

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Spring is a time of renewal and not just here in Michigan where the snow is finally melting and tulips are peeping out of the ground, tired of their underground winter home and eager for the sun's warmth. It's also a time of renewal of spirits wherever you are. If there was ever an issue that reflects the reasons why our spirits should be renewed, it is this one! It contains more than just news about the events that have happened and will happen in the sport of shuffleboard. It tells about the people involved -- their deep concern for others and how their deeds have actually changed lives for the better, their joys and sadness, their frustrations and their dreams. It's all here and we encourage you to read every word. Thanks to all our contributors this month.

In the next issue, we will be publishing our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments that are subscribers of The Board Talk. If your favorite spot isn't a subscriber, encourage them to join our network. Shufflers really do use this listing in their travels and it's about the best advertising value they can get. Be sure to have them sign up before April 15 so they'll appear on the May listing.

We have a confession to make. The Hammer is always written before the deadline (if we don't abide by it, how can we expect others to?). For the first time since we started publishing The Board Talk, that didn't happen. We have a good excuse -- the tax man cometh! Therefore, this is being written at the same time we're doing the final layout. So, please forgive us for any lack of substance in this space this month. Even though wishing you a Happy Easter is the easy way out of our quandry, it is nevertheless very sincere!



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Tourney Talk

Gindt/Pease Team Up To Take Fir Cone Masters

The quite unassuming community of Shelton, Washington, changes pace when Buddy has his annual Fir Cone Masters' Tournament held in February, according to reporter Michelle Foran.

"The town gears up to the step of shuffleboard players," she reports. "The Pine Tree Restaurant buys bananas for their famous Banana Gorillas, the motel fills up, the nearby restaurants are markedly busier and Buddy's is packed. Shelton is the home of many, many good players. They support and love the game as is shown by the great leagues, turkey shoots, and meat shoots they attend year-round. We, as players, thank you for letting us come to your town and making us feel so very welcome."

This year, Buddy was the host of a 32 team roster. Next year, it will be held on a three-day weekend, which will probably bring more players. "Buddy always provides a complimentary spaghetti dinner and a continental breakfast Sunday morning," Michelle said. "When it comes to Buddy's customers, he wants everything done just right. That's why he has Loney Kennedy run the tournament every year, insuring consistency and quality that we players can count on."

There was a lot of great competition as Rick Gindt and Al Pease are very aware of. They had to come through the loser's bracket to beat Darrol Nelson and Don (Mitch) Michell. If that isn't tough enough, their next game was against Jimmy Allis and Steve Brazier. They had to beat them twice because Jimmy and Stever were in the winner's bracket. They succeeded in doing just that and took first place. Jim A. and Steve B. were second, while Darrol and Mitch took third.

"What an experience to be able to watch such great talent," said Michelle. "The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Nels Anderson of Shelton -- a good choice on the committee's part. Not only were there a lot of players, but many friends and spectators came to watch and participate in the fun. A particular couple, Bill and Sandy Bailey, brought with them 4 or 5 beginning shuffleboard players. They wanted to see what a tournament was like. It only furthered their excitement about shuffleboard. Bill and Sandy are the new owners of a tavern in Quilcene, Washington, named The Whistling Oyster. They are planning a tournament some time in August. We are looking forward to that one, Bill!"

(Editor's note: See the Shuffleboard Directory where you will find "The Whistling Oyster" as one of our new advertisers. Stop in and let them know you appreciate their support of shuffleboard.)

Tulsa Team/Moore/Summers/Voorhis/Davidson Win Texas Extravaganza

The Holiday Inn, Arlington, Texas, was the scene of this
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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

"These People Deserve the Praise -- Not Me!"

In response to the numerous phone calls received regarding my player profile in the March issue of The Board Talk, I just want to say "thanks" to all who called. Everyone was so nice and complimentary that I'm still overwhelmed. Please believe me when I say thank you for your support and your patience the last four or five years during my troubled times. I want to give credit where credit is due -- to my friends, players, spectators and all individuals who know me, who knew what I was before and what I could be if I made the right decision. I could write forever on each individual who has always been there, but I don't believe The Board Talk has enough time or paper to print it. But I must mention a few. These people deserve the praise -- not me!

To Jerry and Sharon Miller -- you never gave up on me. You supported me even when I was wrong. You forgave me when I was an idiot. You loved me when I needed it most. You spent hundreds of dollars on me when you knew I could not stand up. But most of all, you had faith in me and patience with me. I thank you for some of the best tourneys I've ever been to. Without Jerry and Sharon, I feel the game would not have become so competitive and enthusiastic for players. Without Jerry and Sharon, my life in shuffleboard would be non-existent.

To Leroy and Rose -- everyone should have friends like Leroy and Rose. They filled the gaps in my down years and seem to always know when to do so. Leroy was there when I started and when I finished. He never gave up on me. And Rose, what can I say? She is so special to me. I cry when I think of how she has taken me under her wing, gave me discipline when I needed it and love to me always. Everyone should have a Rose! With all that's happened to her in her life, she always managed to see how I was.

To Don, Donna and Arky -- boy, these three never let up! They pushed and pushed in their way -- when I did not want to go -- and they managed to get me going. They are special to me. When you're down and out, watch out! They will be there.

To Glen and Madge -- well, everyone knows these two. They drove all the way from Oklahoma to do something with me. I don't mean party either. Glen's input and days of counseling were so rewarding. And Madge, well, she is Madge. If everyone gave like Madge in this world, wow, wouldn't it be great. You two are special!

A great reward in my life was the fact that Joe Muniz, Paul Weber, Karl Spickelmier, Chris Danke and Billy Chiles allowed me to be a part of the Las Vegas tourney. They gave me a chance to fulfill a commitment of wanting to help. I can't say enough about these people. They are unmatched in loyalty and being there when you need help. Thank you all for who you are!

To you, Jim Allis -- thank you, just plain thanks! You're like a brother to me. Your wisdom, your knowledge, and most of all your friendship -- words can't be put down how I feel what you have done for me. It's something that's in a friendship that does not need words. And to you, Hal Perry -- I can't say how I feel. You are one of a kind -- always there!

And last -- but she is really first! Who is friendship, best friend, love, companionship, a person who gives 100 percent, not 50 percent, is just flat out always there, putting up with the bad without blinking an eye? This lady is my best friend and more and only God knows where I would be if I had not met her. She is loved by all of you and I thank you for that, and am so proud of that. This lady is Lois, "the Lois," and I say thank you for who you are. She is Number One in my life!

To end this not-so-related-to-shuffleboard letter, I say thanks to the Bill Meltons, the David Williams, the John McDermotts, the Diane Hagens, the Chris Dankes, the Karl Spickelmiers, the Bobby Vs, the Billy Mays, the Pee Wee Ramos people, the Harralsons, the Laggin' Lorens, the Teague, the Leon Bentons, and a special thanks to Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl, Hal Perry and Joe Hudson.

In closing, I ask for forgiveness to those I did not mention. To those of you who are going through problems -- divorce, drinking, etc. -- let your friends help, but most of all -- listen! You can't ever in the world, in any other sport, find people like shuffleboard people. They are special!

I hope someday I can be a part of a tourney where everyone leaves happy, win or lose. For me, making or being a part of people smiling is so rewarding. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. From East Coast to West Coast, you ALL are great. I wish you all a bright future and a fulfilled life. You all deserve the credit and praise -- not me!

Sincerely and always your friend,

Freddie Thumann, Auburn, California

A beautiful letter, Freddie, and obviously straight from the heart! We're sure all you mentioned will agree that you get some of the credit for being special!

A Thank You From Dave

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who attended the Washington's Birthday tournament in Arlington, Texas. I appreciated the flowers, money, and kind words in our time of need, due to the loss of my father. Thank you!

David Williams and Family, Fort Worth, Texas

Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family, David. It's times like these that the shuffleboard "family" shows that it cares about each other.

John Extends Appreciation for Mom's Benefit Tourney

On the weekend of Feb. 24-25, a benefit shuffleboard tournament was held at Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, for my mother, Patsy, who is battling lung cancer. She recently had surgery which was successful in removing all but a little of the tumor. She is now in radiation and chemotherapy, which we all hope and believe will lead to remission and full recovery. During all of this, she has been unable to work and due to the dedication and preparation of quite a few kind and loving people, this benefit was a reality.

It would be extremely difficult to list and thank all who were involved in this project. To those of you whom I may overlook, my deepest thanks goes out to you as well.

The person I would like to thank first and foremost is the mastermind and organizer of the benefit, Chris Danke. Chris put many, many hours of unselfish work into making this benefit a complete success. God bless you, Chrissy. Also many thanks to Dot Bastanchury, Anna Brunskill, Lou and Nora Lucero, Paul Weber, Joe Muniz, John Coulter, and Gloria Duron for their unrelentless pursuit of buyers for raffle tickets. Those of you who made the raffle a reality and those who donated gifts, there were many involved and I will try to acknowledge all of you: Bruce Hale (24 jewelry cleaners), Sparky Sparkman (VCR), Paul Weber (color TV), the folks down at the Covered Wagon (Al Padula, Dave and many others), to Anita Pullen and her friend, Philamine, for contributing their beautiful artwork. I know I'm not listing all contributors to the raffle. There are too many to acknowledge in this short letter, but to you I have missed, my heartfelt thanks.

There was also a delicious potluck dinner at the benefit with many cooks contributing to its overall success. To name a few: Jack Pullen and Rich Warren for their assorted smoked meats, and Anna and Bob Brunskill for the steam tables that kept all that delicious food hot. Finally, I would like to thank the players (36 in all) who shelled out \$25 and their time to make this benefit a real success. Without them, things like this could never really happen, could they? Also last, but not least, to Lisa Taylor for all her help throughout the tournament.

God bless you one and all!

John Fisher, Temecula, California

Many of the names you mentioned, John, have earned the reputation of responding to those in need. We add our "God Bless" to yours! As for your mom, please let her know she's in our prayers, and tell her it can be beat. We know!

Jimmy Reports Action in Hawaii

At the last Vegas tournament in January, one of the California players wanted the addresses of the two boards I found in Hawaii. I guess they were on vacation there recently and couldn't locate a board. I looked up the addresses and hope the information gets to them:

One is the Vineyard Tavern, 2171 Vineyard, Wailuku, Maui, phone 244-9597. The other is Molina's Bar, 197 Market, Wailuku, Maui, phone 244-4100.

I advise bringing along a can of wax as they just didn't seem to have any. But here are several good players there and they were used to playing on a pretty slow board.

Jim (the cop) Kumpula, Michigan and Florida

Wish we had that information when we went to Hawaii several years ago. George had a terrible case of withdrawal pains!

Federation Tourney Gets Salute

I attended my first Federation Tournament in Arlington, Texas. I cannot put into words how much I enjoyed myself.

It is really hard for me to decide which I enjoyed the most, the tough competition or meeting all those super nice people. I played in three events and everyone showed respect and consideration for the other players.

A special note of appreciation to John McDermott for all his hard work. I don't see how he does it and play too. A great

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1990 National Shuffleboard Calendar

*April 4-8

3rd Annual Great Arizona Open
Holiday Inn Financial Center, Phoenix, Arizona

April 6-8

6-Person Team Championship
Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan

April 7-8

Open Doubles
Corner Tavern, Bow, Washington

April 20-22

Spring Classic
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

May 4-6

Doubles and Singles
T.G.'s Place, Santa Clara, California

May 18-20

Benedict's Genesee Light Open
Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York

*May 23-28

4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open
NASL Handicap Team Tournament
Holiday Inn, Southfield, Michigan

May 24-28

4th Annual Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 25-28

12th Annual Memorial Day Tourney
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

June 8-10

Waterloo New York National
Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York

June 15-17

4th Annual Open
Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 16-17

4th Annual Nationals
Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

June 29-July 1

6th Annual Board Talk Tourney
Houghton Lake, Michigan

*July 4-8

5th Annual U.S. Open
Austin, Texas, Airport Hilton

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year's 5th Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza, on Feb. 14-18.

In the Pro-Am event, Bill Melton and Stan Hiatt were top winners. Taking second place honors were John McDermott and Mike Bruza, with Darrol Nelson and Bill Melton, Jr. in third.

Shirley Robertson's Tulsa team ended up No. 1 in the team event, with the Arbuckle team in second place. The Corporate Image took third place. Twelve teams participated in the amateur team event.

In the women's singles, Brenda Moore from San Antonio came from the loser's bracket to beat out Diana Hagen of Houston. Third place went to Janet (Cook) Weidner, also of Texas. "Congratulations to Brenda on the win that has eluded her so many times," reports Glen Davidson. "She has been a real loyal supporter as well as a top player, for years hitting second and third many times. She said, 'I have lost and I have won; I like winning better.' I say it couldn't have happened to a nicer gal. Now that Brenda knows how it feels to win a big one, I'm sure she will win many more. Nice going to all the ladies. Hope to see all of you in Phoenix. Peggy Richards will be waiting for you. She is last year's champ, you know, so I expect she will be ready."

Sam Summers of Oklahoma took top honors in the singles, beating out Dale Koteras of Texas in a tough finals match. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana finished third.

Bobby Voorhis and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma won the doubles, beating out Sam Summers and John McDermott of Michigan. Billy Mays of Texas and Darrol Nelson of Oregon finished third. Nelson and Mays, who had announced his retirement at the January P.C.S.A. Las Vegas Tourney, played for the first time together in a major tournament.

"It was great to see Pee Wee Ramos and his wife, Judy, and to see him get his award from the Shuffleboard Federation for all his dedication to the game," said Glen. "It was a great feeling to see someone from the old school be recognized in the 90s."

Sweethearts Clark and Clara Win at Acme

There were happy hearts between the sweetheart team of Clark and Clara Kenney when the last puck of the tournament came to a halt and they had won first place at the Acme Tavern in Tacoma, Washington.

"They played so well together, it was almost provocative," reports Michelle Foran. "That is the way partners are supposed to play and it paid off."

On the other end of cupid's arrow were Jackie Anderson and Mike Waters, a great team that has played together several times before and always do well. Third place was won by Ron Wicks and Kim Rhoades. "Kim hasn't played shuffleboard for at least two years. What a comeback, Kim!" says Michelle. Fourth, fifth and sixth were won by Linda Steffensen and Nels Anderson, Jim and Michelle Foran, and Marty Erdman and Sue.

"It was a good tournament. Fun and competition was enjoyed by most and enhanced by others. Right, Maureen?" said Michelle. "As usual, the potluck was delicious and the bartenders were great. Instead of the tournament players thanking the bartenders, the bartenders thanked us for letting them wait on us! Now that's a new twist! You are welcome, John, Gus and Billie."

The sportsmanship trophy that was donated by Wicks Trophy of Tacoma was won by Acme owner Nancy Hiller. "She is truly worthy of the award," said Michelle. "We are all looking forward to the next tournament at the Acme, which is soon to be remodeled."

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Payne/Herrmann Win Valentine Tourney at Lou's Sportman's Bar

Lou's Bar in Philadelphia, Pa., held its first annual Valentine's Mixed Luck of the Draw event on Feb. 17. JoAnn Payne and Jerry Herrmann outlasted Peggy (Mag) Herin and Cliff Vollimer to take top honors among a well-balanced field of players. Special mention goes to JoAnn Payne, only playing a few months, and in her first tournament, she played almost flawless, missing only two weights in four games, reports her partner Jerry. Also to Lena Appessos and Joe Lewis losing a real tough game to JoAnn and Jerry to come in third.

"Special thanks to Sam Wistner for cooking up some great spaghetti," said Jerry.

Jerry also reports that Pickles Bar took first in the N.E. Philly League, winning its last 29 games to overtake Lou's Sportman's Bar A Team by one game. The top four teams play for league championship: Pickles, 1st (77-13); Lou's, 2nd (76-14); Rhawnhurst, 3rd (57-33); and Continenta Post A Team, 4th (45-45).

Canino/Enders/Benedicts Win ISL Tourney

The Baldwinsville Moose Club hosted the 4th New York State ISL Tourney on Feb. 17-18 and brought the biggest turnout yet for the monthly calcutta tournaments. Seventy shooters shuffled this weekend for prize money totalling \$1,465.

In Saturday's draw partner event, the local B'Ville shufflers stole the show by finishing first and second and sharing fourth spot with other New York State players. Payoffs were divided 50-30-10-10 among the top four teams. First place went to John Canino and Jack Enders from B'Ville who turned back fellow shooters Arlo Johnson and Dick Buters, who earned second place. Third spot went to Steve Bennett from the Classic and Lorraine from Pillars with Dave Fridley from Dew Drop Inn and Dan Henderson from B'Ville in fourth.

Sunday's bring-partner event saw 40 shooters evenly split the top four team spots. Favorites Milt and Randy Benedict took first prize the hard way by losing their first game and coming through the loser's bracket to win. This makes three tourneys in a row that Classic has won the bring partner event. Second place, with some fine shooting, went to the Amy's Checkered Flag team of Phil Arndt and Marv (finally in the money) Smith. Al Smith and Jack Enders from B'Ville took third place with the surprise team of Tracie Fridley and Jim Fowler earning fourth for the Dew Drop Inn.

Maryland Players Travel to Pennsylvania

Marylanders travelled to Harrisburg, Pa. on Feb. 18 for a double elimination, 15 pt. tournament. The tourney was held on two boards at the Reliable Hose Co. where manager Jerry Miller and his wife, M.C., did a fantastic job of making everyone welcome, reports tournament directors Jim and Pat Sterling.

Cash prize winners were, Buddy Brammer, Md., and Bill Love, Pa., 1st; Dave Shrewbridge, Md., and Pat Sterling, Pa., 2nd; Paul Gayle, Md., and Bernie Little, Pa., 3rd; Chuck MacKenzie, Md., and Dale Hoover, Pa., 4th; and Peggy Carter, Md., and Dave Liddick, Pa., 5th.

"Although Maryland's John Barrow tried to pawn off his stale donuts as first place, we managed to make sure they were on the return bus to Maryland," said Pat Sterling.



Winners Buddy Brammer and Bill Love, Dave Shrewbridge and Pat Sterling.

Boyer/Tolbert/Buhl Win at T.G.'s Place

T.G.'s Place in Santa Clara, California, hosted a three-day tournament for the Presidents' weekend on Feb. 17-19. In the doubles competition, first place was captured by Rick Boyer and Troy Tolbert. Second place honors went to Hal Perry and Fred Thumann, with Chris Danke and Steve Perry in third. Doug Buhl won the singles competition, with Fred Thumann finishing a strong second. Third place was earned by Karl Spickelmier, with Rick Boyer in fourth. Rick Thomas and Nelson Jennings tied for fifth spot.

"Pee Wee and Judy Ramos stopped by on Sunday on their return from Texas to say hello to old and new friends," reports hostess Betty Gallitero. "Pee Wee brought the award plaque
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he had been presented with in Texas to show everyone. We were all happy to see them both."

The next tourney at T.G.'s Place will be the weekend of May 4-6. Doubles play will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday night. "Stop by and say hello," invites Betty.

Hilltop Inn Event Gets Bigger and Bigger

Co-promoters and managers Billy McCulley and Chuck McKenzie held their second major-size tournament at the Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Maryland, on Feb. 23-24. "Owner Frank Stezzi added a third board allowing almost 50 percent more entries and, of course, that increased the competition and the prize money that was vied for," reports Dick Gorman.

The tournament's first event was a Friday night draw partner with 30 entries. Winners were Don Casula of Wilmington, Delaware, and Harold Matthews, Port Deposit, Md. Second place went to Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del., and Dan Technell, Elton, Md. Third place was taken by Marky McGaw, Fairhill Md. and Larry Kirk, Conowingo, Md.

Saturday morning brought 27 teams to battle for most of the day and evening and after the dust settled, the winners were Lenny Dell, Baltimore, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, Del. Second place went to Mickey Baugh and Alvis Ramey, both of Perryville, Md. Third place was taken by Don Casula, Wilmington, and Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, with fourth place to Bill Lally, Philadelphia, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J.

"Hilltop Inn owners and tournament managers, Bill McCulley and Chuck McKenzie, do a fine job and are enthusias-

tic and plan one more for the spring season before shutting down for the summer," says Dick. "If you are interest, call 301-389-1512."

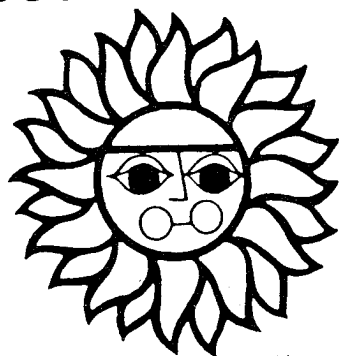
Sauchenco/Clark Win Patsy Fisher Benefit

A very special tournament was held at Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, on Feb. 23-25. It was a benefit for Patsy Fisher (John Fisher's mother) who had lung cancer. All of the entries for the pro-am event and 10 percent of the sponsor sales went to Patsy, plus raffle sales proceeds.

"I was worried in the beginning because we didn't have many items to raffle off," reports director Chris Danke. "But as soon as the word got out, Linda and Sparky donated a VCR, then Joe, Paul and Karl of the PCSA donated a 19-inch color TV, and Mark Monahan a phone answering machine. After that, Dot Bastanchury rounded up over 35 items and sold over 300 tickets! Anna Brunskill also rounded up over 35 items and also made some beautiful flower arrangements. We ended up with over 200 items to raffle off. I can't thank everyone enough. A special thank you to Lisa Taylor and John Coulter who ran the raffle. It was a big job well done!"

Chris extends thanks to Rich Warren and Jack Pullen for smoking over 70 pounds of meat for the Saturday buffet, and to Ann Brunskill and Gloria Duron for making it run smoothly and cleaning up, and to all who brought food items.

"The highlight of the evening was at dinner time when Patsy was able to join us," Chris said. "She couldn't talk very well as she had surgery two weeks before where they got almost all of the cancer. The rest hopefully will go with radiation therapy. As she was talking into the microphone, she said, 'you just wait. I'll come back and beat you all.' Patsy, we love you and know you'll be back before long."

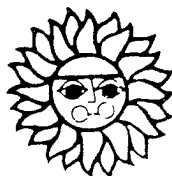


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A total of 18 teams were split up as a pro-am event with a pot of \$3,000. First place honors went to the team of Paul Sauchenco and Bob Clark, with Brian Mulholland and Rick Boyer in second and John Coulter and Don Hughes in third.

"I know I couldn't mention everyone, but I want to thank all who helped to make this possible," said Chris. "Our total money raised was \$3,565. Thank you."

(See Notebook for a letter from John Fisher.)

Campbell/Fredricks Win at Arnold's

A Lincoln-Omaha team paired up to win Arnold's Fourth Annual Winner Take All Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. The first place money went to Ron Campbell and Bill Fredricks, who had to play some very hard, stiff competition to take the top honors. Second place went to Jim Tanner and Roger Allen, who made the top team play two games in the finals. Third place went to Al DeBoer and Don Oberding, and fourth place went to defending champs, Steve Stutzman and Maggie Worley.

"All the teams were evenly matched which made it a very good tournament. Thanks to all the Omaha players for coming and to our Lincoln players," said the Worleys. "Everyone always makes our tourney one of the top events in the state."

Brammer/Mickens/Hixon/Renzo Win at Lafayette

Saturday, March 3, was a beautiful winter day and 32 shooters decided not to clean their sidewalks and driveways, but to travel to the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland for the popular once-a-month outing on the four in-house boards, including the new Playfair board. "The players say the old curved road board is gone. Thanks, Nelson Renzo," reports Dick Gorman.

The first event was won by Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun,

and Micky Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Second place was taken by Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md., and John Sinclair, Rising Sun, with third place won by Chuck McKenzie (Hilltop Inn tournament co-manager) and Phil Neuman, Swathmore, Pennsylvania.

The second event was won by first-timer Ron Hixon of Rising Sun and happy Lafayette Inn owner Nelson Renzo. Second place found Carol Hampton again, this time with Jim Yank of Philadelphia, with third place going to Judy Gartland of Philadelphia and another third place finish for Phil Neuman.

These events will be held again the first Saturday in April and May before recessing until September.

Bobby V Tops in Round Robbins

Papa's Pub & Grub, Warren, Michigan, hosted a round robin on March 3. It was worth the trip for Bobby Voorhis of Indiana who took top honors in spite of a painful toothache. John McDermott of Michigan took second place, with Neil Fetter of Michigan in third, and Dave Boaz of Indiana finishing fourth.

Lukas Doubles at Lafayette Inn

An Invitational Singles event, along with a Friday night draw partner event and a Sunday mixed doubles, was held on March 9-11 at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland. The attempt is to get the 32 best players on the Atlantic Coast in head-to-head singles competition on the four in-house boards. One hundred shooters were on the first invitation list, of which 34 accepted the challenge. "Unfortunately, only 31 showed up, leaving us one short of the desired 32," reports director Dick Gorman. Friday and Sunday events were sell-outs again.

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BUDWEISER INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Before Ray Stanley bought Batchelor's Bar in Keego Harbor, he spent five years in the Engineering Department of Williams Research, which is one of the leading missile producers for the United States government. They also designed and built that nifty little car that went to the moon.

Since blowing up livers seemed like more fun than bombs, in 1977 Ray embarked on the bar business. He has consistently sponsored both men's and women's pool and shuffleboard teams. Although he doesn't participate directly in these games, he makes it a point to socialize with his players and customers. When not taking care of business, Ray's main hobby is boating. When here in Michigan, he belongs to the Oakland County Boat Club on Sylvan Lake. For many of these gray, dreary, winter days, he can be found toughing it out on his boat (he calls it a rowboat, others put it in the yacht class) based in Pompano Beach, Florida.

So, Ray Jay Johnson, Jr., you all around fun type person....This Bud's for you!

Jeff Dugaw
Interlakes Shuffleboard League
Oakland County, Michigan

Men's League Standings

(West)		(East)	
Lakeside I	391	Wagon Wheel I	371 1/2
Victors	308	Dillinger's	347
Lakeside II	307	Liberty	312
O'Brady's	291 1/2	Wagon Wheel II	281 1/2
Glengary Inn	280 1/2	Bud & Elmer's	267 1/2
Prue's	258 1/2	Majestic	264
Bachelor I	234	Don's Pub	260 1/2
Catalina Lanes	215	Charlie's Roost	221 1/2
The Pub	85	Richard's	161 1/2
		Saylor Dave's	145

Women's Standings

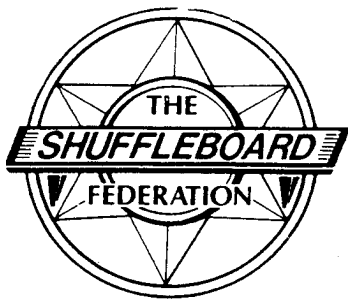
Lakeside Lounge	194
Wagon Wheel I	171 1/2
Majestic	140 1/2
Wagon Wheel II	136
Liberty	132
Victors	128
Bachelor I	122 1/2
Glengary Inn	99 1/2
O'Brady's	99 1/2
Saylor Dave's	91 1/2
The Pub	70

Mixed League

Lakeside Lounge	113 1/2
Bachelor I	102
Majestic	100
Liberty	90 1/2
Richard's	78 1/2
Catalina Lanes	55

Mixed League Play-Offs

1. Bachelor I
2. Lakeside Lounge
3. Majestic
4. Liberty



"Friendship Through Competition"

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. finds it necessary to respond to several points and comments that appeared in The Hammer column in last month's Board Talk, in addition to clarifying some misconceptions about The Federation.

There were two in particular that we felt strongly about and they are:

"One thing our sport does not need at this time is a split."

and, the entire portion of the column devoted to the Policy Board:

"...People who have come to The Board Talk with their complaints or concerns... people's responses that the Player Policy Board was hand picked... People concerned about directing those comments to the Player Policy Board in care of The Shuffleboard Federation... and that we could eliminate that concern by publishing the addresses of the Player Policy Board members...."

We were offended by both of those because we feel that if you are going to address an issue, all of the facts should be included and do not feel that this was done. We feel the lack of other information changes the impression it makes on the people who read it.

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. was founded "to promote and increase the public awareness of, amateur and professional shuffleboard for both men and women" (this is a direct quote not only from our first article in The Board Talk which appeared in the July 1987 issue, but is also included in our articles of incorporation).

Our plans have always been made public, even though we are a private company, and we have made every effort to allow people to share their ideas.

Prior to our incorporation, Phil Skover spent several years traveling, politicking, and promoting the ideas and ideals that have led to this point.

Over the years, the game has existed with splits everywhere. We are not splitting anything. Rather, we have invested substantial amounts of time and money trying to pull everyone together. There is less dissension and division among the players now than we have had in years.

We have the leadership in this country and the support of the majority of the players because we have proven to them that we are honest, hardworking people who love the game, and because they believe in us and what we are trying to accomplish.

To the people who don't like what we are doing, or remain skeptical, we suggest to you that you do your own thing and stay on the outside looking in. You can keep track of our progress in The Board Talk and Tavern Sports, and join us later if you want.

On the other hand, if you are for shuffleboard, we would love to have you join us. We are encouraging the East Coast players to form an association and have offered any support we can give to help them get it started. As far as the Policy

Board concerns go, The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. does not feel that anybody besides the players should be in charge of the rules of the game but the players.

For those not familiar with the whole story, we had hoped the players could organize their own association and rules committee. Being people who wanted the game to grow, the important thing to us was that there be standards that players could count on before they spent their hard-earned money to go to a tournament.

For nearly the entire year of 1987, Phil Skover and John McDermott tried to promote the idea of the players forming an association and rules committee. Specific examples of this effort including direct quotes from the August, September, October, November, and December, 1987, issues of The Board Talk are listed below.

It began at a players' meeting that was held in February of 1987, at the Corporate Image Lounge, Fort Worth, Texas, before the start of the 2nd Annual Washington's Birthday Extravaganza. Philip Skover and John McDermott urged player unity and attempted to start the ball rolling for a players' association and rules committee, to be run by players. The names of the people who were going to be on that committee were published in the next issue of The Board Talk.

In the time span between that player meeting at the Corporate Image in 1987 and our announcement of the names of Bill Melton as Policy Board Chairman, and the names of the other members chosen by Bill and approved by The Shuffleboard Federation in August of 1988, not one written suggestion was sent to any of the people who were mentioned as rules committee members.

The idea of writing directly to the players was not embraced by the players back then, but those same people will now complain about having to write in care of The Shuffleboard Federation.

Although we did not want to be involved in this area, but wanted just to promote and to try and obtain sponsorship monies, the lack of action by the players forced us to take the bull by the horns and initiate action ourselves.

For a sport to have a chance of attaining the type of credibility it needs to have a chance with sponsors, a standard set of rules and some type of rules committee is a must.

We look forward to the day when the players' association we started this year and the Player Policy Board can stand on their own feet, elect their own officers and run their own tournaments, which will allow us to devote more of our time to pursuing sponsorship opportunities.

Until that time, and as long as our name is tied to it, our policy will continue to be that if you have a suggestion or complaint, you may address it to the Player Policy Board c/o The Shuffleboard Federation.

Although in the past, we have summarized the letters and prepared an agenda from them, we will now forward copies of your letters to all members of the Player Policy Board, and guarantee that it is on the agenda for the next meeting.

The sport of shuffleboard has always been polluted by too many takers and too few givers. Shuffleboard players are quick to point out, and rightfully so, that they receive no support from the manufacturers of shuffleboard products in this country.

We are a company that has bent over backwards to promote the game for the players, but the aggravation of dealing with the politics and petty jealousies we have to put up with in the promotion of "professional" shuffleboard has taken a toll on us and we have thought about dropping the pros and devoting all of our energies to amateur shuffleboard.

It would be very easy for us to sit back, promote our product line, go to a few tournaments and join the rest of the takers.

We have hotel space for 1991 on hold in January, March, May, July, September, and November. In the next few months, we will make our decision on whether the pro players warrant any more of our time and money. The attitude of the players as a whole will determine our future tournament plans for professionals. In other words, you have the hammer.

In our second Board Talk article, August of 1987, we stated "it is our intention to assemble the best ideas from players on both coasts and everywhere in between... We will need the cooperation of players everywhere... We need to put the politics of the past aside and move forward..." In that article, we also published a set of rules to use as a starting point, and urged players to "contact the players' association representative in your area, in writing...."

In the September 1987 issue of The Board Talk, we asked once again for player input so that we could assemble an appropriate set of rules for our 1988 tour.

In the October 1987 issue of The Board Talk, we asked for suggestions for establishing a point standings format for the tournaments on the 1988 tour.

November issue of The Board Talk, we again stated that for shuffleboard to grow, attract sponsors, etc., "is with the help of all those players who are reading this right now. Tell us.... what are the best rules? What are the worst rules? ...What changes can be made in existing tournament formats to improve them?"

December 1987 issue of The Board Talk, under the heading of "Point Standings Format," we stated that we had arrived at "what we hope will be a fair system. However, if we receive suggestions which will improve the system before the deadline for next month's Board Talk, we will incorporate them."

It was also mentioned in that issue that we would be forming a Player Policy Board and that although John McDermott was nominated to be on the rules committee in the players' meeting at the Corporate Image earlier that year, The Shuffleboard Federation made the decision that because of John's involvement with The Federation, it would be perceived as a conflict of interest if he were to serve on the Policy Board as well.

Announcements

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. is proud to announce the promotion of Cheryl Collins to Vice President. Cheryl will be responsible for processing all sales orders, expanding our distributor base, and customer service.

We are also pleased to announce the addition of Stan "Stosh" Chmielewski of Philadelphia to the Player Policy Board as the first representative from the East Coast. We anticipate adding other players from that part of the country in the near future.

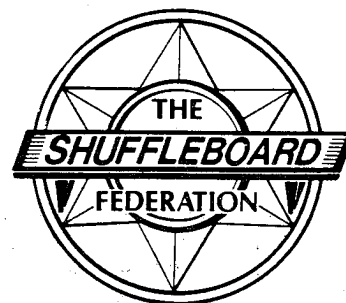
The National Amateur Shuffleboard League (N.A.S.L.) has a direct line, 419-242-9053. Questions about the program should be directed there, either to Kathy Broka or Diana Hofmann.

1990 Point Standings: Open Division

Rank	Total Points	Player's Name
1.	182.50	Sam Summers
2.	144.00	Bobby Voorhis
3.	114.00	Dale Koteras
4.	98.0	Glen Davidson
5.	65.50	David Williams
6.	65.00	Neil Fetter
7.	63.00	Darrol Nelson
8.	60.50	Bill Melton
9.	50.00	Tony Howard
10.	48.50	John McDermott

1990 Point Standings: Ladies' Division

Rank	Total Points	Player's Name
1.	134.0	Brenda Moore
2.	115.5	Diana Hagen
3.	50.0	Fritzi Broka
4.	44.0	Mary Koteras
5.	36.0	Carolyn Jones
6.	31.0	Janet Weidner
7.	29.0	Evelyn Harris
8.	27.0	Sandy Blade
9.	19.0	Sandy Jenkins
10.	17.0	Susie McCormick



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- * Games start at once
- * Will finish Saturday afternoon
- * Entry fee – \$10/per person
- * Limit first 16 players
- * Prizes – first 3 places

SATURDAY, MAY 19 – BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER

- * Drawing & Bidding, 12:30 p.m.
- * Games start at once
- * Will finish Saturday
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- * Limit first 32 teams
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SUNDAY, MAY 20 – OPEN SINGLES

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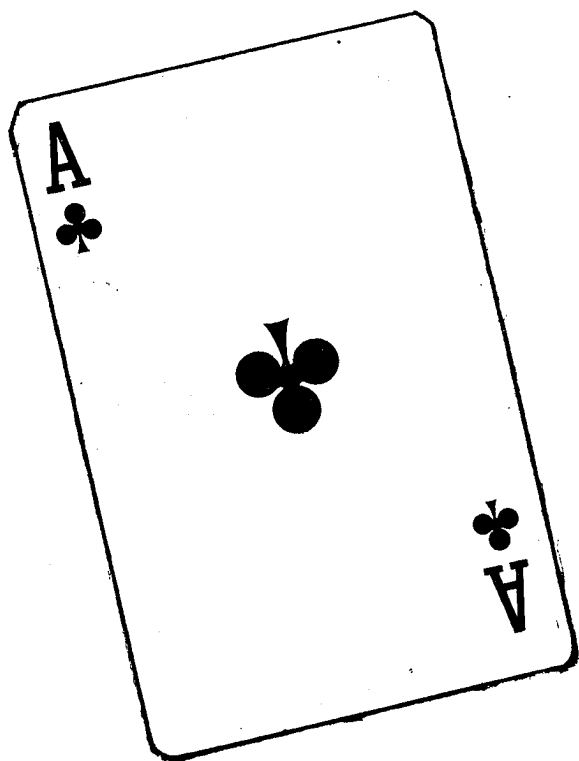
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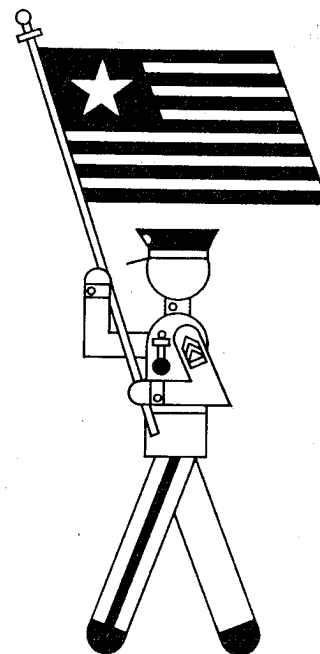
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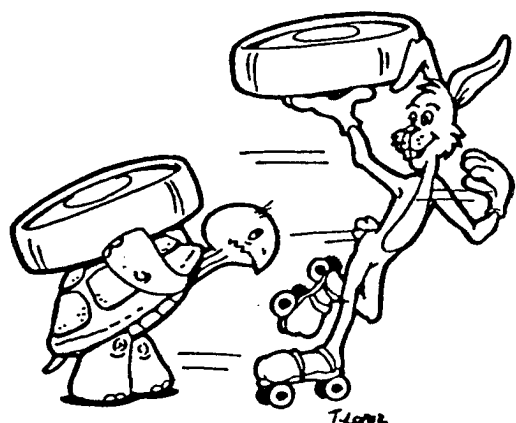
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Your Hosts:

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Dale LeGarie, Northway Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Dr.

For Information:

The Board Talk, 517-371-2538

Tourney Talk (continued from page 7)

Friday night's draw partner event saw most of the top shooters lined up and waiting to get practice for the next day's heated competition. Lindsay Hall of Baltimore, paired up with John Lukas, Millington, Md. to take first place and the lion's share of a little over \$2,000. Second place went to long distance traveler Dick Losee of Poolville, New York, and Poncho (ain't half bad) Prevento, Elkton, Md. Third place was won by Chuck King, Dover, Del., and long-time player Al Ryan of Brooklyn, New York.

Saturday started off the annual singles event at 11 a.m. with a break at 2 p.m. to eat cake and sing Happy Birthday to Don Casula as many friends stood by to wish him well. "He didn't want to disclose his age, but we suspect if he gave his age, it would more than win a horse collar game," said Dick. The evening ended with John Lukas taking first place, the champ's jacket (which he gave to his wife, Rose) and a lot of cash (which he didn't give to Rose). Second place went to

Chuck King and third to Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md. The lower half of the money winners were headed by Jerry Herrmann, Philadelphia, in fourth place, Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. in fifth, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, in sixth. After a great day of shooting by all 31 players, Lukas retired for the rest of the weekend.

Sunday was a lot more relaxed as the ever-popular mixed doubles event started with a pot of a little over \$1500 and 24 teams in the event. The final game was over a lot earlier than the previous night's and coming out on top were first-time winners of a major event at Lafayette Inn were Lee O'Donnell, Nottingham, Pa. and Jim McDaniels, Darlington, Md. Second place was taken by Shirley Domino of Dover and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. Third place was fought for and won by Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. and Lenny Dell, Baltimore, with Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann, both of Philadelphia, in fourth.

"All in all, it was another great weekend of shuffleboarding which brought new changes in the total point standings for the year," said Dick. "It appears that the final tournaments of the year on April 20-22 will have to be played hard to decide the year's champions. The mixed doubles championship will also be decided at the final tournament on April 29. Nobody has sewed anything up yet."

Brammer/Love Win Pennsylvania/Maryland Exchange

Twenty players from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, travelled to Perryville, Maryland, on March 11 to play a 15 point double elimination tournament. The tourney was held at the Rendezvous Inn with host John Barrow.

"It was a great, fun day," reports Jim Sterling of Pennsylvania. "We pair one Maryland player with one Pennsylvania player which turned out to be a good idea."

Winners were Buddy Brammer, Md., and Bill Love, Pa., with Donnie White, Md. and Jim Sterling taking second place honors. Other winners were John Sinclair, Md. and Terry Miller, Pa., 3rd; Peggy Carter, Md., and Kathy White, Pa., 4th; and Bill McCulley, Md. and Doris Keller, Pa., 5th.

Huffer/Chambers No. 1 at Beef's

Larry Huffer and Mark Chambers teamed up to take first place at Beef's St. Patrick's Day tournament in Kendallville, Indiana. Jim DeWitt and Jerry Warr took second place honors, with Bobby and Deb Voorhis in third place. Sixteen teams vied for a pot of nearly \$2500.

Beef and Marge extend apologies to participants for the marathan 10 a.m. Sunday morning finish. The tournament was

originally set for the Shamrock Bar in Waterloo but had to be changed when the sale of the bar took place before the tourney. Consequently, the event had to be staged with only one board.

Benedict's Genesee Light Open, May 18-20

The Benedict family will host a Genesee Light Open Shuffleboard Tournament at Benedict's, 20 Classic Street in Sherburne, New York, on May 18-20. Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$10 per person, limited to the first 32 sign-ups. The women's singles will start Saturday morning, \$10 entry fee, limited to the first 16 players signed up. The bring your partner event starts Saturday afternoon, \$25 per team entry, limited to the first 32 teams. Sunday features the open singles, \$25 entry, limited to the first 32 signed up. All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Sweaters and trophies will be awarded to the winners, and an open buffet will be available for daily participants.

This tourney will fill up fast, so get your paid registration in soon. Make checks payable to Benedict's and send to Benedict's, 20 Classic Street, Sherburne, NY 13460.

Hosts Milt and Betty recommend the following for lodging: Sherburne Motel, 607-674-5511; Sherburne Inn, 607-674-6021; Grove Parki, 607-334-2251; or Jerome Valtowski's Bed & Breakfast, 607-674-6531. Sherburne is located in a beautiful part of the state and it's particularly lovely this time of year.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the word about this fun tourney!

4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open, May 23-28

The Holiday Inn in Southfield will be the site of the 4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open on May 23-28. Events include a pro-am draw partners on May 23, \$50 entry for amateurs, \$25 for pros; an open singles, \$200 entry fee, starts May 24 with finals on the 28th; a ladies' singles, \$100 entry, starting on May 25 and finals on the 28th; a mixed doubles, \$200 per team, starting on May 26 with finals on May 28; and an NASL handicap team tournament, the top 16 teams from qualifying round, \$150 per team, starting on May 26 with finals on the 28th. This is a six-person team, four men and two ladies, and the top team will win a trip to Las Vegas for the National Amateur Championships.

Registration deadline for this big tourney is May 15. Use the enclosed flyer to reserve your spot.

Make your reservations now for the Holiday Inn, 313-353-7700, and be sure to tell them you are part of the tournament. The Holiday is located at 26555 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, just 20 minutes from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

For further information, contact The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666.

12th Annual Memorial Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs, May 25-28

The Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, California, will host its 12th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Tournament on May 25-28. The big event will feature five boards -- four for tournament play and one for open play. The Ace of Clubs has a large liquor bar which is open 24 hours a day.

Two events are on the schedule, a doubles at \$100 per person, and a singles, \$150 per person. Entries are due Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. with sales starting at 8 p.m. The doubles will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Payback for 1-16 entries will be 60-30-10; 17-20 entries, 58-28-10-4; 21-32 entries, 56-26-10-4-2-2.

Tournament directors will be Fred Thumann and Jerry Miller, with bracket boards by Sharon Miller. Recommended

lodging are the Econo Lodge, 916-742- 8586, or the Motor Lodge, 916-743-1531. For further information, contact Jerry or Sharon at the Ace of Clubs, 916-743-6885.

See the ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard spot.

Acme Tavern's 4th Annual Nationals, June 16-17

The Acme Tavern's 4th Annual Nationals will be held at the Acme, 1310 Tacome Ave., Tacoma, Washington, on June 16-17. The double elimination event, \$30 per team entry fee, has some new payouts, 52-24-12-6-3-3, with \$100 added to the pot. Play will be on two boards with the auction starting at noon on June 16.

Tournament directors will be Jim Foran and Cory Bisson. Lodging recommendations are for the Portage Inn (thrifty rates for 10 or more), 3021 Pacific Hwy. E., Tacoma. Call toll-free, 1-800-833-1800, or local, 922-3500. Hostess Nancy Hiller will provide a complimentary tavern feed at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Last year's winners of this tourney were: Loren Lampley and Nels Anderson, 1st; Jim Allis and Steve Brazier, 2nd; Fred Jones and Dick Henley, 3rd; and Rosa White and Bob Shipley, 4th.

For further information, call the Acme, 206-272-1892. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Board Talk's 6th Annual Shufflers' Reunion, June 29-July 1

This year's Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament will be co-sponsored by the Playfair Shuffleboard Company and Budweiser and is scheduled for June 29- July 1 at

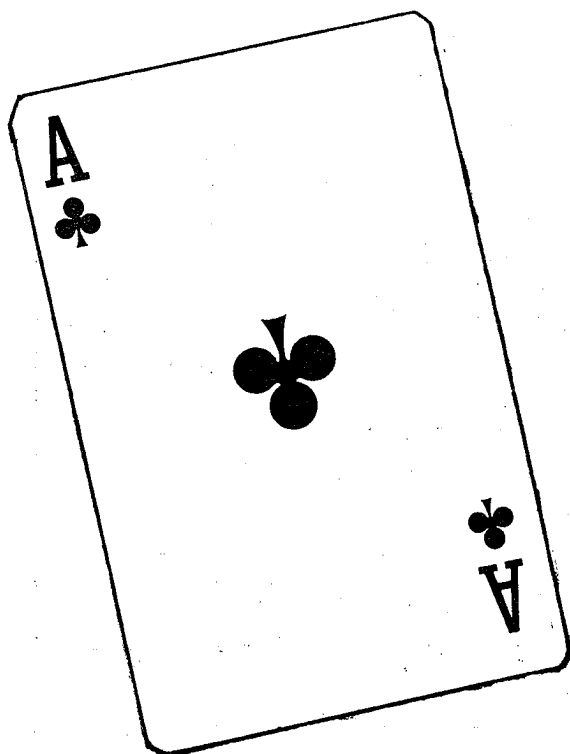
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Tournament play will be on six new Playfair boards, with in-house boards available for open play. There are also several other shuffleboard bars on the lake that you can visit when you're not participating in the tourney.

If you're looking for convenience, there are two motels just a "stone's throw" from the tournament sites: the Chalet Motel, 517-422-5085, or the Venture Inn, 517-422-5591, and a Holiday Inn just down the road, 517-422-5175. If you're bringing the family or would like to share a cabin with your friends, there are plenty of resorts on the lake. For those who have RVs, there are also campgrounds available. All of these facilities will fill up fast, so you are strongly urged to make reservations well in advance. For a Houghton Lake directory, which contains information about local attractions, motels, resorts and campgrounds, call The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment and make your plans to participate in this shuffleboard vacation event.

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12th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Tournament

May 25-28

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Auction on Fri., 8 p.m. Doubles start Sat., 8 a.m.

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big thanks to Jody and Nick for their officiating. They did a great job, always there and paying attention.

I also want to take this opportunity to express how well the players played on the two Tulsa teams in the team event. This was their first tournament and they played super. We didn't go very far in the standings, but none of them have anything to be ashamed of. They shot great!!!

Hope to see you all at the Blue Coat Inn Tournament in March. If not then, at the U.S. Open in Austin.

Carolyn Jones, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Wish we had been there! We're sure all those who made it happen will appreciate your salute, Carolyn.

Thanks to U.S. Open Shufflers

All of us at the Children's Cancer Research and Treatment Center (CCRTC) would like to express our sincere appreciation for the contribution that was raised during U.S. Open Shuffleboard Tournament (Austin, Texas, August 1989) and donated to the Patient Aid Fund in loving memory of John T. "Toad" Smith.

The patients of the CCRTC are going to be happy beneficiaries of your work and skill in organizing the tournament. The money you contributed to the Patient Aid Fund will assist many children and their families with meals, transportation, and other types of emergency assistance.

Again, the children and staff of the CCRTC are very grateful to you for making good things happen in our continuing fight against cancer and leukemia.

Clementina F. Geiser, M.D., Medical Director
Children's Cancer Research & Treatment Center

The above letter was received by U.S. Open director Don Volk. Proceeds of the 1990 U.S. Open will also go to the American Cancer Society in memory of "Toad" Smith. The event is July 1-8 at the Austin (Texas) Airport Hilton.

Editors Get Thanks

Thank you very much for your interesting editions. We realize that sometimes yours seems like a thankless job but, if it's any help, everyone here on the west coast looks forward to every edition. Hang in there and keep up the good work.

Leroy Ledford, Marysville, California

You bet it helps, Leroy! Thank you!

Old-Timer Needs Words of Encouragement

I would like to call attention to a friend of mine who has always supported shuffleboard and played the game for 30 years. He helped get the league going in the early 80s in Tulsa. As well as being captain of his team, he recruited young players and saw that they always got to play. He said to me, "I will play all the young players every night we play and

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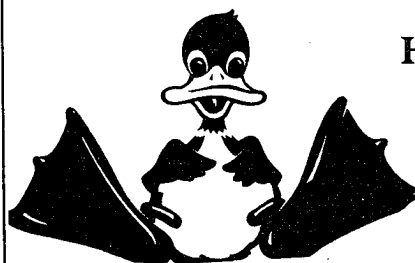
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I will see that we always have four alternates." He came to all the meetings to help better the game.

We need more people like Delbert Johnson in every area to keep the game going. Delbert has cancer and is very ill. If anyone would like to drop a line to him, his address is: Box 886, Sapulpa, OK 74067.

Another friend of mine from Tulsa who played shuffleboard for 40 years is the Wizard Oz. We want to know how he's doing. Oz is a credit to the game. He played them all and was the best in Tulsa for many years. It is a great experience for me to know Oz, the Wizard.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We encourage readers to drop Delbert a card, whether or not they know him. It may mean a lot to him to know that the World of Shuffleboard cares about him.

A Beloved Shuffleboard Player Has Died

Delbert Dale Johnson, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, passed away at 58 years of age. He died from cancer.

Delbert loved the game of shuffleboard and his shuffleboard friends. Two days before he died, he wanted to go to his garage and play shuffleboard. He has won many trophies in Tulsa and Sapulpa. He played for over 15 years. Glen and Madge Davidson went to visit Delbert and Shirley a few weeks ago and noticed the red check on his Board Talk. They paid for Delbert's new subscription. Shirley received her March issue and read it cover to cover. I imagine she shed a few tears.

The Blue Coat Inn and the Wheeler Dealer Club of Tulsa gave a benefit for Delbert and the players all contributed what they could afford to help his family.

Shirley Robertson, Tulsa, Oklahoma

A lesson to all of us! No sooner had the ink dried on our response to Glen's letter urging that cards be sent to Delbert when we received this sad news from you, Shirley. Let's redirect those cards to Shirley, readers, and remember to reach out and touch someone who may need you -- before it's too late!

You Can Have It All!

Retirement -- What a way to go! You can have it all! Fresh, clean air, warm sunny days. An ideal setting for that great fisherman. Alton Sea, this great inland sea, is an hour's drive from Palm Springs along State Hwy. 111 and Hwy. 86.

As Garry Singer and Bruce Wechter talked more about this area, they both wanted the rest of The Board Talk readers to know about the Fountain of Youth Spa and the R.V. Park by the Salton Sea -- 606 full hook-ups, 5 hydro jet pools, two swimming pools, bingo, barber and beauty shops, grocery store, steam rooms, masseuse, recreation rooms, horse shoe pits. What makes this place so great? It's a very good place for bicycling along the scenic road into the Fountain of Youth, swimming in the mineral pools, lying in the warm sun, playing pool or cards while you sip on a cool drink.

And what else makes the Fountain of Youth Spa and R.V. Park so great? Well, it's shuffleboarding with six boards. Two recreation rooms with three boards in each room, with a tournament of 32 women's singles the first weekend and 32 men's

singles playing the following weekend. Both tournament winners were presented with plaques from the Fountain of Youth.

In 1992, when we leave Las Vegas and head to the Fountain of Youth, we hope to join this real nice tournament of people the second two weekends of February. If you're in this area, stop by. Send for a colorful brochure of this area: HC #01, Box 12, Dept. J, Niland, CA 92257. There is a playable board in Niland, but you should bring your own weights. The tavern is called the Silver Dollar. There is also a one of a kind table in the WareHouse at the Fountain of Youth for sale. The best time to be in this area is January, February or March. Expect very hot weather in the summer. The best fishing also starts in March.

Evie Wechter, Coburg, Oregon

Sounds like paradise! Next time you go, call and ask us for a batch of Board Talks to distribute to those good people.

Lou Has Words of Wisdom

I noted with some interest that representatives from both the P.C.S.A. and The Federation have agreed to a meeting. While they contemplate an agenda for that meeting, I would offer a bit of perspective.

There are some who have been able to effect change by the sheer force of personality (John Fitzgerald Kennedy); some by sheer force of intellect, (Thomas Jefferson); others by sheer force of genius (Albert Einstein). If there be one among you in either organization who would lay claim to any one of these exalted thrones, step forward and unmask yourself.

If none can step forward, then I would offer this: where the sport of shuffleboard is headed is not in any real sense dependent upon either organization. HOW it gets there could be, but it will be from direction offered, not from orders given. It will be from a sense of a spirit of cooperation, not from the debilitating cloud of counter-productivity. All of which are but two sides of the same coin.

Come on, guys! We are a couple of egos away from both organizations being able to work together to help accomplish great things for The World of Shuffleboard.

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

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U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, July 1-8

Don Valk's U.S. Open will be held for the 5th consecutive year the week of July 4 and will feature a pro-am draw partners, open singles, ladies' singles, open doubles and an NASL handicap team event. The tournament location this year will be the Austin Airport Hilton.

Watch future issues of The Board Talk for further information. In the meantime, you can call Don at 512-444-4133.

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