

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

It's been a very full, challenging and enjoyable summer season for your Board Talk editors. Staging our 5th Annual Board Talk Tournament in July for an overflow crowd was certainly the most challenging. Our recent trip to Texas for the U.S. Open, where we were on the comfortable "other side of the fence," was the most enjoyable. Tough as it was to do, we had to leave Austin before the tournament ended for a work-related conference for Donna in Portland, Oregon. But while she was attending sessions, George had the opportunity to visit the Black Cat Tavern and the Village Inn, two of our valued subscriber shuffleboard establishments in Portland. If our tight schedule there had allowed, we would have called all our shuffleboard friends in Oregon and Washington for a "reunion." But, alas, work and The Board Talk deadline dragged us back to Michigan and reality. We hope to make a return trip someday. It was great getting acquainted with Gene at the famous Black Cat.

At first, we brushed it off as a silly rumor but since it's persisted, we've decided to squelch it once and for all. The Board Talk is an independently-owned publication, edited and published by two people -- George and Donna Wilber. It is financed through the advertising of tournament sponsors and shuffleboard suppliers/servicers and the subscriptions of people who participate in and support the game of shuffleboard. If that income is not sufficient to cover expenses, it is subsidized by the same two people. The content of the publication is determined solely by its publishers.

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In the almost six years that we've been in business, The Shuffleboard Federation officials are the only ones who have literally "put their money where their mouth is" to get our sport organized and recognized. That has been no small investment! They, like us, have not enjoyed total acceptance and support, and the road has been less than smooth. We're will

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Tourney Talk

Gibson/Fridley/Finch Winners at Dew Drop Inn

The Fridley family hosted a women's singles, open singles, and mixed doubles tournament at the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, on July 15-16. Total prize money amounted to nearly \$800 for the three events.

The turnout for the women's singles was small, but the action was good, with Theresa Gibson coming out of the loser's bracket to take first place. Second place went to Tracie Fridley.

The open singles came down to a final match between Doug Fridley Sr. and Doug Jr. Doug Jr. won after being beaten by Dad the first game in the finals. Doug Sr. finished second with David Fridley in third place.

In the mixed doubles, Joan Finch and Doug Fridley Jr. came out on top. Second place went to Amy Dunham and John Arndt and third place to Tracie Fridley and John Finnerly.

A chicken barbecue was held during the tournament to help raise money for the New York State mixed shuffleboard team for the Geneva Moose Lodge. The Fridleys report that it was "a super weekend."

Stevens/Casula/Foster/Zurmueller Win at S.S. Wharf

The St. Louis (Missouri) Metro Invitational was held at the S.S. Wharf Lounge in Fenton, Mo. on July 15. Sixteen teams participated.

In the first match, Steve Stevens and Paul Casula took first place with second place going to Ray Ivy and Mike Wendt. Jack Meyer and Jimmy Dunn finished in third place.

The second match winners were Doug Zurmueller and Ron Foster. Ray Ivy and Mike Wendt took second place honors with Paul Casula and Steve Stevens in third.

Foran/Gindt Win Town Tavern's Shuffleboard Affair

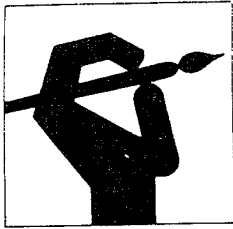
Jim Foran and Rick Gindt from Tacoma went undefeated to win the first Shuffleboard Affair championship at the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington, during the weekend of July 29-30.

Foran and Gindt topped a field of 21 teams to split some \$1,600 in first place earnings. Foran and Gindt defeated Al Pease and Dave Uhron in two straight games in the championship round. Gindt scored five points to give him and his partner the first game win after they had trailed 13-10. The second game of the title series was a 15-4 romp for the champs.

Mike Waters and Clark Kenney, also from Tacoma, finished third in the two-day event.

Pease and Uhron, who had their first money finish in Sequim nearly 10 years ago, split \$802 for second place while Waters and Kenney took home \$267. Town Tavern owner Rex Kidd turned out to be the "Old Grump," advertised in the

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Salute from the Fridleys

We want to thank you so very much for the beautiful article you wrote regarding our family and shuffleboard in the July issue of The Board Talk. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for knowing you and for what you both are doing for the sport of shuffleboard!

It was our privilege to meet you both in May on your way to the tournament in Sherburne, N.Y. We are hoping to set up a major tournament here in upstate New York by next June to further promote shuffleboard in our area. We are trying to work with Dick Gorman on this.

Again, thanks for the article and we wish you much continued success with The Board Talk.

The Fridleys -- Doug Sr., Doug Jr. and David
The Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York

It's people like you who make us glad we hung in there! We've made considerable progress but still have to very carefully select which tournaments we can cover in person. Our New York journey was a great choice! We encourage others to enjoy a taste of Eastern shuffleboard hospitality.

From One Bill to Another

I miss my Board Talk and I also miss shuffleboard. I moved from Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July of 1988 to Derry, New Hampshire. I played at the Wheeler Dealer and the Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa. Out here in New Hampshire, there are no shuffleboards that I have found.

I flew back to Tulsa in May and participated in the Arbuckle Open in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Alan Primrose puts on a real nice tournament. I did not win any places but managed a couple of wins in the auctions. I plan on going to the 1st East Coast Extravaganza in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Aug. 31-Sept. 4.

I would like to congratulate both of you on the fine job with The Board Talk. When you are dealing with people, it is a constant challenge. Keep it up!

I have been playing a little over three years and I really love the game. I was told in Tulsa by one of the top shuffleboard players in the country, "Show me a good loser and I will show you a loser." I disagreed with him as Andy Friedhofer from Uncle Bentleys in Springfield, Missouri, and I beat Bill Melton and Glen Davidson in the 2nd Annual Wheeler Dealer Shoot-Out in May, 1988, in the open draw. Andy and I finally won that one coming back from the loser's bracket. That was my highlight. But to get back to the quote -- after beating Bill and Glen, Bill was as fine a loser as he is a winner!

William (Blistering Bill) Stoops, Derry, New Hampshire

We're glad to have you back, Bill, and ask readers to let us know of any boards in New Hampshire so we can pass that information on to you. We're glad, too, that you shared your

"good loser" experience with us. Bill Melton is a real professional who should serve as a role model for other pros and amateurs as well. We received two letters this month (which we are not printing) regarding the poor sportsmanship conduct of tournament participants, one a player and another a spectator situation. Both involved top-ranked players and both resulted from not knowing "when to say when." Their skills on the boards put them in the national spotlight and with that fame comes the responsibility to conduct themselves as professionals, on and off the boards. If the sport of shuffleboard is ever going to gain the recognition we believe it deserves, we must have more good role models like Bill Melton.

Who's Who in Shuffleboard

George and Donna Wilber brought out the names of the top 50 or so shuffleboard players with the publication of the Board Talk and most of us who lived in southern California knew Al Stewart back in the 50s and 60s, as a victim of his great shuffleboard playing and now of all the work he is doing for the sport of shuffleboard. But when you get past the three names mentioned, you don't see many names of the non-players of the sport, or perhaps I should say not enough names, mentioned.

It is this writer's opinion that you, the readers of The Board Talk, should do some serious thinking and come up with some non-championship players who deserve to have their names in the "hall of fame" of shuffleboard, not only as a promoter of the game, but those who keep their boards in good condition day after day for your pleasure.

I'm sure George and Donna would be happy to let The World of Shuffleboard know who these people are. You don't have to sit down and write a book about these people. Just give them the information and they'll put the dots and dashes to your story.

Patti Kay, manager of Tom Thixton's Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma, devotes a lot of time to shuffleboard and she is my "Who is Who" in shuffleboard. Her husband, Don, works for American Airlines. She tells me with the hours they work, they don't have as much time together as they would like as they are both pretty much homebodies. She enjoys cooking and cookouts and just relaxing at home. Patti feels that with The Board Talk's coverage of all the tournaments, shuffleboard will grow by leaps and bounds.

I have just returned from the Blue Coat tournament and the following people can compete with anyone: Cliff Goff, Shirley Robertson, Bud Hillburn, Carolyn Jones, Steve Walker and Sam Sweatt.

Woodie Cockrum, Missouri Reporter

We're delighted to join your salute to Patti Kay and wish you had snapped a photo of her while you were at the Blue Coat. We've talked to her by phone so many times, we feel we know her personally and look forward to the time we can. If

you'll recall, Woodie, we started a series a few years ago, asking readers to "nominate" their favorite place to play, thinking this would provide some recognition to the non-players who do so much for the game. We didn't get enough response to keep the series going but would be happy to start it up again. The pages of *The Board Talk* are always open for recognition of people who make up our World of Shuffleboard.

Welcome, Town Tavern!

Hope you can find room in your publication for the results from our first Shuffleboard Affair at the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington. We're really happy with the response to our first tournament in several years. We had a great group of players on hand and everyone had a great time. (See Tourney Talk for report.)

We'd like to thank you for the great write-up prior to the tournament. Several players who didn't get our flyers did see the article and showed up in Sequim.

By the way, if you're ever out this way, Sequim is on the Olympic Peninsula about 60 miles west of Seattle. Stop by and see us.

Jim Manders, Town Tavern, Sequim, Washington

We're very pleased to add the Town Tavern to our shuffleboard map, Jim, and hope you'll get lots of "company" as a result. We look forward to lots of shuffleboard news from you folks.

Von Says Thanks!

A great big thanks to all the wonderful shuffleboard players and readers who sent cards and prayed for my recovery after my open heart operation.

And to those who helped at the Board Talk tournament raffle -- whether making the wreath or afghan or buying a ticket, a very special thanks. And then to receive the wreath besides was great! My thanks to Phil and John for writing my name on the tickets they bought.

And to Kathy Broka -- I plan on being in Vegas in 1990 if for no other reason than to get in the "Las Vegas Blues Part III" poem!

My love to all you great people,
Von Stewart, El Monte, California

As you are well aware by now, Von, the gestures of love and caring at our Board Talk tournament in July was only the beginning. The hundreds of people who responded to the P.C.S.A.'s benefit drive are showing you and Al that you are very special citizens of The World of Shuffleboard. See you in Vegas!

Big Hearts in Dallas League

During the last few weeks of our U.S.S.A. League Dallas Chapter season, several of our members had tragedies happen to them or within their immediate families. Hardest hit was the Club 78 players. Buzz Hatley of the 78 "A" team had a heart attack, Ross Thurston, also of the "A" team, fell from a roof and broke the bones of both feet. The son of Randy Roller of the 78 "B" team was diagnosed with cancer. We passed the hat for donations and sold tickets on two fifths of Crown Royal to raise money for these members. Our aim was to let them know we cared and were sorry this had happened

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1989-90 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Sept. 16

Shuffleboard Sweepstakes
Dave's Place, Mishawaka, Indiana

Sept. 22-24

Coors Open
Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York

Sept. 22-24

Open Singles
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

*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

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to them. The U.S.S.A. League Dallas Chapter just completed our most successful season to date. Our year-end banquet was held at the One Nostalgia Place at which we passed out the money and year-end trophies. In Division 1, the Dry Dock team was first, with the Bass Club team in second. In Division 2, the Junkyard "A" team was the winner, with the Over the Hill "A" team (my team) in second. The Hello Embers "A" team took first place in Division 3, with the Bandera "B" team in second.

Improved female player trophies went to Carla Gerbrick of One Nostalgia Place, Joyce Holmes of Junkyard "A" team and Adell Oliver of Hello Embers "A" team. The most improved female player trophy was won by Dee Dimond of Harbor Point.

Most improved male player trophy was won by Billy DeBock of the Dry Dock team.

The best trophy of all, the sportsmanship trophy, went to Fran Hair of Junkyard "A" team. This is the second time this trophy has gone to women players.

The Dry Dock team was city champs and the Junkyard "A" team was city runner-up. This is played out each year by the first place winners in all divisions.

Lajana Story, Dallas, Texas

When tragedy strikes, it sure is wonderful to have a support system like yours. Our salute to you!

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The U.S. Open — A Classic Tribute to Toad Smith's Memory

By George & Donna Wilber

Attending the U.S. Open has been at the top of our dream list for a long time and this year it finally came true. The few days in August that we spent at the Holiday Inn Town Lake in Austin, Texas, will be recorded in our logbook as one of the highlights of our shuffleboard travels.

We couldn't have asked for more -- except maybe a couple more days. The hosts were friendly, the scenery was beautiful and the competition on the boards was first-class. Director Don Valk must have made a deal with Mother Nature because the weather was nothing like the "Texas in August? Boy, are you brave!" warnings we received from friends. And as a sideline bonus, Aquafest's lighted water parade and breathtaking fireworks were overshadowed only by the new friends we made, the names on our mailing list that now have faces and personalities.

Action started with a Pro-Am event, dominated by Texans. Billy Mays and Sharon Finch came out on top, giving Sharon her first "first." Dale Koteras and Hal St. Leger took second place honors, with Frank Blade and Susie McCormick in third place. Dave Williams and Roy James took fourth, with Diana Hagen and Tree Cameron, Joe Roden and Rick Boyer tied for fifth and sixth.

In a gallery-pleasing open singles event, gentleman Sam Summers of Oklahoma used his new mustache to give him just the right balance to outlast the tough, talented Dave Williams of Texas in an exciting finals match. Michigan's John McDermott took third place honors with the legendary Billy Mays in fourth. The semi-finals, starring these "ferocious four," provided spectators with a real show, but not before the tenacious Brenda Moore of Texas struck terror in the hearts of the predominately male field of contenders. "They were fearful," said Brenda. "You're right! We were!" responded John. Watch the winners' circle; she'll be there.



A proud Sharon Summers gives Sam a congratulatory hug after his singles win.

Our schedule took us to Portland, Oregon, before the finish of the women's singles, so we thank Tree Cameron for providing us with the results. "The women's singles finals was great," she reports. "It went six games. Both players shot good, class shuffleboard. Debbie Somers (Indiana) was lagging excellent. Diana Hagen (Texas) stuck to her game plan and prevailed. Number One again!" Sharon Finch of Texas finished in third place with Gail Crane of Michigan taking fourth place.

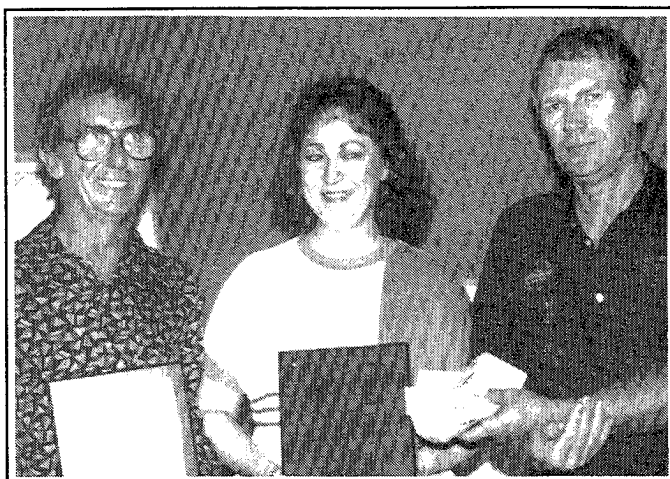


Rick Boyer and Frank Blade accept their first place plaques and monies from Director Don Valk.

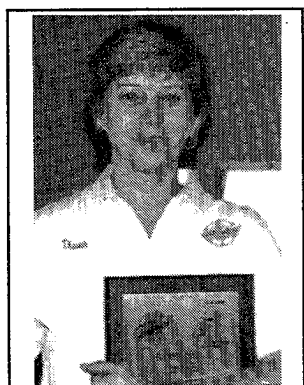
In an equally-exciting open doubles, Frank Blade of Texas (Glen Davidson predicted several months ago that he'd be a force to be reckoned with) and Rick Boyer of Texas/Michigan (we like to claim a share of him) were the winners. Sam Summers of Oklahoma (don't shave that mustache, Sam!) and John McDermott of Michigan (what do those tapes tell you, John?) took second place honors. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Earl Kelly of Texas teamed up to take third place, with Brenda Moore (see, we told you) and Hal St. Leger of Texas finishing fourth.

This year's U.S. Open was dedicated to the memory of John Terry (Toad) Smith, one of the original supporters of the U.S. Open. Toad recently lost a battle with the "Big C" and, appropriately, participants opened their hearts and wallets with donations that will lead to beating that dreaded disease. Don Valk has presented the American Cancer Society with a check for \$700 on behalf of the U.S. Open participants. We will wear our U.S. Open co-sponsor shirts with the initials JTS on the sleeve, with a great deal of pride.

If you've never attended the U.S. Open, put it on the top of your dream list. You won't be disappointed. And take your families with you. We did and the only casualty we experienced was a stiff neck for our just-turned-teenager grandson who suffered that malady after watching the swim-suit style show!



(Above) Pro-Am winners were Billy Mays and Sharon Finch of Texas. Don hands them a big wad of money along with their plaques.



(Left) Number one again! Diana Hagen of Texas beat Debbie Somers of Indiana in a tough women's singles.

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tournament flyer which said Sequim is the home of 3,099 nice people and one old grump.

Players, who came from all over the state of Washington, termed the tournament a rousing success and vowed to return next year bringing more players with them.

Sweatt/Moore/Goff/Walker Tops at Blue Coat Inn

The Blue Coat Inn's summer tournament attracted 34 shufflers to the doubles event in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sam Sweatt and Gary Moore took first place in the draw partner event with Carolyn Jones and Bud Hilburn in second place. Lonnie Pfof and Mike Bruza finished third.

The bring your partner event was won by Cliff Goff and Steve Walker. Bud Hilburn and Ronnie Underwood took second place honors with Lonnie Pfof and Ron Blalock in third.

"We want to thank all who participated with a special thanks to the players from Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, Tennessee, Texas, and surrounding cities in Oklahoma for coming to our tournament," said manager Patti Kay. "A big special thanks goes to Miller Beer for their support and sponsorship of this tournament. We sold lots of Miller Beer for them. Thanks, Miller."

Patti Kay also extends special appreciation to Cliff Goff, "who as usual did an exceptional job."

Anderson/McGovern Win Balloon Inn Open

Travis Anderson and Grady McGovern teamed up to take top honors at the Balloon Inn's first championship open tournament on Aug. 5-6 in Arvada, Colorado. They took home the largest share of the \$1600 prize money pot. Finishing second

were Dennis Bird and Don Moody with Rawley Westerhoff and Tom Henry in third place.

The Balloon Inn is a new member of our shuffleboard network. They are located at 6440 Wadsworth in Arvada. Stop in and give them a warm welcome.

Shuffleboard Sweepstakes at Dave's Place, Sept. 16

Dave's Place, 1213 E. Jefferson, Mishawaka, Indiana, will host a Shuffleboard Sweepstakes doubles tournament on Sept. 16. Entry fee is \$30 per team with play on two boards, double elimination. The bar will donate \$100 to the pot if 18 or more teams sign up.

The auction will start at noon starring auctioneers PeeWee Freshman and Mike Koontz. Payoff is 60-25-10-5, with jackpots awarded for first place and shirts for second place. Lodging discounts are available at the Mishawaka Inn for participants.

Open Singles at Blue Coat, Sept. 22-24

The Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host an open singles tournament on Sept. 22-24. It will be a two out of three double elimination event with the auction scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the 22nd. Entry is \$50.

For information, call Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288, or Patti Kay, 918-742-1014. The Valley Inn Motel in Tulsa is offering special rates for shufflers. Be sure to tell them you're with the Blue Coat tournament.

Benedict's Coors Open, Sept. 22-24

Our apologies to the Benedicts for the little typographical gremlin who sneaked in and changed a 1 to a 2. For all you folks who are lined up outside the door to sign up for the 25 point games, forget it! That's 15, watch our lips, 15 points! But even if it isn't 25 point games, you'll love the beauty of Sherburne, New York, this time of year and the hospitality of the Eastern players.

Three one-day tourneys are scheduled for Sept. 22-24 including a draw partner, \$10 per person; a bring your own partner, \$25 per team; and an open singles, \$25 entry fee. Single game, double elimination on five boards.

Advance registration is urged because entries are limited. Call Milt or Betty Benedict, 607-674-4571 or 607-674-9717, or tournament assistant Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

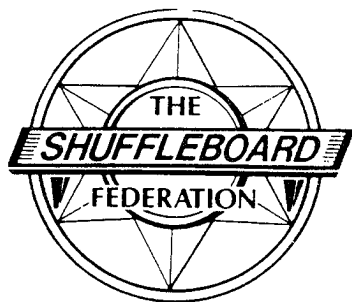
For lodging, call the Sherburne Motel, 607-674-5511; Sherburne Inn, 607-674-6021; Grove Park, 607-344-2251; Overlook Bed and Breakfast, 607-674-9435; or Jerome Valtowski Bed and Breakfast, 607-674-6531.

1st Annual Budweiser Nebraska Open, Oct. 4-8

If you didn't use the entry form in last month's Board Talk to reserve your spot in the 1st Annual Budweiser Nebraska Open, Oct. 4-8, better use the one in this issue! There are some serious players out there in America's breadbasket and they'll be out in full force to see how they do against the nation's finest. The big event will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Lincoln, Nebraska. Call 402-475-4971 to make your lodging reservations; \$46 per night, including tax, for one to four people.

An open singles, \$100 entry fee; a women's singles, \$50 entry; and an open doubles, \$150 per team entry; are on the agenda. Auctions for the open and women's singles are scheduled for Thursday night, with the auction for the open doubles on Saturday. Games will be played on eight American boards.

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"Friendship Through Competition"

CALENDAR

October 4-8

Budweiser-Nebraska Open
Holiday Inn Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska

October 18-22

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

November 9-12

Springfield Shuffleboard Shootout
Holiday Inn South, Springfield, Illinois

November 6th

Annual State of Michigan Championships
(See Oct. issue for full details)

February 1990

5th Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza
& State of Texas Amateur Championships
Dallas-Fort Worth Area

Player Policy Board Meeting

The following are rule changes and new rules decided on at the recent Player Policy Board meeting held prior to the recent U.S. Open Tournament:

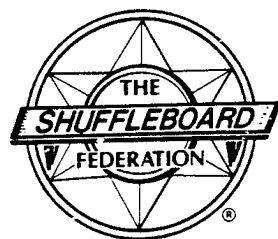
- Officials will be limited to players who are not involved in that particular tournament.
- Tournament officials will meet with the tournament director(s) and any Player Policy Board members who are present, prior to the beginning of the tournament to go over rules.
- As part of The Shuffleboard Federation's sanctioning requirements, local promoters must provide the names of potential officials. There will be one official for every two boards plus one alternate. These officials will be responsible for wiping and waxing these boards as well as making certain the rules are adhered to.
- A 5 percent surcharge on all auctions is effective immediately. The \$500 for the point standings money will come out of this, with the balance going into officials' money. In addition, The Federation will add \$100 per tournament for the officials.

- **Rule Change:** Due to player feedback, the rule and penalties for being late for a match have been changed. If a player is not present at the posted time for his or her match, they will automatically forfeit the first game of the match and their practice time. A 30-minute grace period will be allowed before the match is forfeited. During that time, the player opponent will be able to practice the board until the offending player shows up or 30 minutes passes. For doubles, if one player is present, he or she will be allowed the five minutes practice time normally allotted to a player or team.
- No player shall play or practice on the board they are scheduled to play on next in the tournament. This includes playing after tournament play has concluded for the day or prior to the start of play the next day. Anyone caught violating this rule by anyone will forfeit the first game of their next match. Round robin play is exempt from this rule.
- All tournament boards will be siliconed in the morning prior to the start of that day's first matches. They will be sprayed again every other match for the rest of the day.
- Players may wax dry spots on the rails to the foul line, and will do so out of containers which will be provided by The Shuffleboard Federation. No wax from the gutters shall be used. Any other re-waxing will be done by the officials only. Any over-waxing of the rails will result in a warning by the officials for the first violation and a one-point penalty thereafter.
- Any more than five minutes in between games once the match has started will be considered slow play and will be penalized accordingly.
- No more than 30 seconds between shots will be permitted unless a time out is called. Three time-outs of two minutes each will be allowed, per game, for each player in singles, and for each team in doubles. --If a player who has the hammer shoots first in a frame and the mistake is realized before the frame is over, all weights will be brought back and the frame will start over.
- All decisions by the officials are final. Any player who makes a scene concerning an official's decision or bad-mouths the officials, tournament director, or The Shuffleboard Federation shall be subject to disqualification from the present as well as future Shuffleboard Federation events.
- In qualifying tournaments, if a winner is unable to attend the tournament they have qualified for, the spot automatically goes to the next highest finisher.
- Effective January 1, 1990, all participants must be Board Talk subscribers. This rule was proposed by The Shuffleboard Federation and passed unanimously by the Player Policy Board. The Federation, The Board Talk, the Player Policy Board members, and the tournament directors are investing their time and money for the advancement and improvement of our sport and we can no longer support the people who will not support the game in this small way.

Special thanks to those individuals who were concerned enough and cared enough to write down their suggestions for rule and format changes.

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Auction for Open Doubles, Saturday

Tournament Directors: Steve Stutzman and Denny Busch

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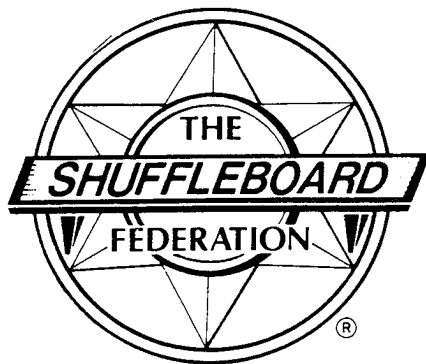
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Saturday, September 23

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All money goes into the Colorado Open. If a winner is unable to attend the Colorado Open, his or her spot will go to the next highest finisher in the qualifier.

All qualifiers are single game double elimination. Shuffleboard Federation tournament rules apply.

For more information, contact Jody Slack at 973-6529.

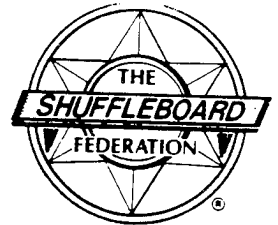
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October 18-22



**Holiday Inn Denver-West
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Women's Singles, \$50 entry, limit 24

(Note: Women cannot participate in both the open singles and women's singles due to scheduling conflicts.)

Open Doubles, \$150 per team, limit 32

Amateur Handicap Team Tournament, \$200 per team

(details available from tournament directors)

Tournament Directors: Chuckie Phillips and Jody Slack

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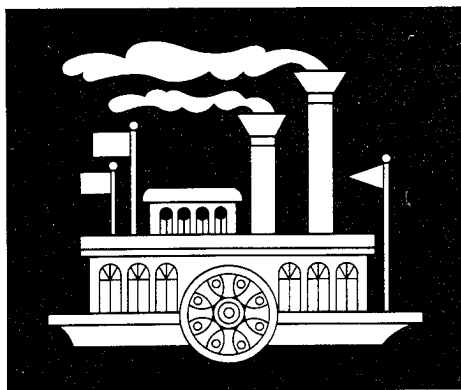
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Room Rates are \$36 per night, double occupancy. Reservation form will appear in future issues of Board Talk.

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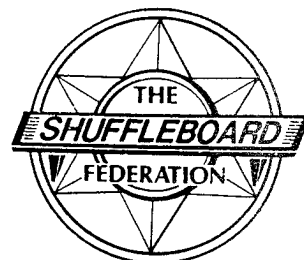
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November 9-12



**Holiday Inn South Plaza
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Open Singles, \$100 entry fee

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— Last event of the 1989 Pro Schedule —

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U.S. Open

Don Valk and The Shuffleboard Federation wish to thank the following businesses and individuals whose contributions of money and/or time and equipment made this year's tournament possible. This year's U.S. Open was dedicated to, and held in memory of, John Terry "Toad" Smith, who recently passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. A \$700 donation to the American Cancer Society was made in his honor. See the article by George and Donna Wilber for full details, highlights and results of the tournament.

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1989 Point Standings

Men's (as of 8/15/89)

1.	Bill Melton	732.5
2.	Bobby Voorhis	714.5
3.	Sam Summers	689.5
4.	John McDermott	580.5
5.	Rick Boyer	506
6.	Earl Kelly	464.5
7.	David Williams	433
8.	Frank Blade	355
9.	Neil Fetter	349
10.	Billy Mays	336.5

Women's (as of 8/15/89)

1.	Diana Hagen	745
2.	Debbie Somers	413
3.	Fritzy Broka	308.5
4.	Brenda Moore	273
5.	Chris Danke	249
6.	Cheryl Collins	247.5
7.	Peggy Richards	224.5
8.	Gail Crane	223.5
9.	Sharon Finch	200.5
10.	Sandy Jenkins	115

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Who's Who in The World of Shuffleboard:

Don Valk – He Does it with Style!



Don Valk of Austin, Texas, has established a reputation as a fine tournament director and player. He's shown here at the helm of the recent 4th Annual U.S. Open.

You may not find Don Valk's name on the Top 20 shuffleboard players in the U.S.A. roster, but he certainly would be ranked near the top of the list for best tournament directors. He recently wrapped up his 4th Annual U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, and did it with his usual style, well-organized and conducted with class.

That's not to say he's any slouch on the boards. Don's been playing for 24 years, first introduced by a fellow worker from Beeville, Texas, when they were working in a small town "where there was nothing else to do." He plays two to three times a week at the Horseshoe Lounge in Austin. He placed third in the last Colorado Open and also travelled to Michigan for The Board Talk's 5th Annual Shufflers' Reunion this summer.

A highlight of his shuffleboard career includes winning a match with Bill Moody from the powerful Bill Melton and David Williams at the 1988 U.S. Open.

Don, who lives in Austin and is a systems technician for A T & T, believes the sport of shuffleboard will continue to grow. What he enjoys most about shuffleboard are "the people I meet from a wide range of backgrounds and the competitive spirit of the game."

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Stewart "Love Packet" Keeps on Growing!

The "love packet for Al and Von Stewart of A & M Amusement Service, El Monte, California, is growing and growing and, hopefully, will burst at the seams before it's finally delivered. The project started with a modest but sincere show of support at The Board Talk's 4th of July tournament and has swelled to proportions that illustrates the goodness that reigns in The World of Shuffleboard, thanks to the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association and the general population of our great sport.

Tragedy struck not long after the Stewarts experienced the greatest moment of their shuffleboard career at the P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas last January, where The Shuffleboard Federation presented them with a "distinguished service" award for their years of service to the sport. First, Al had an accident while delivering a board, putting him out of commission for awhile. Next, Von suffered a massive heart attack, followed by triple by-pass surgery. Like so many self-employed people, they had no insurance and the medical bills soared to staggering proportions. This at a time when they were thinking about a well-earned retirement!



A proud moment in the lives of Al and Von Stewart took place in Las Vegas last January when they received a "distinguished service" award from Shuffleboard Federation officials John McDermott and Phil Skover.

The sale of raffle tickets at The Board Talk tourney on a handmade afghan donated by Betty Ruona and a wreath donated by Trudy Broka, netted \$300 for the Stewarts. Then the P.C.S.A. launched a full-scale fund-raising drive for their friend and neighbor. Area businesses donated items to raffle and ticket sales have been brisk.

At a benefit bash tournament at the Covered Wagon in Anaheim, California, on Aug. 18-19, 32 shufflers paid \$25 each to enter with that \$800 added to the "Al Stewart Fund." Between 50 and 60 people bought \$5 steak dinners with the proceeds going to the fund. Ticket sales on donated items such as the VCR from Rich Lee and a night in an 8-seater owner's box at Anaheim Stadium, courtesy of baseball star George Brett's brother Bobby, sent the total soaring to over \$5,000 by the time The Board Talk went to press.

Winners of the Covered Wagon benefit bash, a blind draw doubles, were John Fisher and Evelyn Hughes. Frank Bentley and Rich Lee took second place honors, with Rich (Bubba) Warren and Dot Bastanchury in third. The horse race pool, conducted by Gregg McFarland, was paid back to participants.

A second benefit bash tourney was scheduled for the Peanut House in Bellflower, Calif., on Aug. 25-26. For this event, a limousine service (also donated) picked up Al and brought him to the tourney and back home again. Watch the next issue for news and photos from Lou Lusero.

A weary Lou called to report the results of the Covered Wagon tourney and asked us to pay special tribute to Bill Braden, a "kind and gentle man," who inadvertently got left off the player list. He refused Lou's offer to put him in the next tournament or to pay for his steak dinner. "It was a simple, honest mistake. I've had a good time here with my friends and it's for a good cause," Bill said. It's people like Bill, Lou said, who make the tough job of running a tournament easier.

He also extends a public salute to his wife, who invested a lot of time and work in the project even though she wasn't a member of the benefit committee. "Thanks to special spouses like mine, people like me can do what we have to do to help people who need it," Lou said.

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

WATCH OUR LIPS!



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Tourney Talk (continued from page 7)

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

Annual Bourbon Fall Tourney, Oct. 7

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, will host its annual fall doubles tournament on Oct. 7. \$30 per team entry fee, double elimination, on four boards. The auction is scheduled for 11 a.m. Food will be available. This is one of the biggest tournaments in the Midwest. Don't miss it!

Call 219-342-9125 for information or to reserve your spot.

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 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.

Lafayette Inn Cranks Up for 89-90 Season

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 Saturday, 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. See ad in this issue and if you're an Indiana resident, plan to participate.

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

Back in the 50s, Springfield, Illinois, was one of the nation's "hotbeds" of shuffleboard play. It may become that again! The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. and the American

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**COMING
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Warren Faulk's 3rd Anniversary Party Nov. 10-11-12

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Saturday: Auction at noon, Blind Draw Shuffleboard Tournament, double elimination, \$50 entry fee. Guaranteed prize money: 1st, \$600; 2nd, \$300; 3rd, \$100, or 60-30-10. \$200 added if over guarantee.

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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Tourney Talk *(continued from page 13)*

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.

To reserve your lodging (be sure to tell them you're with the tournament), call 217-529-7131. For information regarding the tournament, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666. Use the entry form on the enclosed flyer to reserve your spot.

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.

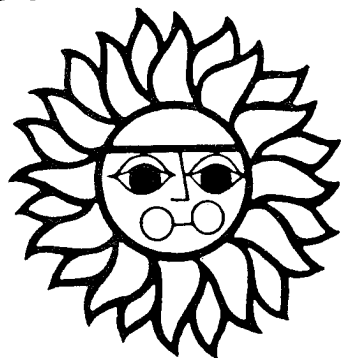
For information, call Ron or Gwen at 303-425-9823.

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. A reservation form will appear in a future Board Talk. Registration deadline for the tournament is Dec. 1. For information, contact P.C.S.A., 213-926-2152.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the word about this big tournament.

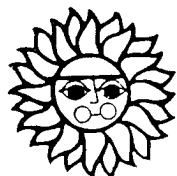


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George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

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