

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

We have some editorial bouquets to hand out this month. The first is for Lou Lusero for furnishing us with a colorful report and photos of the Stewart Benefit Bash. As much as we would like to attend every significant shuffleboard event and cover it ourselves, there's no way we can. And for this particular happening, it had to be reported by someone who was on the scene to capture, in words and pictures, the "feeling" behind the action. We wish we'd get more of these kinds of reports. Of course, not everyone is as accomplished writer as Lou, but you don't have to be. As Woodie Cockrum said last month, we'll help with the dots and dashes.

Along with the bouquet, we also extend our apology to Lou for any embarrassment we caused him in the way we reported last month's update on how the benefit was going. For clarification, the benefit was not sponsored by the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association (even though they were very much involved). It was a joint effort of all the people listed on the honor roll (see inside) -- and although Lou was deeply involved, he did not "run" the tournament as our article implied. Next time you see all those good folks who are listed on the honor roll, give them your personal salute. To each of them we present an editorial bouquet, plus our sincere thanks for opening their hearts to our good friends, Al and Von.

Bouquets are also in order for those people who travelled far to participate in the First East Coast Extravaganza over the Labor Day weekend. This was the first Shuffleboard Federation-sanctioned tournament in the East so good participation from other sections of the U.S.A. was important. As one participant, long active in East Coast play, put it: "I never knew that shuffleboard existed west of Baltimore!" (Obviously not a Board Talk subscriber.) Many of the Eastern players have been great supporters of The Board Talk and our annual tournament since we started and we were delighted to see so many players from other states travel the long mile to extend the hand of fellowship to them.

It was George's pleasure to participate in this tournament and, although he didn't come home with any money or trophies, he did return with a lot of pleasant memories, not the least of which was travelling and rooming with chief bracketeer Rob Kern. Donna says, "Thanks, Rob, for taking such good care of George and a special bouquet to you because that's no easy job!"

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Tourney Talk

Buhl/Monarez/Cox Winners at Ace of Clubs

Doug Buhl of California came out of a three-year retirement from the game and with partner Frank Monarez won the doubles tournament at the Ace of Clubs Labor Day Masters in Marysville, Calif. Leroy Ledford of California and Mel Currie of Canada finished second after losing a game 13-7 to the determined duo of Buhl and Monarez, who came back from the loser's bracket to win it all. Karl Spickelmier and Gregg McFarland took third place honors.

The singles crown went to Donnie Cox again. Leroy Ledford came back from the loser's bracket to beat Donnie one match and the second match went three games, reports Glen Davidson. "A tough finish for the two favorites of the tournament," he said. Glen finished third after lagging two 4's in the third game, only to lose to Leroy Ledford who had a few 3's and 4's himself.

Twenty-five singles and 14 doubles teams participated in the tournament. Included in the singles competition were four women, Chris Danke, Mary Chapp, Donna Cox and Georgean Monahan. "Chris shot up a storm and knocked a few men out of the tourney," Glen reports. "She finished fifth and I'm sure in the near future, she will win an open singles."

Madge sends thanks to the shuffleboard family for making her birthday such a nice one. "Thanks to Bellflower Bruce for the nice Red Georgio perfume and the gifts he gave to everyone. What a colorful person! We all love you, Bruce," says Madge.

Several States Represented in Winners' Circle at First East Coast Extravaganza

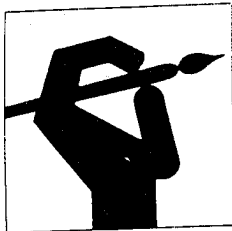
It's a long way from Fort Worth, Texas, to Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, but it was worth the trip for David Williams, who took home the singles title from the First East Coast Extravaganza staged over the Labor Day weekend. Michigan's John McDermott finished a strong second in the 40-player field, with Bill Melton of Oklahoma in third and Bobby Voorhis in fourth.

Bill Melton and Sam Summers of Oklahoma were the winning combo in the open doubles, stacking up their talents against 19 other teams. The husband-wife team of Gordie and Cheryl Collins of Michigan took second place honors. Bob Lewis of Arizona and Jim Snyder of Hagerstown, Pa., finished third, with Dave Williams and John McDermott in fourth.

Diana Hoffman of Ohio proved she's a force to be reckoned with by taking the top spot in the women's event. Pam Draheim of New York played tough and took second place, with Judy Gartland of Pennsylvania in third.

See the Shuffleboard Federation column for more information.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

THE AL AND VON STEWART BENEFIT BASH: AFTERMATH

So many giving people; so many joyful moments; so many people to thank. Where does one begin? At the beginning, of course. The following individuals were the steering committee and gave tirelessly of themselves for the better part of a month:

Jay Kimble	Joanie Swenson
Joe Muniz	Gregg McFarland
Johnna Eichar	Paul Weber
Jack Eichar	Cassie Ritz
Lou Lusero	

Gregg "Horserace" McFarland, who recently became the proud father of a fine son, still found time to run one heck of a tournament on August 19. Joanie "Wall Street" Swenson monitored ticket sales, tallied incoming revenues and handled other financial matters. Joe "Con Man" Muniz coaxed, cajoled or coerced many of his friends to make donations of one sort or another. Paul "The Butcher" Weber cut steaks till he was blue in the face. Not only that, he and Jay "Wanna Buy A Ticket" Kimble ran away with top honors as ticket sellers, raising approximately \$2,000 of the total amount collected. Great job guys! Cassie "The Blitz" Ritz started late but came on strong, offering to do anything and everything from bartending to cleaning to cooking. The team of Jack and Johnna "Wanna Help" Eichar let us use their bar, but more about them later.

A special thanks to Gloria Duron and Michele Lamo for their fine efforts in soliciting door prizes in Orange County.

Annie McFarland, thanks for excusing Gregg from his domestic duties long enough to help us out with both tournaments. And, thanks for helping Gregg with the Horse Race event.

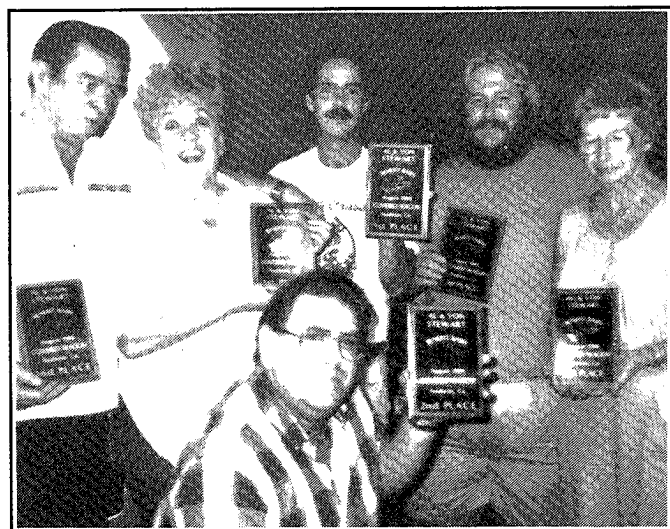
To the owners of the Covered Wagon, Craig and Ursula Adams, and the owners of the Peanut House, John and Johnna Eichar, our hats off to you for hosting the respective Benefit Bashes. Jack and Johnna, this was your very first involvement with a major shuffleboard event and you simply outdid yourselves to make August 26 a day Al and Von Stewart will never forget. We, in the world of shuffleboard, look forward to future major tournaments at the Peanut House. Again, thanks a million to you, your employees, and all the other volunteer bartenders.

Karl Spickelmier, thanks for running the tournament at the Peanut House. As usual, you did a fine job.

I would be remiss if I did not pay special tribute to all of the players who entered one or both of the tournaments. Congratulations to those who won, thanks to all of you who came to play. You made it all possible!

To my wife, Nora Lusero, thanks for doing all the typing on the flyers and letters. Thank you also for allowing me to be me. In conclusion, the success of the Al and Von Stewart Benefit Bash was a perfect example of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Lou Lusero
Carson, California



Winners of the Covered Wagon benefit bash were John Fisher and Evelyn Hughes with Frank Bentley and Rich Lee in second, and Bubba Warren and Dot Bastanchury in Third.



Winners of the Peanut House benefit bash were Joanie Swenson and Karl Spickelmier (center), with Dot Bastanchury and Bellflower Bruce (right) in second and Jim Alexander (right) and J.T. Stinson (not shown) in third.

Al and Von Stewart Benefit Bash Peanut House, Bellflower, California

Friday the 25th - 6:45 p.m.

The place is teeming with activity; round robins are being played on both boards, players are registering for the tournament, door prize tickets are being hawked and, in general, merriment abounds.

The time is fast approaching for the "drawing for partners." In short order the deed is done; teams have been selected and the "handicappers" quickly determine that the teams (Joe Muniz/Evelyn Hughes) (Karl Spickelmier/Joanie Swenson)

and (John Fisher/Bill Braden) are the front running favorites. There is much disagreement, of course, much of it being voiced by the thirteen other teams, each of whom, if one were to believe the statements being made, is fully capable of beating any team, even if that team was composed of Donnie Cox and Bill Melton.

As the evening hours fade away, so too do the players; each saying to whomever will listen, "just wait until tomorrow."

Saturday the 26th - 8:50 a.m.

The players of the first two matches are ready. There stands **Mexican Tommy** at Board No. 1, eager to do battle with those who would dare attempt to wrest from him his title of "Grand Master." Let the games begin.

One could feel it in the air; an energy, an aura of excitement and anticipation several levels above that normally associated with the opening of a tournament. And, with good reason. This is Al and Von Stewart's day.

One by one the matches were played, but all eyes are on the clock which is creeping ever closer to 3:30 p.m., the pre-arranged arrival time of the Stewarts. Suddenly, the cry passes throughout the hall, "the Stewarts are here, the Stewarts are here!" All activity ceases, an excited hush settles over the crowd, smiles touching lips, tears welling in eyes, and, as Al and Von step out of the chauffeured car, the crowd, with one voice, gives resounding welcome to the honored guests. Many, many minutes later, after much handshaking and picture taking, the Stewarts are led to the banquet (and a banquet it was - hats off to Cassie's Crew). In the meantime, play continues. After all, there is a tournament to be played and victors to be crowned. Besides, presentation of the check to the Stewarts is not for a few more hours.



Al Stewart and his "child bride," Von, are delivered by limousine (donated) to the Peanut House for their special day.
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1989-90 National Shuffleboard Calendar

*Oct. 4-8

Budweiser-Nebraska Open
Holiday Inn Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska

Oct. 7

Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424, Bourbon, Indiana

*Oct. 18-22

4th Annual Colorado Open
Holiday Inn Denver-West, Golden, Colorado

Oct. 27-29

Annual Fall Tournament
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

Oct. 28-29

Indiana State Championships
D.J.'s Bar, Warsaw, Indiana

*Nov. 9-12

Springfield Shuffleboard Shootout
Holiday Inn South, Springfield, Illinois

Nov. 10-12

3rd Anniversary Party
Sports Arena, Houston, Texas

Nov. 11-12

Doubles Tourney
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado

*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

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**The Al and Von Stewart Benefit Bash
August 19 & 26, 1989**

Honor Roll of Donors

The Board Talk

\$250 of Board Talk items, jacket, t-shirts and subscriptions

P.C.S.A.

\$300 of meat for barbeques, and 1 set of American weights

The Federation

\$500 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

**Marysville, California: tournament players,
Memorial Day weekend**

\$425 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

Dennis "Sparky" Sparkman, Carlsbad, California
1 - 20" color television

Crown Mart/Deli, Paramount, California
1 case of wine

**Southern Wine & Spirits of California, Inc.
Cerritos, California**
1 case of wine

Rainbow Drugs, Lomita, California
2 Timex Watches

Taylor Bros. Stair Company
2 - \$50 gift certificates

Nordondo Club, Gardena, California
Free lunches

Carter Bowl, Fullerton, California
Free bowling games

Cassie Ritz
An original oil painting and a gift basket of wine

Bob & Ann Brunskill
2 floral arrangements, jams, a jacket, purses, a basket of
wines, and a men's cologne set

Gloria Duron
2 stuffed toy dogs and a makeup mirror

Michelle Lamo
Sizzler Restaurant lunches/dinners, 1 carton of hot cocoa mix,
and a thermal coffee server

The Oak, La Habra, California
1 wall picture, 1 Miller Lite mirror, and
a whiskey porcelain decantor

Jim Anderson
2 induction cookers

Paul Weber
4 Rams tickets

Joe & Marvel Muniz
2 Rams tickets

Lou & Nora Lusero
2 music boxes, 3 Parker pen and pencil sets,
and 3 decorator baskets

BJ Shuffleboard Service, Huntington Beach, California
1 set of American weights

Alamitos Heights Liquor, Long Beach, California
Keg of beer and jockey box

**B & J Lock & Key, Bellflower, California &
Taylor Bros. Stair Company, Gardena, California**
Tournament plaques

B & J Lock & Key, Bellflower, California
30 bowling tickets

Royal Exports, Inc., Carson, California
3 dozen golf balls

Western Tire & Brake, Bellflower, California
2 free wheel alignments

Joey's "Le Brique", Bellflower, California
2 free dinners

Harvey's Lounge, Bellflower, California
8 free steak dinners

Rail Masters of California, Santa Fe Springs, California
2 custom crafted brass wine racks

Casa Grande Restaurant, Bellflower, California
4 free dinners

Mary Anne's Las Vegas Trips, Bellflower, California
1 Vegas trip for 2 people (2 days & 1 night)

**The Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula
Temecula, California**
Best Little Wherehouse jacket and caps

Desert Room, Gardena, California
2 dozen ceramic ornaments and gift picnic basket

Amato's Cocktails, Huntington Beach, California
4 free dinners

**Orange County Rich
VCR**

Chuck Sowers, Anaheim, California
2 complimentary passes to Knott's Berry Farm

Jay's Catering, Garden Grove, California
6 California Angels Clubhouse tickets

Fossett Co., Bellflower, California
\$25 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

Triangle Distributing, Santa Fe Springs, California
600 16 oz. Budweiser drinking cups

Dennis Himman, Bellflower, California
2 handcrafted wooden carrying cases for shuffleboard weights

Eric Waldman, Montana
\$100 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

Bellflower Bruce
\$50 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund
24 Electro-sonic Jewelry Cleaners

Barbara "Red" Coleman
\$40 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

Ray Hogan (Stagger Inn), Bellflower, California
\$100 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne H. Zellmer, Woodland Hills, California
\$50 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund
(In memory of Larry Schmachtenberger)

Jim Anderson, Alhambra, California
\$100 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

64 Tournament Participants
\$1,600 in entry fees

Sun-Glo Corporation, Belleville, New Jersey
\$200 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

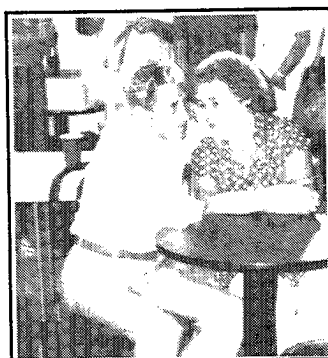
Peanut House, Bellflower, California
\$205 donation to the Al and Von Stewart Fund

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7:00 p.m.

The hour is finally here. Al and Von are asked to sit at a small table for two. The "committee" is gathered together and Joanie Swensen, Cassie Ritz, and Johnna Eichar present the Stewarts with a "check," beautifully framed, in the amount of eight thousand seven hundred seventy dollars (\$8,770.00). Amid cheers, tears and well wishes, Al Stewart, with shaky voice and faltering words, attempts to give thanks to all. He struggles to say what is not necessary to speak. I look around and more than one stout man is seen wiping some imaginary fleck of dust from his eyes.

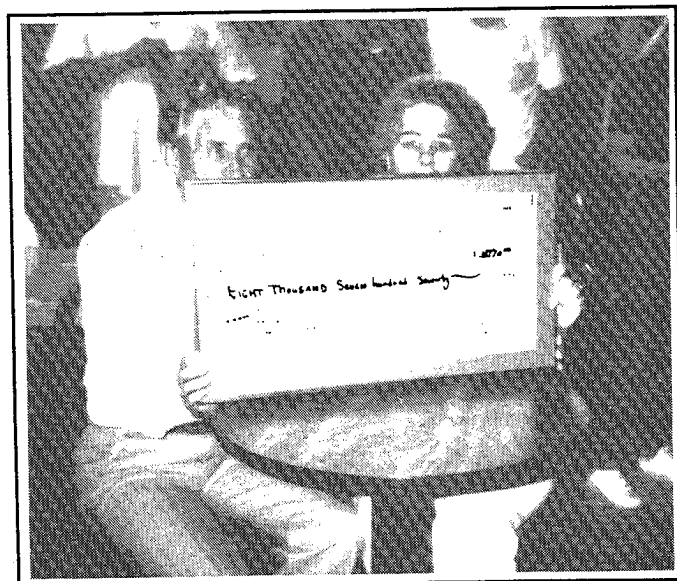
This fine moment, like all moments, all too soon passes. But, for those of us who were fortunate enough to have borne witness, that memory will not soon fade.



Al and Von are seated at a table for two, for what comes next....



Tears of joy when the announcement comes that their many friends in The World of Shuffleboard have responded to their recent problems....



...with a check for \$8,770 to help pay the medical bills that mounted when Al had an accident and Von underwent triple bypass surgery. The Fund will continue and be presented to the couple at the P.C.S.A. tournament in Las Vegas in January.

By the way, for those who care to know how tournaments go -- 1st place honors went to the fine team of Joanie Swenson and Karl Spickelmier. Taking 2nd place with a tremen-

dous run through the loser's bracket was the team of Dot Bastanchury and Bellflower Bruce. Taking 3rd place, but scratching and clawing all the way, was the gallant team of Jim Anderson and J.T. Stinson.

Finally, to everyone who participated or contributed in any way at all, from me to you - a million thanks for the memories.

Lou Lusero
Carson, California

To make a contribution to the Fund, make your checks payable to the Al Stewart Fund, and send it to Lou Lusero, 22011 Hansom Ave., Carson, CA 90745 or the P.C.S.A., P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706.

Couple Weds at Blue Coat Inn

They met there; they had a match to play -- so why not get married there? And that's exactly what Mark Foust and Shari Lowry did on August 7 at the Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma! With two shuffleboards as a backdrop, a full house watched the two exchange vows.

The ceremony took place before the finals of the Blue Coat's summer tournament in which Mark and his partner finished fourth and Shari, who has been playing for only a year, came in fifth.

All their friends and fellow shufflers congratulate Mark and Shari and wish them much happiness in the years to come.



Mark and Shari are congratulated by preacher Phil Gray.

Woodie Gets Thanks

I want to thank Woodie Cockrum for the nice article in the September Board Talk. It was so very nice of him to write this, but there again is a very nice shuffler.

We enjoyed having Woodie here for our tournament. We do so want everyone who comes to our tournaments to enjoy themselves and come back again. Everyone thinks their pot's the blackest and we certainly aren't one of the few that doesn't think this. But we are proud of our club and our boards.

Thanks, Woodie, for all your kind thoughts.

Patti Kay, Blue Coat Inn
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Who's Who in The World of Shuffleboard:

Jerry Herrmann Makes Things Happen in Philly

Everyone in Eastern shuffleboard circles knows the Herrmann (that's two r's and two n's) brothers, especially the friendly, fun-loving Jerry, who has invested a lot of time and effort into making the sport grow in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. When he's not involved in playing and promoting shuffleboard, Jerry is a pile driver for wharf and dock builders.

He was introduced to the game in a neighborhood bar league in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia 27 years ago. It was Al Kweeder who taught him the basics of the game. He currently plays two or three times a week at Pickle's Bar and Lou's Sportsman's Bar in Philly.

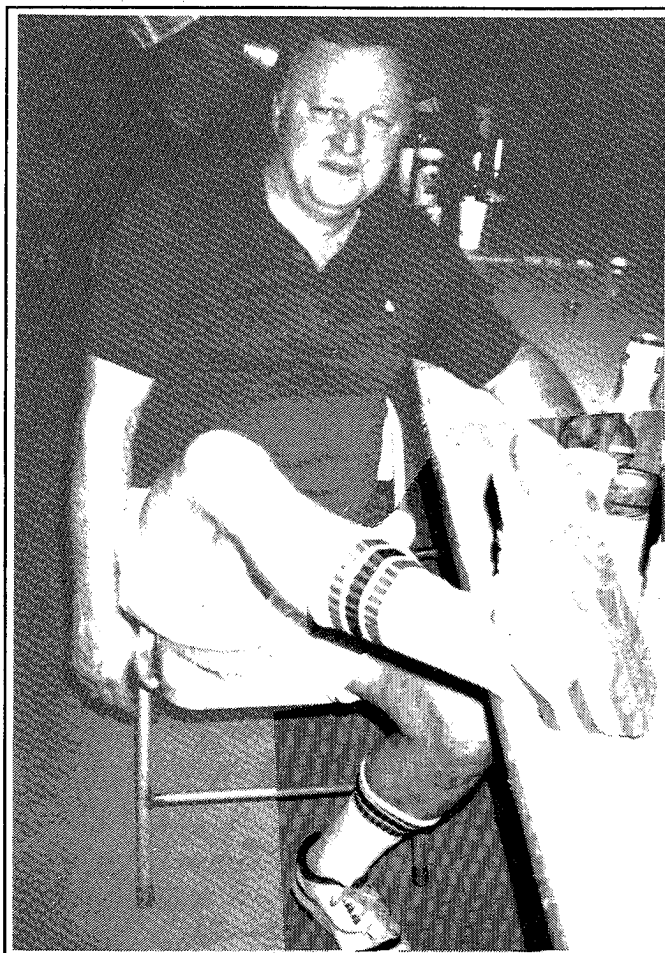
Jerry started playing in tournaments 16 years ago and last year won the total point championship at the Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland. Out of 16 tournaments played at the Lafayette Inn, he placed in 12 of them.

He considers two events as the highlights of his shuffleboard career. One was an East Coast doubles win with partner Bernie Martin, beating Stosh Chmielenski and Jerry's teacher, Al Kweeder, in Reading, Pa. in 1982. The other was a special award presented to him in 1986 by his peers in the Northeast Philadelphia League for his efforts in shuffleboard.

The other shuffling Herrmann brothers are Ray, Ronnie, and Bob. Ray and Ronnie have placed in many tournaments and Bob has been named rookie of the year six times.

What does he think of the future of shuffleboard? "It will grow with efforts of people like Jack Czerwonk, president of the N.E. Philly League; Judith Iseman, Joann and Art Ware, Dick Gorman, Milt Benedict, Doug Fridley, Rob Kern, The Shuffleboard Federation, The Board Talk, Sol Lipkin, Jim Yank and Ski," he said. All of those people would add to that list the name of Jerry Herrmann.

And what does he enjoy most about the sport. "Kneelock, splinters in index fingers, smoke-filled eyes, stepping on Rick Boyer's toes, and meeting a lot of nice people like the Wilbers," he said.



See the kneelock, see the foot that steps on Rick Boyer's toes, see Jerry Herrmann, an important person in The World of Shuffleboard.

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Appropriately, we think, we are featuring an Eastern player in our monthly "Who's Who in The World of Shuffleboard." We'd like to see YOU featured there in the future. If you've picked up a player profile questionnaire and haven't filled it out and returned it to us yet, please do so now. If you don't have one, write or call and we'll send you one. Or, if there are those of you out there in The World of Shuffleboard who know of someone who deserves recognition but is too modest to fill one out, just request a form and you can do it for them.

Next month, we'll be publishing our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments which are Board Talk subscribers. If your favorite place isn't currently a subscriber, tell them to sign up before October 15. It's a small price to pay for quarterly listing in a Board Talk specialty that shufflers use in their travels. Tell them that, as far as shufflers are concerned, it's THE place to be.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

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Sunday: Auction at 1 p.m., Blind Draw Jack & Jill Dart Tournament, \$20 entry. Guaranteed prize money: 1st, \$240; 2nd, \$120; 3rd, \$40, or 60-30-10. \$100 added if over guarantee.

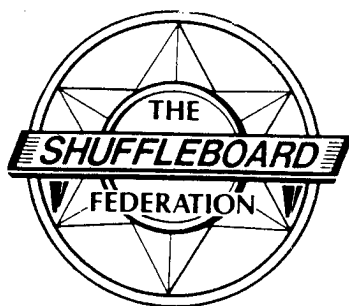
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6th Annual State of Michigan Championships

November 24-26
Open Singles, Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles,
Open Doubles
Holiday Inn Southfield, Southfield, Michigan

5th Annual Washington's Birthday Tourney & Southern Region NASL Handicap Team Championship

February 9-18, 1990
Pro-Am, Open Singles, Women's Singles, Open Doubles
Holiday Inn Great Southwest, Arlington, Texas

3rd Annual Great Arizona Open & Southwest Region NASL Handicap Team Championship

March 30-April 8
Pro-Am, Open Singles, Women's Singles, Open Doubles
Holiday Inn Financial Center, Phoenix, Arizona

4th Annual Michigan Open & Midwest Region NASL Handicap Team Championship

May 18-28
Pro-Am, Open Singles, Women's Singles, Mixed
Doubles, Open Doubles
Holiday Inn Southfield, Southfield, Michigan

1989 Point Standings

Men's (as of 9/15/89)

1.	Bill Melton	833
2.	John McDermott	742
3.	Bobby Voorhis	737.5
4.	Sam Summers	731.5
5.	David Williams	580
6.	Rick Boyer	516
7.	Earl Kelly	476.5
8.	Neil Fetter	383
9.	Frank Blade	355
10.	Billy Mays	336.5

Women's (as of 9/15/89)

1.	Diana Hagen	745
2.	Debbie Somers	413
3.	Cheryl Collins	311.5
4.	Fritzy Broka	308.5
5.	Brenda Moore	273
6.	Chris Danke	249
7.	Peggy Richards	224.5
8.	Gail Crane	223.5
9.	Diana Hoffman	203.5
10.	Sharon Finch	200.5

NATIONAL AMATEUR SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Benefits to You as an Individual

A membership card in your name identifying you as a member of the National Amateur Shuffleboard League.

You may receive a subscription to The Board Talk for only \$10 a year. This is \$5 off the regular subscription rate.

You will receive a free membership in the Holiday Inn Sports Club. Your membership card entitles you to receive a 25 percent to 50 percent discount at over 800 Holiday Inns nationwide.

An opportunity to attend free instructional clinics, in your area, conducted by the nation's top pro players.

Benefits to Your League as a Whole

Each team in the league will receive a free subscription to The Board Talk, which will be sent to their home bar.

Coverage of your league news and standings in the new "League News" section of The Board Talk.

An opportunity to participate in the Regional Handicapped Team Tournament, to be held locally, and the National Amateur Handicapped Team Championships in Las Vegas next summer.

Your league can buy as a group and save money on the purchase of shuffleboard supplies, shirts, trophies, etc.

Questions and Answers About the Program:

- Q.** I understand the cost of the program is \$10 per person. How will my \$10 be spent?
- A.** Your \$10 will be spent in five different areas. The breakdown is as follows:
- \$3.00 for administration within your league, including wages for league officers, score sheets, membership cards, postage, etc.
 - \$1.50 to The Board Talk for team subscriptions and a full page every issue for league news and standings from your region.
 - \$1.50 for the Regional Handicapped Team Championships.
 - \$2.00 for the National Handicapped Team Championships scheduled for Las Vegas next summer.
 - \$2.00 to The Shuffleboard Federation for administration and wages for a full-time National Program Director.
- Q.** I see handicap referred to several times. Does this mean our league will have to play under your handicap system?
- A.** No. The Shuffleboard Federation's handicap system will be used for the regional and national team tournaments, as well as all new leagues being formed by The Federation. Existing leagues that join the program are exempt. We highly recommend the handicap system to all leagues as it has a proven record in helping leagues in other areas to grow.
- Q.** How will my handicap be determined and who will do it?
- A.** The Federation will receive a copy of all league score sheets and will keep track of the won and loss records of all players individually. Each player will receive a handicap rating based on his or her record and where that record ranks them within their league.
- Handicaps will be determined as follows:
- The top 15 percent of the players will be a 1 handicap
 - The next 35 percent of the players will be a 2 handicap

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The next 35 percent of the players will be a 3 handicap
The last 15 percent of the players will be a 4 handicap
Pro players will be allowed to participate and will have a handicap of -1

- Q. How will the handicap system be used in the regional and national championships?
- A. All teams must submit a roster in advance. Each team must include at least two women, and the combined handicaps of the six players must be between 14 and 16. This system gives every team in the tournament a chance to win.
- Q. Can the team be made up of any one or do the players have to be from my team in the league?
- A. The team may be made up of any six players who are members of the NASL as long as there are at least two women and the team qualifies under the handicap requirements.
- Q. When and where will the regional handicapped team tournament take place? A. The regional tournament will be held the weekend before the Great Arizona Open in Phoenix, Arizona, and will include free instructional clinics by top pro players.
- Q. Will joining the NASL mean we have to change our league rules?
- A. No. The Shuffleboard Federation will insist that your league include some good rules of sportsmanship for the protection of all the parties involved as well as to assist us in attracting sponsors. We will, in the future, establish uniform rules through a committee of amateur players from across the country as we did with the pros through the Player Policy Board.
- Q. Can I sign up as an individual or does my whole league have to join?
- A. The program is a national league program and is designed for leagues as a whole and individual memberships are not a part of the program at this time.

WOMEN'S PRO TOUR

The Shuffleboard Federation is making the Women's Pro Tour one of its top priorities in 1990. The women, as a result of their active support of The Federation's efforts to promote their events, have received a larger commitment of The Federation's time and money for the upcoming year.

We are happy to announce Fritz Broka of Toledo, Ohio; Cheryl Collins of Davisburg, Michigan; Diana Hagen of Houston, Texas; Peggy Richards of Phoenix, Arizona; and Rita Yank of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be working with The Federation as Women's Pro Tour Representatives. They will be providing feedback on how to increase participation in pro tour events, tavern tournaments and league play.

NATIONAL AMATEUR SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Things are going at a hectic pace for the new NASL, with existing leagues jumping on the bandwagon in addition to the many new leagues being started by The Federation. The NASL and the development of amateur shuffleboard in general have become our top priorities and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

As you will see in our calendar section, our 1989 schedule will feature regional handicap NASL tournaments the weekend before our pro events. This interaction between pros and amateurs, which includes instructional clinics, will be very healthy for the promotion and development of the amateur side of the game.

For all of you interested amateur players, if you have any suggestions on how we can do a better job for amateur shuffleboard, or if there are events you would like to see us promote, please do not hesitate to write.

COLLINS AND MYLES JOIN STAFF

The Shuffleboard Federation is extremely proud to announce the addition of two new people to our office staff. Cheryl Collins and John Myles have joined us effective Sept. 15. We are pleased to have them with us and hope you will join us in welcoming them aboard.

EAST COAST EXTRAVAGANZA

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was the site of the first big tournament on the East Coast for The Shuffleboard Federation, which took place over the Labor Day weekend. Short notice, on a first-time tournament, on a holiday weekend, left The Federation and local promoters Dick Gorman, Jerry Herrmann, Chuck King, Steve Lacinski, and Jim Yank wondering what to expect.

They were naturally delighted by an open singles event that was sold out in advance, coupled with 20 doubles teams at \$200 per team in an area where the typical entry is a fourth of that. Eight of the top nine players in the point standings race were in attendance as were every top player in the East Coast at the event which had players from 13 states present. The open singles tournament had players from six different states among the top eight finishers.

Top honors in the singles went to David Williams, who beat partner John McDermott and gave him both of his losses in the double elimination event, the second straight tournament in which this has happened.

The women's singles saw neither of the top two seeds, Cheryl Collins or Rita Yank, still standing at finals time. Diana Hoffman of Toledo, Ohio, was on her way to a peaceful weekend in the mountains of Kentucky when a car accident and subsequent change in plans had her pointed in the direction of Harrisburg. Hoffman was only planning on attending in a spectator capacity but was talked into playing in the tournament and ended up walking away without losing a match as she beat newcomer Pam Draheim, who was playing in her first tournament, in the finals.

In open doubles, once again a lady was on center stage as the husband and wife team of Cheryl and Gordy Collins won the winner's bracket and entered the finals undefeated. There they waited to see who would survive the loser's bracket that was described as a "shuffleboard hall of fame," with the teams of Melton and Summers, Kelly and Voorhis, Williams and McDermott, and Boyer and Fetter in attendance. Melton and Summers came out loose and strokin' to take an early lead on their less experienced opponents. The combination of good shooting and many finals battles to their credit helped the veterans win the two matches they needed for the top spot in four straight games.

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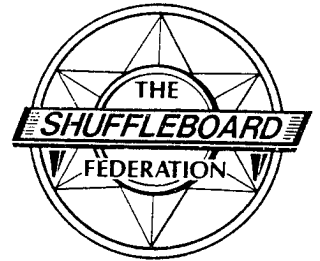
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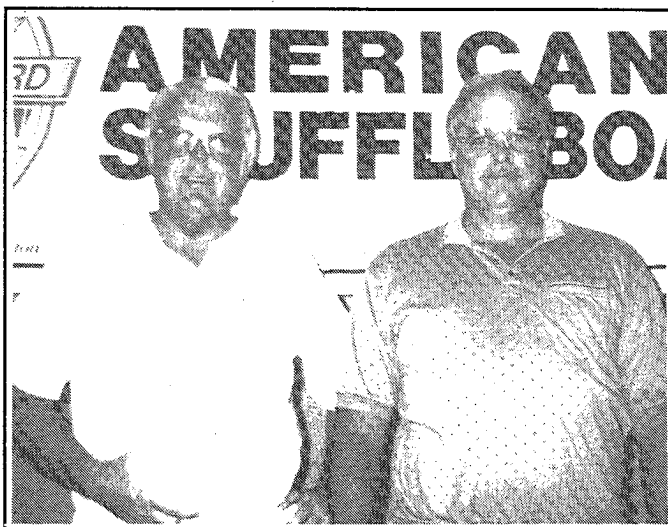
Advanced Sign-Up on Friday Night

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)



Dave Williams travelled from Fort Worth, Texas, to collect the first place honors in the singles event of the First East Coast Extravaganza.



The winning combo of Bill Melton and Sam Summers of Oklahoma captured first place in the doubles tournament.



On the scene to congratulate Michigan's John McDermott on his second place singles win was Louise Collins of Tavern Sports.



We did it! Diana Hoffman (right) of Ohio and Pam Draheim of New York express their emotions after winning first and second place honors in the women's singles.



Love and Marriage, Love and Marriage — and winning is what it's all about! So says second place doubles winners Cheryl and Gordie Collins of Michigan.

Hasson/Tomchik/Kardos Winners at Lafayette

Saturday, Sept. 9, was the first open draw partner tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., which are held the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. These events are always a fun Saturday afternoon, reports Dick Gorman. Despite the fact that there were two other tournaments in the area, 16 players showed up for the afternoon's activity and two double elimination events were held. The over 200-mile round trip was worth it for Joe Kardos and Joe Tomchik.

The first event was won by Mopey Hasson, Perryville, Md. and Joe Tomchik, Carteret, N.J. Second place went to Joe Kardos, Kendall Park, N.J. and Frank Skillman, Perryville, and third to George Chamberlin, Perryville, and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware. Most players struck around for the second event and some new people got in to watch Mopey

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 11)

Hasson team up with Joe Kardos to win. Alvis Ramey of Perryville and Nelson Renzo, Lafayette Inn host, took second place honors. Third place went to Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md. and, again, Joe Tomchik.

Pat and Nelson Renzo invite you to participate in these first Saturday of the month events or stop in any time to play on one of the four in-house boards.

4th Annual Colorado Open, Oct. 18-22

This proven winner is scheduled for the Holiday Inn Denver-West in Golden, Colorado, this year, and it includes an open singles, \$100 entry; a women's singles, \$50 entry; an open doubles, \$150 per team; and an amateur handicap team tournament for \$200 per team. The tourney will be staged on eight American boards. If you've got an amateur team that would like to participate, contact tournament directors Chuckie Philips or Jody Slack.

To make your lodging reservations, call the Holiday Inn at 303-279-7611 and be sure to tell them you're with the tournament. For further information on the tourney, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666.

Use the enclosed flyer to reserve your spot.

Tricks and Treats at Lafayette Inn

The Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, Maryland (302-658-9075) gets its major tournament schedule rolling again this year on Halloween weekend, Oct. 27-29. It will be trick or shoot starting Friday night with a draw partner event at 7 p.m. The women's singles is scheduled for Satur-

day, 9:30 a.m. and the open doubles Saturday at 1 p.m. The open singles will start at 12 noon on Sunday.

Normally all events sell out in advance because there is a maximum number of entries. If you are interested, please call in advance to make arrangements to get your registration paid. "We don't like to disappoint our friends and competitors," says tournament director Dick Gorman. See the August Board Talk for the Lafayette Inn's full 1989-90 tournament schedule.

Indiana State Championships, D.J.'s, Oct. 28-29

D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Indiana, will host the Indiana State Championship Shuffleboard Tournament on Oct. 28-29. The singles are scheduled for Oct. 28, \$25 entry fee, with the auction at noon. The doubles will be played on Sunday, \$50 per team entry, with the auction at noon. Double elimination, pays four places. This event is open to Indiana residents only.

For information regarding the tournament, call Phil or Karen at 219-269-1913. Lodging reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn, 219-269-2323; Comfort Inn, 219-267-7337; or Affordable Inn, 219-267-3900.

1st Annual Springfield Shoot-Out, Nov. 9-12

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. and the American Shuffleboard Company are joining forces to stage the 1st Annual Springfield Shoot-Out at the Holiday Inn South Plaza on Nov. 9-12. This will be the last event of the 1989 pro schedule so you'll see many of the nation's top-ranked players there.

Two events are on the schedule -- an open singles for \$100 entry, and an open doubles, \$200 per team. Eight American boards will be set up and available for play on Tuesday, Nov. 7, so you'll have plenty of time for practice.

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Warren's Third Anniversary Party, Nov. 10-12

Warren Faulk, owner of the Sports Arena Bar, 11528 Jones Road, Houston, Texas, invites you to his 3rd Anniversary Party, Nov. 10-12. The party will consist of a blind draw doubles shuffleboard tournament, \$50 entry fee, double elimination, on Saturday, and a Jack & Jill dart tournament, \$20 per person entry fee, on Sunday.

Action with start on Friday night, 7 p.m. with \$10 round robins. The auction for the doubles shuffleboard tournament will start at noon on Saturday. There's guaranteed prize money for the event: 1st, \$600; 2nd, \$300; 3rd, \$100, or 60-30-10. Warren will add \$200 to the pot if entries go over the guarantee.

The auction for the Jack & Jill (a man must enter with a woman) dart tournament will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Guaranteed prize money of \$240 for 1st; \$120 for 2nd; \$40 for third, or 60-30-10. \$100 will be added if over the guarantee.

A free barbecue will be served on Saturday and Sunday. For information, call Warren at 713-469-0345. See ad in this issue and plan to celebrate with Warren on this third anniversary.

Doubles Tourney, Balloon Inn, Nov. 11-12

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host a bring your partner tournament on Nov. 11-12. Entry fee is \$50 per team, with the auction scheduled for Nov. 10.

For information, call Ron or Gwen at 303-425-9823.

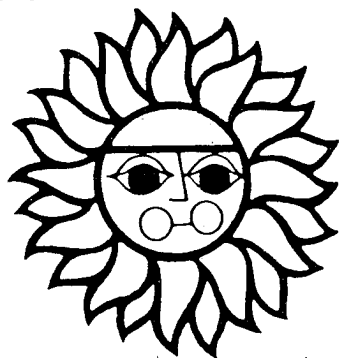
P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza, Jan. 17-21

Four events will be played on 10 American and four Playfair boards at the Showboat Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 17-21, when the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association stages its Shuffleboard Extravaganza II. The events include a pro singles, \$310 entry fee; a women's singles, \$110 entry; pro doubles, \$220 entry; and an 8-member amateur team event, \$380 entry. The entries include a \$10 P.C.S.A. registration fee and will be assessed for one event only regardless of the number of events entered.

Room rates at the Showboat are \$36 per night, double occupancy. Registration deadline for the tournament is Dec. 1, use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations. For information, contact P.C.S.A., 213-926-2152.

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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.

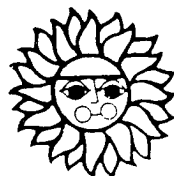


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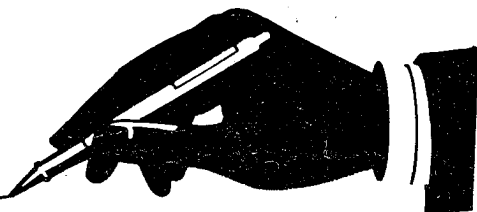
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