

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

If we were writing a video script instead of hard copy, the background music for this column would be "We Are Family." We hope you'll hear the music interwoven in this message as you read it because that's what we are.

You could hear it in the background as the "family" gathered together in Las Vegas in January. There were the pros, the amateurs, the various support systems involved in our sport, the rich, the poor, the sick and the healthy.

In this issue, Al Stewart expressed what he felt when members of the family stood up and paid tribute to him for his years of service to the sport. We felt the same way when Kathy Morgan took the microphone and talked about the "one voice" of shuffleboard. She'll never know the deep emotions she stirred with her eloquent message, nor will you know what it meant to have you "second her motion" with your standing ovation. It made us feel proud and humble to be a part of that terrific family.

We had a plan when we went to Vegas. It was a good plan, we thought. The dates of the big event meant we'd be a few days late with delivery, but it would be worth it. We'd get that February issue out and head for the Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland, where we'd be co-sponsoring their annual event. We'd get to meet some of the many subscribers out East who were making things happen for shuffleboard and The Board Talk. It was the fastest-growing part of the U.S.A. in terms of the shuffleboard network and we'd be there to say, "You're very special. We appreciate your support."

Well, things didn't go as planned. A stubborn kidney stone put Donna in the hospital not just once, but twice. A subscribed antibiotic turned a weak body into one giant hive. Next came the untimely death of a young member of the family. Then the dreaded flu bug took hold and refused to let go. So, who cares?

We'll tell you who cared: Dick Gorman and all the great people who participated in the Lafayette Inn tourney; the hundreds of players on the Interlakes Budweiser League; Al and Von Stewart of California; Bobby V and Deb Somers of Indiana (roses! bless you!); Beef and Marge Camp of Indiana; Brian Cowl of Playfair Shuffleboard Company; Patti Kay of The Blue Coat in Oklahoma; just about everyone in The

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Tourney Talk

Norris/Waldman/Pease Win at Black Cat

Chuck Norris of Oregon was the winner of the Black Cat's New Year's singles tournament in Portland, Oregon. Eric Waldman of Montana finished second, with Al Pease in third, and Galen Gaunce in fourth.

In the doubles event, Eric Waldman and Al Pease were the winners, with Chuck Norris and Frank Monarrez in second place. Clark Kinney and Georjean Monarrez took third place honors, with Mike DeAngelo and Jim Allis in fourth place.

"It was a good turnout and everyone had a great time," reports hosts Shirley and Gene Johnson.

Big Turnout at Ours & Your Place Winter Tourney

Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, packed them in at their Winter Tournament on Jan. 13-15, with 120 shooters from seven states and a house full of spectators.

The weekend action began with 30 players drawing for partners in Friday's draw partner event. First place was taken by Chuck King, Dover, Delaware, and Ours & Your Place team's most improved league shooter, Bucky Wallace. Second place went to Bob Hall, Rising Sun, Maryland, and Augie "Dog" Stevenson, Townsend, Delaware. Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md., and Skip Hammond, Milford, Del., took third place, with Milt Benedict, Sherburne, N.Y., and Lee Rutherford, Port Deposit, Md. in fourth.

Saturday's action began with 14 women participating in the women's singles. Rita Yank, Philadelphia, took first place money and the lovely bouquet of flowers donated by Bob Hall. Shirley Domino of Dover took second place honors, with Stephanie Rinehart, Rising Sun, in third.

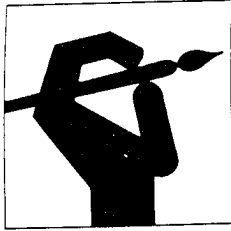
In Saturday's bring your partner event, there were 23 teams participating with some surprising results. Fourth place went to Milt Benedict and Dick Jeffery, both of Sherburne. Third place was won by "Chops" Silbereisen (in his first tournament) and Larry Diogo, both of Milford, Del. Rita Yank and Mary Ann Watson, also of Philadelphia, took second after dominating the winners' bracket all day until the very end when John Lukas, Sr., Millington, Md., and Charlie Walker, Wilmington, Del. came from the losers' bracket beating the women two games and taking first place.

Sunday's open singles had four women and 14 men participants. First place went to Chuck King, Dover, with Jim McDaniel, Darlington, in second place. Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J., took third place honors with Milt Benedict, Sherburne, in fourth.

"This was a great tournament, thanks to the participants, especially those who traveled so far to be with us, and thanks

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Moving Moment for the Stewarts

I started playing shuffleboard in March, 40 years ago, and I have been in the shuffleboard business for 30 years. During those years, I have had many highlights -- like being picked by Kid Spooks (who was the world champion) to be his partner. That was in January of 1950. I couldn't wait to tell anyone who would listen about how thrilled I was. But I had that great moment moved down a notch by what happened in Las Vegas.

The award from Phil, John and Joe of the Shuffleboard Federation to Von and me, we will cherish forever. It is now hanging by the front door and if you don't see it coming in, you will see it going out. We make sure of that!

But there has never been, nor will there ever be, anything that will surpass the standing ovation you wonderful people gave to me. I would have like to have stepped up to the microphone and thanked you then, but I was so overcome with emotion, I could not say anything at that time. So I am thanking you now, one and all!

Von and I hope that everyone is glad they went to Las Vegas. We sure are! What a turnout! Who would have dreamed that many people under one roof for a tournament? It was great!

Thanks to all the players. We hope Kathy's house is back in order and her boy isn't wearing a dress to school again. Also, a great big thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make the Vegas tournament the success it was. What a huge task that was. We wondered if Lisa ever slept. She seemed to always be there working. Thanks to Joe and all those who thought up this great event and made it happen.

I want to say I'm sorry for the way I played on the Michigan team in the tournament. If they have a beginner's team next year, I'll be the first to sign up and maybe they'll let me play, if I'm good enough.

Al and Von Stewart, El Monte, California

We think there were a lot of people like us who felt privileged to be a part of that standing ovation, Al. It certainly was well deserved.

We know you'll enjoy an update from Kathy in this issue. You owe no apology for the way you played. We were honored to have you on our team!

Las Vegas Rookie

What makes usually normal people go without sleep for days at a time and throw money away as though they were mad at it? Cheryl Collins has an interesting theory; she thinks they pump pure oxygen into the building to invigorate the people. I doubt that they could get away with that, so I suspect it's more like the sensation little kids get on Christmas

morning. Adults walk into these casinos, with all their lights flashing and their slot machines ding-dinging, and right away they think of their lives as dreary and not much fun. Toys everybody, let's go beserk!

Also, after you get past the quarter slot machines, you don't use cash. Tokens are not the same as cash. You don't look at a small orange chip and see a five dollar bill. You see a cheap, little, wooden disc with a number on it. Also, to further entice you, the next step up (\$25) uses a brighter color. You look at those pretty green chips and those ugly orange ones will no longer do. Next jump up (\$100) are yellow and black striped chips. Very impressive. Now, would you rather have 200 of the ugly orange chips or 10 of the pretty yellow and black ones? These different color codes allow the pit boss to tell at a glance how you're doing. Should you be fortunate enough to be winning, they'll change dealers or shuffle the cards more often.

But it's all fun in a mad sort of way and people are advised to take only as much money as they're prepared to lose. With few exceptions, your betting bankroll will stay in Nevada. Now, on to the shuffleboard tournament.

I think everyone, especially the tournament directors, were surprised at the enormous turnout for this tourney. The team event not only brought 22 eight-person teams, but also plenty of spectators along to enjoy the competition and the "Vegas Experience." However, along with all these people came difficulties, most notably, lack of room. I felt as though I was in somebody's way all the time. Another thing that needs to be straightened out is when a player is entered in more than one event. Several of the women that we went out with were entered in the team event, women's singles and open doubles. Since you can't be in more than one place at a time (at least not yet anyway), this was a definite problem. But these are problems with solutions and tournament directors Joe Muniz and Lou Lusero should be commended. They worked very hard and did the best they could under very difficult circumstances. Good job, guys!

One major problem, the tournament directors had nothing to do with and I hope this is taken as the constructive criticism in which it is intended. The scoreboards on both the Playfair and American shuffleboards leave a lot to be desired. Unless you stand directly behind the board (which is discouraged in most places), you have no idea what the score is. Even the digital numerals are way too small, and I still have relatively young eyes.

I do have one nice thing to say about them and even a suggestion. I like the L-shaped brace that holds the scoreboard up. It allows you to clean the board uninterrupted. Now, for the suggestion. Fill in all that blank space with advertising for your companies and then perch a large (one foot by one foot sounds good) box on top with a horizontal line around the

middle. Red lights on top, blue lights on the bottom. This way the score is shown in all four directions. Also, screw some kind of eraseable slate onto the edge of the scoreboard to accommodate board challengers, always a problem in taverns.

I met some nice people and got to spend some time with people I don't see often enough. I enjoyed chatting with Mike and Sandra Jacoby of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Nice couple. Seem to like each other, too, always refreshing in this day and age. Remember, folks, my offer to show you the sights should you come to Michigan still stands. Also, in no particular order: Jim the Cop and his lovely girlfriend, Olga, we're always threatening to do something together and haven't done it yet. Maybe next time. Howard Mouton, who has that great Texas drawl and never seems to be grim. Rick Boyer, who I promised I'd say something nice about -- you party animal. Billy Chiles, who forces you to concentrate to appreciate his great sense of humor. Bobby Voorhis, who won some kind of blurry award only he could read. The list could go on, but I'm developing writer's cramp and it's time to go to the bar and play flatball.

In closing, I'd like to say I enjoyed myself and I think most everyone else did, too. If my feel for this thing is correct, it's only going to be larger next year, something that the tourney directors should take into consideration when making arrangements. Good luck!

Jeff Dugaw, Union Lake, Michigan

Thanks for your personal perception of the Las Vegas tourney, Jeff. Even before this one was over, the directors were working to assure improvements for next year's event. As for the scoreboards, we don't know one spectator who doesn't agree that this problem needs to be addressed by the manufacturers.

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza: Retrospect

First, I wish to thank George and Donna for their excellent coverage of P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza in the February issue of The Board Talk. Of particular interest were the "player interviews" with Billy Chiles, Peggy Richards and Kathy Morgan. These interviews afforded those who weren't there an insider's view of the event as well as adding color to The Board Talk's coverage. You might want to consider adding this type of interview as a monthly or quarterly feature.

Second, the editors of The Board Talk managed to offer congratulations to just about everyone who had a hand in P.C.S.A.'s efforts to stage a truly memorable tournament. And those The Board Talk may have overlooked, the Shuffleboard Federation remembered. Thanks to both of you for such attention to detail.

When the "thank you's" and "congratulations" are being dispensed, it seems that some one is always inadvertently left out. This time was no exception. I venture to say that the P.C.S.A. might not have gotten very far in its efforts without the unqualified support (financial and otherwise) of two very unselfish individuals -- Bud Taylor and Jay Kimble, owners of B & J's Lock & Key in Bellflower, California. Those of you

1989 National Shuffleboard Calendar

March 10-12

2nd Annual Beaver Bowl
Jerry D's, Dacono, Colorado

March 11

2nd Atlantic Coast Invitational
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

March 17-20*

Great Arizona Open
Howard Johnson Plaza, Phoenix, Arizona

March 25

1st Annual Spring Doubles
Town Tavern, Summitville, Indiana

March 25

Open Doubles
Lucky's Tavern, N. Webster, Indiana

April 1-2

Hoosier Classic Qualifier
The Palace Bar, Fairmount, Indiana

April 7-9

Spring Classic
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

April 15

Open Singles and Doubles
Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan

April 21-23

Hoosier Classic Qualifier
Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana

April 21-23

Spring Tournament
Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland

April 27-30*

1st Annual Hoosier Classic
Ramada Inn, Fort Wayne, Indiana

May 5-7

3rd Annual Open
Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 6

Spring Doubles
American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

May 19-21

Genesee Open
Benedict's, Sherburne, New York

May 25-29*

Third Annual Michigan Open
Holiday Inn, Southfield, Michigan

June

Finn's Inn
Palmyra, New York

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who carried home a beautiful plaque, thank B & J Lock & Key. Bud and Jay, from me to you, thanks a million.

The other group who wasn't really mentioned but deserves, nonetheless, a world of thanks are the 22 (count 'em) amateur teams from all points on the compass who believed in us enough to send their money in on time thus ensuring that the proposed event would, in fact, take place. All you pros who are still talking about your big score, say a special thank you to your shuffleboard friends in the amateur ranks. Without them, we would have all been watching Super Bowl Specials on TV that weekend.

Also, I agree with George and Donna. It did seem that the "amateurs had more fun." However, there were two or three instances when the "unbridled enthusiasm" began to take on the flavor of "unruly behavior." Granted, the playing conditions were very trying and tested the best in all of us, but I have only to point you in the direction of the Eighties' Ladies who set a standard for conduct and behavior. They lustily cheered and supported every single shot by a teammate and never once did they act anything less than professional. Hats off to you ladies! You set a standard that all shuffleboarders ought to aspire to.

In closing, let me say this. I truly believe that the P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza was a shuffleboard event of historic proportions. I want to thank my cousin, Joe Muniz, for affording me the opportunity to have been an integral part of so momentous an occasion. Prior commitments preclude my involvement in the planning and organization of next year's event, but I do hope to be there as a player on someone's team.

Thanks to everyone in the shuffleboard world for unforgettable memories and newly made friendships.

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

Thanks for filling in the gaps on the list of those who made this event happen. We were very grateful to the P.C.S.A. and Bellflower Bruce for allowing us the opportunity to be there to cover it. Maybe someday we'll be able to cover all the major shuffleboard events.

Las Vegas Blues -- Part II

I promised I'd write a follow-up poem from the Las Vegas (or should I say Lost Wages) tournament, and here it is. As you can tell by the poem, we missed our flight back to Detroit and had to stay an extra day. Actually, they overbooked our flight and we were a little late arriving, so even though we had our boarding passes, they gave away our seats. It was destiny, I told Terry, as we were actually going to get out of town with money in our pockets. But the extra day took care of that!

After we arrived home, Kathy Morgan received a phone call from Lou Lusero telling her he thought the Eighties' Ladies established a precedent for team spirit and for conducting ourselves in a manner that showed our respect and dedication to the sport. I thought that was a really nice thing for him to do. How he could have even noticed is beyond me with all the work he was doing on the tournament.

Here's Part II of the Las Vegas Blues:

The bags are unpacked, the trip was a bust.
Our clothes arrived home a day before us.
And though we got beaten, our spirits are high.
Not a person can say our team didn't try.
The first match was a killer, Amato's we drew.
It was 5:00 in the morning before we were through.
And three hours later, we were back with the pucks,
This time Arizona put a hole in our luck.
It was down to the wire, a four to four tie,
But the end of the fifth made us all want to cry.
The scoreboard was sitting at fourteen apiece,
When a fabulous combo caused our winning to cease.
A few minutes later, we were at it again.
Four hours elapsed....Corporate Image was in.
And though we fell short of the glory and cash,
We'd do it again in a Midwestern flash.
'Cause the people we met were the best you could meet,
From Von and Al Stewart to Howard the sweet.
Congrats to Chris D. and Bill Melton, the pros,
And three cheers should go out to the "Billy/Bob" show.
Special thanks, Lou Lusero, for all your kind thoughts,
And for feeding the troops while the battles were fought.
But, do me a favor when you see me next time:
Keep a puck in my hand so I'm off the PASS line.
For I found two new loves on my Las Vegas trek --
Crap table madness and a "21" deck.
And though I came home with my pockets on empty,
The memories will fill me with warm thoughts a'plenty.
So, come on you high rollers who missed this go 'round,
See you at next year's tourney for Paradise Found!!!

Kathy Broka, signing out with a "Hard Left" from the Eighties Ladies in Toledo, Ohio

The hundreds of people who enjoyed your pre-Las Vegas poem in January's Hammer column will be delighted with this follow-up, Kathy. Thanks for sharing!

Sam Sweatt Wants to Know

I received my February issue of The Board Talk and marveled at its 20 pages plus flyers of upcoming tournaments. First, I would like to say great job to George and Donna. I think the coverage of tournaments is excellent month after month; however, I noticed one mistake in the Vegas coverage.

What were those complaints Joe Muniz and his daughter received? If possible, I would like to see them listed so that we, the readers, could evaluate them. It's a shame if a national tournament such as Vegas is to happen without a study of the problems or complaints. I want to congratulate Joe Muniz and everyone mentioned who was involved with the Vegas tournament. Because of its size, the effort must have been tremendous.

I also want to know -- is The Board Talk supposed to convey information about tournaments before it reaches the readers? I received my February issue on Feb. 22. I think The Board Talk should consider moving its monthly deadline to the 15th of the month and try to mail the issue around the 25th of the month so the readers don't miss out on tournaments run

the first, second or third week of the month. I could not make the Washington's Birthday tournament this year. However, your Board Talk did not reach me until after the tournament was over anyway. Luckily, word of mouth reminded me of the event, but I just couldn't make it.

On a happier note, I want to congratulate an old shuffleboard buddy of mine who placed second in Vegas. A.Z. Turnbo graced Tulsa's shuffleboard scene in the early 80s for a couple of years. He blessed me with his experience and was always a pleasure to compete with and against. Tulsa misses you, A.Z., and I hope if you are ever passing through, you will give me a call.

Looking at the tournament schedule, a tournament in Oklahoma City for the month of April would be nice. Maybe the Peppermill, Glen, or Sam Summers could get one up. I know five to 10 players in Tulsa who would support it.

One last note. This may be too late for the Blue Coat tourney, but I want to personally invite the Denver crew of shuffleboard zanies to Tulsa this year. If the Blue Coat's tourney has already passed when you receive this, plan to make it to the Wheeler Dealer in May. My house is open to anyone from Denver; you guys know who you are.

Keep on shuffling!

Sam Sweatt, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Although Joe and Lisa haven't publicly aired their side of the story, we believe the majority of complaints were in regard to the lack of room for the tournament itself and for lodging of participants. As far as we can determine, those who followed the rules and made their reservations on time through the PCSA had no problems. We know, from experience, that shuffleboarders are the worst procrastinators in the world of sports. They just don't want to commit themselves until the zero hour. That's too late when you're dealing with airlines and hotels. The big turnout was a surprise to organizers and to the Showboat. The precedent set this year will have an impact on the facilities next year. PCSA officials are already using the "bargaining power" they gained with this year's success and we can almost guarantee there won't be the room problems there were this year. But shufflers have to take their share of the responsibility by "putting their money where their mouth is" and not wait until it's too late to do anything but complain.

This month's Hammer explains why the February issue was so tardy. As long as we're a two-person, kitchen-table operation, that's going to happen occasionally. We do, as you suggest, have a deadline of the 15th and it's published every month in The Board Talk. We try, as best we can to "cut off" on that date, but sometimes major events of broad interest are reason enough to hold off for a few days. While we're holding off, we receive letters such as yours that seem pertinent to whatever is the big issue that month. So we keep adding, and each addition sets us back three to five days. We are going to have to get tougher.

At this point in time, we have our type set by outside sources. We have little control over the turnaround time. It depends upon who has come in with jobs ahead of us. Some

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months, the line-up is longer than other months. We hope, before this year is out, that we'll have our own desktop publishing equipment that will allow us more control over the deadlines.

In defense of the Washington's Birthday tournament sponsors, promotion of the event began with a flyer in the December issue, repeated in the January issue. It was on our calendar, on the Shuffleboard Federation's calendar, and in Tourney Talk well in advance of the event. Because our bulk mailing permit takes longer for delivery, it is imperative that tournament sponsors begin their promotion well in advance of the actual event. The Blue Coat Inn is one that recognizes the value of early promotion and we hope that will ensure the success of their tournament.

The Denver players will not receive this issue before the Blue Coat tourney, but we hope you get lots of company from there for the Wheeler Dealer tourney. Check Tourney Talk for details, Denver "zanies."

Short and Sweet: Seeding

I have never heard a convincing position on seeding except that it draws and supports the big backers. I don't think that supports shuffleboard; I think it helps to solidify the big backers' economic position.

I personally am involved in shuffleboard because I enjoy

the game and the friends and associations I have gained as a result of shuffleboard. The game is a sport for all -- not just the top players. I'll stick with no seeding in any tournament that I am involved with until someone gives me a new position that is convincing. I'll stick with the bottom 95% of the players in the U.S.A. (and Canada and Japan).

Everybody's money in the states is green and counts the same way; therefore, they should get equal chance.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

It appears to us that the majority of the population of The World of Shuffleboard agrees with you, Dick. The Shuffleboard Federation is not using seeding for their tournaments nor are any others we've heard about.

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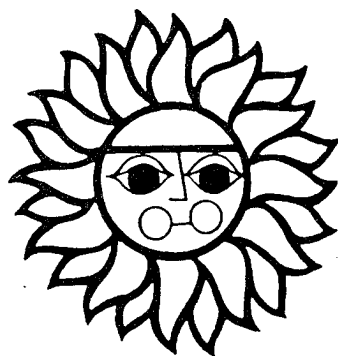
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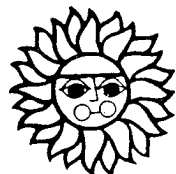


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to the spectators who cheered everyone on," said director Judith Iseman. "To those first time tournament shooters -- Timmy Hammond, "Chops" Silbereisen, Lonnie Blake and Junior Embert, it was great for you to make your debut at Ours & Your Place."

Judith extends appreciation to officials Scratch Todd, Jack Gardner and Jim McDaniel; auctioneer Chuck King; Rosalie Kaufman and Bucky Wallace who helped her keep things running smoothly; and to JoAnn and Art Ware for being great hosts.

Koontz/Kinsey Win Bourbon Doubles

Mike Koontz and Denny Kinsey were winners of the first annual Winter Tournament at the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, in mid-January. They came out ahead of 22 other doubles teams who vied for the total purse of \$3,000. Dave Boaz and Roy McFarland took second place honors, with Larry and Greg Massie in third. John Humes and Steve Hart finished fourth.

Tournament director Mike Koontz said they can handle more teams next year!

Forty Niners Hampton and Gorman Win

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, held the third of four scheduled mixed doubles this season. The \$1500 pot for the afternoon was divided up by the winners. First place went to the team of Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del. Second place was taken by Steph Rhinehardt, Rising Sun, and

Jack Gardner, Greensboro, Md. Terry Buzzuto of Dover, Del., and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md., took third place, with the Philadelphia team of Mary Ann Watson and Al DiBella in fourth.

The next mixed doubles tournament is April 23. Entries are limited to 24 teams and with the four in-house boards, play starts at 1 p.m., double elimination, and finishes by 9 p.m. Normally these events are sell-outs.

"Pat and Nelson Renzo went all out with a super beef buffet with all the trimmings, which is served to all participants on a gratis basis," reports Dick Gorman. "The crowd was most festive and the shooting was great!"

Lukas/Kirk Win at Diamond State

The Diamond State VFW Post 2863 in Wilmington, Delaware, hosted a draw partner, double elimination tournament on Super Bowl Sunday. Thirty entries provided good competition on the 28 foot board.

First place was won by the team of John Lukas and Larry Kirk. Second place went to Vinny "The Saint" Killen and Joe Lappa. Buddy Coale and Anne Powell took third place, with Don Castor and John Redmond in fourth.

"Diamond State provided their usual tremendous buffet of roast beef and pork," reports Bob Hall.

Jackson/Knox Win at Beef's

Skip Jackson and Jerry Knox won the doubles tournament held at Beef's Shamrock Bar in Waterloo, Indiana, on Jan. 28. Bill Baber and Ron Koontz took second place honors.

"We had a small turnout of players, but a good crowd to watch," reports hostess Margie Camp.

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BUDWEISER INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

With the women's league finished, except playoffs, singles and doubles competition, I'd like to congratulate Lakeside Lounge for their one-two finish. It's a tribute to the cooperation it takes between players and bar owners.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the captains of the league. This thankless job is paramount to a successful league. Captains in our league are responsible for collecting and paying weekly players' fees, filling out lineups, replacing players who might be screwing up and all the rest of the stuff that goes along with making difficult decisions, usually involving friends. You have not gone unnoticed by me and I would like to suggest that the league and/or sponsor consider some way of recognizing these people in the future.

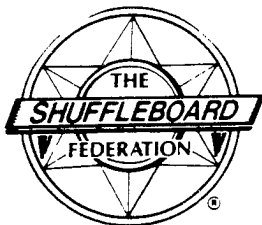
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Men's League Standings Through 02-09-89

(West)		(East)	
Lakeside I	307	Wagon Wheel I	302 1/2
Victor's	301	Dillinger's	263
O'Brady's	243 1/2	Liberty	261
Lakeside II	238	Prue's	210-1/2
Bachelors	182-1/2	Wagon Wheel II	209
Catalina Lanes	140	Majestic	200
Boat Bar	102	Bob & Elmer's	169
Richard's		127-1/2	

Women's League Standings Through 02-07-89

Lakeside II	148 1/2 pts.
Lakeside I	137
Wagon Wheel I	116 1/2
Liberty Bar	114
Majestic	103
Wagon Wheel II	99
Victor's	98 1/2
O'Brady's	80
Boat Bar	60 1/2
Bachelors	60



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CALENDAR

March 16-19: 2nd Annual Greater Arizona Open
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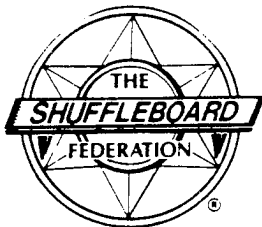
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"Whitey" Benefit Held in Harrisburg

A benefit tournament was held at the Lawnton Legion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 29 for one of their league shufflers, "Whitey," who had a stroke a few months ago. He was able to attend the tournament in a wheel chair.



"Whitey" (in wheel chair) was the beneficiary of a benefit by the Lawnton Legion. Shown with winners Vic Magaro, Buddy Brammer, Dale Hoover and Ralph Sellers.

Twenty-eight players participated in the double elimination event, with Vic Majaro of Harrisburg and Buddy Brammer of Maryland taking top honors. Second place went to Dale Hoover and Ralph Sellers. Pat Sterling and Ellis Hartman took third place, with Bob Eagle and Vernie Little in fourth.

"Whitey" was presented with \$164 which consisted of half the prize money, half of the 50/50 chances, and half of the money taken in by chancing off an oil painting, painted by Pat Sterling.

"Everyone enjoyed doing this for Whitey as he is a very special person and a shuffleboard pioneer in the Harrisburg area," report Pat and Jim Sterling.

Coale/Greider Win "Tune Up"

Forty-four shooters showed up for the draw partner double elimination on the first Saturday of February at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland. Dick Gorman reports that the larger than usual crowd was probably because it was being used as a "tune-up" for the following weekend's popular Winter Board Talk tournament.

The first event was won by Buddy Coale of Rising Sun and Rick Greider, Darlington, Md. Kookie Testerman, Street, Md., and Jim Yank, Philadelphia, took second place honors, with Joe Dilucia of Philadelphia and Bob Hall of Rising Sun in third.

The second event went to George Chamberlin and Mopey Hasson, both from Perryville, Md. Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., and Sam Sech, Glasgow, Del., finished second, with Brenda Wallace and Lee Rutherford, both of Port Deposit, Maryland, in third place.

"Come join us for any of these first Saturday of the month tournaments on all four in-house boards," invites Dick Gorman. "You'll enjoy Pat and Nelson Renzo's hospitality and good food."

Winter Board Talk/Lafayette Inn Tourney Near Sellout

Two weeks before the tournament on Feb. 10-12, 157 out of 158 entry spots were reserved for the Winter Board Talk Tournament at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland.

"Men and women shooters arrived from eight states to greet the out-of-town co-sponsors from Lansing, Michigan," reports tournament Director Dick Gorman. "Unfortunately, Donna Wilber's body had different ideas and it was off to the hospital for her. George stayed home as we would want him to do. Many were disappointed but understood. Beef "Stein" Camp from Waterloo, Indiana, represented George (he took a little money home, too), but Bud Broka from Toledo, Ohio, just doesn't pass for Donna (we wouldn't even let him in the women's singles. Sorry, no beards, ladies!)."

Friday night saw \$2,000 split up between the winners in the draw partner tournament. First place went to Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware, and Chuck King, Dover, Del. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., took second place, with third place taken by Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md., and JoAnn Ware, Sudlersville, Md.

The women's singles started Saturday morning with prize money slightly over \$1,000. Helen Fuller of Sherburne, New York, outlasted the rest of the fairer sex to take first place. Second place went to Steph Rhinehardt of Rising Sun, and third place to first-time major tournament player Debbie Standiford, Elkton, Md.

On Saturday afternoon, 32 teams went after \$4500 and about 12 hours later, congratulations were in order for first place shooters, Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Second place honors went to John Lukas, Millington, Md., and Charlie Walker, Wilmington, Del. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md. took third place with Tom Bernhard, Milford, Del., and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. in fourth. Other finishers were George Chamberlin and Mopey (Pop-Pop) Hasson, both of Perryville, Md., fifth; and long distance travelers and hosts representatives Bud Broka, Toledo, Ohio, and Beef "Stein" Camp, Waterloo, Indiana, sixth.

On Sunday, 24 teams participated in the mixed doubles with money and prizes at \$2500. First place went to Rosalie Kaufmann, Queenstown, Maryland, and Chuck King, Dover, Del. Second place was won by Rita Yank and Conch Cacciavillani, both of Philadelphia. Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md., and Dick Gorman of Wilmington finished third, with Mary Ann Watson, Philadelphia, and John Lukas, Millington, Md., in fourth place.

The next major tournament at Lafayette Inn is March 10-12 with the final of the four major tournaments scheduled for April 7-9.

"As always, hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo provide four in-house boards and a great buffet for all participants," Dick Gorman reports. "If you are planning to join us, please make your reservations in advance, accompanied by entry fees. There were a lot of disappointments this tournament because we just can't handle all the teams that would like to enter. We take entries on a first-come, first-serve basis."

Voorhis/Warr/Somers Top Winners at DJ's

The 4th Annual Chili Day at D.J.'s in Warsaw, Indiana, started Friday night, Feb. 10, when host Phil Heinzman started preparing chili in a 25 gallon iron pot. By Saturday noon, the tantalizing aroma was driving the players who participated crazy! "Everyone marveled over the chili and kept going back for more," reports hostess Karen Heinzman.

Despite their chili-filled tummies, the 20 doubles teams fought hard for a share of the \$2,470 pot. Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr outlasted the field to take top honors. Second place went to Skip Jackson and Larry Creakbaum, with Dan Schuh and Alan Marsh in third.

On Sunday for the Valentine's mixed doubles tourney, all women players were given carnations -- and there was still chili in the pot (by Sunday night, there was about a gallon left). Fifteen teams vied for a pot of \$950, with Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers winning the major share. Phil and Karen Henizman took second place honors, with Jim Long and Vicki Morgan in third place.

Mark your calendars for this fun event next year. In the meantime, D.J.'s will host another tourney before summer. Watch for details.

Miles/Bunch Win Valentine's Tourney at Acme

The Northwest Bicentennial Regional Shuffleboard World Champ (for two years running) Ruthie Miles of Portland, Oregon, and her partner, Chris Bunch of Vancouver, Washington, won first place in the Valentine's tournament at the Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Wash. on Feb. 18-19. Second place honors went to the husband and wife team of Jim and Michelle Foran of Tacoma. Ginger West of Elk City, Oregon, and Bruce Wechter of Coburg, Oregon, finished third.

"We all would like to thank the Acme Tavern for all the good food and the well-run tournament," reports Evie Wechter.

Lawnton Legion Rides Again

On Feb. 19, 20 players from Lawnton American Legion, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, led by Pat and Jim Sterling, chartered a bus and rode nearly 1-3/4 hours to Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, and met 20 players waiting for a day of shuffleboard. Two hats were used, one with the names of the Harrisburg gang and one with the players from Lafayette Inn. Teams were drawn, one player from each hat, and the day was off. Using all four in-house boards, a double elimination and a single elimination event were played.

Winners were Bob Hand, Harrisburg, and host Nelson (I'm back) Renzo, first; Steph Rhinehardt, Rising Sun, Md., and Dave Gardner, Sr., Harrisburg, second; Donna Smith, Elkton, Md. and Vic (the barber) Magaro, Harrisburg, third; Lorraine Spearaw, Harrisburg, and John Sinclair, Colora, Md., fourth.

The second event was won by repeater Dave Gardner, Sr. and Mopey (Pop-Pop Porridge) Hasson, Perryville, Md. In second place were Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Md., and Ellis Hartman, Harrisburg. Third went to first time tournament player Terry Zimmerman, Harrisburg, and John Sinclair. Bob Hand and another Renzo, Mike, Pat and Nelson's son, took fourth place.

"We all enjoyed each other's company between games,

watching the Daytona 500 and enjoying a buffet provided by the Renzos," reports Dick Gorman.

Voorhis/Melton/Williams/Hagen Win Texas Titles

Bobby Voorhis of Indiana took home the singles title from the popular Washington's Birthday tournament held this year at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Holiday Inn. Bobby had to beat out the tough contender, Bill Melton of Oklahoma. Rick Boyer of Texas took third place honors, with Sam Summers of Oklahoma in fourth place.

In the doubles, Bill Melton and his partner, David Williams of Texas, took top honors. John McDermott of Michigan and Howard Mouton of Texas teamed up to take second place. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Billy Mays of Texas took third place, with Hal Perry of California and Diana Hagen of Texas in fourth.

In the women's singles, Diana Hagen captured the biggest share of the pot, with Sharon Finch of Texas in second place. Sandy Jenkins of Texas finished third with Evelyn Harris, also of Texas, in fourth place.

Siebert/Stockmaster Win at 1st & Last

Jerry Siebert and Jim Stockmaster of Michigan took first place honors at the doubles tourney at the First & Last Stop in Kendallville, Indiana, on Feb. 18. Second place went to Charles "PeeWee" Fleshman and hostess Pat Cinninger, both of Indiana.

"The turnout was not the best, but we had a good time," reports Pat.

McDonald/Borja/Kay Win Women's Tourney

A women's tournament was held at Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, on Feb. 25. Winner of the singles was Delores McDonald of Lansing. Jamie Hoffman Kay of Detroit took second place honors with Brenda Bauer of Lansing in third.

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Great Arizona Open, March 17-20

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If you are not a resident of Phoenix, you must register at the Howard Johnson Plaza to participate in the tournament. To make your room reservation, call 1-800-654-2000. For tournament information, call Larry Tafoya, 602-263-0034, or Bob Lewis, 602-424-6782.

The tourney will be played on eight new Playfair boards. 1st Annual Spring Tourney at Town Tavern

Join the fun at the Town Tavern in Summitville, Indiana, on March 25 for a doubles tournament. Entry fee is \$20 per team, single elimination with a 60-30-5-5 payoff. The auction will start at noon with play immediately following.

For information, call Dan Smith at 317-536-2150.

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Open Doubles, Lucky's Tavern, March 25

Lucky's Tavern, S.R. 13 South, North Webster, Indiana, will host an open doubles tournament on Saturday, March 25. Entry fee is \$10 per team with a 60-30-10 payoff.

The tournament starts at 2 p.m. For information, call Carol at 219-834-7433.

Hoosier Classic Qualified at The Palace, April 1-2

A qualifier for the Hoosier Classic will be held at The Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana, on April 1-2. Entry fees are \$40 for the singles, \$50 for the doubles. The doubles auction is scheduled for noon on April 1, with the singles auction immediately following the conclusion of the doubles tourney. Three boards, double elimination.

The more entries, the more people will qualify for the big tourney to be held in Fort Wayne on April 27-30. For information, call 317-948-9102.

Lafayette Inn Spring Classic, April 7-9

The Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, will conclude its major tournaments for the 1988-89 season with the Spring Classic on April 7-9. The tournament will consist of four events starting Friday night with a draw partner event. Saturday morning, there will be a women's open and Saturday afternoon the always popular bring your partner event. Sunday will close the tourney with a tough open singles.

"These tournaments are generally very popular and some events will sell out three weeks in advance," says Dick Gorman. "The last several tournaments, the total payout has been between \$10,000 and \$13,000. Everyone is welcome on a first registered (with entry fee) basis."

Call 301-658-9075 and ask for Nelson Renzo or Dick Gorman.

Open Singles and Doubles, Lakeside, April 15

Get your income tax forms in the mail and then relax at the Lakeside Lounge in Union Lake, Michigan, by participating in an open doubles and singles tournament on April 15. Entry fees are \$50 for the singles, \$100 per team for the doubles, with a 50-30-15-5 payoff and first place trophies. The auction for both events is 10 a.m. Saturday, with play immediately following. Both events will be played at the same time. Double elimination, 16 team limit.

A deposit of \$25 must be paid one week before the tourney. Spots will be reserved on a "first pay" basis. Make checks or money orders payable to: Lakeside Lounge, and send to 9500 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Union Lake, MI 48085.

For further information, call Phil McGrew, 313-681-8636, or Jim Stockmaster, 313-334-2685.

Spring Tourney, Ours & Your Place, April 21-23

Three one-day events will be featured at the Spring Tournament at Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, on April 21-23. The 15 point straight single game, double elimination events will be played on three boards.

Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner tourney, \$10 per person entry fee. Bidding will start at 7 p.m., limited to first 30 players, prizes for first three places.

A mixed doubles event will be held on Saturday with bidding starting at 10 a.m. \$25 per team entry fee, limited to

32 teams, pays first five places.

On Sunday, an open singles is on the schedule, with bidding at noon. \$25 per player entry fee, limited to 24 players with four places paid.

For further information, call your hosts, Art and JoAnn Ware, 301-438-3743. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Hoosier Classic Qualifier at Beef's April 21-23

You'll have an opportunity to win your entry for the big Hoosier Classic at a qualifying tourney at Beef's Shamrock Bar, Waterloo, Indiana, on April 21-23. Entry fees are \$25 for the singles, \$50 per team for the doubles. Round robins on Friday night, with auction for the singles at 11 a.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday for the doubles.

For information, call Beef or Margie at the Shamrock Bar, 219-837-8021.

1st Annual Hoosier Classic, April 27-30

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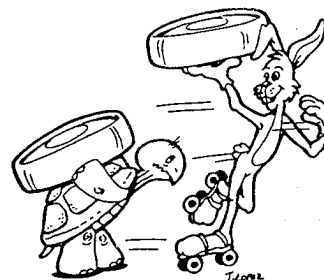
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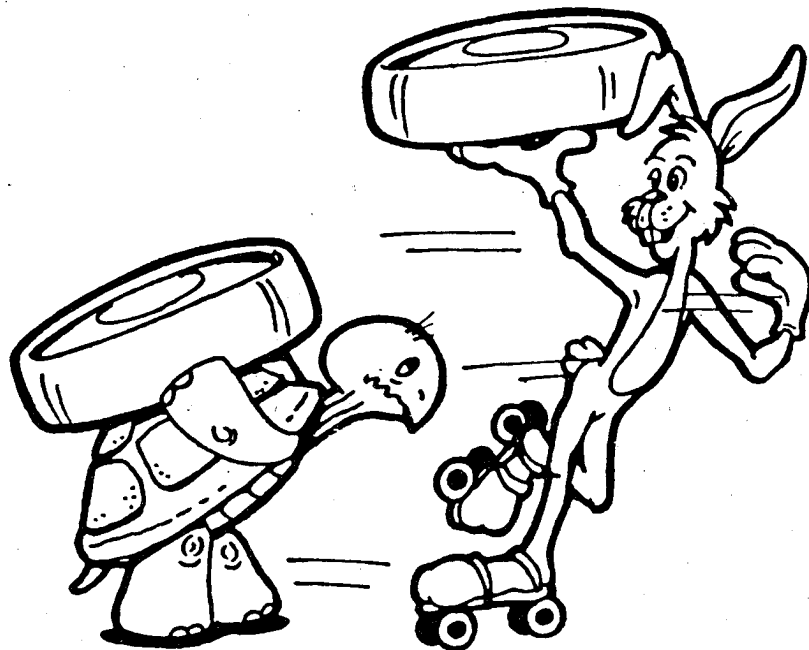
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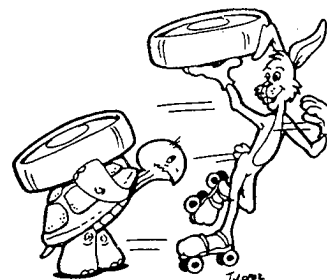
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We got lots of calls when the February issue didn't come one, two, even three weeks after the normal publication date. Not one of those calls were complaints. All were calls of concern. Nobody said, why didn't you call in your "second team." They realized there is no depth on this bench. Not even those whose events would be impacted by the lateness of the February issue called to complain. They knew there had to be a reason and they cared...

In past issues, we've gladly shared the problems of others who needed the caring support of the shuffleboard family. We did so because we knew how special that family was and that their caring could make a positive impact on the health and welfare of those who needed to know that someone "out there" did care. We had no idea that we'd be on the receiving end of that caring.

Our message here is to apologize for the tardy February issue, but more than that, we urge you to reach out to other members of our family who may need a word of encouragement, a gesture of caring. Believe us, it really does help!

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