

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

It was the 6th annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament -- but it contained a lot of firsts for us.

For the first time, its organizers didn't say when it was all over with -- "never again!" Sure, there was the usual physical and mental exhaustion, but there was also the emotional high of feeling that this reunion was really special. With that high came the recognition that it wasn't anything we did that made it special. It was first and foremost, the players.

This was the first time we had held our tournament in two different locations. Probably never has there been the foot traffic across the 27-55 intersection at Houghton Lake than there was this particular weekend. No sooner would a team finish their match at the Northway and trek across the street to Skip's Lounge for a brief respite from the action, that they'd get the announcement that they were up again on a board -- across the street -- or vice versa. If they did grumble, it must have been out in the middle of the intersection dodging the pre-4th of July traffic because we didn't hear it. Just good natured "well, slug-a-lug, let's go."

For the first time, our shufflers' reunion tournament wasn't a big financial burden for us. Thanks to Playfair Shuffleboard Company and Budweiser, the expense of bringing the boards in and out and the trophies for the winners was borne by them -- not small items in the debit column. And thanks again to the players, none grumbled about the small percentage we took off the top of the entry and sponsorship sales to give some compensation to our loyal, hardworking officials and helpers. The hours and dedication they invest in helping to run a smooth tournament are so important that no amount of money could be adequate compensation. We love and appreciate each and every one of them.

For the first time, the printed program which has become a tradition for our tournament, giving players a tangible item in which to record their memories, was not a heavy financial burden. Thanks to the sponsors who purchased ad space, we could give this booklet of memories to every player.

For the first time, we reached beyond the loyal circle of players who have supported the Board Talk tournament for the past five years and gathered in some new "kissin' cousins" from The World of Shuffleboard to join in the reunion. Many experienced competitive tournament play for the first time and -- thanks to the warm welcome by the regulars -- it won't be the last time. To those of you who extended the hand of fellowship to our new family members, we say "Bless you for reaching out and touching someone."

For the first time, we have a full-page ad from a host location -- Skip and Carole Sliwa of Skip's Lounge -- who express

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## Tourney Talk

### Broka Brothers Win at Lakeside

The Broka name has been synonymous with shuffleboard for a lot of years, but the May 12 doubles tournament at the Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan, marked the first time that brothers Terry and Greg (we've forgotten which one is "the other guy") earned top honors together. The Buckeyes took the largest share of the \$3300 pot, with Phil McGrew of Pontiac and Neil Fetter of Detroit taking second place honors. Locals Gene Gach and Wally Frederick took third place.

### Dew Drop Inn Hosts First National Open

The Dew Drop Inn hosted the first Waterloo, New York, National Open on June 8-10. The event was sponsored by Pabst Blue Ribbon beer and co-hosted by the Waterloo American Legion. Players from eight states competed for a total purse and prizes of more than \$5,000.

Friday night's draw partner event sold out two weeks before as 30 players shot for over \$1600 in prize money. First place trophies and jackets went to the surprise team of Tracie Fridley of Waterloo and Ken Vanzile of Sidney. Turned back to second were Doug Fridley Jr. and Russ Reynolds of Sherburne on a super three-draw by Ken. Taking third spot were favorites Lonzo Knight from Hagerstown, Md. and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia.

The American Legion set up sausage and cheeseburg sandwiches with peppers, onions, and french fries for all the players.

On Saturday, the bring partner event saw 20 teams vie for over \$2000 in cash, plus a paid entry to the first place winners into The Board Talk's Houghton Lake, Michigan, tournament. From Sherburne, New York, it was the team of Milt Benedict and Steve Bennett earning the first place jackets and trophies. Runners-up from Philadelphia were Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann, with tourney favorites Doug Fridley Jr. and Lonzo Knight in third. Fourth place winnings went to Arlo Johnson and John Canino from Baldwinsville, New York.

The Fridley family opened up, for the first time, their recently completed shuffleboard banquet room upstairs with a buffet-style dinner prepared by Elsie Fridley for all the shufflers. The huge wall mural and hanging fan lights added a nice touch to a great weekend of shuffleboard shooting.

Sunday's singles event turned out to be a battle to the finish with prize monies topping \$1500. After losing 15-2 in the first match of the finals, Jerry Herrmann bounced back to take a 15-14 decision from Doug Fridley Jr. to win the singles. Along with the first place jacket and trophy, Jerry received a paid entry into the Houghton Lake, Michigan, tourney.

Second went to Doug Jr. the hard way by beating out brother Dave Fridley by a tough 15-13 score and settled for third. To get to that match, Dave had to last out a 15-14 score over 4th place winner Steve Bennett. Once again, a superb buf-

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Canadian Friend Back in the Fold

A friend of mine, Al Kantor, was at a tournament in Tacoma, Washington, June 16-17, and brought back the May issue of The Board Talk. After reading it from the front page to the back page, I realized how much I missed it. I was a subscriber for a few years, but guess when I was in Vegas in January, I just partied too much and forgot to pay my dues. Enclosed is my check to get me rolling again.

I only wish I was closer to where a lot of your tournaments are held and I'm sure I speak on behalf of all Canadian shufflers. Most of us Canadians don't play enough anymore. We do have a longboard league here in beautiful British Columbia. We had 14 teams last year, eight on Saturday and six on Thursdays (split league). I didn't particularly like it because some of the good teams played on Thursday and the rest of us who think we are good didn't get a chance to play them. But it was the only way we could keep our league alive.

We Canucks are already making preparations for the January 1991 Vegas tournament.

Cheerio and God bless you both. Please keep up the good work. All being well, I'll see you in January.

"Crazy Irish" Joanie Millar, Richmond, British Columbia

*Glad to have you back with us again, Joanie. Wish there was more we could do to serve our Canadian readers better. It's difficult to promote your tournaments because some of them, as we understand it, are not open to everyone. Maybe we could set up some kind of exchange program with the states that are closest to you. Out East, a group of players from one state will charter a bus and travel to another state for a draw tournament and the next time, their hosts travel to their state for a return tournament. Might be worth investigating. We look forward to seeing you in Vegas in January.*

## The Game of Shuffleboard

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For one of the player's finale fate.

It's a game of many different skills

Like a good block, and important stick or a beautiful lag.

Each and every shot will give everybody some thrills,

So when you hear about the game of shuffleboard

And to you a player says, do you want to walk?

You can always read about it in the Board Talk.

Ron Herrmann (better known as Jerry's Brother),  
Philadelphia, Pa.

*We knew the Herrmann brothers were very talented, but we didn't know that one was a poet! We were very pleased to have Jerry participate in our Shufflers' Reunion Tournament and hope you'll do so someday, Ron.*

## Throw the Key Away

(Editor's Note: We received a note from Al and Von

*Stewart, El Monte, California, wishing us well on our Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. As you know, these two favorites of The World of Shuffleboard recently had a streak of health challenges. In fact, many of you opened your hearts and wallets for the benefits held to help meet their mounting medical bills. We had several shufflers ask about the Stewarts at our tournament and we're glad to report that both are doing quite well. They enclosed a short poem with their note and it just seemed too good not to share with you.*

I have shut the door on yesterday,  
Its sorrows and mistakes.

I have locked within its gloomy walls  
Past failures and mistakes.

And now I throw the key away  
And seek another room

And furnish it with hopes and smiles  
And every spring time bloom.

No thought shall enter this abode  
That has a taint of pain,

And envy, malice and distrust  
Shall never entrance gain.

I have shut the door on yesterday And thrown the key away.  
Tomorrow holds no fear for me,  
Since I have found today.

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in their advertising message just how special this group of shufflers were. Certainly, we're very grateful for the advertising support, but more than that, it makes us so very proud of the people who made this 6th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion an incentive to make No. 7 another event to be remembered.

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We took a few days of rest after the tourney before returning home to the hectic pace of our regular jobs and the August issue of The Board Talk. When we got home, there was a message on our answer-phone from Mickey Mickens of New Jersey. Just a few words: "Wanted you to know how much we enjoyed your tournament." A small gesture, maybe, but payment in full for the months of work we had invested in making it enjoyable for players. It meant a lot to us.

We encourage you to take a minute or so to say thanks to the organizers of a tournament you've participated in. Tournament directors and hosts expect complaints; it comes with the turf. But a compliment is really something to be treasured and makes all the hard work worthwhile.

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In this issue is our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. As we always do, we encourage you to patronize these supporters as well as those who are part of our Shuffleboard Directory. As Chris Danke relates in this month's Tourney Talk, how else would a player from Tennessee end up playing in a local weekend tournament in California without this information? Use it and express your appreciation to those businesses who put their money where their mouths are to expand our shuffleboard network.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

## Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

fet luncheon was served by Elsie in the shuffleboard banquet room.

Reports Doug Fridley Sr.: "The tournament went very well and all out-of-towners had an enjoyable time. We plan to have our new shuffleboards in by our next tourney later this year. We thank Dick Gorman for his work in promoting our first major tournament in upstate New York, the Waterloo American Legion for graciously co-hosting this tournament, and to Pabst Blue Ribbon for the beautiful trophies and jackets given."

### Booth/Bastanchury Take Top Honors at Amato's

Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, hosted a bring your partner amateur event on June 15-17. It was a best two out of three double elimination with 17 teams vying for a total pot of over \$3,000. First place went to the undefeated team of Lagging Vern Booth and Dottie ("The Tiger") Bastanchury, with John Coulter and Tim Lockhart taking second place honors. Third place went to Ann McFarland and Evelyn Hughes with Gary Van Horn and Harvey Walden of Tennessee in fourth. Louis Lusero and Ted Curtice, Jay Kimble and Joanie Swenson tied for fifth and sixth spots.

"We had a nice surprise when Harvey Walden of Memphis, Tennessee, who was enroute to San Jose, was able to stay for the weekend and play in the tournament," reports Chris Danke. "If it weren't for The Board Talk and Bruce Hale's ad in the Shuffleboard Directory, Harvey would have just passed us by. That goes to show you The Board Talk is the best thing that's happened to The World of Shuffleboard."

Chris says the crew at Amato's took good care of shufflers and put on a great buffet. "Thanks to John Coulter and John Fisher for their help," she said. Chris reports that John Fisher's mother, Patsy, who is winning the battle against cancer, stopped by the tournament and is doing well.

Amato's plans a "true" round robin tournament in October.

### Norris/DeAngelo Anchor 4th Annual Acme Nationals

"Playing shuffleboard is an exciting and challenging discovery, like a privileged entry into another world every time we play," reports Michelle Foran. "That's why a roster of 25 amiable teams entered that world, ready to play, at the 4th Annual Acme Nationals in Tacoma, Washington, June 16-17. We had beautiful weather, great bartenders, great food, a great auction, and great, great players. What more could you ask for? A win! That's what we all came for!"

The first place finishers, Chuck Norris and Mike DeAngelo, went into the final match undefeated to play Al Pease and Rick Gindt. Gindt and Pease also came to win. They beat Norris and DeAngelo the first match and had to play them again. That certain discipline, understanding and patience came through for the anchor team of Norris and DeAngelo, while dogged determination was no stranger to the second place team of Gindt and Pease. Third place went to hometowners Ron Wicks and Bob Letourneau. Fourth, fifth and sixth place finishers were Steve Bjorn and Doug Buhl, Vera and Gene, Bill Bailey and Bob Freeman. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Don (Mitch) Mitchell. "His first game was against two women and when he lost, he was the most gracious and complimentary loser I have ever seen," reports Michelle. "For those of us who know Mitch, this was astounding! Way to go, Mitch!"

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## 1990 National Shuffleboard Calendar

**Aug. 4-5**

*1st Annual Tournament  
Oyster Tavern, Quilcene, Washington*

**Aug. 4-5**

*Constant Action Singles & Doubles  
Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan*

**\*Aug. 29-Sept. 3**

*2nd Annual Budweiser-Nebraska Open  
Hilton Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska*

**Aug. 30-Sept. 3**

*1st Annual Amarillo Open  
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**Aug. 30-Sept. 3**

*28th Annual Masters  
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California*

**Sept. 21-23**

*Benedict's Classic Open  
Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York*

**\*Sept. 26-30**

*1st North American Shuffleboard  
Championships  
Sahara Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada*

**Oct. 26-28**

*Fall Classic  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

**October**

*Tournament  
Spot Tavern, Pacific Beach, Washington*

**Nov. 2-4**

*Mixed Doubles & Singles  
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

**Nov. 16-18**

*Harvey's Thanksgiving Shootout  
Harvey's, Street, Maryland*

**\*Nov. 22-25**

*6th Annual Turkey Day Tourney  
San Diego, California*

**\*Nov. 22-26**

*2nd Annual East Coast Extravaganza  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

**Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 1991**

*P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

**\*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

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Players extend a big thanks to Herbie Schneider for making sure people got to their cars safely and that people's vehicles were safe from vandalism.

**Foran/Mitchell Win at Spot Tavern**

Jim Foran of Tacoma, Washington, and Don Mitchell of Portland, Oregon, teamed up to take top honors in the open doubles, double elimination tournament at the Spot Tavern in Pacific Beach, Washington, June 23-24. Second place was earned by Bruce Wechter of Coburg, Oregon, and Steve Wilson of Springfield, Oregon. Loren Lampley of Shelton, Washington, and Garry Singer of Scappoose, Oregon, took third place.

The Spot Tavern (new advertiser in The Shuffleboard Directory) has a team in each of two leagues, the Town League and the Coastal League, and both were winners this year. Owners Joann and Bob Linderman congratulate Coastal League champs Lori and Alec Ferguson, Lenny Miles, Keith Kinney, Craig Rodner, Bob Laughlin and Bud Eddy; and Town League champs Craig Bodner, Rod and Annette Griffiths, Lance Haze, Fred Dayton, Al Pease and Hoss Luce.

"All of the players enjoyed this coastal town in Washington," reports Evie Wechter. "Pacific Beach is the home of the finest razor clam sport digging -- 90,000 diggers on a 16-mile stretch of beach, miles of unspoiled beach for hiking, beachcombing, surf fishing, kite flying, or just plain old day-dreaming!"

The Spot Tavern plans its next tournament in October. See details in the September Board Talk.

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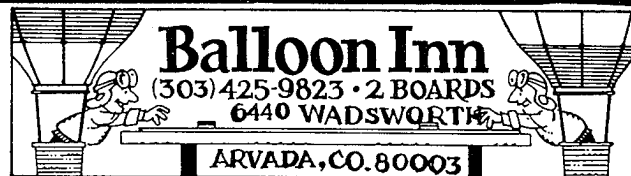
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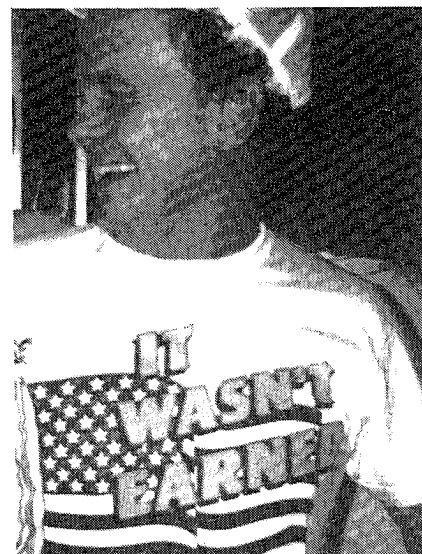
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**Tournament Assistants:** Mary Lisle, Sara Siebert, Terri Rosekrans, Barb Sickles

## LOCAL SUPPORT ...

*Houghton Lake local Glen Groves got into the swing of things, participating in the tournament and making some lucky buys in the sponsorship sale. The goodwill ambassador for Skip's Lounge hopes for a return of The Board Talk Tourney next year.*



## COMRADARIE ...



*Wally Frederick of Michigan, a member of the co-championship 4-person team, says thumbs up to the East Coast team of Judy Iseman, Scratch Todd, JoAnne Ware and Lenny Dell, 3rd place finishers, and long-time supporters of The Board Talk annual tourney.*

## GOOD TIMES ...



*In the final hours of the long weekend, Diana Hofmann and auctioneer Kathy Broka, both of Toledo, Ohio, had the energy to lead the crowd in a 50s sing-a-long. After all, the 4-person team event is supposed to be the fun event, they reminded the serious players.*

## COMPETITION ...



*You don't have to be "young and restless" to win! Experience pays off for long-time shufflers Ceylon Davis and Don Bauer of Lansing, Mich., who took third place honors in the open doubles.*



# THE MEMORIES ....

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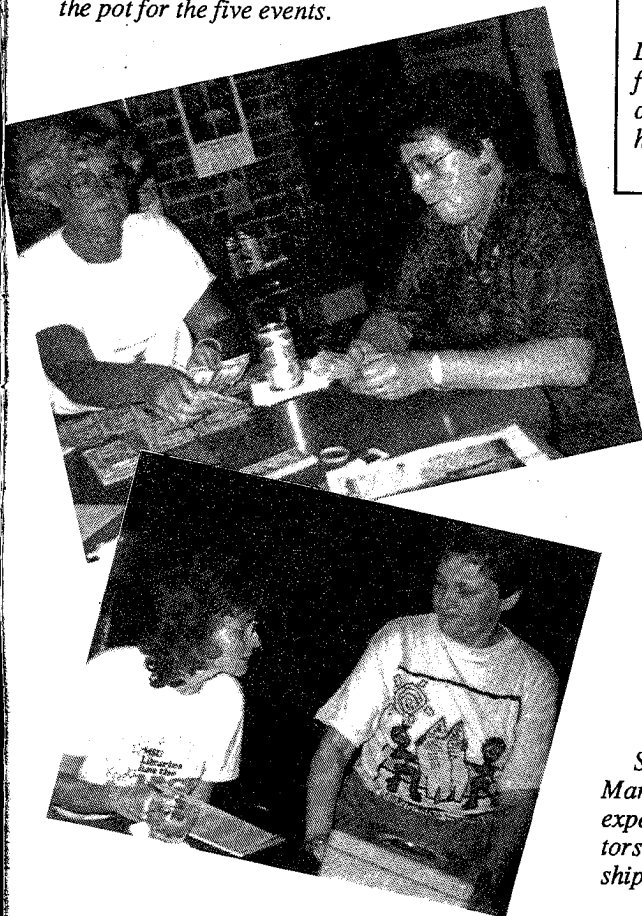
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*A super-size Budweiser beer can greeted shufflers from throughout the World of Shuffleboard to Houghton Lake, Michigan, for the 6th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament.*

## DEDICATED HELP ...

*Terri Rosekrans and Barb Sickles make sure the winners' envelopes contain just the right amount of money. There was almost \$20,000 in the pot for the five events.*

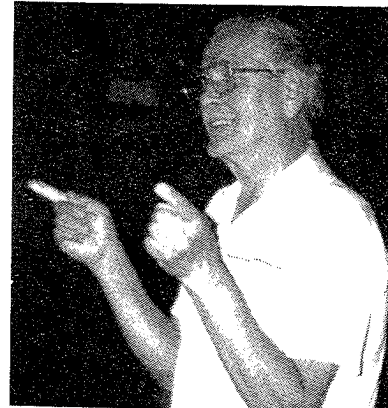


## SERVICE ...



*Rita, a favorite waitress at Skip's Lounge, was honored not only for her fine service, but for her birthday. Official Rick Boyer paid tribute to her hospitality.*

## SPORTSMANSHIP ...



*Gene Gach of Michigan was one of 125 shufflers who impressed our Houghton Lake hosts with their good sportsmanship and goodwill ambassadorship for the sport of shuffleboard.*

## VOLUNTEERISM ...



*Frank Parrish (right), shown here with partner Paul Maccarrone of Florida, and his family volunteered to help tear down the boards for their trip back to Playfair in Indiana. A relatively new tournament major player, he'll be tough in future competition. He and Paul placed in the draw partner tournament.*

*Sara Siebert and Mary Lisle were the experienced collectors of the sponsorship sales for all*

## Tourney Talk *(continued from page 4)*

### Record Turnout for Board Talk's 6th Annual Tourney

An unprecedented 120 players turned out for The Board Talk's 6th Annual Shufflers' Reunion Tournament, held this year at Skip's Lounge and Northway Lanes in Houghton Lake, Michigan, June 28-July 1. That record number of players vied for a share of the nearly \$20,000 pot in five events. The tournament was co-sponsored by Playfair Shuffleboard Company, who furnished six boards for the big event, and Budweiser, who furnished trophies, jackets, caps and suspenders for winners and player drawings.

Action started on Thursday night with 64 players competing in the draw partner event, with six different states represented in the winner's circle. Winners were Chris Passariello of Saginaw, Michigan, and Mike Johnson of Warsaw, Indiana. They beat the tough team of Mickey Mickens of New Jersey and Milt Benedict of New York. Taking third place honors were Skip Jackson of Indiana and Steve Bennett of New York, with Paul Dickens of Bay City, Mich., and Jerry Siebert of Lansing in fourth place. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Michigan/Florida, and Frank Parrish of Michigan and Paul Macarrone of Florida, tied for fifth and sixth.

Twenty-one very tough ladies entered the women's singles and it came down to Top 20 representatives Cheryl Collins of Michigan and Deb Voorhis of Indiana to give the standing-room-only crowd some thrilling moments. Cheryl used her win to put her in gear for the U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, where she travelled to immediately following the tourney. Deb showed the admiring gallery why she's one of the top-ranked women players in the nation by capturing second place. Veteran Michigan contender Marie Sweeney took third place honors, with East Coast favorite Joann Ware of Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, in fourth.

Neil Fetter of Michigan, ranked No. 19 in the national standings coming into this tourney, showed his prowess by coming out ahead of a formidable field of 44 players in the men's singles. He had to work hard to beat second place finisher Rick Boyer, also of Michigan, ranked No. 20 in the national standings. Taking third place honors was veteran Jim Long of Indiana, with Dave Boaz, also of Indiana, in fourth place. Larry Creakbaum of Indiana and Chris Passariello of Michigan tied for fifth and sixth places, with Scratch Todd of Maryland and J.R. Lopez of Michigan tied for seventh and eighth.

Michigan was prominent in the 37-team open doubles event with natives Jim Stockmaster and Phil McGrew, beating out the famous husband and wife team of Gordie and Cheryl Collins. A surprising "dark horse" team of long-time Michigan players, Don Bauer and Ceylon Davis, took third place honors with the East Coast team of Mickey Mickens and Jerry Herrmann in fourth. Bernie Sunde and Doug Stewart of Michigan and Paul Maccarone and Jimmy Kumpula tied for fifth and sixth places, with Cassie Kern of Michigan and Al DiBella of Pennsylvania, and J.R. Lopez and Dana Gray of Michigan finishing seventh and eighth.

At 2:30 a.m. Monday morning, two teams out of 16 were still battling for the championship of the 4-person team event. With no place to go, finalists Neil Fetter, Val Borja, Chris Passariello and Jerry Siebert; Cassie Kern, Phil McGrew, Wally Fredericks and Gene Gach, all of Michigan, agreed to split the pot and take the title of co-champions. The Board Talk tournament directors salute them for their understanding and good

sportsmanship. The East Coast team of JoAnn Ware, Judy Isemarin, Scratch Todd and Lenny Dell took third place honors. Dillinger's, another Michigan team, finished in fourth place: Marie Sweeney, Bev Armsdon, Rick Boyer and Jim Kelsey.

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*Chris Passariello of Michigan and Mike Johnson of Indiana were winners of the draw partner event. A record 64 players participated in this event.*

*Cheryl Collins of Michigan received a congratulatory hug and the winner's envelope for the women's singles from Board Talk Editor George Wilber. Deb Voorhis of Indiana was runner-up with Marie Sweeney of Michigan in third and Joann Ware of Maryland in fourth.*



*Neil Fetter of Michigan captured the men's singles title, beating Rick Boyer, also of Michigan, in the finals. Jim Long and Dave Boaz, both of Indiana, took third and fourth. There were 44 players in this event.*



*Jim Stockmaster and Phil McGrew of Michigan beat out 36 other teams for the doubles title.*



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TO: 6th Annual  
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Tournament  
Participants

FROM: Skip and Carole Sliwa

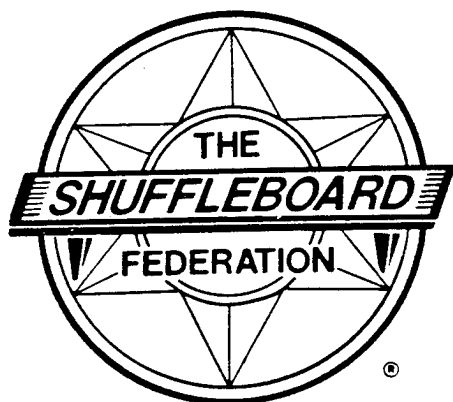


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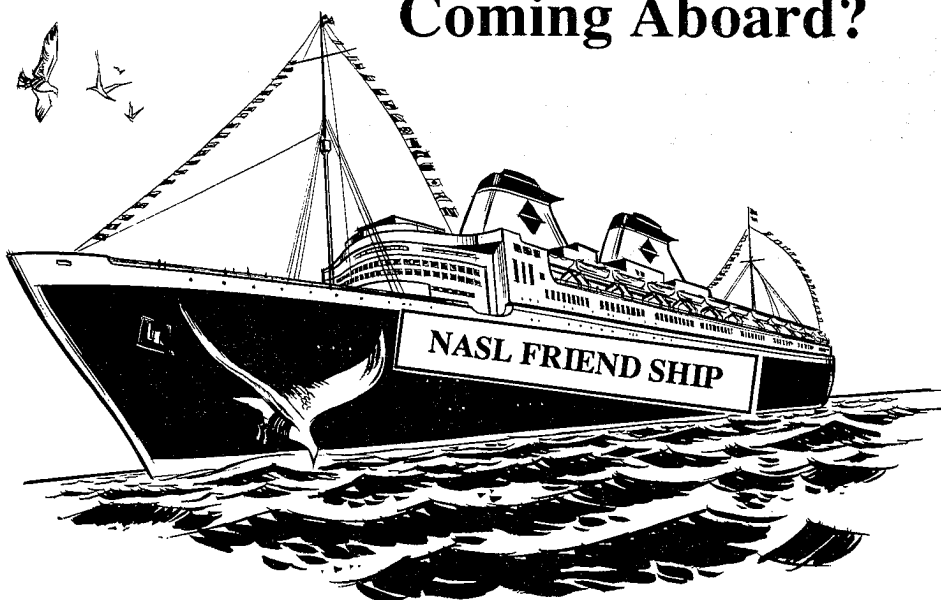


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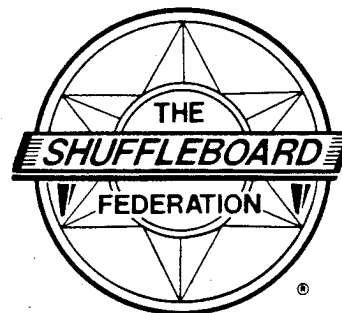
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6.	Dale Koterak	248
7.	John McDermott	242 1/2
8.	Earl Kelly	239 1/2
9.	David Williams	239 1/2
10.	Johnny Ballard	184
11.	Chuck Norris	163
12.	Billy Mays	147
13.	Howard Mouton	138
14.	Darrol Nelson	116
15.	Billy Chiles	112
16.	Bud Hilburn	103 1/2
17.	Tony Howard	102
18.	Gordy Collins	101
19.	Diana Hagen	91
20.	Eric Waldman	87

## 1990 Point Standings: Ladies' Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
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2.	Brenda Moore	389 1/2
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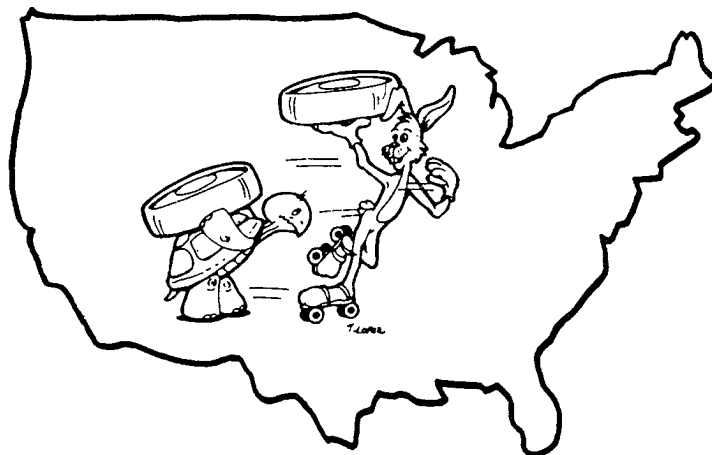
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## Tourney Talk (continued from page 8)

### Summers/McDermott/Hagen/Tedford/Pick-Up Team Champs at U.S. Open

It was hot in Austin, Texas, over the 4th of July weekend, and so was the competition inside the air-conditioned Airport Hilton as shufflers vied for titles and a share of the U.S. Open pot.

The pros were in the spotlight as No. 1 ranked Sam Summers of Oklahoma teamed up with Michigan's John McDermott to take top honors in the doubles. Bill Melton of Oklahoma and David Williams of Texas took second place, and Brenda Moore and Johnny Ballard of Texas, for the second time this year, teamed up to take third place.

Glen Davidson of Oklahoma celebrated his birthday by taking the singles title. He reviewed the "biggies" he had to beat to win and that made the candles on his cake burn even brighter. He came out of the loser's bracket to beat Bill Melton for a second shot at Sam Summers, winner of the first round, beating him two matches. "Some might say I was in an easy bracket, but look: 1st game, John McDermott; 2nd game, David Williams; 3rd game, Bill Melton; 4th game, Sam Summers! To beat the ones I played tells all the youngsters in the game, just think, you can win one at 60 years young," said Glen.

The end of the story: Sam settled for second, Bill for third, both racking up more points in the top 20 Shuffleboard Federation listing.

Diana Hagen of Texas remained the ladies' champ, edging out Janet Wiedner of Amarillo. Sharon Finch and Mary Koteras, both from Texas, finished third and fourth.

In the Pro-Am event, Sam Summers and Greg Tedford took top honors, with Mike Melton and Steven Burkett in second.

A team calling themselves the "Pick-Up Team" were winners of the NASL amateur team event. Members of the team included Joe Spratt, Shirley Robertson, Ray Driskill, Richard Wooten, Steve Burkett and Linda Green. Runners-up were the Nite Cap Lounge team: Ken Strong, Mary Koteras, Gary Kennedy, Sharon Finch, Ty Migliore and Jim Crawford.

Glen extends thanks to host Don Valk, Joe Roden, Jody Slack and all the staff for a great tournament. He also paid tribute to the up and coming young players -- Greg and Brian, Billy and Mike. "Brian brings a rooting section with him, his Mom and Dad. I hope you are the role model for all the young people in your area, Brian," said Glen. "Another Mom and Dad who support their kids 100 percent in shuffleboard, always there to root them on, are Bill and Rozanne Melton. Billy, 17, and Mike in his early 20s, are chips off the old block and they will win a pro doubles by the end of next year," Glen predicts.

### Mays/Waldman/Allis Tops at Ted Z's

A favorite tourney on the West Coast, Ted Z's 4th of July event at the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California, attracted the usual top-notch shufflers. Recently "retired" Billy Mays of Texas took top honors in the singles event of this fifth annual tournament. Chris Danke of California proved once again that she can compete with the "big boys" by taking second place. Rich (Bubba) Warren of California finished third, with Jimmy Allis of Washington in fourth place. Billy Maxwell of California and Earl Kelly of Texas tied for fifth and sixth.

Jimmy Allis teamed up with Eric Waldman of Montana to take top honors in the doubles. Chris Danke made it two seconds for the weekend, teaming up with John (the fish) Fisher of California. Billy Mays and Earl Kelly finished third. (Billy has been on a roll since he retired!)

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The total pot for the big weekend was \$15,000. The highlight of the event was Eric Waldman's hat trick. He drew three 4s in a row and then moved to another board and lagged one more, hammer out!

### 2nd Annual Budweiser-Nebraska Open, Aug. 29-Sept. 3

There have been some changes in the agenda for the 2nd Annual Budweiser-Nebraska Open, scheduled for the Lincoln Hilton Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska, Aug. 29-Sept. 3. The good news is the entry fee for the ladies' singles has been lowered to \$50 entry (\$60 for non-members); the bad news is the NASL handicap team tournament has been scratched due to lack of sign-ups.

Please use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations for this tournament. You'll enjoy meeting the friendly shufflers in this part of The World of Shuffleboard!

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### 28th Annual Masters at Ace of Clubs

The Ace of Clubs, 381 I Street, Marysville, California, will host its 28th Annual Masters on Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Sponsor sales are scheduled for Friday night with play starting Saturday morning. Entry fees are \$100 per person for the doubles and \$150 per person for the singles. Payoff will be: 1 to 16 entries, 60-30-10; 17 to 20 entries, 58-28-10-4; 21 to 32 entries, 56-26-10-4-2-2. The Ace of Clubs has six boards and a large liquor bar that's open 24 hours a day.

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### 1st Amarillo Open, Cotton-Eyed Jonze's, Aug. 30-Sept. 3

The 1st Annual Amarillo Open Amateur Shuffleboard Tournament will be held over the Labor Day weekend at Cot-

ton-Eyed Jonze's, 5601 Amarillo Blvd., E., Amarillo, Texas. Five events are scheduled, with play on four boards.

Action starts on Thursday with a mixed draw partner event, \$20 per person, 7 p.m. auction. Friday features a draw partner open doubles, \$20 per person, 7 p.m. auction. On Saturday, the ladies' singles, \$20 entry, is scheduled, with auction at 3 p.m. The men's singles, \$25 entry, will be on Sunday, with a 3 p.m. auction. On Monday, the bring partner doubles, \$60 per team, is on the agenda, with a 1 p.m. auction.

Please note: The top 10 ranked men are ineligible to participate in this tournament, but any woman can play.

For further information, call Janet Weidner, 806-352-3500. And please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the good word.

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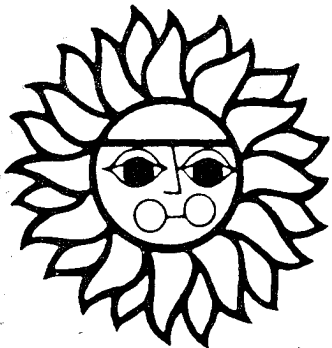
Action starts on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$10 per person entry fee, limited to the first 32 sign-ups. Drawing and bidding starts at 6:30 p.m. with play immediately following.

On Saturday morning, bidding and drawing for the women's singles starts at 9:30, \$10 entry fee, limited to the first 16 players. At 12:30 p.m., drawing and bidding for the bring your partner event starts, \$25 per team entry, limited to the first 32 teams.

Sunday features the open singles, \$25 entry, with drawing and bidding scheduled for 11 a.m. This event is limited to the first 30 sign-ups.

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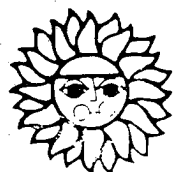


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For further information, contact Milt or Betty at 607-674-4571 or 606-674-9717, or tournament director Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

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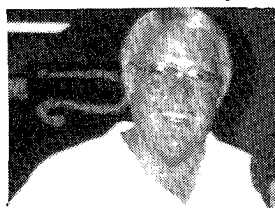
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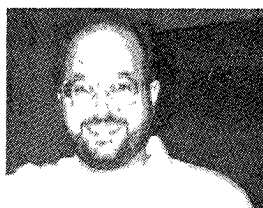
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## Ask the Pros

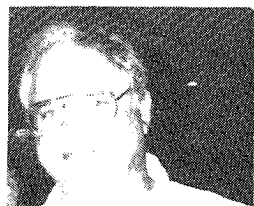
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**Bill Melton**



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**Sam Summers**



**Bobby Voorhis**

*It is with great pleasure that I announce a new column that will hopefully be a solid addition to The Board Talk's contribution to The World of Shuffleboard.*

*"Ask the Pros" will present various questions to some of the top shuffleboard players in the world. I'm sure their answers will serve as a great teacher to beginning players and experienced shooters as well.*

*Our regular panel of pros consists of Bill Melton of Oklahoma, John McDermott of Michigan, Sam Summers of Oklahoma, and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana. This lineup, a virtual Who's Who in shuffleboard, has agreed to share with us their outlooks and strategies that have helped them become some of the most consistent winners ever to play the game.*

*In later columns, we will feature guest panelists from various skill levels of the shuffleboard world to add their viewpoints to those of our regular star-studded panel.*

*I would like to take this space to thank Bill, John, Sam and Bobby for caring enough about the game to take the time to share some of their expert knowledge with the rest of us. If you find that you enjoy this column, remember to thank these players in person when possible. When one of their tips helps your game, drop a line to The Board Talk and let them know.*

### WHAT ADVICE AND TIPS WOULD YOU GIVE TO BEGINNING SHUFFLEBOARD PLAYERS THAT COULD HELP THEM BECOME BETTER AND MORE COMPETITIVE PLAYERS FASTER?

#### **Bill Melton:**

The best advice I could give to a beginning shuffleboard player would be to practice alone, shooting the pucks over and over again. Designate a certain spot on the board and practice the same shot until you have mastered it, then move to another spot on the board and do the same. You learn complete control of the board and of your pucks by doing this.

Also, learn to shoot rails. This is probably the single most difficult thing for a beginner to learn.

A beginner should also develop a good sense of concentration. Concentration is the key to shuffleboard.

#### **John McDermott:**

There are three things I would recommend to beginners. I am a believer in developing good habits right from the beginning. If you learn something the wrong way and then have to back up and

re-learn it later, it will be more difficult and you will end up investing more time than if you did it right the first time. To become a reasonably good player, you are going to have to learn to shoot off the rails as opposed to free hand, so it is best to start that way right from the beginning. It may take some time to find a release you feel comfortable with and, in fact, you may experiment with different releases for as long as you play. The important thing is to get started shooting off the rails right away.

The second thing is to learn to shoot with both hands. Anyone who wants to be an average or better player is going to have to learn this eventually. No player has this ability from birth. It is something you will have to develop, so the sooner, the better.

Third, in order to be a good lagger, which will keep you in the game even if you are missing some weights, you should try not to change speeds on your shots any more than necessary. It makes keeping a good feel for the speed of the board much more difficult if you shoot one shot hard, then another medium, etc. If you develop a good medium speed shot for shooting at the weights and then just shoot a little easier when you are lagging, I think you will be pleased with the results.

#### **Sam Summers:**

Ask this question of 100 different people and you'd probably get the same answer -- practice, practice, practice. Well, it's true! Practice builds confidence and confidence wins games. To become a top amateur or pro player, you must be confident in your ability to make a shot as well as know it's the correct shot.

Practice can be fun! When practicing alone, it sometimes means more if you play little games: right hand versus left hand, red versus blue, top board (free hand) versus span shots. When possible, have a friend or spouse set shots up for you so you can practice your doubles, clip-outs, come-arounds, rail and span shots, cross-boards, blast shots, short game, etc. If available, put two or three sets of weights on the same board. Remember, when practicing your lag, always concentrate on your release and direction. Practice lagging with a weight blocking your favorite spot.

Be aware of, but don't worry too much, about strategy. Hit the weights and lag. Straight shooting and average lagging will win a lot of games for you. When you have the opportunity, play opponents who are better than you at this time, in order to learn from them. Watch games between the better players and observe strategies and techniques. Ask questions later. Every game you play or watch can teach you something - if your mind is on what's going on.

Play as often as possible -- league play, Friday night robins, local tournaments. Play on as many different boards as available. Control your drinking and always display good sportsmanship.

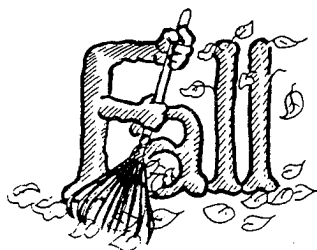
Like anything else in life, you only get out of it what you put into it. Don't get discouraged. Good practicing! Good playing! And good luck! See you in a big tourney soon.

#### **Bobby Voorhis:**

Practice, practice, practice, and don't give up if things don't go quite right. Try to join a local league and shoot in all the \$2 and \$5 round robins you can find. Practice by yourself if there's no one to play against. Watch and study the acknowledged "pros" and don't be afraid to ask questions. There's a lot more theory to the game than just hitting weights and lagging. Enter the smaller local tourneys and take your lumps, but learn from the experience.



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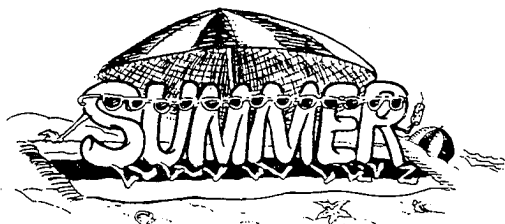
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