

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Five years ago today, we were nervously preparing for our first annual Board Talk tournament. We were scared to death! What if we threw a big party and nobody came? Well, they did come and they've been coming ever since, more and more each year. By the time you read this, we'll be throwing our fifth big party and representatives from coast to coast will be here to celebrate with us.

That's what we think our annual Board Talk tournament is -- a celebration -- a celebration of the sport of shuffleboard. We don't have a bar, so it's not a money-maker for us. In fact, in years past, it has cost us money to throw the "party." This year, we're joining hands with two other important components of The World of Shuffleboard -- Playfair Shuffleboard Company and The Shuffleboard Federation -- to help us stage what we believe will be a great celebration.

We extend a salute to Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York. Owners Milt and Betty Benedict put up \$150 to pay the entry for the doubles winners of their recent Genesee Open for The Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. We call that a real vote of confidence -- a vote for their winners and a vote for our tournament.

We ask you to join us in saluting your editors' Mom/mother-in-law for contributing a beautiful afghan, with countless hours of handwork involved, for the Al and Von Stewart Benefit. When we told Mom about the recent tribulations of this great couple, she said, "I want to do something for them." We're raffling it off at our Board Talk tourney with the proceeds going to Al and Von, who have used their life savings to pay medical bills for the both of them, with bills still mounting. These are two people who have given back to the sport of shuffleboard much more than they've taken from it and they deserve our concern and what little help we can offer. If you're not at our tourney to buy a chance on the afghan, we could probably talk Mom into crocheting another one. She's nearly 86 years old and doing for others is what keeps her young and beautiful. If you're interested in contributing to the Al and Von Stewart Benefit, with a chance to win a handmade afghan, give us a call, 517-371-2538.

No amount of money can replace what the Rod Cameron family lost. But what we can do is let them know that the members of the shuffleboard network care. When we watched the news about the Texas floods, most of us felt compassion for the families who lost their homes and possessions. How

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Tourney Talk

Big Turnout at Ours & Your Place Spring Tourney

The competition was tough at Ours & Your Place's Spring Tournament in Sudlersville, Maryland, on April 21-23, with some new participants involved.

In the draw partner event, John Lukas of Millington, Md., and "Lonzo" Knight of Sharpsburg, Md., took first place. Second place went to Allan Hauer, Boonesboro, Md., and Tim Hammond, Milford, Del. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Buddy Coale of Rising Sun, Md., took third.

Fourteen teams participated in the mixed doubles tourney with Chuck King of Dover, Del., and Rosalie Kaufman of Queenstown, Md., in first place. Scratch Todd of Denton, Md., and Shirley Domino of Dover were second place finishers with John Lukas and Carol Hampton of Charlestown, Md., in third.

With the mixed doubles event over earlier than expected, another draw partner tourney was held. In first place was "Baltimore Judy" (Judy Gartland got lost coming from Philadelphia, ending up in Baltimore, two hours away in the wrong direction, thus this nickname) and her partner, Charlie Hawkins of Hagerstown, Md. Chuck King and Lonzo Knight were second place winners, with Jim Snyder of Williamsport and John Lukas in third.

Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia took top honors in the singles event, with John Lukas in second and Scratch Todd in third.

"Too bad those guys from Western Maryland had to return home. It would have been nice to see how well they do walking the boards," said tournament director Judith Iseman.

"Once again, it was a great shufflers' weekend at Ours & Your Place with 103 entries and \$5615 in prize money," Judith reports. "As always, hosts Art and JoAnn Ware provided great hospitality and food for all. Many thanks to all who helped make this a great tourney, especially Barb Wallace for her help on the charts so I could shoot and not worry."

Crupper/Rafferty Win Polish-American Tourney

Twenty-four shooters competed in the Polish American Club's 3rd Annual Spring Tournament in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Shufflers from five different leagues and others from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware all came to shoot in the double elimination, bring your partner tournament.

Winners were Bill Crupper of Delaware and John Rafferty of Pennsylvania. Second place honors went to the Robinson brothers, Bill from Pennsylvania and Mike from New Jersey. Third place went to two local shooters from Philadelphia, Tom Czsika and Cookie Hester, representatives from the Polish Club.

"As usual, the Polish American Club hosted a great time,"

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Michigan Open "One of Best!"

After returning from the Michigan Open, I thought a few words of appreciation were in order for The Shuffleboard Federation. I want to send a great big "THANKS" to Phil, John, and everyone involved with the Federation who worked so hard to make this year's tournament one of the best I've ever attended.

Their experience and tournament know-how was apparent from the start. First of all, they proved that pre-scheduled starting times and boards can and does work. Secondly, I say "Three Cheers" for the addition of the mixed doubles event! This event added extra players in both the men's and women's singles. Finally, and probably most important, they showed that you can hold a tournament with both amateur and professional participation, without mass confusion. I could tell by watching the faces of some of these new players, they were just marking time before they tried "the other side of the fence."

In closing, I would like to say how good it was to see Donna and George and all my old friends from Michigan again, and extend a great big hug to my step-father whom I was reunited with after almost 22 years. I've given him a subscription to The Board Talk so he can keep track of me!

Sandy Jenkins, Dallas, Texas

It was good to see you, too, Sandy. We know The Federation personnel will appreciate your salute, and certainly, your step-father will appreciate your hug. We welcome him to our shuffleboard network and hope he enjoys reading about you!

In Memory of a Shuffleboard Friend

My letter is in regard to the recent death of a close friend and life-long follower of shuffleboard. Levi Balsck passed away on May 21, 1989. He suffered for the past year with cancer, but died of a heart attack.

Levi was much loved by all who knew him, and that was many! He never lost his sense of humor or his love of the game, and he will be missed by all of us.

Never again will we see the dimpled smile we grew to know so well, but in our hearts there are memories of Levi that will bring us smiles in the remembering. What greater thing can you leave behind you than a friend who still feels the warmth of a smile -- because of you?

Yes, it's hard to lose a person like Levi Balsck, but so much better to lose him than never to have known him at all. Thanks for the memories.

Goldie Adair for Your Friends in Vegas -- and in The World of Shuffleboard

What a beautiful tribute to a man who must have been a beautiful person! We're sure his family and many friends will appreciate it.

Ours & Your Place Showcase East Coast Women

One hundred five shooters were privileged to witness some of the greatest shuffling this side of the 20th Century. The tourney took place at Ours & Your Place in Sudlersville, Maryland. It started Friday night and ended on Sunday evening.

What made this event so different from other tournaments? Not the fact that all the top shooters from the East Coast were among the participants, but the 15 well-practiced and determined ladies who showed what they could do.

The women started slowly with just five of them taking part in a field of 30 shooters in the draw partner event. These five showed early that all shooters had better show a lot of respect for the shufflers of the fairer sex. They put some of the big names in the other people's bracket right from the start. None of the females finished in the money on this chilly January night, but they let it be known they were just warming up.

As the sun was just coming up the following day, 14 determined and well-qualified leadies left their homes in three different states to open the day's activity -- the women's singles. Some great hitting, sticking and shuffling took place, but none of the participants went unscathed. It took Rita Yank of Philadelphia two games in the finals to win a great match against Shirley Domino of Dover, Delaware. Third place honors went to Stephanie Reinhardt of Maryland, who looks to be one of the best upcoming shooters of either sex on the East Coast.

With the women's singles over, ten of the ladies stepped right into the bring your partner tournament, which had a field of 23 teams. With ladies like Judy Iseman and JoAnn Ware shutting out their male opponents, 15-0, to Mary Ann Watson and Rita Yank who ran the winner's bracket, all 10 women more than held their own, knocking big shooter after big shooter into the loser's and party brackets. At 4:30 a.m. the following day, Rita and Mary Ann finally succumbed to the sheer amount of time put in that day and sent a shaken and relieved John Lukas and Charlie Walker home with first place honors.

After that long, long, long Saturday, only four of the lovely ladies were in good enough shape to try again in the open singles on Sunday. Still after this gruelling endurance test, they all shot very well.

A great salute to the 15 women who showed what great shufflers they really are. Congratulations to Judy Iseman, JoAnn Ware, Joyce Pyle, Carol Hampton, Shirley Domino, Rosalie Kaufman, Mary Ann Watson, Peggy Gardner, Steph Reinhardt, Rita Yank, Sue Newman, Eve Korney, Ann Powell, Jane Miegpewski and Hazel Brown. Hope to see you strut your shooting again real soon.

Jim Yank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

It's been our pleasure to see most of these women shoot, Jim, and they are, indeed, very worthy of your special salute.

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ever, we were "removed" somewhat from the tragedies involved by the miles between where it was happening and where we lived. That's why the news that Rod had lost a grandson in that terrible flood struck such a sharp chord in our hearts. That grandson was only 20 months old. Our grandsons have provided a dimension to our lives we never thought possible and such a loss is just uncomprehensible to us. Our hearts go out to that family and we know yours do, too. Send him a note to let him know you care: Rod Cameron, P.O. Box 1665, Dayton, TX 77535.

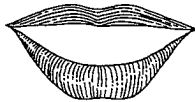
The shuffleboard network grows slowly -- a little bit each month. It's been a long time since we shared with you how your state is doing, so here are the top ten:

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| 1. Michigan | 6. Arizona |
| 2. California | 7. Washington |
| 3. Texas | 8. Nebraska |
| 4. Indiana | 9. Maryland |
| 5. Oklahoma | 10. Oregon and Pennsylvania |

Spread the word -- put your state on the shuffleboard network map.

Last month, we gave you an editorial slap on the hands for not sharing your opinions and suggestions with the Shuffleboard Federation's Player Policy Board. The players who serve on that board represent you. They'll be meeting prior to the U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, in early August. Take a look at the rules on the flyer in this issue. Tell them what you like and don't like. Tell them what you liked or did not like about Shuffleboard Federation sanctioned tourneys you've participated in. This is your opportunity to make an impact on the future of shuffleboard. Send those ideas and opinions to: Player Policy Board, Shuffleboard Federation, 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, MI 48167. Send them by July 25.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

WATCH OUR LIPS!

The deadline for THE BOARD TALK is the 15th of each month. To make sure your news, views, ads and tournament dates are published in the next issue, send them by the 15th of the previous month, i.e., July 15 for the August issue. Send to:

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1989 National Shuffleboard Calendar***July 14-16**

8-Person Team Challenge
Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas

July 15-16

Doubles & Mixed
Dillinger's Saloon, Oxford, Michigan

July 22

Six Person Team Tourney
Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

July 29-30

"Shuffleboard Affair"
Town Tavern, Sequim, Washington

Aug. 4-6

Doubles Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

***Aug. 10-14**

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

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

East Coast Extravaganza
Holiday inn Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

***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**

SHUFFLEBOARD IS FAMILY TRADITION

The love of shuffleboard spans three generations of the Fridley family from the Waterloo, New York area. The father-sons trio of Doug, Doug Jr. and David are familiar figures in Eastern shuffleboard circles and Doug's wife, Elsie, and daughter, Tracie, are also avid shooters. The man who instilled that love of the sport in the Fridley family is Doug's father, Phillip. He earned the reputation of being one of the better shooters in the area in his prime and still shoots today at the age of 84!

Doug, who has been playing shuffleboard for 41 years, learned the basics of the game from his dad and, in turn, has taught those basics to his wife and children. In addition to being a rural letter carrier, Doug owns the Dew Drop Inn in Waterloo, where he and his family promote the game with enthusiasm and dedication. This doesn't leave him much time to travel the tournament circuit, but he plays weekly in the local league and "whenever he has time." A couple of those times were to participate in the popular tournaments at the Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland.

The highlights of his 41-year shuffleboard "career" happened in the 60's, when the team he played on won several state championships with the Loyal Order of Moose. His team also won the Eastern Seaboard Championship at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Doug has been instrumental in bringing an expert to the area to refinish several boards. He reports that interest in shuffleboard has grown considerably.

What does he enjoy most about the sport? "The competition and meeting other players from various parts of the U.S.A. I have met several splendid people and acquired many new friends," he said.

Doug Jr., also a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office, has been playing since he was 11 years old, which gives him 24 years of involvement in the sport. Not surprisingly, it was his dad who got him involved. He plays two or three times a week, mostly at the Dew Drop Inn, but he has also travelled to the Lafayette Inn and to Benedict's Classic in Sherburne, N.Y. His name has come up in the winning columns for two draw partner events in first place, plus second, third and fourth in singles competition.

"The very first tournament I entered out-of-state at the Lafayette Inn last fall, I drew Burr Miller from Delaware in the draw partner and we won!" Doug Jr. said. "Very exciting and surprising!" He also finished second in the Invitational Singles at the Lafayette Inn last February.

He believes if he and his father keep promoting shuffleboard in their area and set up tournaments, as they have tried, the sport will definitely continue to grow.

"What I enjoy most about shuffleboard is the competition and the fellowship with old friends and the many new friends I am making," he said. Younger brother David has been playing for 10 years and is using his knowledge of the game, taught to him by his dad, to make his mark in The World of Shuffleboard. He placed second in a big tournament at the Lafayette Inn in Maryland, his first national. He's a construction worker by trade and keeps busy building houses, but he always finds time for shuffleboard.

What does he think about the future of shuffleboard? "I am hoping it will grow because my father has been promoting it in our area," he said.

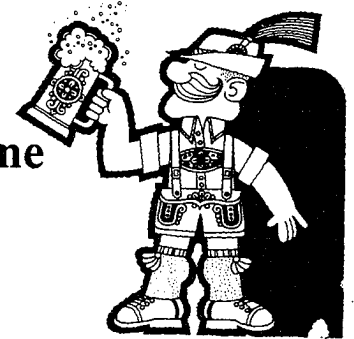
"What I like most about the sport is the competition and the people I meet from other states," David said.

So, what happens when a family tradition carries on and on? If it's a family like the Fridleys, who reach out and infect others with their love of the sport, the future of shuffleboard is in good hands!



Doug Jr., David and Doug Fridley of Waterloo, New York, are goodwill ambassadors for shuffleboard at the Dew Drop Inn or wherever they go.

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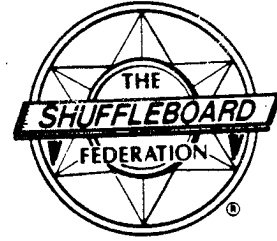
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- August 7-8** Boards Open for practice and/or round robins.
August 9 Pro-Am event, \$50 per person.
August 10 Open Singles, \$200 per person, starts at 8 a.m., with finals on Friday.
August 11 Women's Singles, \$100 per person, starts at noon, with finals on Sunday.
August 12 Open Doubles, \$400 per team, starts at 8 a.m., with finals on Sunday.
August 13 Finals for Women's Singles, Open Doubles.
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the reporter said. "Promoters Ski Lacinski and Jim Yank of the Diamond Shuffleboard Company saw that all were fed and watered throughout the day. A big thank you to tournament director Rick Mitchell, who kept the one-board tourney running without a hitch, and a special thanks to all the participants and to the barmaids, Eleanor and Eileen, for making the day a super time."

Foust Takes Double Win at Wheeler Dealer

Mark Foust proved he's got what it takes to be a winner at the Wheeler Dealer's 3rd Annual Open in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 5-7. He and his draw partner, Sam Sweat, took top honors in the first event, and he and his bring partner, Mike Bruza, also took the title for the second event.

Other winners in the draw partner tourney, which attracted 20 players, were Mike Bruza and Curly Heflin in second, and Mike Melton and Lonnie Pfost in third.

Cliff Goff and Tim Petri took second place honors in the bring partner event, with Sam Sweatt and Bud Hillburn in third.

Hostess Pat Scott extends special thanks to Cliff Goff, Mary Shaw and Sam Petri for running the tournament. She also sent a special salute to the Arbuckle Open organizers:

"The same players who participated in our tourney went to the Arbuckle Open and had the most glorious time we've ever had in our lives," reports Pat. "I finally got away from here after four years and I had a wonderful time! Great people down there. I took my flyers down for our once a month event and they said, 'that's not far away; we'll be coming up.' They were just a fine bunch of people who had hospitality coming out of their ears!"

Kelly/Brown/Casula/Morris Win at St. Louis

A tournament held at Giesler's in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 12 was won by Dan Kelly and Everett Brown in the first match. Second place went to Jack Meyer and Terry Babb with third going to Paul Casula and Paulette Morris.

The second match went to Paul Casula and Paulette Morris with Don Gardner and Bob Lightfoot placing second. Jack Meyer and Terry Babb finished third.

Covered Wagon Hosts "Combined Flights" Tourney

The Covered Wagon in Anaheim, California, hosted a "Combined Flights" tournament on May 19-21. The format had "A" flight singles, "B" flight singles, and an A/B blind draw doubles, with A and B flight players as partners in the doubles. A total of 24 players -- 12 A and 12 B -- competed for a total of \$4,150 in prize money. The tourney was played on two American boards and all events were single game, double elimination. There was no auction, only a horserace (a variation of a pari-mutuel developed and adapted for shuffleboard tournaments by Gregg McFarland) which made up more than half of the prize money.

"Everybody seems to like the horserace which, for the second time in a row, went as smooth as silk," reports Gregg. "I'll have this system honed to perfection very soon. One or two more tests should do it, and we'll try it in a big tourney so that you can all see how it works."

The "A" flight singles winner was Ted Z of Temecula with Sparky Sparkman of San Diego in second place, and Karl Spickelmier of Malibu in third.

The "B" flight singles winner was Howard Evans of Corona, with Jay Kimball of Bellflower in second. Ann McFarland (Gregg's wife) of Orange, who was seven months pregnant at the time, finished third.

The A/B blind draw doubles winners were Karl Spickelmier and Jay Kimball, with Ted Z and Joanie Swenson of Bellflower in second, and Chuck Kimbrough of Carson and Jim Anderson of Alhambra in third.

"I would like to thank Ann for her much-needed assistance, as well as John Fisher, Brian Mulholland and Louie Lucero for all their help," says Gregg. "Also, thanks from all of us who played to Craig and Ursula Adams, owners of the Covered Wagon, for putting out nice buffets on Saturday and Sunday. Also, thanks to Rich, Al and Larry for preparing all the goodies. Finally, thanks to Bob Brunskill and Chris Danke for bailing me out of a jam, and to all our friends who pitched in for the baby shower and gifts."

Perry/Waldman/Monnarez Win at Ace of Clubs

Fifteen teams and 22 singles participated in the Ace of Clubs annual Memorial Day weekend tournament in Yuba City, California. Hal Perry of California took top honors in the singles tourney, with Rich Swanson in second place. Jim Allis of Washington finished in third.

In the doubles tourney, Eric Waldman of Montana and Frank Monnarez of California finished first. Taking second place honors were locals Don Cox and Fred Thumann, with Chris Danke and Karl Spickelmier in third.

Reports Glen Davidson, who has moved from Oklahoma City to N. Highlands, Calif.: "Hal Perry caught fire and walked through Eric Waldman, Jim Allis, then Rich Swanson, to come through the loser's bracket to win it all. Rich shot through it all to win the first round, only to go down swinging under an unmerciful barrage of 3's and 4's from the undisputed singles champ.

"Eric and Frank shot a great two matches to come from the loser's bracket to down Don Cox and Fred Thumann, the first round winners. Eric lagged like Hal Perry and when he didn't, Frank Monnarez did. Karl and Chris almost got there, but got into a tough match with the first and second place winners. I expect those two to win one real soon," Glen said.

Mickey's Draws Field of Winners on Memorial Day

Doc and Della Husfelt of Mickey's Place in Henderson, Maryland, hosted a Memorial Day weekend tournament that featured draw partner, bring partner and mixed doubles events. Total prize money for the weekend action was \$2970.

Winners of the draw event were Bucky Wallace of Sudlersville, Md. and Henry Woolyhand of Greensboro, Md. Taking second place honors were Eddie Kibler of Henderson and Augie Stevenson of Townsend, Del. Alvis Ramey of Perryville, Md. and Jack Gardner of Denton, Md. took third place. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens of New Jersey teamed up to take top honors in the bring partner event. Cliff Enbert and Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, Md. took second place, with Wayne Tribbitt of Greensboro and Eddie Kibler of Henderson in third.

In the mixed doubles, Scratch Todd of Denton and Shirley Domino of Dover, Del. teamed up to take first place. Buddy Brammer and Stephanie Reinhardt of Rising Sun took second place honors, with JoAnn Ware (Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville) and Eddie Lorch of Centerville in third.

Players thank Doc for being a great cook, Scratch Todd for a great job of selling teams and being an official announcer,

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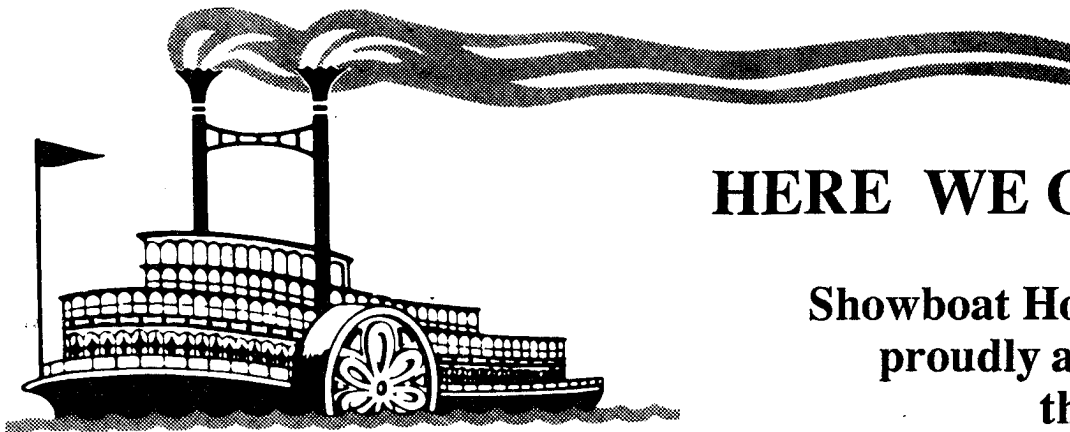
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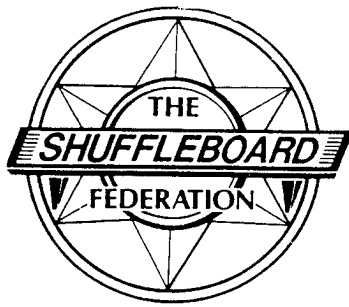


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OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All games are to 15 points.
2. If there is no score in a frame, the hammer switches.
3. If the leading weights in a frame are tied, there is no score and the hammer changes.
4. Any weights in question will be called by a minimum of three people, and five in the finals or in a game situation, and shall be done by a written ballot.
5. Any weight in danger of falling off the end of the board may be made safe by an official at the request of any of the players involved.
6. No blasting on a clear board, no warning; one point penalty.
7. You may wax dry spots on the rails, up to the foul line, on the end of the board you are shooting only. All other re-waxing shall be done by an official at their discretion.
8. All matches shall have pre-designated boards and starting times, which shall be written on the bracket chart prior to the draw; game time is forfeit time; all players should check in with an official 10 minutes prior to the start of their matches.
9. Please show respect for players on the boards next to you.
10. Players shall stand behind their opponent while the opponent is shooting; one warning, then a one point penalty thereafter.

11. All players shall shake hands before and after each match.
12. No physical or verbal harassment of players while shooting; no warning, two point penalty.
13. No drinks, cigarettes, or any foreign objects in hands while shooting.
14. No changing weights from one board to another; automatic disqualification.
15. No tampering with or altering of boards, weights, or wax; automatic disqualification.
16. Flip for choice of hammer or color before the first game; loser of the flip has choice in the second game; if a third game is necessary, flip again.
17. Players shall be allowed to use their own weights, and when doing so, their opponent shall have the option of using them also.
18. All matches in Pro Tour Tournaments which are involved in the point standings will be two out of three, double elimination.
19. Players may walk to the opposite end of the board to look at the position of the weights.
20. More than one minute between shots shall constitute slow play; one point penalty. Also, more than five minutes between games once a match has started shall constitute slow play and a one point per minute penalty will be assessed.
21. In doubles matches, three time-outs of two minutes each will be allowed per team per game.
22. If the object weight has wax on the side which may result in a "soft" or "mush" hit, you may have an official wipe off and re-spot the weight.
23. If a player makes a weight safe and then outlags it, the lag will not count.
24. No double release shots shall be permitted.
25. No player shall play consecutive matches on the same board.
26. Each player in singles, and each team in doubles, shall have five minutes practice before each match.
27. All other generally accepted rules of good sportsmanship should be observed.
28. Each player should consider it his or her responsibility to report any violations of these rules to a tournament official.



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(See Sept. issue for full details)

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1989 Point Standings

Men's (as of 6/12/89)

1.	Bill Melton	732.5
2.	Bobby Voorhis	610
3.	Sam Summers	577
4.	Rick Boyer	447.5
5.	Earl Kelly	385
6.	David Williams	316.5
7.	Billy Mays	271.5
8.	John McDermott	241
9.	Neil Fetter	223
10.	Glen Davidson	211
11.	Donny Cox	202
12.	Howard Mouton	193
13.	Chuck Norris	185.5
14.	Bill Maxwell	174
15.	Billy Chiles	160.5
16.	Frank Blade	160.5
17.	Hal Perry	151
18.	Eric Waldman	146
19.	Karl Spickelmier	140
20.	Jim Allis	137

Women's (as of 6/12/89)

1.	Diana Hagen	482
2.	Debbie Somers	319
3.	Chris Danke	233
4.	Brenda Moore	221
5.	Peggy Richards	211.5
6.	Cheryl Collins	210.5
7.	Fritzy Broka	176.5
8.	Gail Crane	162.5
9.	Sharon Finch	128.5
10.	Sandy Jenkins	115
11.	Janet Cook	92
12.	Val Borja	86.5
13.	Linda Aragon	71
14.	Mary Koteris	68.5
15.	Diana Hoffman	54.5

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 6)

Bucky Wallace for his help, Judith Iseman and JoAnn Ware for their assistance, and a special thanks to tournament director Johnny Yeager for running a successful tournament.

Mickey's next tournament is the Labor Day weekend, with a bring your partner on Sept. 3 and a mixed doubles on Sept. 4.

Melton/Robertson Double Winners at 3rd Annual Arbuckle Open

The 3rd Annual Arbuckle Open, held at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Memorial Day weekend, attracted a total of 172 entries from five states vying for a share of a \$14,450 pot.

Mike Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, and Shirley Robertson of Tulsa drew partners and defeated 19 other teams to take first in the sweetheart draw. Then against all odds, they drew out again and competing in a field of 30 teams, once again took the honors in the open draw!

Shirley Robertson, having a super tournament, also took a second in the ladies' singles, making her the only three-time money winner of this holiday weekend.

Sam Sweatt of Tulsa regained his singles title, proving to be the best of the 26 men entries. This gives Sam a first, third and first respectively in the three Arbuckle Opens.

Janet Cook of Amarillo, Texas, took the ladies' title and Denny Busch and Joe Spielman of Omaha, Nebraska, won the partners. Janet, Denny and Joe were first-time competitors in the Arbuckle Open and helped make it the strongest field ever, reports director Alan Primrose.

Others in the winners' circle were: Sweetheart Draw -- Rene Hart of Tulsa and Rena Hendrix, Moore, Oklahoma, 2nd, and Dave Davidson, Tupelo, Okla. and Carolyn Jones, Tulsa, 3rd; Open Draw -- George Humphries, Dallas, and Fred Washington, Oklahoma City, 2nd, and Lynn Tice, Stratford, Okla. and Tim Petri, Tulsa, 3rd; Ladies' Singles -- Shirley Robertson, Tulsa, 2nd, and Rena Hendrix, Moore, 3rd; Men's Singles -- Dino Fleming of Oklahoma City, 2nd, and Mark Foust, Tulsa, 3rd; Bring Partner -- Dave Davidson and Alan Primrose, Joy, Okla., 2nd, and Buck Simmons, Ada, Okla. and Dino Fleming, 3rd.

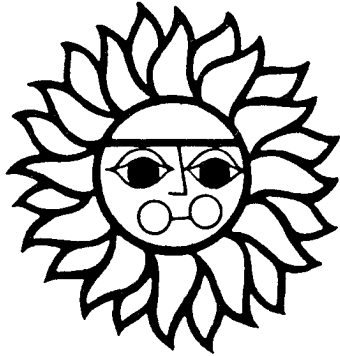
"Special thanks go to C.W. Walker of Dallas, Cliff Goff of Tulsa, and James Sealey of Wynnewood for running the brackets," Alan said. "Also thanks to Bill Stoops who travelled from Derry, N.H. to hold the auctions, and the staff at Prim's -- Stanley, Carol, Susan, Marie, Lisa and Gary -- without whom the tournament would not have been the success it was."

Marie Sweeney Captures Women's Title

Marie Sweeney of Lake Orion, Mich., captured the Tri-State Women's Championship title at Stober's Lounge in Lansing on June 10. Val Borja of Detroit took second place honors, with Deb Somers of Fairmount, Indiana, in third.

Players Qualify for Board Talk Tourney

Qualifiers were held for the Board Talk's 4th of July tourney at Art's Bar and Stober's Lounge in Lansing on June 10-11. Dana Gray of Lansing took top honors in the men's singles, with J.R. Lopez, also of Lansing, in second place. John Tischler made his trip from Detroit worthwhile by taking third place.

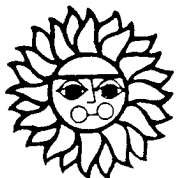


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In the mixed doubles qualifier, winners were Marie Sweeney of Michigan and Dave Boaz of Indiana. Rick Boyer of Texas/Michigan and Cecil Philko of Lansing teamed up to take second place. John Myles of Michigan and Bev Ormsdon, owner of Dillinger's Saloon in Oxford, took third place, with Nina Sutton and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana in fourth place.

Corporate Image Challenge, July 14-16, Fort Worth, Texas

This is your last chance to sign up to be part of the competition and good fellowship that will be involved in the Corporate Image Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 14-16. If you receive this issue in time, a \$50 deposit paid by July 7 will hold your spot. If not, the entry deadline (if there's still room) is Friday, July 14, 7 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m. The Corporate Image is located at 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd.

Entry fee for the 8-person team event, best 5 of 9 format, is \$400 per team. Each 8-person team must have at least two women and may have one pro if desired.

For information, call the Corporate Image, 817-451-0607, or David Williams, 817-451-9583. This will be a good one; don't miss the action!

Doubles & Mixed at Dillinger's, July 15-16

Dillinger's Saloon, 19 S. Washington in Oxford, Michigan, will host a doubles and mixed tournament on July 15-16.

Entry fees are \$50 per team for each event. Will pay 60-30-10 with a trophy for first place. Dillinger's has two boards. The auction will start at 11 a.m. on the 15th. Round robins are scheduled for Friday night.

For information, call 313-628-7285.

Six-Person Tourney at Palace Bar, July 22

The Palace Bar, 131 S. Main, Fairmount, Indiana, will host a six-person tournament on July 22, starting at noon. Winner takes all in this best of nine games event. Three boards. Entry fee is \$600 per team.

For information, call 317-948-9102. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

"Shuffleboard Affair" at Town Tavern, Sequim, Wash., July 29-30

"Two rusty old boards," a spaghetti feed on Saturday night, and free aspirin are among the promoted attractions of a tournament at the newly-remodeled Town Tavern in "beautiful, sunny Sequim" on July 29-30. The open doubles event, with a \$40 entry fee, is a straight double elimination, 17-point games, event with a 60-30-10 payoff. The auction will start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Your hosts at the Town Tavern, 735 W. Washington, Sequim, Wash., are Rex and Joanne Kidd. Tournament directors will be "Spermin" Sherman, Jim Manders and Buddy Lindh. Sequim is billed as the "home of 3,099 great people and one old grump!" Finding out who the one old grump is would be worth the trip!

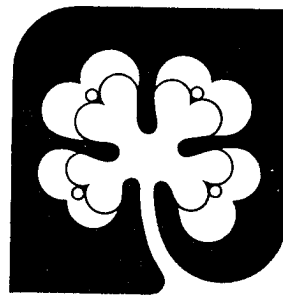
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Draw/Bring Partner Tourney at Blue Coat Inn, Aug. 4-6

Patti Kay, the charming hostess of the Blue Coat Inn, 4939
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Tourney Talk (continued from page 11)

S. Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma, extends her personal invitation to you to participate in the draw and bring partner events on Aug. 4-6. The Blue Coat has three permanent boards and the action is hot!

The draw partner tourney will start on Friday night, Aug. 4, with a bring your partner event on Saturday. \$25 per person for each event. Sales for both are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The tourney is being co-sponsored by Miller Lite, and the Valley Inn is again giving discount rates for out-of-town players.

"We at the Blue Coat Inn welcome the Miller Beer Company to The World of Shuffleboard," says Patti Kay. "We appreciate the help they are giving us and are looking forward to their sponsorship. Thank you, Miller beer!"

For information, contact Patti Kay at 918-742-1014, or tournament director Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288.

East Coast Extravaganza, Aug. 31-Sept. 4

The East Coast has been having their own thing going -- with a lot of success -- for a long time. Now, they're anxious to host The World of Shuffleboard at a "really big" tourney, part of the 1989 Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour, over the Labor Day weekend. Site of this tourney is the Holiday Inn Harrisburg in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, with plenty of family attractions and events for the serious shufflers.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the word about this big event and watch future issues of The Board Talk for further details.

U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 10-14

The Board Talk editors hope to see you at the U.S. Open, Aug. 10-14, held this year at the Holiday Inn Austin-Town Lake in Austin, Texas. And, we hope, like us, you'll bring your families along for this event, which is held in conjunction with the AquaFest. A lighted water parade and fireworks display are scheduled for Aug. 11 on Town Lake by the Holiday Inn, so your family will have perfect viewing.

U.S. Open events include: a Pro-Am event on Aug. 9, \$50 per person entry fee; an open singles, \$200 entry fee, starting on Aug. 10; a women's singles, \$100 entry fee, starting on Aug. 11; and an open doubles, \$400 per team, starting on Aug. 12. Boards will be open for practice and/or round robins on Aug. 7 and 8.

Call 512-472-8211 for room reservations and be sure to tell them you're with the tourney. Special rates are \$40 per night for a room with two double beds or one king-size bed, plus 13 percent room tax.

See the enclosed ad in this issue and plan now to participate in this big one!

2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza, Los Vegas, Jan. 1990

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment regarding the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas, Nevada. The big event, staged at the Showboat Hotel & Casino, will include an open singles, open doubles, women's singles, and amateur team event.

There will be more details coming in future issues of The Board Talk. In the meantime, mark the Extravaganza on your 1990 shuffleboard calendar.

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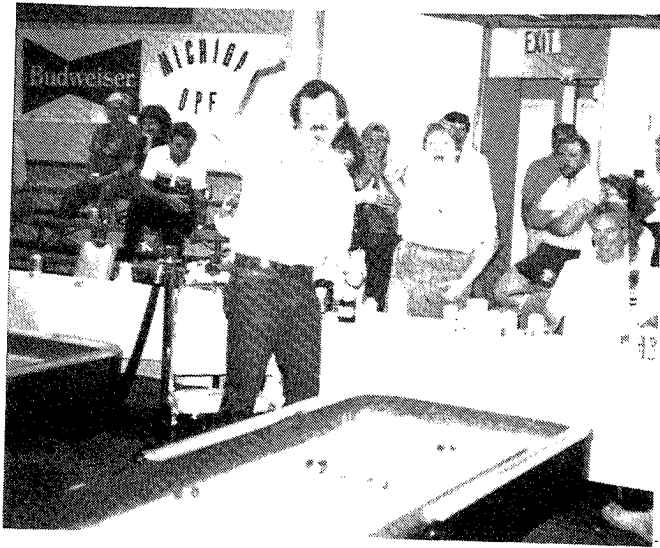


George and Donna Wilber, publishers of The Board Talk, shown here at the P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas last January. (Photo by Von Stewart)

We welcome those of you who are attending our 5th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. For those of you who could not attend this year, we look forward to having you with us over the 4th of July weekend, 1990.

George and Donna

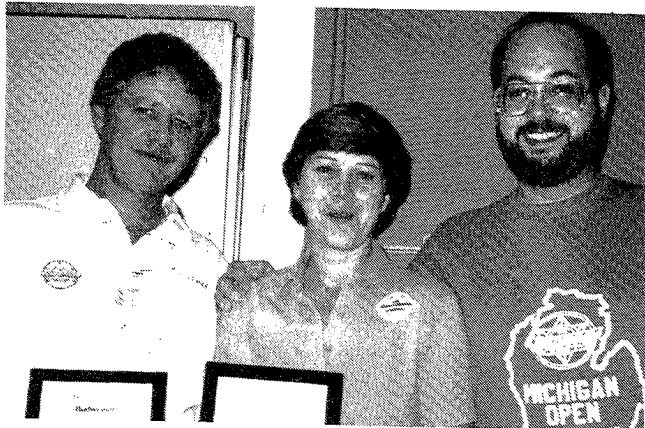
Amateurs/Pros Star in Michigan



There wasn't a dull moment in the long Memorial Day weekend at the Michigan open, staged at the Holiday Inn, Southfield, Mich. Pros and amateurs displayed their skills on 12 Playfair boards to an appreciative audience that filled the large ballroom throughout the tournament.

Three of the four winning teams in the Pro-Am event had a woman player, proving there's no sex barriers in this sport. Rick Boyer and Sandy Jenkins of Texas teamed up to take first place honors. Roger Holt of Michigan and Bill Melton of Oklahoma took second place with Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Mary Koteras of Texas in third. Bob Perry of Illinois and Brenda Barton of Texas finished fourth.

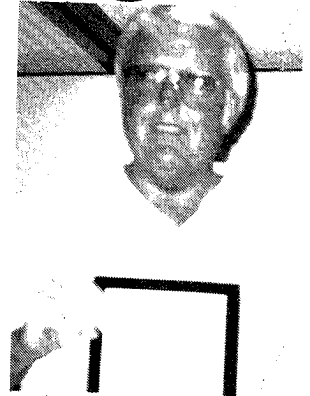
In the mixed doubles, the top winners were David Williams and Diana Hagen of Texas, with Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers of Indiana taking second place honors. Gail Crane of Michigan teamed up with Bob Lewis of Arizona to take third place. Brenda Moore of Texas and Sam Summers of Oklahoma finished fourth, with Billy Mays and Brenda Barton, Sandy Jenkins and Earl Kelly, all of Texas, tied for fifth and sixth.



Dave Williams and Diana Hagen of Texas proudly display their first place mixed doubles plaques, presented to them by Shuffleboard Federation V.P. John McDermott. Diana also won the women's singles.

Bill Melton of Oklahoma showed why he's the top-ranked player in the nation by taking first place in the men's singles.

Rick Boyer of Texas/Michigan was the second place finisher, with Sam Summers in third and Bobby V. in fourth. Billy Mays and Earl Kelly finished fifth and sixth.



Diana Hagen added yet another trophy to her collection by earning first-place honors in the women's singles. Brenda Moore captured second place, with Gail Crane and Cheryl Collins of Michigan in third and fourth. Peggy Richards of Arizona and Deb Somers finished fifth and sixth.

A highlight of the action-packed weekend was the Budweiser All-Stars Amateur Team Tournament. About 400 players had vied for the right to be among the Final 12 teams competing at the Michigan Open. The 72 players who made through qualifying tourneys held in numerous locations around the state put on quite a show for their enthusiastic gallery, with shouts of "We're number one" filling the hall. Lansing came out the number one team, going undefeated through the exciting tournament.



Players on the winning Lansing team were: Delores McDonald, Dana Gray, Jim Davis, Mary Lisle, Brian Anderson and Jim Newman.

Taking second place honors was the Saginaw Two team, consisting of: Chris Passarello, Carie Mark, Linda Mitchell, Pat Matzke, Gene Wendling and Dale DeWard.

In third place was the Bay City One team with players Gerry Johnson, Grace Colpean, John Toth, Brian Tracey, Bob Arnold and Paul Dickens.

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