

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

This is the month for our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing of shuffleboard establishments that are Board Talk subscribers. We can't urge you strongly enough -- please patronize these places whenever you can and tell them how much you appreciate their support of your sport!

We started this listing because we have a large population of shufflers who travel as part of their jobs, or who just don't like to leave shuffleboard out of their lives when they travel on vacation. They'd call us and ask, "Do you know of any boards in the vicinity of....?" We decided it would be a service to our player subscribers, and free advertising for our shuffleboard establishment subscribers, to develop a quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. We thought it was meeting those objectives until this month....

After three months of red checks to indicate their subscriptions had expired, 41 -- yes, read our lips, 41 -- clubs and taverns failed to respond. We took a look at those 41, trying to analyze why they would refuse to invest \$15 for four times a year advertising. We can understand individuals who may fall on hard times and can't afford to renew, but businesses where shufflers spend many times that amount to play the game they love?

What we discovered was that a large majority of these places didn't pay the \$15 subscription in the first place! People like Bob Lewis of Arizona and other board suppliers purchased a year's subscription as a "bonus" for doing business with them. Maybe the buyer thought purchasing a board entitled them to a lifetime subscription? Maybe they didn't know the \$15 came out of the profit the supplier made on the sale? Maybe they didn't know the supplier made that investment to spread the good news that here is another place to stop when you play your way across the U.S.A.? Maybe....

Anyway, we're sorry to see those 41 go, but we extend a warm welcome to the new places we've added this quarter. We stopped to say "welcome" to one of them recently -- The Scoreboard in Grand Rapids. It was a great experience! We had the opportunity to visit with an old friend, "V" Felkers, and meet the charming owner, Sherrill, and some of the "locals." There's lots of sports memorabilia there, a good board, and lots of friendly people. If you're in the area, stop and play a game or two and tell the folks there that The Board Talk sent you.

To all the places on our shuffleboard network, our sincere appreciation for your support!

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

*A red check here
means your subscription
has expired. Renew today!*

Tourney Talk

Jeffery/Bennett/Draheim/Fridley Jr. Win New York Tourney

The first tournament of the New York Interstate Shuffleboard League was held at Pillars in Guilford on Nov. 11-12. Twenty-six players entered the draw partner event on Saturday, vying for a total pot of \$905. Dick Jeffery and Steve Bennett took the lion's share by taking first place. Lynn Nearing and Pam Draheim took second with Dennis Brown and Annie Farnham in third.

The bring your partner event also brought 26 players to the Sunday tourney with some new faces entering and vying for a total pot of \$845. First place was won by Pam Draheim and Doug Fridley Jr., who surprised the favorites, Russ Reynolds and Dick Jeffery, who took second. Coming in third with some good consistent shooting was the team of Yogi Rusavage and Herb Mandl.

Doug Fridley Jr. reports that great luncheons were served by hostess Chris Klugh "who seemed to thoroughly enjoy our first New York State Interstate Shuffleboard Tournament." Doug invites subscribers in other states interested in setting up an interstate shuffleboard league to contact him at 9 1/2 E. Elisha St., Waterloo, NY 13165.

Jennings/Mickey/Parks Tops at T.G.'s Place

T.G.'s Place in Santa Clara, California, held its second annual Thanksgiving Shuffleboard Tourney on Nov. 11-12. First place doubles winners were Nelson Jennings and Mickey from Marysville. Hal Perry and his son, Steve, took second place. Third place honors went to Paul Parks and Dan Mourgos and fourth place winners were Rick Thomas and Don Cox.

The singles event winners were Paul Parks, 1st; Hal Perry, 2nd; Steve Luttrell, 3rd; Nelson Jennings, 4th; with Rick Thomas and Don Cox tied for 5th.

Summy and "Beef" Win at Kimmell Inn

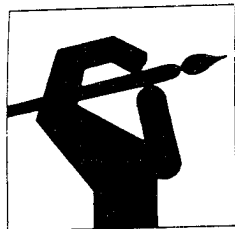
Sixteen teams lined up to do battle at a bring your partner tourney at the Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Indiana, on Dec. 6, with a spirited auction bringing the total prize money to \$1480. Starting time was 1 p.m. and many close games and 11 hours later, two teams were ready for the final game. The play was fast and furious with the final score being 15-14. Larry Summy of Leesburg and "Beef" Camp of Waterloo took top honors, with John Cowen of Columbia City and Laird Wysong of Kimmell in second place. It was noted that three 4s were lagged in the final game.

The next bring your partner event at Kimmell Inn is the "Big Jim Erdly" Shuffle Tourney on Saturday, March 10.

Parks/Harralson Win Holiday Doubles at T.G.'s

The second annual Holiday Doubles Tourney was held at T.G.'s Place, Santa Clara, California, on Dec. 9. Winners

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Shufflers' Network is Working!

Thank you for printing my letter in the December issue of The Board Talk. I was surprised at the many calls I received after the issue came out. I received four calls in one day -- from Tacoma, Astoria and Springfield, Oregon, and even Yucaipa, California. Some I knew and others who had been in my Washington tournaments just wanted to B.S. about old times.

The Board Talk must have great coverage out here on the West Coast. The ones I knew that were playing shuffleboard 20 to 25 years ago are still bumping heads. I guess that old axiom is still true today: "Old Shuffleboard Players Never Die -- They Just Lose Their Puck."

Again, thanks, and I'm looking forward to meeting both of you in Vegas.

Jack Tyler, Desert Hot Springs, CA

Thank you, Jack, for letting us know that the shuffleboard network is working. That always makes us feel good! The West Coast does stack up very well as you'll see from our Top Ten subscriber states: (1) Michigan, (2) California, (3) Texas,

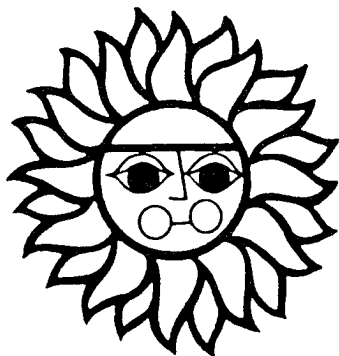
(4) Indiana and Oklahoma tied, (5) Washington, (6) Maryland, (7) Pennsylvania, (8) Arizona, (9) Oregon, and (10) New York. By the time you receive this issue, we will have had the opportunity to meet you in Vegas.

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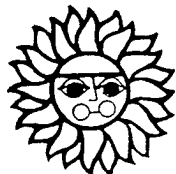


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were Paul Parks and Ron Harralson, 1st; Steve Luttrell and George Main, 2nd; and Rick Thomas and A.Z. Turnbo, 3rd.

The folks at T.G.'s wishes everyone a Happy New Year. They now have two boards and invite shufflers to stop by and say "hello."

Fridley Brothers/Jeffrey/Bennett Win New York ISL Tourney

Benedict's Classic 101 in Sherburne hosted the second New York Interstate Shuffleboard Tournament on Dec. 10-11. Even though just a couple weeks before Christmas, the tourney drew 24 players for the draw partner and 38 for the bring partner events.

With a total pot of \$795, brothers Dave and Doug Fridley Jr. came out of the loser's bracket to win the draw partner event, turning back second place finishers Jane Johnson and Steve Bennett. Pam Draheim and Yogi Rusavage took third place.

On Sunday, the total pot was \$1,440 and host Milt Benedict opened his third board for five matches before finishing on two, with first place going to Dick Jeffrey and Steve Bennett from the Classic doing it the hard way by coming out of the loser's bracket. Second place went to Pam Draheim and Doug Fridley Jr. of the Dew Drop Inn. Third place was won by favorites Milt and son Randy from the Classic. Fourth place went to the excitable team of Jack Enders and Roy Schreiber from B'Ville Moose.

In addition to serving free popcorn to all players throughout the day, hosts Milt and Betty Benedict served luncheon on both days. Betty gets the credit for doing all the cooking!

Lafayette Inn/Board Talk Winter Tourney, Feb. 9-11

A word of caution about this one: CALL FIRST to see if there's any spots left for the annual Lafayette Inn/Board Talk Winter Tournament set for Feb. 9-11. There's usually a long waiting list and rules on the limited sign-ups are adhered to. Hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo and director Dick Gorman love to see you come, but they don't want to disappoint you! Call Pat or Nelson at 301-658-9075, or Dick at 302-994-0004. All tourneys at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, fill up fast!

Events for this tourney include: draw partner, \$10 per person, limited to the first 30 sign-ups, pays three places; women's singles, \$10 entry, limited to the first 16, pays three places; bring your partner, \$25 per team, limited to the first 32 teams, paying six places; and the mixed doubles, \$25 per team, limited to the first 24 entries, paying four places.

All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Jackets will be awarded to all first place winners. Play on four boards.

4th Annual Edison Sweetheart Tourney, Feb. 10-11

The Edison Tavern, 583 Cain's Court, Edison, Washington, will host its 4th Annual Mixed Doubles Sweetheart Tournament on Feb. 10-11. \$30 per team entry fee, double elimination on two boards, with a 60-30-10 payoff. The auction will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday. A spaghetti feed is on the agenda for Saturday night.

This tournament was previously open only to the "locals" but this year is open to all comers. Your hosts are Jim and

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1990 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Feb. 9-11

Winter Board Talk Tournament
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

Feb. 10-11

4th Annual Sweetheart Mixed Doubles
Edison Tavern, Edison, Washington

Feb. 10-11

5th Annual Chili Day & Valentines
Mixed Doubles
D.J.'s Bar, Warsaw, Indiana

***Feb. 14-18**

5th Annual Washington's Birthday
Extravaganza
Holiday Inn, Arlington, Texas

Feb. 17-18

Jack & Jill Sweetheart Tournament
Peanut House, Bellflower, California

March 9-11

Invitational Singles
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

March 14-18

Western Open
Purple Turtle Lounge Phoenix, Arizona

March 17

St. Pat's Tourney Shamrock, Waterloo, Indiana

March 21-25

Spring Tournament
Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma

***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

***May 18-20**

4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open
NASL Handicap Team Tournament

***July 4-8**

5th Annual U.S. Open

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

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Roxanne DePree and directors are Sherman Anderson and Phil DePree. Edison Tavern is located near Bow, Washington, the state's "shuffleboard capitol."

For more information, contact the Edison Tavern, 206-766-6266.

D.J.'s Chili Day and Valentine's Mixed Tourneys, Feb. 10-11

D.J.'s Bar, 1360 Center St., Warsaw, Indiana, will host their 5th Annual Chili Day doubles tourney on Feb. 10. Ray's homemade chili simmered in an old iron kettle has become a tradition and it's all you can eat! Entry fee is \$25 per team, double elimination, paying four places. The auction is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Bring your special Valentine to the mixed doubles tourney the next day -- \$20 per team, single elimination, pays four places. The auction will be at 1 p.m.

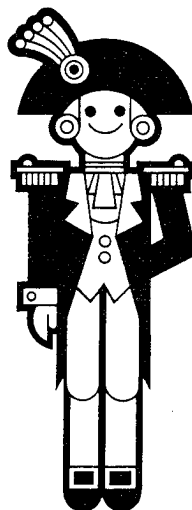
D.J.'s has two boards and great hospitality. To reserve your spot, call Phil or Karen at 219-269-1913.

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

Call on this one, too, because Feb. 5 was the deadline for registration: The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666. The big tourney will take place at the Holiday Inn Great Southwest, I-30 at Highway 360, Fort Worth, Texas. Boards will be in place and available for play on Monday, Feb. 12.

Events include a Pro-Am Draw Partner, limited to 16 teams, on Feb. 14, \$50 entry for amateurs, \$25 for pros; an open singles, limited to 32 players, \$200 entry, starts Feb. 15

with finals on the 18th; ladies' singles, limit of 24, \$100 entry, starts on Feb. 16 with finals on the 18th; an open doubles, limited to 24 teams, \$200 per team, starts on Feb. 17 with finals on the 18th; and the NASL Handicap Team Tournament, limit of 12 teams, \$150 per team, starts on Feb. 16, with finals on the 18th. The NASL is a six person team of four men and two ladies.



St. Pat's Tourney at The Shamrock, March 17

Beef and Marge of the Shamrock in Waterloo, Indiana, and Brian Crowl of Playfair Shuffleboard Company, will sponsor a doubles tournament on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. \$30 per team entry fee, double elimination, with the auction starting at noon. Two boards available with a third if needed. Playfair is adding \$500 to the entry fee pot. Payback will be 50-30-10-10.

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Blue Coat Inn's Spring Tourney, March 21-28

The Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will hold its annual spring tournament, March 21-25. The event has been expanded this year starting with a women's singles on Wednesday, \$50 entry, 2 of 3, double elimination, with the auction scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The popular open draw event, \$50 per person entry, will be single game, double elimination. The auction starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The auction for the bring partner event will also take place on Friday night with play starting Saturday. \$100 per team entry fee, 2 of 3, double elimination. The tournament will be co-sponsored by Budweiser.

The Flagship Inn, 51st and Harvard, about a mile from the Blue Coat, is offering special rates to shuffleers. For a room for one to four people, the rate is \$28 plus tax and you can enjoy their 24-hour indoor pool, sauna, restaurant and free local calls. Call 918-743-9811 and ask for Cheryl Cummings. Be sure to tell her you are with the Blue Coat tournament. The Valley Inn is also giving special rates as usual.

"Come help us celebrate our third year," says hostess Patti Kay. "We appreciate all of you."

For information about the Blue Coat's spring tourney, call Patti Kay, 918-742-1014, or tournament director Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448.

See ad in this issue and place the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the good word.

For information about the Blue Coat's spring tourney, call Patti Kay, 918-742-1014, or tournament director Cliff Goff,

918-481-3288. See ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the good word.

6-Person Team Championship, Stober's, April 6-8

A 6-person plus team tournament will be held at Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan on April 6-7. \$300 per team entry fee, best 5 out of 9, double elimination. The auction will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Trophies will be awarded for first place. The winners will be recognized as the State of Michigan Team Champions. Free buffet, courtesy of the Stober family.

WATCH OUR LIPS!



The deadline for THE BOARD TALK is the 15th of each month. To make sure your news, views, ads and tournament dates are published in the next issue, send them by the 15th of the previous month, i.e., November 15 for the December issue. Send to:

THE BOARD TALK

421 E. Sheridan Road
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Patti Kay's Annual March Tourney March 21-25

Women's Singles: \$50 entry, Auction 7:30 Wednesday, 2 of 3, double elimination

Open Draw: \$50 per person, Auction 7:30 Friday, single game, double elimination

Bring Partner: \$100 per team, Action 7:30 Friday, 2 of 3, double elimination

Special lodging rates for participants.
See Tourney Talk for details

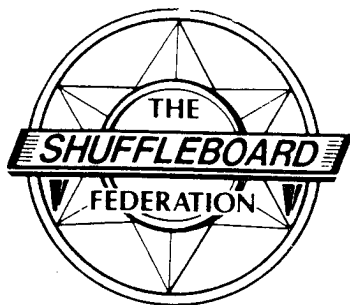
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Something to Ponder

Some of you may be familiar with a publication called Tavern Sports International. They report on a variety of "Tavern Games," i.e., pool, darts, electronic basketball, video bowling, and yes, shuffleboard, too.

Additionally, they write about related topics such as the coin operated game industry, sports bars of the future and, in the last issue, sponsorship opportunities for weekend warriors such as ourselves.

The purpose of this column is not to sell subscriptions for them, although it is an excellent publication and we recommend that you try it in addition to The Board Talk.

If you did not see that last issue, you missed the advertisement for the \$2,000,000 COORS LIGHT WORLD SERIES OF BAR GAMES. If you are thinking that shuffleboard is one of the games involved, guess again.

If you do not think that shuffleboard has a place in such an event, then read no further. If you think that it is outrageous that anyone could promote such an event without shuffleboard, then let's talk.

Sponsors say they are very careful about what they put their name on. For the last three years, THE SHUFFLEBOARD FEDERATION has worked hard on building a reputation as a sincere, honest, and hard working company dedicated to the advancement of the sport of shuffleboard.

We are not always the best politicians, but that is not our goal. It would be nice to win popularity contests at the same time as we are promoting, but that is far down the list as far as priorities go.

There are many times when we make decisions that are unpopular, but are the ones which we know in our hearts to be the best thing to do for shuffleboard. The game always comes first.

It does not take a genius to figure out that things in the world of shuffleboard are significantly better than they were five or 10 years ago, and we are proud of what we have accomplished. Although sponsors' money is trickling into shuffleboard, not as fast as we would like, the ice has been broken. We are now in a position where the information we are sub-

mitting to potential sponsors gets to the right people, and we have established a working relationship.

We are also proud of being the first organization to get that far. How much further we progress depends on some things that are beyond our control. To get over the top, we are going to need help and support, and you -- yes, you -- can make a difference.

There are several things we are going to ask you to do that will not require a lot of time or effort, but will help us do a good job for shuffleboard and make those sponsorship dreams common to all shuffleboard players a reality.

Listed below are four things you can do that don't require a lot of effort, but can make a big impact.

1. At the 1990 GREAT ARIZONA OPEN, there will be a meeting of the PLAYER POLICY BOARD. Most shuffleboard players prefer to sit around and tell everyone what they don't like about the tournament they are playing in, or what is wrong with shuffleboard, except the people who can make a difference. Please take this opportunity to make a difference. Forward your ideas and suggestions to the Player Policy Board, c/o The Shuffleboard Federation, and help us help you.
2. Sports Tournaments of America is the promoter of the Coors World Series of Bar Games. Enclosed in this issue of The Board Talk, you will find a letter addressed to Mr. Larry Meuth, who is the head of that organization. If you would sign your name and take a second to put it in an envelope and send it to him, you can make a difference.
3. Over the next couple of months, we will be asking for your help in conducting a survey. The results of the survey will provide us with the "demographic" information that sponsors use in determining whether or not they get involved, and at what level. The more information we can provide, the better our chances of success. We will be asking you to take copies to local tournaments and leagues you participate in, and get your fellow shuffleboard players to fill one out.
4. The only income-producing area we are involved in is our shuffleboard waxes, cleaners, etc. We invest those dollars back into the game, a claim that no other company can make. Help us help you by asking your local bars or shuffleboard suppliers to give our products a try. There was more than \$1,500,000,000 spent on the sponsorship of sporting events in 1989. You read that right, that's billions, not millions of dollars. We think shuffleboard deserves to participate in this advertising bonanza, don't you? Help us help you.

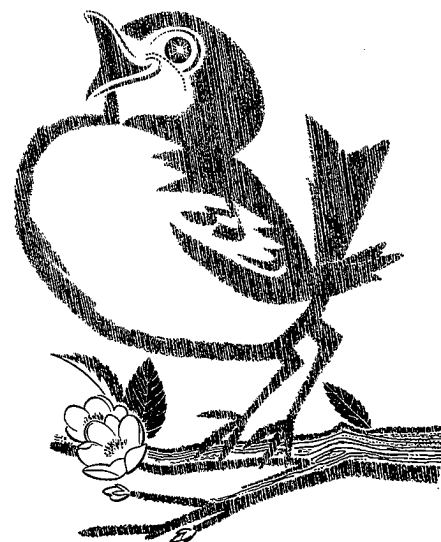
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Tournament!



March 21-25

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Open Draw:

\$50 per person entry, Auction 7:30 p.m.
Friday, play immediately following
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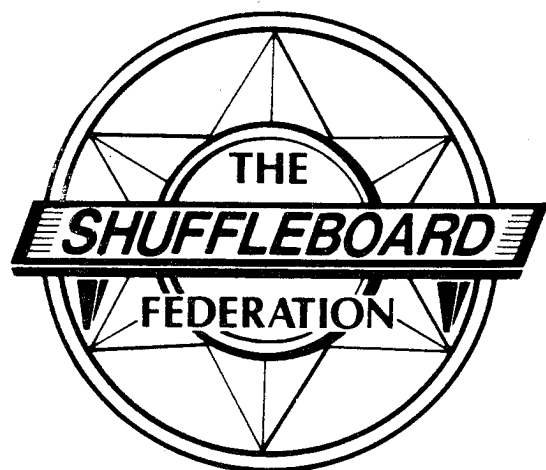


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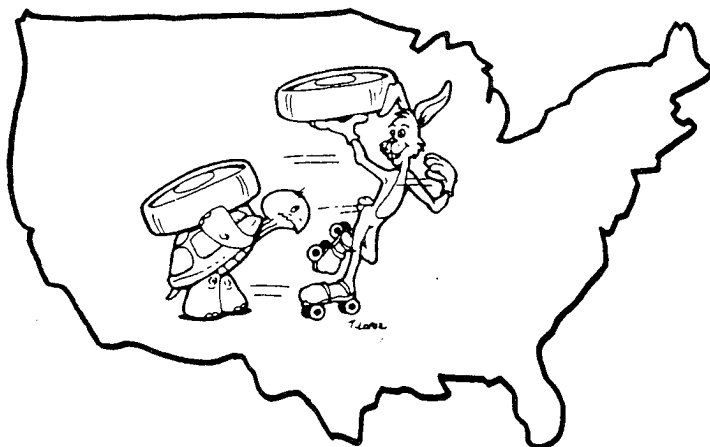
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Arizona

- The Penalty Box, 2901 W. Thomas, Phoenix 85017
- Waggin' Tongue, 6840 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix 85017
- The Black Bull, 732 W. Dunlop, Phoenix 85021
- Purple Turtle, 4944 W. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85031
- Oscar's, 153 W. Camelback, Phoenix 85013; 602-264-1525
- Grouchie's, 2323 E. Indian School, Phoenix 85016; 602-957-4152
- Back Room 3, 1768 W. Boll Rd., Phoenix 85223; 602-942-8778
- Yuppee 2, 12224 N. 51 Ave., Glendale 85304; 602-843-6165
- The Hut, 444 W. Goodwin, Prescott 86301; 602-445-9867
- Lido Bar, 120 N. Lortez, Prescott 86302; 602-778-2244
- El Zorro, 6650 W. Glendale Ave. #14, Glendale 85301; 602-939-4863
- The Pro Lounge, 6036 N. 67th, Glendale 85031; 602-931-0101

California

- The Edgewood, 10122 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower 90706; 213-866-9268
- Stagger Inn, 9104 Alondra Blvd., Bellflower 90706; phone 213-886-0900

- Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula 92390; 714-676-3770
- The Ranch House, 1842 E. McKinley, Fresno 93703; 209-264-9864
- Mr. G's Cardroom, 15742 Rd. #2966, Visalia 93291; 209-734-7833
- Roselee's Cocktail Lounge, 3641 Madison, San Diego 92116; 284-9442
- Covered Wagon, 406 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim 92805; 635-5961
- Salida Club, Elm St., Salida 95368; 209-545-0664
- Peanut House Saloon, 9042 Rosecrans Ave., Bellflower 90706
- Till 2 Club, 16229 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower 90706
- Shady Lane Saloon, Lake Isabella 93240; 619-379-8991
- T.G.'s Place, 2337 El Camino Real, Santa Clara 95050; 408-246-1498
- The Mug, 1337 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021

Colorado

- Rome's Saloon, 785 W. Mississippi, Denver 80223; phone 303-778-9976
- Jerry D's, 604 8th St., Hwy. 52, Dacona 80514; 303-833-3469
- The Balloon Inn, 7565 Chase St., Arvado 80003
- Fitz's Pub, 1120 S. Colorado, Denver 80222; 303-757-8726

Delaware

- Comegy's Pub, 210 N. Union St., Wilmington 19805; 302-429-8699

- 11th Ward Republican Club, 8 Lower Oak St., Wilmington 19805; 302-652-9072

Illinois

- Joseppe's Bar, 2163 S. 15th St., Springfield 62703; 217-744-3067

Indiana

- The Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont 46928; 317-948-9102
- Food Harbor, Inc., 312 W. Main, Peru 46970; 317-473-9966
- B.C.'s (Beef's) Tap, Inc., 550 S. Main St., Kendallville 46755; 219-347-9965
- The American Legion, Main St., Bourbon 46504; 219-342-9125
- Kimmel Inn, Kimmel 46760
- DJ's Bar, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw 46580; 219-269-1913
- Beef's Shamrock Bar, 605 N. Wayne, Waterloo; 219-837-8021
- Lucky's Tavern, S.R. 13 South, N. Webster 46555; 219-834-7433
- Town Tavern, Summitville 46070; 317-536-2150
- Eccle's Fun Center, 124 S. Main, Fairmount 46928; 317-948-9105
- The Pointe Lounge, 5408 Pendleton Ave., Anderson 46013; 317-644-9059
- Monty's Bar, 28 W. Main, Chesterfield 46017; 317-378-3602
- The Hog House, 203 N. Meridian, Ingalls 46048; 317-485-6004
- Deer Park Tavern, 1530 Leesburg, Fort Wayne 46808
- Mississineau Tavern, 125 W. Harris, Eaton 47338

Maryland

- Ours & Your Place, Rt. 300, Sudlersville 21668; 301-438-3743
- Lafayette Inn, U.S. Route 1, Rising Sun 21911; 301-658-9075
- Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street 21154; 301-836-8881
- Rick's Place, Rt. 13, Salisbury
- Mickey's Place, Henderson 21640
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Who's Who in the World of Shuffleboard:

"If You Really Want to Kill Shuffleboard..."**THIS MONTH: Al DiBella, Pennsylvania**

What do you get when you put two or more Eastern shufflers together? A party! If you've ever been to a tournament where they're participating, you can't help but notice that even though they're dead serious about their game and like to win as much as anyone, they do know how to have fun! According to one young Eastern player, taking the fun out of the sport would surely lead to its demise.

"I believe that 98 percent of the people involved in this sport have a job. We have to work and then we shoot," said 29-year-old Al DiBella of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. "We all know how fun our jobs are so when we Easterners get together to shoot, we like to have fun. And we do! If you really want to kill this sport, take the fun out of it and it will fly like a lead balloon."

Al has more than just one job. He's a technical draftsman and a disc jockey. He's been playing shuffleboard for three years -- two of those seriously. He was introduced to the game by his dad, an avid golfer and occasional shuffleboard player. His dad beat him regularly back then but, according to Al, refuses to play him now. Nobody really taught Al the basics of the game.

"Before entering the tournament scene, no one ever helped me. I would play the best shooters in each bar and study how they beat me. Those were expensive lessons," he said. The players he credits for refining his basics are Anthony Conch and Jim Yank of Philadelphia, and Mickey Mickens of New Jersey. He shoots every day with three sets of weights for about two hours, at Craig's or the Main Line Italian American Club in Pennsylvania or the Lafayette Inn in Maryland.

Al has had a second, two fourths, and two sixth place finishes at Lafayette Inn tournaments and it's with good humor that he reports that he finished 27th on director Dick Gorman's final list. He also reports a 10th in a New York tournament and "wait until next year, Michigan, I'll be ready."

He has three highlights in his shuffleboard career that he considers special memories: "A shut-out in league play against the first team I ever played for, who never shot me because I was Italian; the second place finish at the Lafayette Inn; and all the memories, fun and friends I made at my first Board Talk tournament in Lansing, Michigan." What he enjoys most about shuffleboard are "the friends I make in other states, the fun I have in this game, and the learning experiences during a game."

And what does he think about the future of shuffleboard?

"Shuffleboard is at a crossroad. There are two groups responsible -- The Board Talk and The Shuffleboard Federation. The Federation is attempting to join the East, West and Central states as one unit. If they succeed, they will hold the key to whether the game will live or die on a national basis. It's obvious to me that shuffleboard players will never let the sport die in their own area, but if this sport will get any recognition, we must all pull together. George and Donna, you keep the whole shuffleboard world together with your wonderful publication. But when The Federation joins the country together, you will be the watch guards of the game. This will be an important job," Al said.



Like many other shufflers, Al works for a living as a technical draftsman and shown here as a disc jockey.



Al with two of his favorites, his new god-son and Spuds McKenzie.

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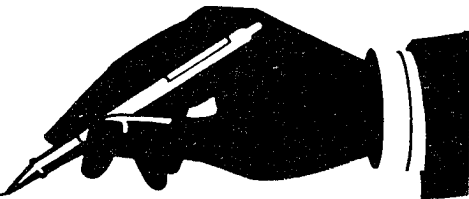
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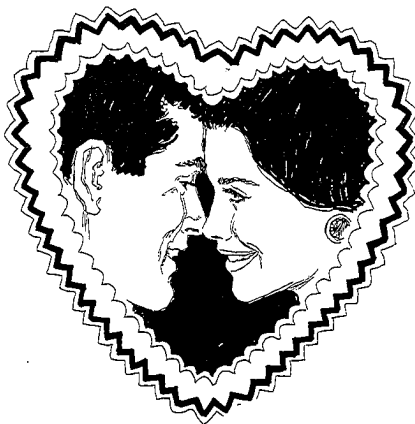
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