

## The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

We've told you in past columns just how special the population of The World of Shuffleboard is; we know that from first-hand experience. But sometimes it's so special that words simply fail you. So it is with Al Stewart...

Al, owner-operator of A & M Amusement Service of El Monte, California, has had his share of accolades, most recently a plaque from The Shuffleboard Federation and a standing ovation from the crowd at the PCSA's 1st Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas for his many years of service to the sport.

He's a sweet, caring, emotional individual and he and his "child bride," Von, were so choked up by that honor that they couldn't find the words to say "thank you." It happened again recently when Al called The Board Talk to report how The World of Shuffleboard responded when he fell, while loading a board for delivery, and cracked nine ribs. The word went out that a fellow shuffler was in trouble...

Bob Lewis flew in from Phoenix, Arizona, and aided by Joe Muniz, Billy Chiles, Jay Kimble and Andy Smeder, finished Al's interrupted delivery. "You have to remember that Bob is a competitor of mine to really comprehend what this mean," Al said. Bob is a distributor of Playfair shuffleboards; Al is a representative of the American Shuffleboard Co.

Add to this the cards and phone calls he received, such as from Billy Maxwell who said, "Anything I can do...." and it comes out "unbelieveable," according to Al.

Heartwarming, yes; unbelieveable, no. Because we know it's the way things happen in our special world. It makes us very proud that such a response is commonplace.

Al is hurting now, with pneumonia adding to his discomfort, and laughter doesn't come without pain. But he hasn't lost his great sense of humor. He says he'd like to hug all the people of The World of Shuffleboard who have responded to his misfortune. However, that would mean they might hug him back and that would hurt! "How do you tell people to please hug you below the knees?" he asks.

So, send your "hugs" by mail to Al Stewart, 2354 Mountain View, El Monte, CA 91732, and insert a special message to Von, who is now on crutches with a sprained ankle! When it rains, it pours....

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If you responded to our Late Bulletin last month and sent a card to Ron Schweikert at the address we listed, you probably (continued on page 2)

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## Tourney Talk

#### Somers/Voorhis Win at Town Tavern

Twelve teams paid \$50 per entry, with an auction of \$1250, to participate in a tournament at the Town Tavern in Summitville, Indiana, on Feb. 4. After losing their first game, Deb Somers and Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Ind. battled back through the loser's bracket to take first place.

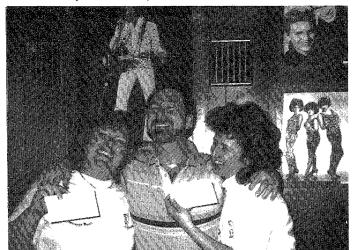
Coming in second were Tom and Dave Vorndran of Anderson, Ind. Third went to Ron Welborn and Larry Massie of Summitville.

#### Wilson Takes Beaver Bowl Title

Thirteen women vied for a \$1700 pot in the 2nd Annual Beaver Bowl at Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern in Dacono, Colorado, on March 10-11. Kim Wilson of Littleton, Colorado, came back from the loser's bracket to beat Kay Cole of Dacono two straight games, 15-12 and 15-13. Lydia Nelson of Longmont, Colo., finished third, with Susan De-Novellis of Dacono in fourth.

"All the games were very close," reports Susan. "Our tournament director, Jody 'Slick,' had the last game scheduled for 9 p.m. on Saturday but it never got started until 1:30 on Sunday. What a great tournament! We're looking forward to next year."

Susan asks other tourney directors -- how about more pictures? It's great to be able to put a face with a name. (Editor's note: We're saving one of the photos you sent, Susan, for your 3rd Annual Beaver Bowl ad. When women from other states see what fun you have, they'll want to enter.)



Be happy! Beaver Bowl winners Kim Wilson and runner-up Kay Cole have every reason to be happy. So, it seems, does host Jerry D!

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## Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza is a Go!

Here we go again! We may be crazy, but the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association (PCSA) 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza is now in the works. Our first tournament was a success, with \$80,000 in prize money awarded. The PCSA congratulates the winners: Open Singles, Bill Melton, Oklahoma; Open Doubles, Billy Chiles, California, and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; Women's Singles, Chris Danke, California; and Amateur Team, The Rainbows, Oregon.

Thanks to everyone involved in our first tournament -from those who set up and broke down to the wonderful
players themselves. We had a few problems for which we
apologize and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation, for that is what truly made this tournament a success.

In order to make our next tournament even better, we have reserved the Showboat's Sports Pavillion in which to hold the tourney and 200 of the hotel's rooms -- in the tower! We also plan to separate the amateur team matches from the others and will provide between 16 and 18 boards to play on.

We are getting excited about next year and we hope you are, too. If you have any suggestions, ideas or comments, please feel free to share them: PCSA, P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706.

Look ahead and plan your schedule around the PCSA's 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza the week prior to Superbowl Sunday, January 1990. More information will follow in future issues of The Board Talk.

Paul Weber, Joe Muniz, Karl Spickelmier, Tournament Directors

We and the hundreds of other players who enjoyed the first extravaganza -- plus those who missed it and wished they hadn't -- have marked our calendars for this exciting event!

#### Arizona Open/Nebraska Action Gets Glen's Salute

The Arizona Open was one of the biggest, if not the biggest, tournaments of this year. Our thanks go out to Lary Tafoya and Bob Lewis, the promoters and directors of this great event. Bob set up all the boards and tore them down. Thanks to all your staff who made this possible and to all the other people who pitched in.

Thanks to all the crew at Arnold's in Lincoln, Nebraska, for their hospitality and giving us all the action we wanted. Rick and Glen, owner Steve and his sister Maggie, the top woman player in Lincoln, and all the other players at Arnold's -- thanks! Al Dabar and Ron Campbell gave me and Rick Boyer more than we wanted at Champ's in Lincoln. They beat us fairly well, but we will be back. Welcome to The World of Shuffleboard, all you shufflers in Nebraska.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We're glad you and Madge and Rick used the Play Your Way Across the USA to let the players in Nebraska that they're an important part of The World of Shuffleboard. Thanks to Denny Busch, Nebraska is one of the growing parts of our network.

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got it returned, like we did. Before Ron could get a transplant, he suffered a heart attack. He's doing well and recuperating at his home: Ron Schweikert, 6501 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102. Hearing from you will help him recover.

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In addition to all the people who responded to Al and Ron, we'd like to extend a tip of the editorial cap to:

...The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., who after years of monetary and human resource investments, have secured a corporate sponsor for important events, not just for professionals but more important, for amateurs. They've never made a big deal of the resources they have invested and that makes them all the more worthy of our salute. That salute extends to Budweiser who took the "one giant step" for The World of Shuffleboard.

...All the players and establishments in the East who remind us that The World of Shuffleboard means fellowship. Where else in the USA do they have bus tours between states for shuffleboard action? Where else in the USA does somebody like Dick Gorman promote, promote, and promote some more? Where else in the USA do tournaments consistently sell out well in advance? We can scoff at their low entry fees and the inconsistencies of some of their boards, but who has more fun than they do? And who reaches out across state lines with the hand of fellowship more effectively than they do? It's people like them who will keep this game going and growing!

...The establishments which are listed on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." We strongly urge you to use this listing in your travels and ask that you tell them that The Board Talk sent you! Please note that we have a couple new states on the network -- New Jersey and Montana where our dear friend Eric Waldman has been spreading the good word. If your favorite shuffleboard site isn't on the list in this issue, ask them why. A \$15 subscription gets them exposure four times a year -- a pretty small investment. Our next listing will be in the August issue. Tell them to sign up before July 15. In the meantime, take a minute to say "thanks" to those on the network.

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Hope to see you at our 5th Annual Shuffleboarders' Reunion over the 4th of July weekend.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

## Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

Roden Wins Entry to U.S. Open

Joe Roden of Austin, Texas, won the second U.S. Open qualifying tournament, held at Click's North Austin, March 11-12. Joe came out of the loser's bracket (playing nearly 10 continuous hours) to take the final two matches from Johnny B. of Houston. Rodney Reynolds of Austin finished third.

"Although the number of participants and spectators was down from the qualifying tournament held the previous weekend, U.S. Open Director Don Valk was pleased with the exposure to and the increased interest in the U.S. Open provided by these qualifying tournaments," reports Ken Strong of Austin. "It's certainly a big step in the right direction to get new people involved in shuffleboard.

"All of you who plan to be in Austin for the U.S. Open, Aug 7-13, should stop by the two Click's and extend your thanks for their support. It would go a long way in helping Don establish local support for the U.S. Open," Ken said. "The U.S. Open thanks Dale, manager of Click's North Austin, and his personnel for their cooperation and contribution."

Women's Team Takes Top Honors at Harrisburg

On March 19, 19 players from the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, and Perryville Legion, Maryland, and one player from Delaware travelled by bus to the Reliable Hose Company in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for a 10-1/2 hour, 15 pt., double elimination tournament, hosted by Jim and Pat Sterling of Harrisburg.

Mary Everett of Maryland and Pat Sterling of Harrisburg took first place honors. Second place went to Jay Ratledge of Maryland and Dave Gardner Jr. of Harrisburg. Sam Sech of Delaware and Doris Keller of Harrisburg came in third. Commander of the Perryville Legion, Richard Barr, and Ellis Hartman of Harrisburg took fourth place.

"Dave Gardner Sr., manager of the Hose Company, supplied a nice spread of food. Thank you, Dave," reports Pat Sterling. "As always, a great time was had by all. We always enjoy our Maryland friends."

Welborn/Massie Win Town Tavern's Spring Tourney

The hometown team of Ron Welborn and Greg Massie won the annual Spring Tournament at the Town Tavern in Summitville, Indiana, on March 25. Larry and Tom Massie finished second, with Emmett Wilcox and John Humes of Anderson, Ind., in third. Tom Vorndran of Anderson and Dudley Hutcherson of Indianapolis finished fourth.

#### Boaz/Hutcherson/Voorhis Tops at Michigan Open Qualifier

The Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana, hosted a qualifier for the Hoosier Classic (April 27-30, Fort Wayne) on April 1. The April Fool's Day tourney drew 10 doubles teams at \$50 a team. The top three teams qualified with Dave Boaz from Anderson, Ind., and Dudley Hutcherson of Indianapolis taking top honors. Second place went to Greg and Larry Massie of Summitville, with Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis and Don Perry of New York in third.

Ten walkers put up \$40 each which qualified the top four finishers. Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount was the top winner, with Greg Massie the runner-up. Larry Creakbaum finished third with John Myles of Michigan rounding out the top four places.

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## 1989 National Shuffleboard Calendar

May 5-7

3rd Annual Open Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 6

Spring Doubles American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

May 13-14

Open Singles Sports Arena Club, Houston, Texas

May 19-21

Genesee Open Benedict's, Sherburne, New York

May 21

Open Doubles Sports Arena Club, Houston, Texas

May 25-29\*

Third Annual Michigan Open Holiday Inn, Southfield, Michigan

May 25-29

3rd Annual Arbuckle Open Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

June 10-11

Women's Singles Championships Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan

June 17-18

3rd Annual Nationals Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

June 30-July 4\*

5th Annual Board Talk Shuffleboarders' Reunion

Aug. 4-6 (tentative)

Doubles Tournament Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Aug. 10-14\*

U<sub>ss</sub>S. Open Holiday Inn Town Lake, Austin, Texas

January 1990

PCSA's 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada

\*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour

## Tourney Talk (continued from page 3)

Lafayette Inn Holds Spring Classic "Tune-Up"

The final major tournament of the season at Lafayette Inn, scheduled for April 7-9, probably was the cause of 30 players arriving at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for the April 1 first Saturday of the month tourney, despite the fact that another local tournament was held at Impressions, just two miles away, which drew almost an equal number of players. These 30 players were apparently going all out to tune up for the big finale the following weekend. Two draw partner, double elimination events were held with some healthy individual competition on the four in-house boards after the second event.

The first event was won by Alvis Ramey, Port Deposit, Md., and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. Second place was taken by Rich DiLucia and Steve "Ski" Lacinski of Philadelphia and third place went to Steph Rhinehart (of the fairer sex) of Rising Sun and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. The second event was won by Anthony "Conch" Cacciavillani and "Ski" Lacinski of Philadelphia. Second place went to Alvis Ramey and Jim Williams, with Ray Herrmann, Philadelphia, and Butch Kelly in third.

The last first Saturday of the month tourney will be May 6. The fall tournament schedule starts on Sept. 9.

Lafayette Inn's Spring Classic Another Sell-Out

The Spring Classic drew an entry field of 133 to the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on April 7-9. This final tournament of the season payout was over \$10,000 bringing the total for the season to over \$50,000. The average for the four major tournaments was over \$11,000 distributed to competitors from 11 states, reports Dick Gorman.

Thirty-two shooters participated in the draw partner event, vying for a pot of \$1800. First place was won by Doug Fridley Jr., Waterloo, N.Y., and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia. Second place was taken by Lindsey Hall of Baltimore and John Lukas of Millington, Delaware. Third place went to Skip Hammond, Milford, Del., and Mike Renzo (owners Pat and Nelson's son) of Rising Sun.

Top honors in the women's singles event went to first time tournament winner Debbie Standiford, Elkton, Md., who took her share of the \$1000 pot. Second place was taken by Judy Gartland of Philadelphia, with third place going to another first time tournament player, Debbie Brown of Rising Sun.

Thirty-two bring your partner teams fought for a share of the nearly \$5,000 pot. Dick reports they were tough games because of the high quality of competition, with all but one of the Atlantic Division Top 10 participating. Jerry and Ray Hermann of Philadelphia outlasted the competition to take first place. Second went to Lennie Dell of Baltimore and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md. Tournament favorites Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, finished third. Fourth place went to George Chamberlin and Mopey (where's the party?) Hasson, both of Perryville, Md. Chuck King of Dover, Del., and Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md., came in fifth. Brothers John Jr. and Paul Lukas of Wilmington, Del., had to beat their dad, John, to capture sixth place.

Twenty-four players did battle in the open singles event, with first place finally going to Mickey Mickens, who came out of the loser's bracket to beat Stosh Chimeleski. Third place went to Doug Fridley Jr. and fourth to Scratch Todd, Denton, Md.

The final event of the tourney was the presentation of trophies to the overall champions of the 1988-89 season. The Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies trophies were presented



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by distributor Dick Gorman to overall champion Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and the women's overall champion, Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Md. All winners were presented with a Lafayette Inn jacket by hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo. Pat and Nelson report that because of the continued support of shuffleboard, they will host a full schedule of tournaments for the 1989-90 season. Watch the August issue of The Board Talk for the schedule.



Points are awarded for all four major tournaments at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. At the end of the season, overall championship trophies are presented. The Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies trophies were presented by Triple Crown local distributor Dick Gorman (right) and Lafayette Inn owner Nelson Renzo (left) to overall winners Judith Iseman of Chestertown, Md., and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia, Pa. over 156 participants competed for this honor during the 1988-89 season.

#### Sawyer/Anderson Win at Corner Tavern

Thirty teams from throughout Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, Canada, converged on the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, for Gordy and Linda's annual shuffleboard tournament and pig feed on April 8-9, to vie for a share of the \$3250 pot.

Taking top honors were Larry Sawyer of Anacortes and Sherm Anderson of Sequim, beating out Jim Foran and Rick Gans of Tacoma. Jim Allis and Steve Brazier of Seattle finished in third place, with Alvin Orcutt and Les Burt of Bremerton in fourth.

"Many of the competitors and friends brought motor homes, campers and vans to spend the weekend in the country," reports Art Keller of Seattle. "The sun was hot, the beer was cold, and the bloody Canadians' singing was awful! But we'll all be back next year for one of the area's most relaxed and fun tournaments!"

#### On Tap: Sports Arena Open Singles and Doubles

There will be no pros allowed in the upcoming tournaments at the Sports Arena Club, 11528 W. Jones Rd., Houston, Texas. So, if you've finished first, second, or third in major tourneys in the past three years, you're not eligible to enter this tournament. You can come watch, though!

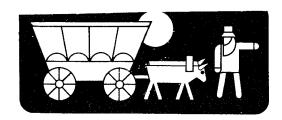
An open singles will be held on May 13-14, \$20 per player entry fee, and an open doubles on May 21 with a \$40 per team entry fee. Both events are two of three, double elimination. The minimum number of entries for both events is 10 with a maximum of 24. Top winners will earn their entries to the U.S. Open with extra proceeds going to the other winners. Auctions for the events will be held at noon on Saturdays. A barbecue for players will be held each Sunday afternoon.

For further information, contact Warren Faulk at the Sports (continued on page 6)

## 3rd Annual Arbuckle Shuffleboard Tourney MAY 25 - 29

Sweetheart Draw	\$10	Men's Singles	\$25
Open Draw	\$10	Bring Partner	\$50
Women's Singles	\$20		

— Action all week prior to tournament — No pros are eligible to enter, but are welcome to attend.



## Prim's Wagon Wheel

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Arena, 713-469-0345, or Don Valk, U.S. Open Director, 512-444-4133. See ad in this issue and plan to participate -- if you're an amateur.

Benedict's Genesee Open, May 19-21

The second annual Genesee Open will be held at Benedict's, 20 Classic St., Sherburne, New York, on May 19-21. A draw partner event, \$10 entry fee, is scheduled for Friday night. A bring your partner tourney, \$25 per team, will be held on Saturday. Sunday will feature an open singles, \$25 entry.

"This is a beautiful spot in upper New York state for a super tournament with five 22 ft. boards in use," reports assistant director Dick Gorman. Early registration is suggested. For information, contact Benedict's, 607-674-9717.

3rd Annual Arbuckle open, May 25-29

The 3rd Annual Arbuckle Open is scheduled for May 25-29 at Prim's Wagon Wheel, Highway 77 North, Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Five events are on the agenda: Sweetheart Draw Partners, \$20 entry fee on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Open Draw Partners, \$10 entry fee, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Women's Singles, \$20 entry, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Men's Singles, \$25 entry, Sunday, 8 p.m.; Bring Your Partner, \$50 entry, Monday at 4 p.m. Times may change due according to number of entries.

There will be action all week prior to the tourney and once the tournament starts, one board will be set aside for round robins after the second round of action.

This is another tournament that is not open to pro players, but they are welcome to attend. Motels and restaurants nearby.

For information, call 405-665-2566. See ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

3rd Annual Michigan Open, May 25-29

The Shuffleboard Federation, the Playfair Shuffleboard Company, and Budweiser will sponsor the 3rd Annual Michigan Open at the Holiday Inn in Southfield on May 25-29. Events include a men's singles, \$200 entry fee; women's singles, \$100 entry fee; and a mixed doubles, \$200 per team. Each event limited to 32 entries so make your reservations now if you haven't already done so.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport is just 20 minutes from the tourney site, where 40 poolside rooms have been reserved for participants. To make your lodging reservations, call 313-353-7700

For tournament information, call the Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666.

Don't miss this big one!

Women's Singles Championship, Stober's Lounge, Lansing, June 10-11

The sport's women players will be in the spotlight at Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. on June 10-11. Entry fee is \$25 for the single game, double elimination event. The auction is scheduled for noon on June 10. This event is limited to the first 16 players signed up. Entries must be received by Monday, June 5. For information, call tournament director Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184.

First place winner will receive a jacket with trophies for second and third.

A buffet will be provided for all players.



## **BUDWEISER**

## INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Another long season is in the books and congratulations are in order for Lakeside Lounge which won both the men's and women's divisions, plus playoffs. Also, the men's doubles competition has been completed with the following results: 1st, Gene Gach and Wally Fredericks; 2nd, Mark Tillman and George Rempe; 3rd, Pete Castle and Jim Stockmaster; 4th, Jerry Maciak and Ted Kowalski.

So, now spring has sprung and it's time to turn our attentions to other things such as working on a tan, getting the rods and reels out and the boats in working order. While I plan on enjoying all of these, I'm personally looking forward to hunting down and killing the wily Morel mushroom!

Jeff Dugaw Interlakes Shuffleboard League Oakland County, Michigan

#### Men's League Standings Finals

(West)		(East)	
Lakeside I	408 1/2	Wagon Wheel I	392 1/2
Victor's	374	Dillinger's	326
O'Brady's	330	Liberty	323
Lakeside II	302	Prue's	266
Bachelors	244 1/2	Majestic `	264
Catalina Lanes	183	Wagon Wheel II	255 1/2
Boat Bar	152	Bob & Elmers	230 1/2
		Richard's	165 1/2

#### **Playoffs**

- 1. Lakeside I
- 2. Wagon Wheel I
- 3. Dillinger's
- 4. Victor's

#### Loser's Bracket

Lakeside II Prue's O'Brady's Liberty

#### 3rd Annual Nationals at Acme, June 17-18

The Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington, will be the scene of the 3rd Annual Nationals on June 17-18. Entry fee for the double elimination event is \$30 per team and the Acme will add \$100 to the pot. The auction is scheduled for noon on the 17th. A complementary tavern feed will be served at 5 p.m.

Recommended lodging is at the Portage Inn, 3021 Pacific Hwy. E. Call toll free: 1-800-833-1800, and tell them you're participating in the Acme tournament. For further information, call the Acme Tavern, 206-272-1892.

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

The 4th Annual U.S. Open Shuffleboard Tournament will be held at the Holiday Inn Austin-Town Lake in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 10-14.

Boards will be open for practice and/or round robins Aug. 7 and 8. Then tournament action starts with the Pro-Am event on Aug. 9, \$50 per person entry fee. The open singles, \$200 entry fee, will start on Aug. 10, with the women's singles, \$100 entry, on Aug. 11. The open doubles, \$400 per team entry fee, starts on Aug. 12.

The Holiday Inn Austin-Town Lake is "the nicest facility the U.S. Open has ever enjoyed," reports tournament director Don Valk. There's a form in the enclosed flyer to make your reservations.

For tournament information, call Don Valk, 512-444-4133, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

This is a family vacation tournament. The Austin Aquafest

lighted water parade and fireworks display will take place on Friday night, Aug. 11, on Town Lake by the Holiday Inn.

#### Tischler/McGrew Win at Tri-State

John Tischler and Phil McGrew took top honors at the annual Tri-State Tournament at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich. on Jan. 28-29. Rudy Stober and Bobby Lopez finished in second spot, with Jerry Siebert and Bobby Voorhis in third.

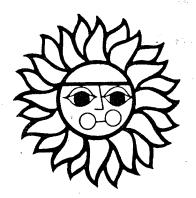
McDermott/Collins/Somers Win at Lakeside

A talented group of players gathered at the Lakeside Lounge in Union Lake, Mich., on April 15 to compete for a pot of \$8,595. John McDermott captured first place in the singles with Steve Wellman taking second, John Tischler third, and Bobby Voorhis, fourth.

Cheryl Collins and Debbie Somers teamed up to win the doubles title, followed by Jerry Bryant and Steve Wellman. Phil McGrew and Gene Gach took third place, with Bobby Voorhis and Gordie Collins in fourth.

Tournament director Phil McGrew extends his appreciation to Kathy Broka, who once again was a human dynamo in handling the auction and keeping the brackets running smoothly. He also thanks Jim Stockmaster for all his effort and Gene Gach for board preparation, Gordie Collins for putting in the third board, Emanual and Mary as hosts, all of the fine people who served as officials, Budweiser for the beautiful trophies and, last but not least, all the players for their tremendous cooperation. (Kind of makes one wonder what Phil did, doesn't it?)

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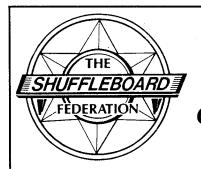


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#### **CALENDAR**

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

June 30 - July 4: 5th Annual Board Talk Shuffleboarders' Reunion Tournament Holiday Inn South, Lansing, Michigan

August 9-14: 4th Annual U.S. Open Holiday Inn Town Lake, Austin, Texas

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## 1989 Point Standings

#### Men's

1.	Bill Melton	511
2.	Sam Summers	342
3.	Bobby Voorhis	320.5
4.	John McDermott	241
5.	Rick Boyer	224.5
6.	Glen Davidson	211
7.	David Williams	206
8.	Billy Mays	204.5
9.	Earl Kelly	198.5
10.	Howard Mouton	193
11.	Chuck Norris	185.5
12.	Bill Maxwell	174
13.	Billy Chiles	160.5
14.	Hal Perry	151
15.	Eric Waldman	146
16.	Karl Spickelmier	140
17.	Jim Allis	137
18.	Frank Bladegroen	136.5
19.	Fred Thumann	117.5
20.	Dale Koteras	106.5

#### Women's

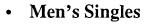
1.	Chris Danke	233
2.	Diana Hagen	198
3.	Peggy Richards	160
4.	Cheryl Collins	149
5.	Debbie Sommers 1	39
6.	Sharon Finch	97
7.	Janet Cook	92
8.	Brenda Moore	90
9.	Linda Aragon	71
10.	Sandy Jenkins	66

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# PRE-ASSIGNED BOARDS AND TIMES? OR FIRST AVAILABLE BOARD?

This month we are going to talk about not only the abovementioned topic, but also how all questions of this nature affect the overall picture.

At the recent Great Arizona Open, sanctioned by The Shuffleboard Federation, the question of pre-assigned boards and times vs. first available bord was raised, and created some controversy. Both of these systems have pros and cons and they will be discussed in more detail later in this article.

We want to go on the record once again and state our position that we think it is absolutely essential to the continued development of our sport that the players make the decisions concerning the rules and format of the tournaments they support. It is a common denominator in all of the successful individual sports.

It was with that in mind that The Federation last year decided that a Player Policy Board to govern the rules and format for shuffleboard was necessary for us to do the best job possible in organizing and developing shuffleboard.

For years, players went to tournaments not knowing what to expect, or whose rules they were going to play by, until they got there. We feel that that type of policy is not in the best interests of the game, and is a negative influence in the growth of shuffleboard.

We are proud that now, for the first time in the history of the game, there is an organized series of tournaments, all played by the same rules, no surprises. Using the "Ramos Rules" developed by "PeeWee" Ramos of California as a starting point, the Player Policy Board developed a set of official tournament rules which are used at all Federation tournaments.

This is a brand new development for shuffleboard and we are not naive enough to think the current rules are perfect. The only way to improve the rules is through feedback from the players.

Although the feedback from the Phoenix players was heavily in favor of using the first available board format for the Great Arizona Open, our hands were tied as far as being able to change the format at that point in time. To do so would have undermined the Player Policy Board.

The Policy Board made a decision at their meeting in August to pre-assign boards and starting times for all matches prior to the draw. We have assured the Policy Board that we will back their decisions 100 percent and we stand by that commitment.

The Policy Board is made up of nine members: Bill Melton, chairman; Gail Crane, secretary; Bob Lewis, Brenda Moore, Howard Mouton, Hal Perry, Jody Slack, Karl Spickelmier, and Bobby Voorhis. These people are knowledgeable and well-respected members of the shuffleboard community who are volunteering their time for the betterment of the game. The Policy Board members take their responsibilities seriously and want to make the best decisions for everyone. Among the things instituted by the Policy Board are the new payout formula for our tournaments -- no more having all the money go to the top two players. They also voted down any seeding of players.

There were a number of reasons for going to the system of pre-assigning boards and times. This method allows players the luxury of knowing exactly when they are supposed to play and gives them the freedom to go back to their rooms, eat, or enjoy the pool without worrying about forfeiting. It also eliminates the possibility of playing consecutive matches on the same board, which is a common occurrence in a first available board format. This system also negates any possibility of someone playing faster or slower than normal because when they finish has an affect on what board someone else's match will be played upon. When a match finishes early, that board is available for people to warm up on. Overall, we agree with the Policy Board that this is the best way to run a major tournament involving a number of boards.

First available board, on the other hand, does allow a tournament to move a little faster. We believe that in a bar tournament, it is the most practical format to use. A minimum of four boards is necessary to avoid any "playbacks" and very few bars have that many boards so eliminating "playbacks" in a bar tournament is not a practical idea.

Therefore, the format used for tournaments with a large number of boards, in a hotel, is not necessarily the best format for a bar tournament and vice versa.

One aspect of the first available board format that many people are not aware of is that much of the time gained early in the tournament is lost at the end.

Let's say that matches 1-4 start at 2:00 and matches 1-3 all last 1-1/2 hours while match 4 takes 2 hours. This means that match 5 can be played at 3:30 but match 6 cannot be played until 4:00 because the winner of match 3 is waiting for match 4 to finish.

Now, let's say that match 5 takes 1-1/2 hours and match 6 takes two hours. This means that match 7 will start at 5:00 and match 8 will start at 6:00. If both matches (7 and 8) take the same amount of time, the winner of match 7 will have to wait an extra hour for match 8 to finish before match 9 can be played.

This is a frequent occurrence for this type of format. When you are running three different events on four-plus boards, it can have a lot of drawbacks.

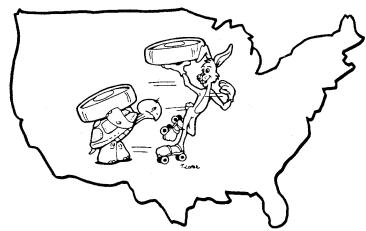
These are just some of the pros and cons of these two formats. We would like to know how you feel about this and any issue relating to rules and format for our tournaments. If the Policy Board has any complaint, it would be that they do not receive enough input from their fellow players. So stand up and be counted. Let us know how you feel. If the majority of the players would like to return to the first available board format, we and the Policy Board will have no problems with making any changes in this or any other area of tournament play.

In closing, we would like to say that we know we are not perfect and we know we do not have all the answers. We are very proud of the contributions we have made to the advancement of the sport. Anyone who has been around this game knows that the game is better than it has ever been and we are happy with what we have accomplished in the last three and a half years.

The Shuffleboard Federation will continue to work hard for the advancement of our sport and hope that all of you reading this will watch us work, share your thoughts and ideas with us, and judge us by our acts, deeds and accomplishments.

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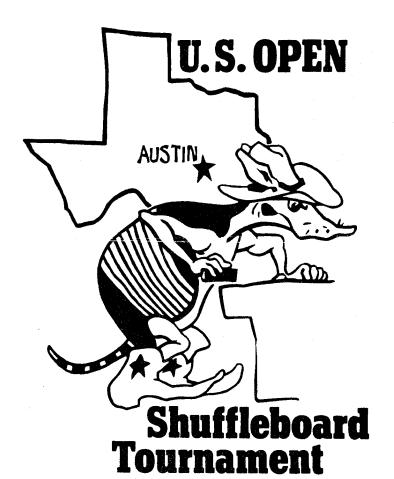
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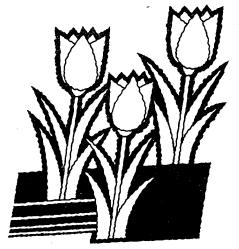
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