising Sun and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia. Third place went to Pat Glynn of Rising Sun and Rita Yank of Philadelphia.

The second event was won by Joe Dugan, a newcomer to Lafayette Inn, of New Castle, Del., and Jerry Herrmann.

Second place was won by Bob Hall and Mopey Hasson of Perryville, Md. with Cathy McVey, Peach Bottom, Pa., and Lee Rutherford, Port Deposit, Md., in third place.

These first Saturday of the month tourneys are held September through May on four in-house boards.

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## **Winter Tourney**

**Doubles: \$20 per team**  
**Double Elimination**

**JAN. 21**

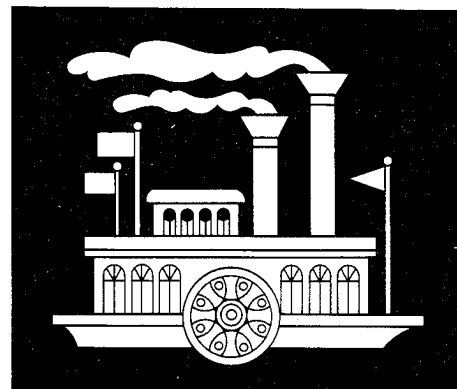
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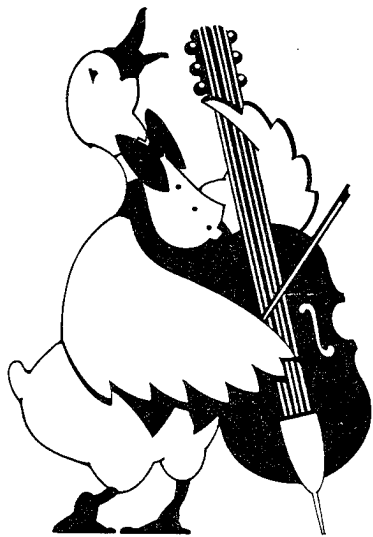
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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from page 6)*

### **Shufflers' Choice on New Year's Weekend!**

Shufflers have a choice of seeing in the New Year at three top-notch tournaments -- D.J.'s in Warsaw, Indiana, the Black Cat in Portland, Oregon, or the Palace Bar, Fairmount Indiana.

A complimentary bottle of champagne will go to each entry in the doubles tourney at D.J.'s, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw, Ind. on Saturday, Dec. 31. Entry fee is \$20 per team, double elimination, first open board. The auction starts at 2 p.m., but the doors will open at 10 a.m. For information, call Phil or Karen Heinzman, 219-269-1913.

Entry fees for the World Series of Shuffleboard at the Black Cat Tavern, 8230 S.E. 13th, Portland, Oregon, on Dec. 30-Jan. 2 are \$100 per team for the doubles and \$50 for the singles. Best 2 of 3, double elimination. Auctions are Friday, Dec. 30, with play starting on Saturday. Big New Year's Eve Party planned. Boards open to paid entries only from Thursday on. For information, call 503-235-3571.

The Voorhis family invite you to see 1989 in with them at the Palace Bar, 121 S. Main, Fairmount, Indiana on Dec. 30-Jan. 1. \$50 entry fee for the doubles, \$20 for the singles. Both are single game, double elimination. Auction for the doubles is 9 p.m. Friday, and 4 p.m. on Saturday for the singles. For information, call 371-948-9102.

### **Rowboat Open, Jerry D's, Jan. 6-8**

Don't forget to stop at Jerry D's in Dacona, Colorado, on your way to the shuffleboard extravaganza in Las Vegas. Jerry and Susan will treat you to a great time, a free lunch, an exciting auction, a competitive tournament and a chance to earn some extra money to blow in Vegas. It's the Rowboat Open and it happens Jan. 6, 7 and 8. \$50 entry fee for the singles event, double elimination with the auction on Friday night. For information, call 303-833-3469 or 303-833-3959.

### **PCSA Extravaganza, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 13-16**

If you missed the Dec. 15 deadline for registering for this big Shuffleboard Extravaganza at the Showboat in Las Vegas, Jan. 13-16, you'd better call to see if there's still a spot for you. The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association expects an overflow crowd. This will be an exciting tourney for players and spectators alike with an opportunity to meet enthusiasts from all parts of the U.S. and Canada. On the agenda will be an amateur team event, open singles, women's singles and open doubles.

To check if there's "room at the inn" for you, call Joe Muniz, 213-926-3714, or Lou Lusero, 213-830-7600, Ext. 362, or 213-513-6486.

### **Winter Tournament, Ours & Your Place, Jan. 13-15**

Ours & Your Place in Sudlersville, Maryland, will host a winter tournament on Jan. 13-15. Events will include a draw partners, \$10 per person; women's singles, \$15 per player; bring your partner, \$25 per team, and open singles, \$25 per player. Advance registration is strongly urged. Saturday and Sunday buffets for all participants.

For information call Art or Joann Ware, 301-438-3743.

### **Winter Tourney at Bourbon, Jan. 21**

You can always count on a great tourney at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, and the one on Jan. 21 will be no exception. It's a doubles, \$20 per team, double elimination, four boards available. The auction is scheduled for 11 a.m. A fish fry is also on the schedule.

For information, contact Mike Koontz, 219-498-6625, or the American Legion, 219-342-9125.

### **Tri-State Doubles, Stober's, Lansing, Jan. 28-29**

The Tri-State Shuffleboard Doubles Tournament will be held at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan, on Jan. 28-29. Entry fee is \$40 per team, but a 60-30-10 payoff. Single game, double elimination. The auction is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Jackets will be awarded to the first place team. The first 16 teams to enter can use their own weights in the tourney.

For information, contact Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184, or Stober's, 517-487-4390.

### **Winter Lafayette Inn/Board Talk Tourney Set for Feb. 10-12**

The four boards are ready and the stove is lit in anticipation of another sell-out tournament, good fellowship and good food at the Winter Lafayette Inn/Board Talk Tournament in Rising Sun, Maryland, on Feb. 10-12. Each of the four events will start and finish on the same day.

A draw partner event is scheduled for Friday night, a women's singles on Saturday morning, a bring your partner event on Saturday afternoon, and a mixed doubles on Sunday. You can sign up for any or all events, but do it early, as most events are sold out well in advance. See ad in this issue for times and entry fees.

The Lafayette Inn's fall tournament had a total payout of \$13,500, so come join us for some Atlantic Coast shuffleboard.

### **4th Annual Chili Day Tourney at DJ's**

D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Indiana, will host their 4th Annual Chili Day Tournament on Feb. 11-12. An open doubles, \$20 per team, double elimination, will be held on Feb. 11 with the auction at 2 p.m. All you can eat of D.J.'s iron kettle homemade chili!

A Valentine's mixed doubles tourney, \$10 per team, single elimination, is scheduled for Feb. 12 with the auction at 1 p.m.

D.J.'s has two boards.

For information, call Phil or Karen Heinzman, 219-269-1913. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

### **4th Annual Washington's Birthday Tourney**

The Washington's Birthday Tournament, one of the most popular events on the shuffleboard calendar, is scheduled for Feb. 16-20 at the Holiday Inn, Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport. Events include an open doubles, \$400 per team; open singles, \$200 per player; and a women's singles, \$100 per player. All are 2 of 3, double elimination. The auctions for all events are scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday night with play starting on Friday.

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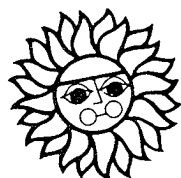
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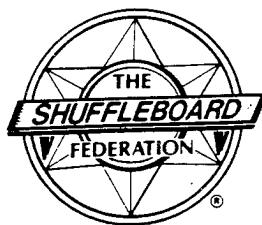
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### CALENDAR

**January 12-16:** P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza  
Showboat Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

**January 27-29:** Amateur and Open qualifiers for 4th Annual  
Washington's Birthday Tourney (see flyer)

**February 16-20:** 4th Annual Washington's Birthday tourney  
Holiday Inn, Dallas/Fot Worth Airport (see flyer)

**March 16-19:** 2nd Annual Greater Arizona Open  
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

**April 20-23:** 1st Annual Hoosier Classic  
Holiday Inn, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**May 25-29:** 3rd Annual Michigan/Playfair Open  
Holiday Inn, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

### 1988 Final Point Standings

|                      |                          |     |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Darrol Nelson     | Springfield, Oregon      | 650 |
| 2. John McDermott    | Southfield, Michigan     | 560 |
| 3. Don Cox           | Sacramento, California   | 453 |
| 4. Glen Davidson     | Oklahoma City, Okla.     | 404 |
| 5. David Williams    | Fort Worth, Texas        | 397 |
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The beginning of the New Year is upon us and we want to share some thoughts on where we have been and where we are going. "We" in this case refers to everyone involved with the game -- pros and amateurs, bar owners, manufacturers of shuffleboard equipment, etc.

This common thread that binds us has had its share of ups and downs over its 400 year history. What started as a game played by royalty in the early 1600s has been played in neighborhood bars, church basements, union halls, clubs, legion halls and boys' clubs. It has experienced periods of tremendous popularity and during the 60s and 70s, it almost died completely.

The last 10 years has brought a tremendous increase in popularity. Many new players have joined the ranks of shuffleboard enthusiasts. Players who have not been active in years are coming out of the woodwork. The Board Talk has brought the community together and provided a means of communication.

The Shuffleboard Federation entered the picture a couple of years ago. We have a unique combination of three people -- an experienced player, an experienced business man, and a top notch sports marketer. We have studied other individual sports and found the common patterns, what those sports have done to put themselves in a position to attract sponsors.

Shuffleboard has made tremendous progress the last few years. In order to sustain this momentum and continue to grow, we all need to work together and we all have obligation to the game. Pro players have a duty to help the less experienced players. Most of the pros are willing to help anyone who comes to them. That, however, is not good enough. New players are the lifeblood of any sport. If you are a top player, don't wait for people to come to you. Take the initiative, grab that player you see working hard and help them. History shows us that beating the amateur player out of his money is detrimental to the game.

The manufacturers are starting to do their share,

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providing boards to The Federation for our tournaments as needed. Both American and Playfair shuffleboard companies have pledged increased support for the coming year.

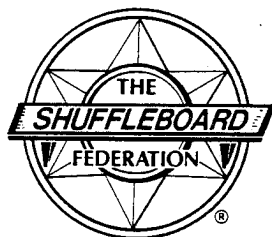
Anyone who enjoys the game has an obligation to support The Board Talk. The game does not need freeloaders. Depending on input from the Policy Board at their meeting in Las Vegas, it may be a requirement that you subscribe to The Board Talk if you are going to play in a Federation tournament. This may not sit well with some people, but we are not going to cater to those who are not doing their share.

The other big tavern sports have made much better progress in terms of attracting sponsors than we have. Does their game involve better people? Is theirs' a better game? We think not. What they have done is worked together, and put their politics and egos aside enough to put the game first.

The Federation has no desire to make the rules we play by; that is now the responsibility of the Player Policy Board. We are qualified to organize the players and market the game and are proceeding full steam ahead in those areas. We know that we are going to be successful. The amount of cooperation we receive will determine how fast it happens.

The bottom line is: we all need each other. Shuffleboard players are a different and special breed. Our slogan is "Friendship Through Competition." It is an unusual concept. Maybe you have to be a shuffleboard player to be able to relate to it. If you are a player and look at who are your closest friends and think about the people you have met through this game, it begins to make sense.

To those of you who have supported us, we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation. You are the people we want to work with. The time to be recognized and supported by sponsors is closer than it has ever been. You will see flyers very soon for two tournaments in 1989 with sponsorship by a major beer company. To those who have not yet jumped on the bandwagon, judge us by our actions and deeds. There will always be room for you later.



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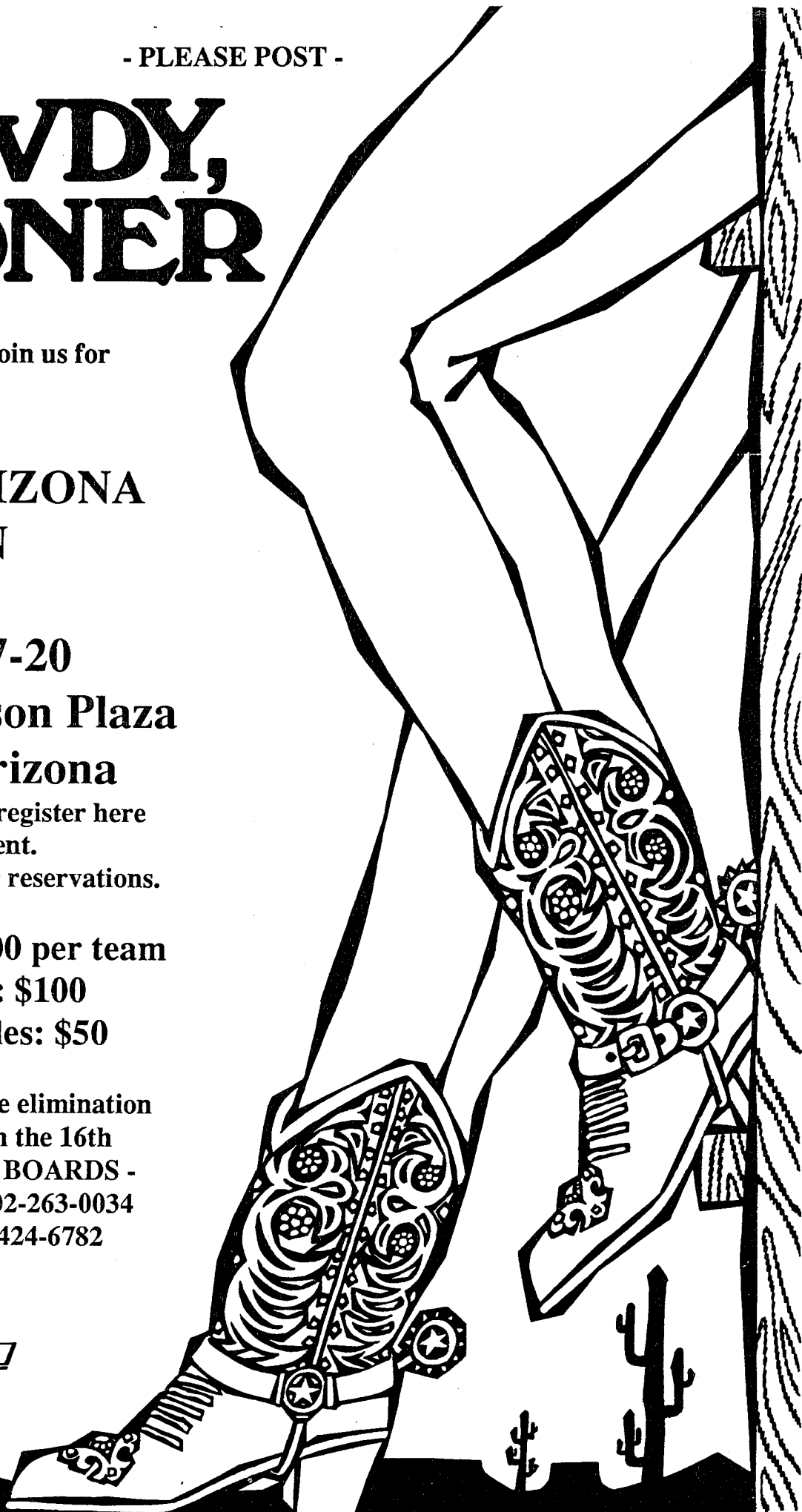
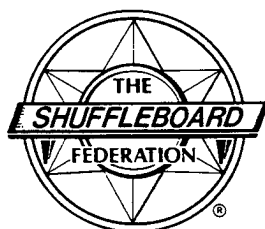
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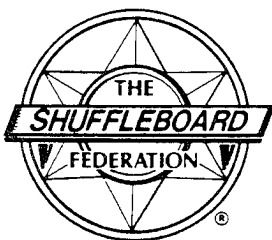
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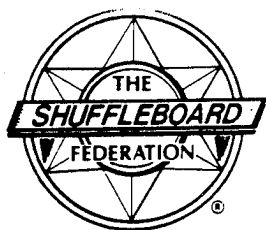


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### **Second Annual Tourney at Blue Coat Inn, March 3-5**

The Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host its second annual shuffleboard tournament on March 3, 4 and 5.

The open draw will begin on Friday night at 7:30 with an entry fee of \$50 per person, single game, double elimination. The club will add \$200 to this event.

The bring your partner tourney will begin as soon as the draw partner is over. Entry fee is \$100 per person, three game, double elimination. The club will add \$250 to this event.

The tournament will be placed on three boards.

Valley Inn Motel is again giving shuffleboard players a discount. When making your reservations, be sure to tell them you are coming to this tournament at the Blue Coat Inn to get the discount. Call 918-743-4431 for reservations.

"Come and join the fun," urges Patti Kay. "The Blue Coat Inn is the only Tulsa club with three permanent boards. There

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For further information, call Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288; Bill Melton, 405-369-2448; or Patti Kay, 918-742-1014 (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) or 918-663-9727 (home).

### **Second Annual Atlantic Coast Invitational, March 11**

On Saturday, March 11, the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, will host its Second Annual Invitational Singles Tournament. This is an open invitation to anyone who has been listed in The Board Talk's Top Ten in any division to enter the tournament. Entries are limited to the first 32 sign-ups with registration fees of \$50 per person.

On the preceding Friday night, March 10, a draw partner event will be held, and on Sunday, March 12, there will be a mixed doubles tournament, so plan to make a weekend of it!

Call the Lafayette Inn, 301-658-9075 to reserve your spot. They'll hold a spot for you for a few days while your check is in the mail.

### **Great Arizona Open, Phoenix, March 17-20**

Organizers expect record participation in this year's Great Arizona Open at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Phoenix, March 17-20. Larry Tafoya reports that these will be "absolutely the best facilities for players and spectators" that anyone has ever seen. Eight new Playfair boards will be set up in a huge ballroom with plenty of seating all around the playing area. The hotel boasts an all-glass elevator to allow you to view the beautiful scenery and a spectacular lounge where snacks are served from 3 to 6 p.m. daily.

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**Mixed Doubles**

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If you are a non-resident, you must register at the Howard Johnson Plaza to participate. Call 1-800-654-2000 to make your reservations.

For information about the tourney, call Larry Tafoya, 602-263-0034, or Bob Lewis, 602-424-6782. Register early for this one! It will fill up soon.

See ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard house.

## **Hammer** *(continued from page 1)*

future. There's people like Brian Crowl, who reaches the hand of shuffleboard fellowship to distant countries. And, there's people like Bellflower Bruce.

Bellflower Bruce has never been in The Board Talk's Top 50 Players in the U.S.A. listing, or in The Shuffleboard Federation's point standings. He has, however, been a part of The Board Talk for a long, long time. If you check The Shuffleboard Directory, which we sincerely hope you do, he has paid advertising telling our World that "Bellflower Bruce and His Friends" play at such and such a place. He pays for that listing -- not the establishment where he and his friends play -- because he believes in the future of shuffleboard and he

believes in us.

The first time we met Bruce was at the Great Arizona Open last March. We knew right away he was special. Every woman at the tourney received flowers from Bruce (what a class act!). The women took that gesture as a "statement" that he believed that segment of The World of Shuffleboard was important.

Because of Bellflower Bruce, and the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, we're going to be on the scene of one of the greatest shuffleboard events in the past several decades. We salute Bruce and all the other people like him who believe that the sport and The Board Talk will be around, not only for this one great event, but for a long, long time.

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Participating in the upcoming Big Event means some sacrifices for those left behind. We know that! We took our grandsons along to the Michigan Open last year and they can hardly wait to go to their next tournament. We told them that grandsons under 21 weren't allowed in Vegas so they're doing some big-time pouncing.

Not unlike our two boys (three if you count the Golden Lab who's going to miss us, too) are the viewpoints of the children of Terry and Kathy Broka. Kathy will be one of the enthusiastic participants in the amateur team event (see Shufflers Notebook). We know you'll enjoy this poem as much as we did:

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# **The Great Arizona Open** **March 17-20** **Howard Johnson Plaza, Phoenix**

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**Open Singles: \$100 per player**  
**Women's Singles: \$50 per player**

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**\*Entry fee: \$10 per player**

**\*Limit first 30 signups**

**\*Prizes - first 3 places**

## **SATURDAY, FEB. 11 - WOMEN'S SINGLES**

**\*Drawing & Bidding, 9:30 a.m.**

**\*Games start at once**

**\*Will finish Saturday afternoon**

**\*Entry fee: \$10 per player**

**\*Limit first 16 players**

**\*Prizes - first 3 places**

## **SATURDAY, FEB. 11 - BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER**

**\*Drawing & Bidding, 1:30 p.m.**

**\*Games start at once**

**\*Will finish Saturday**

**\*Entry fee: \$25 per team**

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## **SUNDAY, FEB. 12 - MIXED DOUBLES**

**\*Drawing & Bidding, 1 p.m.**

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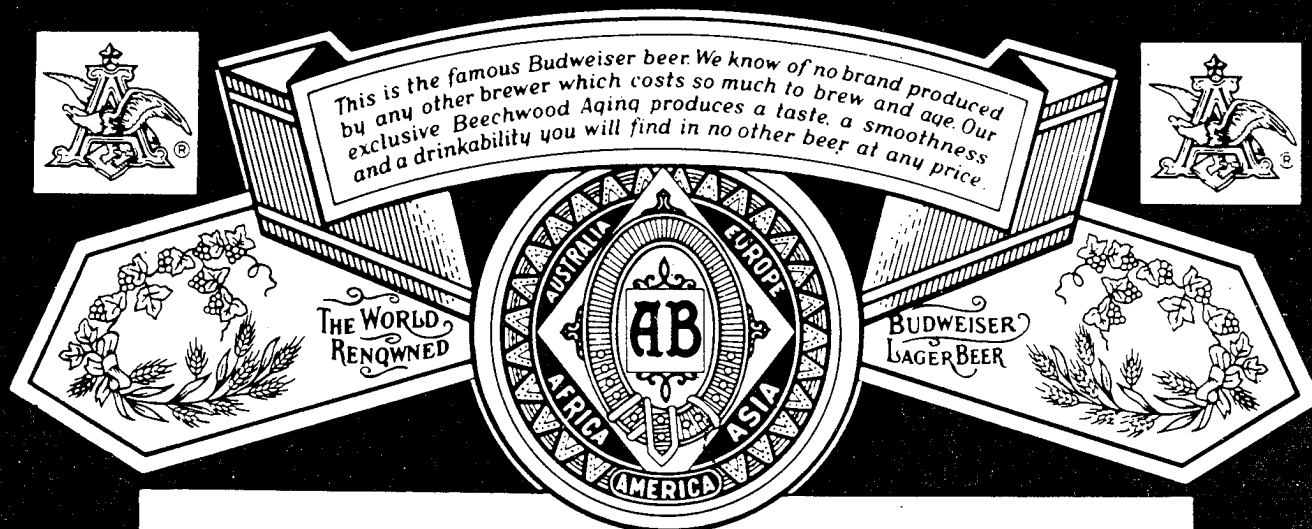
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## INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

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Happy New Year to all!

Jeff Dugaw  
Interlakes Shuffleboard League  
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### Women's League Standings Through 11-10-88

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Lakeside II    | 110 pts. |
| Lakeside I     | 103      |
| Wagon Wheel I  | 80-1/2   |
| Liberty Bar    | 78       |
| Majestic       | 71       |
| Victors        | 69       |
| Wagon Wheel II | 63       |
| O'Brady's      | 54-1/2   |
| Boat Bar       | 45-1/2   |
| Bachelors      | 44-1/2   |

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| (West)      |        | (East)         |         |
|-------------|--------|----------------|---------|
| Lakeside I  | 170    | Wagon Wheel I  | 159-1/2 |
| Victor's    | 150    | Liberty Bar    | 143     |
| O'Brady's   | 129    | Dillinger's    | 140     |
| Lakeside II | 128    | Majestic       | 107     |
| Bachelors   | 112    | Prue's         | 104-1/2 |
| Catalina    | 85     | Wagon Wheel II | 96-1/2  |
| Boat Bar    | 55-1/2 | Bob & Elmer's  | 85-1/2  |
|             |        | Richard's      | 55-1/2  |

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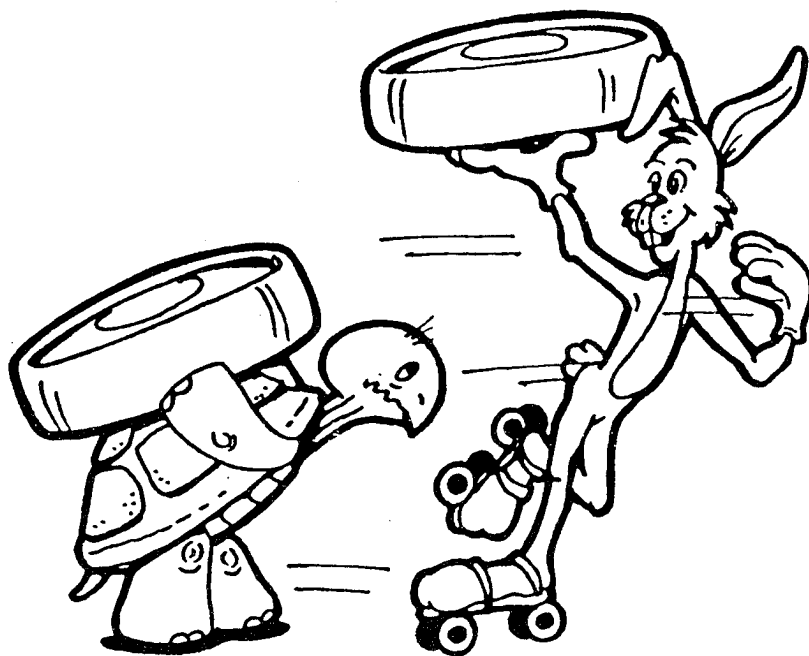
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Las Vegas Blues

'Twas the night before Vegas and all through the house  
 The kids were all yelling, Hey, Mom, you're a louse.  
 The cupboards are empty, we're all out of bread,  
 This shuffleboard tourney's affecting your head.  
 Our clothes are all dirty and the house is a mess.  
 Last week, you sent Justin to school in a dress.  
 The dog won't stop howling and Dad is so sad,  
 Since you signed up for Vegas, you're driving him mad.  
 So, hurry up tourney, you can't come too fast,  
 As we sit here hoping our patience will last.  
 Head on out to the Showboat, you shufflin' fool,  
 And send all your opponents on back to their stools.  
 Take Aunt Di, little Cheryl and Kathy Morgan along,  
 With Elly, Jamie K and Gail Crane, you'll be strong.  
 And just to be sure that you'll come home the best,  
 Hop on down to the Palace and pick up Debbie S.  
 You can't forget Norma, she'll cheer and she'll shout,  
 Just don't get too rowdy or they'll throw you out.  
 So, look out you shufflers, North, South, East and West,  
 Eighty's Ladies are coming...Heaven help all the rest!!

This message brought to you by Justin and Bryon Broka, sons  
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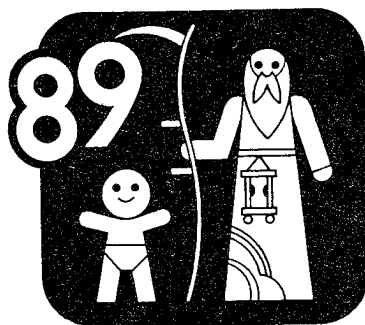
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