

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

This is a special time of year for us, as it must be for you. As we go to press, Thanksgiving is days away and we have much for which to be thankful. Christmas, the time of giving, is just around the corner, and we have already received the best gift possible -- your support. And, as we put this issue to bed, we're already thinking ahead to the January New Year's edition.

From the feedback we receive from our subscribers, we know that this is one publication they read cover to cover -- The Hammer, Tourney Talk, Shufflers' Notebook, Ask the Pros, Play Your Way Across the U.S.A., The Shuffleboard Directory, ads, flyers, whatever The Board Talk pages have to offer. But how many read the bannerhead and note the volume and edition numbers? Probably not many, but we point to them with pride: Vol. 7, No. 12. Translated, that means the 12th month of our 7th year in business and we look at that as quite an achievement. Next month, it will say Vol. 8, No. 1. Wow!

As we look back at past issues, we're kind of embarrassed sometimes that we allowed our concerns about the future to be so clearly reflected in our Hammer editorials. George calls it whining and he's right. All we have to do is look back at Vol. 1 and compare the meager four-page newsletter to today's average 16 to 20 pages; the three or four events on the Upcoming Tournaments to the action-packed National Shuffleboard Calendar in this issue; the spasmodic, little Shuffleboard Directory compared to the solid, paying, effective, full-page Directory we now feature; to realize that we are, indeed, making progress.

In Vol. 1, No. 1 of The Board Talk, we had this to say in The Hammer by way of an introduction: "Shuffleboard players are a special breed of people with a special language, one that crosses city limits and leaps state lines. We'll work hard to make Board Talk a reflection of you -- that special kind of person who shares the comradarie of others who speak your language, who care about your fellow shuffleboard players and what's happening to them. Share and care -- that what The Board Talk will be all about."

That's what we said in Vol. 1, No. 1, dated January 1984. It was a pledge, one that we will continue to honor. Our Christmas gift to you is a sincere, from-the-heart thank you for all you have done to make that possible.

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"Share and care" has been paramount in many of this past year's issues of The Board Talk. It brought a lump to our throats when, after we told you about Michigan's Sue Spack having open heart surgery, with no insurance, Al and Von Stewart of California responded with a donation to help. It was not all that long ago when shufflers responded to their per-

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## Tourney Talk

### Gertz/Baugh/Lukas/King Win at Bay Country

A tournament held at the Bay Country Moose Lodge 831 in Queenstown, Md., on July 13-14, had 24 shooters competing for over \$1,000 in a draw event. Winners were Bunky Gertz of Queenstown and Mickey Baugh of Perryville. Second place went to Chick Legg of Hope, Md. and Art Ware of Sudlersville, Md. Third place winners were Leon Allen of Queenstown and Lennie Dell of Belcamp, Md.

On Saturday, 30 shooters vied for a share of the \$1800 pot. Winners were John Lukas of Millington, Md. and Chuck King of Dover, Del. Second place went to Mark Grove, Millington, and Buddy Brammer of Queen Anne, Md. Bunky Gertz and Larry Jewell of Queenstown took third.

Rosalie Kaufman and Terry Gertz served as tournament directors.

### Benedict/Losee/Fowler Winners of New York Tourney

Pillar's in Guilford, N.Y., was host to the 10th New York State Interstate Shuffleboard Tournament on Oct. 5-6, with 54 players shooting for a two-day purse of \$2,450.

On Saturday, it was the tournament favorite teams from Benedict's Classic 101 of Sherburne, N.Y. squaring off in the finals. Taking first place, never losing a game, were Milt Benedict and Dick Losee (glad to have you back!). Second place went to Steve Bennett and Russ Reynolds, who survived a tough semi-final match via some tough clutch shooting against Arlo and Jane Johnson from the Baldwinsville Moose Club, third place winners.

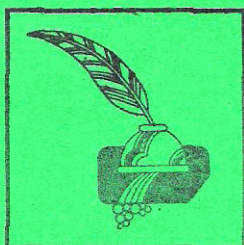
On Sunday, the draw partner event brought 26 players aiming to knock off tourney favorites Milt Benedict and Jim Fowler of the Dew Drop Inn in Waterloo for a \$25 bonus. However, Milt and Jim went undefeated to take the major share of the prize money. It was Jim's first big win. Second place went to the dark horse team of Theresa Gibson from Amy's Checkered Flag in Waterloo and Doug Fridley Jr. from the Dew Drop Inn. It was also Theresa's first time to cash in a major tournament. Third spot went to Steve Benedict with first-time casher Bill Bergner, also from the Classic.

"Thanks to hostess Chris Klugh for the Saturday and Sunday buffets, and for the Sunday morning bacon and egg muffin breakfast," reports Doug Fridley Jr. "If you know of any club, tavern or lodge that may be interested in joining the ISL tournaments, let us know. Let's face it, the more teams we get to participate, the more shuffleboard will grow and that makes for better business at each establishment. And that is what the ISL is all about, plus the fun part of it, too."

Doug also encourages each establishment to subscribe to The Board Talk. "The cost is only \$15 a year and well worth it. If you sit back and do nothing and figure others will do it,

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Thanks from the Maxwells

A special thanks to all who contributed their time and dollars to Jamie's treatment. With the \$6,000 raised on the tournament, things are now in motion. Jamie's treatment should begin within the next couple of weeks.

Thank you again.

The Maxwell Family, Quail Valley, California

*Dear Readers: When you're making out your Christmas list this year, why not think of Jamie, who needs more than a stocking full of candy. He needs costly treatments to beat Gaucher's Disease which affects the bone marrow and such organs as the kidneys and spleen. Send your Christmas donations made payable to Jamie Maxwell to: Chris Danke, 202 Portland #4, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. If you can't afford to send a donation, a card to Jamie would be appreciated, we bet: 24525 N. Canyon Drive, Quail Valley, CA 92380.*

**Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, It's Off to Work I Go! I Work and Slave, Skrimp and Save, so I Can Play Some More Shuffleboard....**

It's always a pleasure to see you and old friends at the shuffleboard events. Sometimes when I am with a large group of people, I begin to visualize them as characters out of a storybook.

This year's Federation tour in Las Vegas saw many SLEEPYS and GRUMPYS. My own character was DOPEY for I didn't know what to do or when to do it half the time, so I just followed the crowd. There were several QUEENS who may have been talking to MIRROR ON THE WALL and many who were simply regal. The KINGS displayed good grace and sportsmanship and many offered some welcomed advice. There were a few haughty KINGS and PRINCES, but many PRINCE CHARMINGS like Rob Kerns who does his job so well and is so very knowledgeable and willing to help, and you, George, for being there for the understanding hug when I needed it.

The HAPPYS were the real winners for maybe they didn't win, but they had a good time playing and delighted in seeing old friends and making new ones.

The officials like Cheryl, Kathy and Diana work very hard to see that things run smoothly and that we understand the rules and have a good time. There are many others who devote free time, yet I rather doubt that the average player takes the time to give credit to these fine folks. Our flight home had several officials on board and believe me, they were bone tired!!

James and Mandy Baker drove eight hours from their home in Canada just to pick up the plane at Detroit Metro. These are very nice people and good players and I'm sure we'll be seeing them again.

Our team event was joined by a very nice lady from Texas by the name of Sheryl Shaw. Sheryl supplied some sunshine to an otherwise dreary defeat.

Two years ago, I was a spectator for a short while at the Showboat. I met a local player named Bill and, lo and behold, Bill and I spotted each other the first night at the Sahara. We were able to introduce Slick and Audra and we talked as though we had known each other for years. Slick and I are looking forward to seeing Bill and Audra again.

Well, George, I missed seeing some of the fine players we met at the Board Talk Reunion at Houghton Lake, but I know from past experience that we'll meet again.

For now, the Parrish Family is looking forward to the next Board Talk Reunion and sending our love and a big hug from me.

Betty Parrish, Union Lake, Michigan

*Thank you, Betty, for this delightful viewpoint of the Vegas journey! Your friendship and support mean much to us.*

## More from those "Crazy Canucks"

Us Crazy Canucks are still shufflin' along. B.C. did excellent in New Brunswick. Winners of the mixed doubles were Rico and Jackie from Ontario, with Terry and Darlene of B.C. as runners-up. Other winners were Diana and Darlene of B.C. in the ladies' doubles, with Dorthy and Theresa of B.C. as runners-up; Sheri Cunningham of New Brunswick in the ladies' singles, and Joanie Millar of B.C. runner-up; Kelly Edmonton of Alberta in the men's singles, with Rico of Ontario the runner-up; Jim Matthew and Mike Harley of New Brunswick in the men's doubles, with Rico and Roger of Ontario the runners-up.

The hosting province next year is Victoria, B.C., not too far to travel, a ferry ride away, 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Since I last wrote, I have been down to Shelton, Washington, for a mixed doubles. I played with Gordy Smith. We played well but not well enough. But we did give Michelle Foran and Rick three good games. We continued to play a couple of games on the "B" Bus, but then we ran into that tall, handsome, brute of a man, Crazy (Mitch) Mitchell and partner Jan. That was the end of the B Bus. It was time to get on the C Bus and go home to Vancouver. Anyhow, we had a lot of fun and I enjoyed seeing some of the players that I hadn't seen in years.

When I went down there, I didn't think about the weather. Well, Lordy me! The Saturday we played, it was a real heat wave. I had to go to a thrift shop next door to the Fir Cone Tavern and buy myself a pair of shorts at \$1.49 and, lo and behold, I found a T-shirt with green shamrocks on it for \$1.79. So my outfit was a total of \$3.28, but boy, did they laugh when they saw me walk into the tavern with those god-awful looking shorts!

You would have been excited, happy and overwhelmed with the turnout we had at our Mini-Tournament on Nov. 3-4

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## **Hammer** (continued from page 1)

sonal hardships and they remembered. In this issue, the Maxwells of California say a heartfelt thanks for the \$6,000 raised in a benefit tournament for the expensive treatments their Jamie must have. Then there was the benefit for John Fisher's Mom in her battle against cancer. The list could go on and on with examples of sharing and caring. We didn't fully appreciate when we started this venture just how special The World of Shuffleboard was. We do now and having the opportunity to serve as a communications vehicle to let people know when their fellow shufflers need a helping hand, or just a word of encouragement, has been an unexpected honor.

A couple who could really use your caring during this Holiday Season are Mickey and Clare Mickens, who recently lost their son to leukemia. Mickey, one of the pioneers of shuffleboard, and Clare, a supportive member of the gallery at many, many tournaments, dearly loved their son and their grief must be beyond comprehension. Please, reach out to them with your care. Send your messages to: Mickey and Clare Mickens, 309 Homestead Ct., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.

What would probably be most meaningful to them would be your contribution to the American Cancer Society for research on how to beat this dreaded disease. If we can fly to the moon, we should be able to conquer cancer. That day will come when we get our priorities straight.

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In that first Hammer column in 1984 was also a pledge to try to make shuffleboard a recognized, uniform, sanctioned sport. John McDermott and George Wilber would work toward that objective, it said. Several years later, the two have pursued that goal in different ways, George through The Board Talk, John through the Shuffleboard Federation. The two will join together again toward that common goal with the next Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament over the 4th of July weekend, 1991. It will be on the East Coast, home of so many of our faithful supporters of both The Board Talk and of our annual tournament.

After last year's super success of The Board Talk's Playfair/Budweiser tourney in Houghton Lake at Skip's Lounge and the Northway, that was a tough decision to make. We assure those two sponsors and those two host bars that we will still schedule a return event there, and we know it will be a repeat of last year's success.

We made that decision based on the common goal we share with The Shuffleboard Federation and our commitment to the pros as well as the amateurs. Every effort, we promise, will be made to accommodate both segments of our World of Shuffleboard and we solicit your support. Together, we can make The Board Talk Reunion in the East something very special.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

The deadline for submitting news and views is the 15th of each month. Send to:

### **THE BOARD TALK**

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## **1990-91 National Shuffleboard Calendar**

**Dec. 1-2**

*Draw Partner Mixed Doubles  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

**Dec. 8-9**

*'Tis the Season Doubles  
Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington*

**Dec. 15-16**

*1st Santa Classic Doubles  
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado*

**Jan. 11-12**

*Draw and Bring Partner Tourney  
Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Maryland*

**Jan. 18-20**

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

**Dec. 31**

*3rd Annual New Year's Tourney  
D.J.'s Bar, Warsaw, Indiana*

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

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

**Feb. 23-24, 1991**

*10th Annual Northwest Masters  
Fir Cone Tavern, Shelton, Washington*

**March 1991**

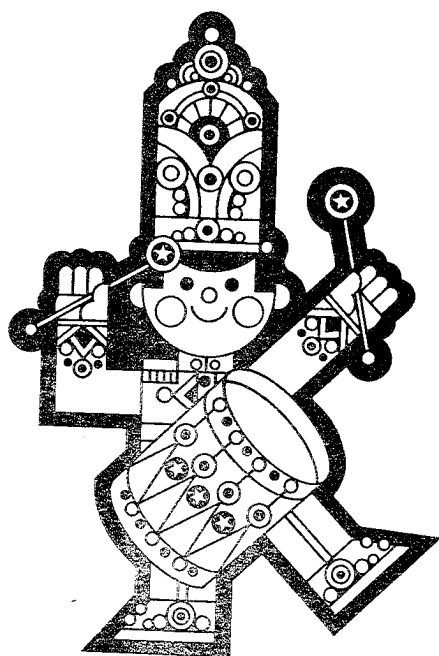
*Great Arizona Open  
Phoenix, Arizona*

**November 1991**

*1st Annual Open  
ANAF 68, Vancouver, B.C., Canada*

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## *Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)*

the sport will fade again and a great source of business will be lost," he said.

### **Gertz/Lukas/Seling Winners at Bay Country Moose**

The Bay Country Moose 831 in Queenstown, Md., hosted a tournament on Oct. 12-13. On Friday night, there were 24 shooters competing for a total of \$730. First place winners were Bunky Gertz and Pete Seling of Chester, Md. Second place went to John Lukas, Millington, and Lennie Dell, Belcamp. Third place was taken by Terry Gertz and Eddie Kibler of Henderson.

"Everyone had a great time," reports Terry Gertz. "Thanks to the Moose Lodge for their hard work and preparation of the food, especially to Pat Allen, Mary Ann Taylor, Lynn Nelson and Dave Phillippe. The food was excellent. Also, thanks to Ours & Your Place of Sudlersville, Md., for helping us get started in the tournament."

### **Lots of Winners at Lafayette Inn's Fall Classic**

Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md., entered the 1990-91 tournament scene on Oct. 26-28 with the Fall Classic, which was a total sell-out over a week before the tourney took place. A field of 136 entries from nine states were waiting for the action that started Friday night with a draw partner event that paid nearly \$2,000. When the shooting ended early Saturday morning, Beef Camp of Hicksville, Ohio, and Don Perry, Courtland, N.Y., took first place, coming back from their first loss to Chuck King, Dover, Del., and Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Ind., who took second. Third place went to Eddie Kibler, Henderson, Md. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa.


Saturday morning, there was nearly \$1,000 in the women's singles event. A newcomer to the tournament scene and Lafayette Inn came, saw and conquered. Wanda Farris, Dargan, Md., took first place and shared her winnings with auction buyer and tournament director Dick Gorman. Second place went to Philadelphia favorite, Rita Yank, with third place going to Mary Wagner, Milford, Del.

Saturday afternoon had 32 bring your partner teams signed up and ready to go. After 13 hours of playing on the four in-house boards, six happy teams shared the \$4,000 pot. First place was taken out of the loser's bracket by Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Second place finishers were Milt Benedict of Benedict's Classic in Sherburne, N.Y., and Steve Bennett of Sherburne. Third place went to Johnny Ballard, Houston, Texas, and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md. Rounding out the money-winning teams were Chuck King and Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md. in fourth; Bill McCulley of Elkton, Md. and John Rafferty, Aston, Pa. in fifth; and Lonzo Knight and Sam Jones from nearby Hagerstown.

Daylight savings time was over on Saturday night and shufflers were back on Sunday with an extra hours sleep (a few showed up an hour early). Twenty-four shooters were ready to vie for the open singles crown and part of the over \$3,000 pot. After coming a long way through the loser's bracket, Rick Niblett beat Alvis Ramey to take first place, giving Alvis the runner-up spot. Third place was taken by Steve Bennett and fourth to Don Casla, Wilmington, Del.

Overall point champion for the tournament was Steve Bennett and one-half point behind was Rick Niblett, with Chuck King another one-half point back. Johnny Ballard is in fourth; Jim Yank in fifth and Bobby Voorhis in sixth.

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# *A Yuletide Wish...*

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Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our  
sincere thanks for your past patronage and  
we look forward to serving you in the year  
ahead. You're always welcome here!

**Rudy, Heidi and Linda**

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## Tourney Talk (continued from page 4)

The tournament was considered a success with a little over \$10,000 changing hands during the weekend and a lot of old relationships renewed for the upcoming season, reports Dick Gorman. "Pat and Nelson Renzo once again retain their reputation for being great hosts. The season is new and the points battle is on to determine who will be Lafayette Inn champions this year. Watch The Board Talk for scheduled tournaments (see August issue for full-year calendar)," Dick said.

### Hart/Koontz/Kinsey Win Indiana Titles

Record highs were set at the 2nd Annual Indiana State Championships hosted by D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Indiana, on Oct. 27-28, with 50 shufflers taking aim at over \$5700 in prizes.

Saturday saw 24 shooters playing for \$3280 in the singles event. Coming in first and defending his championship from last year was Steve Hart. Jim Long finished second, with Buddy Broka in third, and newcomer Tom Massie in fourth.

On Sunday, 26 shooters played for \$2460 in the doubles event. Coming in first was the team of Mike Koontz and Dennis Kinsey. Second were locals Terry Dowell and Paul Elliot. Third went to Jim Long and Jerry Knox, with Skip Jackson and Larry Huffer in fourth.

### Jones/Mays/Williams Tops at Jimmy L's

There were 24 shufflers in the draw partner and 23 in the singles at Jimmy L's in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 2-4.

Carolyn Jones and Billy Mays were winners of the draw

partner event. Frank Blade and Curly Hefflin took second place, with Cliff Goff and Gary Moore in third.

In the singles, David Williams took top honors, with Bill Melton in second, Billy Mays in third and Glen Davidson in fourth. The total purse for the tourney was close to \$10,000.

"Jimmy L made sure the players had plenty of food, so no one went away hungry," reports hostess Patti Kay. "Thank you players for being there. We appreciate you taking time to make this a real nice tournament. And a special thanks to Jimmy L for letting me have my tournament. I do appreciate it so much. We are looking forward to seeing you all again at our March tournament."

Glen Davidson reports that Patti Kay, Cliff Goff and Jimmy L ran a great tournament. He also congratulates all the winners. "Ole David gave us all a lesson in the art of lagging weights," he said. "Carolyn will be a contender in any event she enters, and there are a lot of young, competitive local players -- watch for them!"

Glen reports that Frank and Sandy Blade are back in Tulsa to stay for awhile with an addition to the family -- a bouncing baby boy, "another left-handed lagger."

### J.R. Gets Double-Header at Stober's

Anyone who says that shuffleboard will never be a spectator sport would have that claim refuted by the large gallery at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 3-4. If such records were kept, this tournament would probably go down with more 14-14 matches than any other, with very few "blow-outs" to bore the spectators. There were 26 closely-matched competitors in the singles and 15 teams in the doubles.

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### Men's League Standings

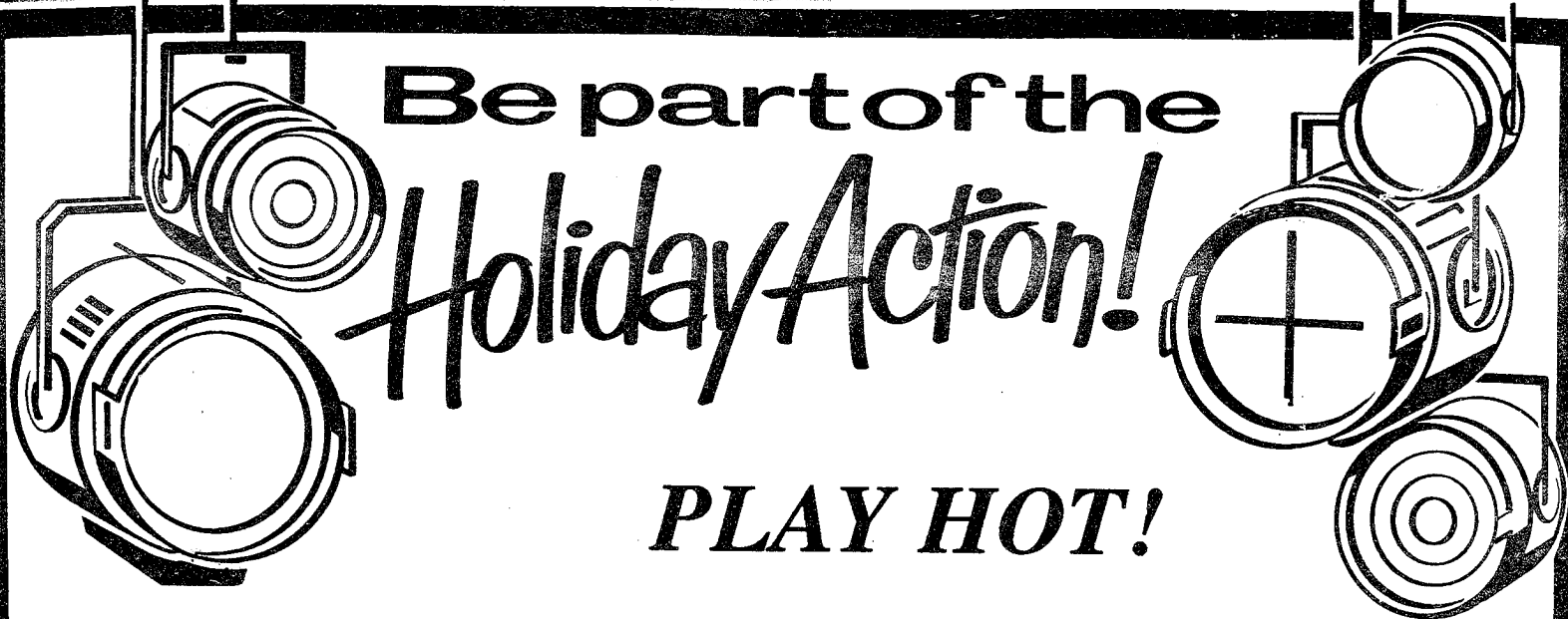
Dillinger's	35
Liberty	34
Glengary Inn	32
Lakeside I	28
Wagon Wheel I	28
O'Brady's	24
Victors	20
Majestic	18
Lakeside II	15
Prue's	15
Wagon Wheel II	15

### Women's League Standings

Lakeside Ladies	69
Lakeside Bonnetts	67
Dillinger's Dames	64
Wagon Wheel I	62
Majestic	54
Victor's	50 1/2
Wagon Wheel II	47
Bachelors I	37
Prue's	35 1/2
Four Seasons	27 1/2
Pontiac Lake Inn	27 1/2
Glengary	23

### Mixed League Standings

O'Brady's	29
Lakeside II	18
Lakeside I	15
Majestic	10
Prue's	9
Liberty	1



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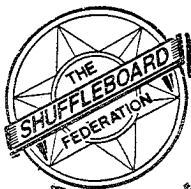
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## REFLECTIONS

As 1990 comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to recognize and thank some of the many people and organizations who have been part of the resurgence in popularity of the sport. The list includes long-time supporters of the game as well as some new ones.

We have to start with some people who were inadvertently left out of our column regarding the North American Championships, in last month's issue. Through the miracle of computer technology, a paragraph was omitted. The following is that paragraph:

"After the main set-up day, there were all kinds of 'minor' details to be attended to, like the almost endless jobs of polishing and leveling the boards. JOHN FISHER, BUBBA WARREN, and JOHNNY BALLARD all donated freely of their time to help out in that department."

And somehow, we left out someone who did us a big favor by coming up with new caps for all the weights, so we need to recognize BRUCE HALE, better known to the shuffleboard community as "BELLFLOWER BRUCE." This is consistent with his reputation as an asset to the game and one of its top supporters. Bruce is also a big supporter of THE BOARD TALK who is next on our appreciation list.

It is no coincidence that the game has made a huge comeback in recent years. The ability to communicate with the rest of the shuffleboard community was the first step in the rebirth of our sport which is breaking new ground all the time.

An example of this is the long-coveted sponsorship support which we are starting to receive. Our 1990 schedule featured four events which were sponsored by either BUDWEISER, MILLER LITE, or MILLER HIGH LIFE. We want to thank the individuals in those companies who recognized the potential of shuffleboard as a vehicle to market their products.

One of the first people to see the potential of shuffleboard in that respect was BILL VINCENT, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the last 11 years at Hubert Distributors in Pontiac, Michigan, the local wholesaler for Budweiser. Bill is starting a new venture in Florida. Good luck, Bill. We are going to miss you.

The guy who got Bill interested, FRANK DAICHENDT, has also been the president of the BUDWEISER INTER-LAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE for the last several years. We thank him for his efforts and to the league people everywhere who make this game go, particularly those who have supported the N.A.S.L. in its early years.

Among the league people who are on the honor roll are W.G. MORTON, BRENDA MOORE, CLAUDIA HERBST, BILL MEYER, MORRIE ESTESS, JOE BARESI, GWYNETTE ORSI, GREG MCFARLAND, BETTY PARRISH and CLIFF GOFF. Cliff is retiring as president of the Tulsa Shuffleboard Association and it will take his absence from the scene for people to realize just how good a job he did. Of course, any place where shuffleboard thrives usually has some bar owners who love the game and promote it. Some of these people have recognized and been on the leading edge of hosting qualifiers for the major tournaments. We believe that over the next few years, many other owners will realize how much potential this idea has.

At the top of the list among the owners is someone who has been one of our biggest backers from the day we started, MIKE PAPA of PAPA'S PUB & GRUB. Mike has built his whole business around the game, sponsoring four teams in the inter tavern league as well as running house leagues, and through his enthusiasm, been responsible for developing many

players. High marks also go to BEVERLY ARMSDON of DILLINGER'S SALOON, the two guys in Houston who make it happen, TY MIGLIORE of the NITE CAP LOUNGE, and WARREN FAULK of the SPORTS ARENA, who features the only two free shuffleboards in a bar that we know of.

To MILT & BETTY BENEDICT of BENEDICT'S, RON & GWEN VOGT of the BALLOON INN, JERRY & SUSIE D of JERRY D'S, PATTI KAY, JIMMY LEININGER of JIMMY L'S, FRIEND'S LOUNGE, BRENDA & TERRY MOORE of SPORTSMAN'S ICE HOUSE, PAT & NELSON RENZO of the LAFAYETTE INN, ROZ at the CORPORATE IMAGE, the FRIDLEY FAMILY at the DEW DROP INN, ART & JOANNE WARE at OURS & YOUR PLACE, BEEF & MARGE CAMP OF BEEF'S, SKIP SLIWA of SKIP'S LOUNGE, PHIL & KAREN HEINZMAN from D.J.'S, DELUXE LIQUORS, TED & EARLENE OF TED Z'S, JANET WEIDNER of COTTON EYED JONZES, the PEANUT HOUSE, EMANUEL & MARY at the LAKESIDE LOUNGE, and RUDY STOBBER of STOBBER'S LOUNGE, the game thanks you. (Good luck to BILL GIBBS who has recently reopened the CBS LOUNGE.)

Of course, anyone who actively promotes the game in the form of tournaments must have hidden streaks of masochism somewhere -- babysitting a room full of shuffleboard players for a weekend is their idea of a good time. You have to really love the game to give that much of yourself. The game would not be where it is now without the efforts of DON VALK, DICK GORMAN, JUDY ISEMAN, LARY TAFOYA, LOU LUCERO, the P.C.S.A., JOANIE SWENSON, PHIL MCGREW, JIM STOCKMASTER, JERRY SIEBERT, KATHY BROKA & DIANA HOFMANN, MIKE KOONTZ, BOB LEWIS, PEGGY RICHARDS, and JERRY HERMANN.

Special thanks to everyone at DYNAMO CORPORATION and to SOL LIPKIN at American Shuffleboard. Everyone in the industry who knows you, Sol, is pulling for you. And to JOE MARKERT at PHILADELPHIA AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD, thanks for your recent help and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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The danger of writing something like this is that, after it is published, you always think of many people you could have mentioned, so to everyone who loves the game and supports it that we forgot to mention (you know who you are), we hope the coming year is successful for you personally as well as in your efforts on behalf of the game.

To anyone who is not doing their part (you know who you are, too), we hope that 1991 finds you aware of the little things you can do to help shuffleboard sustain the growth that we have enjoyed these past few years.

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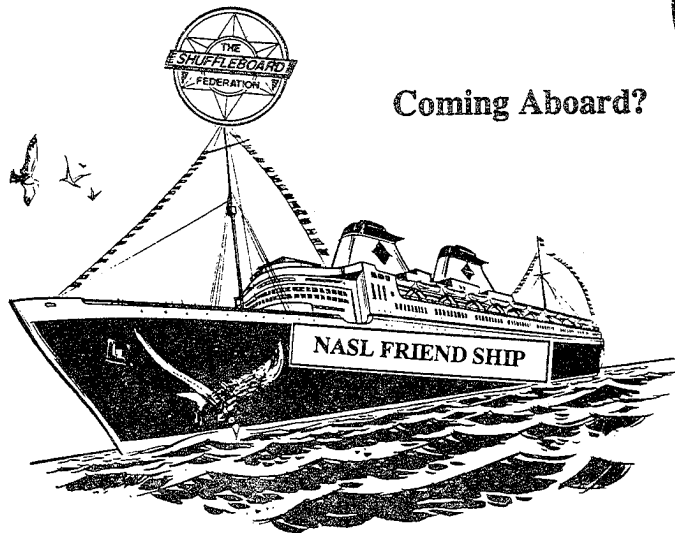
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## Tourney Talk (continued from page 6)

J.R. Lopez of Lansing took top honors in the singles, beating out the always-tough Bernie Sunde of Madison Heights. Jim Long of Indiana finished third, with tournament director Jerry Siebert of Lansing in fourth place.

J.R. made it a double-header by winning the doubles with long-time partner Lee McDonald of Lansing. Hoosiers Jim Long and Jerry Knox took second place honors, with Neil Fetter and Rick Boyer of Michigan in third.

All participants and spectators thank Heidi and her helpers for the great buffets on both days, and as always, Rudy and Linda were great hosts.

### National Open at Waterloo, New York, Jan. 18-20

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia Street, Waterloo, New York, which now has four in-house boards, including three new American shuffleboards, is hosting a National Open on Jan. 18-20. There are four one-day events on the schedule, including a mixed draw on Friday, Jan. 18, \$15 entry fee; a bring your partner on Saturday, \$25 per team; an open singles, \$25 entry, on Sunday; and a women's singles, \$20 entry, also on Sunday.

These East Coast tourneys fill up fast, so advance registration is strongly urged. Send your paid reservations to: Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia Street, Waterloo, NY 13165. For further information, call the Fridleys, 315-539-9520 or 315-539-8326. Your editors can guarantee you'll find the Fridley family among the top hosts in shuffleboard hospitality.

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### 1st Annual Santa Classic, Balloon Inn, Dec. 15-16

Don't forget to register for the 1st Santa Classic, Dec. 15-16 at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado. Open doubles, \$100 per team entry, double elimination, limited to 32 teams. It may be filled up by the time you receive this issue, so call first: 303-425-9823. The auction is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, and your entries must be in by 7 p.m.

### New Year's Party at D.J.'s!

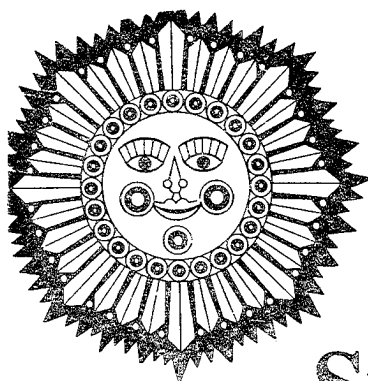
Those friendly folks at D.J.'s Bar, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw, Indiana, invite you to their 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Shuffleboard Tourney on Monday, Dec. 31. It's a bring your partner event, double elimination, on two boards. Entry fee is \$25 per team and pays four places. The auction is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. To add to the festivity, a complimentary bottle of champagne will be given to the first 20 entries -- incentive to get your reservations in.

For further information, call D.J.'s, 219-269-1913. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

### Last Call for P.C.S.A. Event

By the time you receive this issue, the December 1 deadline for the P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III at the Showboat in Las Vegas will be past. So, if you're one of those slow pokes who thinks you can jump on the bandwagon at the last minute, better make a quick call to the P.C.S.A. before you fill out the enclosed reservation forms. Events could be sold out -- and so could rooms. Call 213-926-2152.

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## Notebook (continued from page 2)

at A.N.A.F. Unit 68 in Vancouver. We had a total of 24 teams which was just wonderful! We had young players play their first tournament ever and they played just excellent. Then we had the in-between ages and pros and those who thought they were pros. And then we had Cindy from Bellingham and her partner Sherm, who was old, but not too old to walk away with first place. Boy, did that man have lots of beef. Sorry, Sherm, I knew I'd get you with or without the beef. A.N.A.F. runs a meat raffle every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and, of course, Sherm won two or three times, so I kept asking him for his meat, but he wouldn't give it up. So, I just told him to go home and take his meat with him. Cindy, I don't know how you put up with him, even though he is your cousin. He's wonderful, loveable, and a lot of fun. We will welcome both of you with open arms at our next tournament. See you in Vegas for sure.

Runnerup to Cindy and Sherm was a big, tall, burly, Irish man, Nick Billings, and his young partner, Marty Atkinson from Vancouver, B.C. Rick was in a lot of pain when he started the match against Cindy and Sherm. He had arthritis real bad in his right shoulder, but with five Extra Strength Tylenol and 12 double rum and cokes, the Irish man started stroking real good. He keeps saying he's going to retire but, like me, he's always in there like Flynn.

Third place in the tournament went to the two ladies who won the ladies' doubles in Canadian Championships in New Brunswick in October, Diana Madsen and Darlene Docile. Don't underestimate these ladies when you see them in Vegas. They're mean machines.

Fourth place was "No Tooth Brush Terry" (Terry Burns) and John Barchowsky, better known as Golden Arm, or after this weekend, Pickle Arm. John's a great guy, German as he may be, and we all love him.

Fifth place was Brian Burchynsky and yours truly, Joanie Millar. Brian and I did a lot of talking after we lost and we realized that we do not take our time when making any shot. We are lazy and we are too cocky. So what I'm doing to do, folks, is open up a Shuffleboard Farm. It's sure to be a lot of fun. I'm going to have six boards and lots of beer, wine, women and song. It will be wake-up call at 6 a.m., shuffleboard from 7 to 6 p.m. and then Cindy's husband, Harold, is bringing in his band to entertain us. Then I told them bedtime was 10 p.m. I'm going to talk to Sam, Bill, John and Bobby from "Ask the Pros" to come and give us a few pointers as to how we can win a few games.

Sixth place went to Jim Scott and partner Ed from A.N.A.F. Unit 314, Burnaby.

It was a fun weekend at our tournament. We had a purse of \$1,070, we played 2 out of 3 in "A" 17 point games, drop into B at anytime, one game only, 17 points. Winner of B played A 2 out of 3. Brian Burchynsky, who was the tournament director, did an excellent job. Well done, Brian! Gordy Smith, president of longboard, couldn't thank Brian and all of us who helped during the tournament. If everybody works as a team, it makes running a tournament much easier. We could never have any tournament without the facilities and we have got the best in Vancouver, B.C. A.N.A.F. Unit 68 has three boards in their club and next year, for our first big annual open in November, 1991, they will allow us to bring in two more boards, so we will be running it on five boards. If we get all the entries from the states, which I am sure we will, we'll have the biggest tournament ever. We hope all of you shufflers across the U.S.A. will start planning now for next November

to meet at Unit 68, where you will meet the friendliest people in the world. The staff at Unit 68 are A-1!

We would like to have all the people across the U.S.A. who run tournaments to please send us their flyers so we can spread the word. I think many of our players want to travel to the states and play board. We will definitely be at all of those within driving distance. Send them to me, Joanie Millar, 109-8720 Landowne Rd., Richmond, B.C. V6X1B9; or Gordy Smith, #207-311 Ash St., New Westminster, B.C. V3M5X7.

Cheerio and God bless you all. See you all in Vegas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Crazy Irish Joanie Millar, Richmond B.C. Canada

*Thanks for another newsy letter, Joanie. Look forward to visiting with you in Vegas.*

### Cliff Goff Gets Salute

Recently, the Tulsa Shuffleboard Association held election of officers for the upcoming league. It was going to be a difficult time as Cliff Goff resigned as president. Cliff did an outstanding job getting the league started and getting it going. He made the league successful with a lot of hard work and determination. I'm sure I speak for the entire league when I say, "Thank you, Cliff. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated and we will all miss you." I just hope I can do half the job you did as president of the league. Filling your shoes will be no easy task, as you set a standard by which all standards are set.

To anyone who knows Cliff, he is one of the biggest believers of shuffleboard. Again, I would like to say, "Cliff, thank you for everything! It's people like you who make the game of shuffleboard great."

Tim Petri, President, Tulsa Shuffleboard Association

*We add our salute to Cliff. We know it takes hard work, determination and dedication to be a good league president. You had a good teacher so you'll do just fine!*

### P.C.S.A. Tourney Update

The year has flown by and here we are counting down the final days until the tournament. By the time you receive this, the Dec. 1 deadline has past, so we hope everyone who wanted to play got their money in and didn't get shut out.

We are proud to announce our new event, "The Bellflower Bruce Mixed Doubles," will have added money thanks to the generosity of a loyal shuffleboard supporter and player, "Bellflower" Bruce Hale. This event was the first to sell out this year. The response to the entire tournament has been phenomenal, especially from our Canadian neighbors who will be out in full force.

We would like to acknowledge some of the people whose efforts are helping to make this one of the best tournaments ever: American Shuffleboard, Sun-Glo Corporation, Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Al Stewart and Bob Lewis.

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### Phoenix Opens Hearts to Jamie

We had our first tournament at Bill Gibbs' new C.B.S. Lounge in Phoenix, Arizona, and I'm happy to report it was a great success.

We didn't get a big field, but those who did play and some who didn't were generous enough to come up with a total of \$225 for the Jamie Maxwell fund. The winners on the boards were Jimmy Stuart and Bill Gibbs, with Ed White and Peggie Richards in second, and Al Salazar and Lary Gonzales in third.

Gibbs is planning some qualifier tournaments for the Great Arizona Open that we'll be announcing soon. Stand by!

Lary Tafoya, Phoenix, Arizona

*We salute you folks for your generosity, and we wish Bill Gibbs' great success in his new enterprise.*

## Tourney Talk (continued from page 10)

### A New Lukas Winner!

The first draw partner event of the season at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. produced a new name to the winner's circle on Nov. 3. The monthly event drew 28 accomplished shooters for the double elimination, four in-house board tournament. Paul Lukas, Millington, Md. (son of Rose and John) teamed up with Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. to outlast a lot of very experienced shooters. Second place was won by Rita Yank of Philadelphia, and Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Md. with third going to Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md. and Frank Skillman of Perryville.

These popular first Saturday of the month events continue and players continue to enjoy the light buffet provided by hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo. "All players are welcome, but remember, we try hard to start promptly at 1 p.m.," reports Dick Gorman. "If you are late and haven't called, you may be too late."

### Hilltop Mixed Doubles

Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Md. hosted its second tournament of the season on Nov. 10 with a mixed doubles event on their two in-house boards, promoted and directed by the trio of Bill McDulley, Chuck McKenzie and Alvis Ramey and hosted by Gap and Cindy, managers of the Hilltop Inn.

"The day started out with a dreary, hard rain that sort of dampened the spirits, but nothing like our spirits were to be dampened later in the day," said Dick Gorman. "Early in the event, Clare and Mickey Mickens' family arrived to relay a most devastating message. Clare and Mickey's 31-year-old son, who was convalescing in a hospital and full expected to recover, had suddenly that afternoon taken a turn for the worse and passed away. Those of you who wish to send condolences to Clare and Mickey, send to: 309 Homestead Ct., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054."

Of course, that ended the day for Mickey and his partner, Judy Gartland of Philadelphia and they accepted their guaranteed third place as the tournament proceeded. Under a gloomy atmosphere, Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. and Len Dell, Bellcamp, Md. took first place with second place going to Mary Wagner, Milford, Del., and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. Fourth place went to Linda Thornton and Buddy Brammer, both of Queen Anne, Md.

The next scheduled tournament at Hilltop Inn is Friday, Jan. 11, a draw partner event with a bring partner event on Saturday, Jan. 12. For details and registration, call Hilltop Inn, 301-398-1512.

### Mixed Doubles Season Starts at Lafayette Inn

The first of six mixed doubles tournaments scheduled for the 1990-91 season was held on Nov. 11 at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. The near sell-out was held the day following the Hilltop Inn mixed doubles, and some players were absent because of the tragic event that befell our friends, Clare and Mickey Mickens, reports Dick Gorman. These popular events attract a field of players from a fairly wide geographic area probably about 250 miles in diameter. The day's payoff was in excess of \$2100 for the 21 teams that played. Most folks enjoyed the buffet provided by hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo while watching Peggy Herin and Jim Yank, both of Philadelphia, marching into first place. Second place was won by Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Md. and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. and third place to Judy Gartland and Jerry Hermann, both of Philadelphia. Fourth place was taken by Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. and Len Dell, Bellcamp, Md., who won the previous day at Hilltop Inn, about 15 miles away.

The next mixed doubles at Lafayette Inn is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2. See August issue of The Board Talk for the rest of the schedule, but please call and register in advance to avoid being disappointed.

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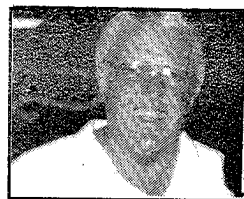
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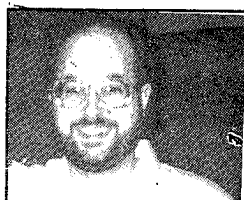
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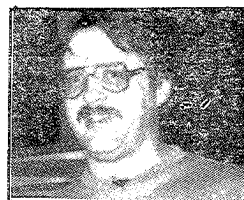
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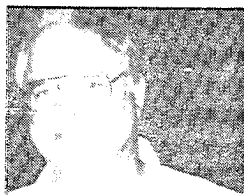
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