

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

During the period between last month's issue and this one, it's been our pleasure to cover more tournaments than we normally can. In doing so, we've observed and heard a lot that leads us to believe that shuffleboard may just be at a crossroads. It may be time to review what has been accomplished and identify what needs to be done to get shuffleboard to where we want it to be. That it has grown in the past few years is obvious. However, it's pretty clear that there are still some challenges to be addressed if our sport is ever to gain the respect and recognition that other major sports enjoy, and have earned.

Some of the concerns shared with us during the past few weeks include these:

*In a recent tournament, a player was observed putting the weight to his mouth, blowing on it and then shooting. Is this an advantage to the shooter?*

*Many players, especially the pros, wipe the weight on their clothing. Could they have a foreign substance on their clothing to give them an advantage? A lot of people still remember the story about the player digging wax out of his ear and applying it to the weight!*

*Should a spectator be allowed to give weight-by-weight instructions to a player? Just because a person bought them in an auction or has a side wager, does it give them the right to get involved that much? (Personally, we believe that if a player wants to sit down and get advice when the weights are being played at the other end, fine, but let them use their own skill and strategy when shooting.)*

*Is shuffleboard destined to be just a participation sport, or can it become a spectator sport as well? At the Las Vegas tourney, the big pavilion made it difficult to measure the spectators, but there was no problem finding a seat. Downstairs at the big bowling tournament, not only were the bleachers full, but it was standing room only outside the entrance. How do we address this challenge?*

*Wouldn't it be nice if the P.C.S.A. and The Shuffleboard Federation would "kiss and make up?" There's room enough for both, and both, if they are to be successful, need the players. Both must be leaders in professionalism if they expect followers to fall in line. One thing our sport does not need at this time is a split!*

We are the publishers of the newsletter that promotes the growth of shuffleboard by sharing news and views of that particular sport. We do not make the rules nor do we enforce them. We do not have, nor do we want, the power and

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## TOURNEY TALK

### Baugh/Renzo/Lukases Win at Lafayette

The year 1990 started off with 31 players showing up for the monthly draw partner tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on Jan. 6. Enthusiasm remained high as most stayed for a second event.

The first event was won by Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md., and first-time winner Mike Renzo, oldest son of owners Pat and Nelson. Second place went to Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md. Dallas Hayman of Dover, Del., and Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Md., took third place.

The second event was won by the father and son team from Millington, Md., Paul and John Lukas Sr. Second place was taken by Lenny Dell, Baltimore, and Alvis Ramey, Perryville. Dallas Hayman and Dave Shewbridge of Elton, MD., took third.

### Wheeler/Fridley/Losee/Reynolds Winners at ISL Tourney

The third Interstate Shuffleboard League tournament held at Pillars, Guilford, New York, Jan. 6-7, brought some new players to the winner's circle. On Saturday, the draw partner event saw 24 players shooting for a total pot of \$945. Jack Wheeler from B'Ville Moose, playing in his first ISL tournament, teamed up with Doug Fridley Jr. from Dew Drop Inn to take first place honors. An exciting 4-draw by Jack turned back second place finishers Pee Wee (not Herman) Allen Lin-say from Pillars and Steve "Always-in-the-money" Bennett from Classic. Collecting third place earnings were Milt Benedict and Yogi Rusavage, both from Classic. A fine luncheon buffet was served by host Chris Klugh.

Sunday's bring your own partner event drew 28 players vying for prize money totalling \$1,120. First place went to new winners, Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds from Classic coming out of the loser's bracket to avenge their only loss to Milt and Randy Benedict, also from Classic, who took second place honors. This event was an all-Classic finale as Dick (BOOM) Jeffreys and Steve Bennett shared third place winnings. Chris again provided all players with a filling buffet.

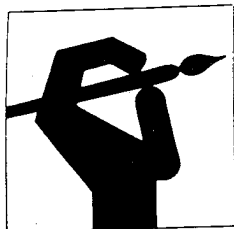
### Filkins/Tanner Win in Omaha

The 5th Annual Open Doubles Tournament at Rooney's Camelot in Omaha, Nebraska, attracted 24 teams this year. With \$3,900 in cash and trophies, it's one of the top tournaments in the state.

Tops honors went to Jim Filkins and Jim Tanner of Lincoln. Second place went to Bill Weekly and Jans Moganson of Omaha. Jerry Dietz and Jan Moss of Omaha finished third, with Bill Loos and Ron Campbell of Lincoln in fourth place.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## A Welcome Voice from Canada

Just finished reading Vol. 7, No. 1 edition of The Board Talk. Congratulations on making it to the 90s. May they be more successful than the 80s. The dedication and hard work that must go into every edition of The Board Talk to make it interesting, informative and entertaining reading deserves high praise. I am looking forward to reading The Board Talk for many years to come.

I have enclosed a poster for our 9th Annual Craven Open Doubles Straightboard Tournament. This is a small qualifier type tournament with qualifiers receiving at least their entry fees back. This tournament has been successful in the past and we are hopeful that this year will be no exception. If we get at least 24 teams, then the prize money will be around the \$1500 range total with over \$300 in cash and prizes to the winners. The winner's purse depends on number of entries. (See Tourney Talk for details.)

We are considering running a large tournament up here but as yet have nothing definite in mind, possibly around Easter or in July or August of 1991. There would be a ladies' singles, men's singles, ladies' doubles, men's doubles, and a mixed doubles event. Could possibly have an open singles and doubles and team events also. We'd like some information on how tournaments are run down there -- auctions, draws, etc.

Continued Success!

Allan Carton, Regina, Sask., Canada

*Thank you for your kind words, Allan. As long as you have some time before scheduling your 1991 tournament, you really ought to try to make a visit to the U.S. to participate in one of the big tourneys here. Talk to the organizers, the officials and other helpers about what it takes to run such an event. They'd be happy to share information and experiences with you. Keep us posted so we can promote your tournament well in advance.*

## Women Players Saluted for Sportsmanship

Want you and all of our friends to know how much we enjoyed the tournament this year at the Showboat.

It was my very first time trying to compete in any type of sports, but even though I lost early (and deserved it), I have never met or played with such a great bunch of good sports as in the women's singles. Whoever said that women are a bunch of b@#!es surely never played shuffleboard!

Thanks, ladies, for a great time and for letting me play on your boards. I won't give up -- back next year!

Goldie Adair, Las Vegas, Nevada

*We're sure the women will appreciate your salute, Goldie, and return the compliment to you.*

## Newlyweds Say Thanks!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the players and spectators at the Las Vegas Shuffleboard Extravaganza for the donations, cards, drinks and good wishes. You helped to make our Wedding Day something extra special!

Thanks, also, to all our friends at Stober's Lounge in Lansing for the wedding cake, champagne, and gifts. And a special thanks to Rudy for his eloquent advice on marriage.

We appreciate you all!

Deb and Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Indiana

*All those friends were pleased to be a part of this special event. We all wish you much happiness!*

## Glen Proud of His Okies!

We returned home from the big one in Vegas and extend our congratulations to David Williams, Bill Melton, Eric Waldman, Billy Mays and Fred Thumann, Darrol Nelson and Jim Allis, Glen Davidson and Sparky Sparkman, for all their efforts in the 32 singles and 32 doubles teams events. Billy Mays officially announced his retirement from tournament play. Darrol Nelson on his comeback from retirement is right back in the money again. Jim Allis and Fred Thumann are still getting there often. Dennis (Sparky) Sparkman has been playing for 20 years or so and the last 3 or 4 years, he's been right at the top. He won one at Amato's with Bubba Warren around Thanksgiving. I thought we could win this one but Darrol Nelson and Fred Thumann had other ideas with a 3 lag at 14-12 and a 2 lag at 13-14, stopping us at third place. We'll get 'em next year, Sparky.

The tournament was a success and our thanks go out to Marvel and Joe Muniz, Karl Spickelmier, Paul Weber, Billy Chiles, George Ostrum, Jody Slack and all the other crew from Denver and other places who made it work. Job well done!

Karl explained to me on paper how difficult it is to run a team event with teams on two boards playing one match. He says next year he will try to make it three boards per match. Karl, you did a fantastic job this year and I'm sure it will almost be perfect next year. Joe is talking about up-town next year for the big one. The Union Plaza was mentioned, but we'll see.

Bob Goldsmith is back on the comeback trail after another heart problem. Steve, the owner of Mr. G's, and Bobby played Rick and me for about 8 hours after the tourney. They didn't win all of them, but they won some.

The team event was won by all Okies. After Arizona beat out Corporate Image for second place, they came at Oklahoma with all their big guns ablazing and gave them their first loss, but their victory was not to be this trip. The second match went to Oklahoma for the win. Some of the players on the team, I helped start playing in our first league in Oklahoma City a few years back. They won that league, plus two other leagues after that one. Maybe they like to win. Congratula-

tions to Tom and Rena Hendrix, Fred Washington, Dino Fleming, Ken Storck, Bill Holley, Ron Blalock, all of Oklahoma City, and Shirley Robertson of Tulsa, on your first trip to Vegas.

It was nice to see all my friends from Portland and Washington. Congratulations to Mac and Trish of Portland, Oregon, and Bobby V and Deb Somers of Indiana on their marriage to one another at Vegas during the tourney. You know the story: "We were happy all those years, then we got married."

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*We only had two bad experiences at this year's Vegas tournament -- one, we had to leave before the action was over due to a business commitment back in Michigan, and two, one of our cameras jammed resulting in the loss of some very important film. We join in your salute to the people who made Extravaganza II a great one. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Madge for filling in some of the pictorial voids for us.*

#### **P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza II -- Looking Back**

When I first entered the Sports Pavilion at the Showboat Hotel and Casino, at first glance I thought I had mistakenly barged in on a Shriner's Convention or some other such fraternal gathering. One's eye was immediately taken by the many red tablecloth-covered tables arranged in banquet style. There was a podium complete with microphone and much of the area was roped off with gaily colored flag bunting. Then I saw the shuffleboard tables -- 12 of them, adequately spread and ready for play. My first thought, "What an improvement from last year." All things considered, that thought pretty much held true for all aspects of the tournament.

In this article, instead of focusing on the great matches (and there were many) or all the top players (a virtual "Who's Who" in shuffleboard) or who ended up winning what (George and Donna will take care of that), I thought I'd try to give those of you who weren't there a sense or "feel," if you will, of the tournament as a social event, a "happening" as it were.

You see, it seems to me that the tournament has transcended itself, which is to say, it began as a major tournament, it is still a major tournament, but it has become more than that. To illustrate, last year the 80's Ladies were the darlings of the tournament, not only because they could play, but because they were a class act. Their presence, coupled with P.C.S.A. representatives, dressed in jackets and ties, began to lend an ambiance to the tournament that carried over to this year. Team Duck (Duck, North Carolina) and their eye-catching "Don't Puck with a Ducker" team T-shirts were the rage of this year's tournament. In fact, their T-shirts prompted a "Let's Trade T-Shirt" craze that I suspect will become a permanent part of the mystique of this and future Shuffleboard Extravaganza Tournaments. Thanks to Ron Barrett, Linda Brown, John Lancaster, Bennet Hollers, Freyda Ayoub, Darlene Morgan, Woody West, and Toni Young of Team Duck for your collective contributions to this year's tournament atmosphere. Another example, last year more than one unsuspecting person was introduced to the Joe Muniz blitzing style of gambling at the gaming tables, especially craps. Some of those individuals had been looking forward to one more trip to the crap table -- and they weren't disappointed. Those of you who were part of this year's Crap Table Caper I, do

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## **1990 National Shuffleboard Calendar**

### **March 9-11**

*Invitational Singles  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

### **March 14-18**

*Arizona Open Qualifier  
Purple Turtle Lounge, Phoenix, Arizona*

### **March 16-17**

*9th Annual Craven Open Doubles  
Craven Motor Inn, Craven, Sask, Canada*

### **March 17**

*St. Pat's Tourney  
Beef's, Kendallville, 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*

### **April 7-8**

*Open Doubles  
Corner Tavern, Bow, Washington*

### **April 20-22**

*Spring Classic  
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

### **\*May 18-20**

*4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open  
NASL Handicap Team Tournament*

### **May 18-20**

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

### **May 24-28**

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

### **June 8-10**

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

### **\*July 4-8**

*5th Annual U.S. Open*

### **\*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**



**Congratulations**

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**Trish and Mac**

**Bobbie and Dave**

**from**

**Donna and George**

**THE  
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## **Notebook** (continued from page 3)

you think you will soon forget that breathtaking adventure? For those who weren't there and haven't heard, this is the story. Joe Muniz, P.C.S.A. representative, late Saturday night, strode up to the crap table like a gunslinger looking for a fight. He had a glint in his eye and 45 in his hand (\$4500, that is). Then, with the reckless abandon of a Cool Hand Luke, he began making bets, \$1,000 bets, and when the smoke had cleared, he walked away with over \$16,000! In all, nearly 20 different people had some part of the action, and -- another legendary tale was born. Joe says he is already working on Crap Table Caper II for next year. Those wishing more information can call 1-800-ROL-DICE. Bonnie Williams will probably be the first to call, maybe Madge.

To continue, 80's Ladies were selling P.C.S.A. T-shirts, Billy Mays was being interviewed by some publication, old friendships were being solidified, new friendships were being forged, and on three different occasions, a man and a woman became husband and wife. Three marriages, mind you. That has to be a shuffleboard tournament record and served to add just a bit more color to the tournament.

Sometime between the time I thought I had crashed a Shriner's Convention and the very last marriage of the weekend (limousine, cake and rice included), somewhere in between all of this, a shuffleboard tournament was played and winners crowned. These memories I will frame and hang up in the hallways of my mind.

In closing, I cannot believe the number of compliments I received and while I appreciated each and every one of them, I must reiterate now what I said then. My involvement with this year's tournament was so minimal as to be nonexistent. In truth, all the richly deserved credit goes to Joe Muniz, Paul Weber, Karl Spickelmier of P.C.S.A., to Gregg McFarland, John Fisher and, in particular, Bob Brunskill, amateur team event coordinators, and to the troika of tournament officials out of Denver, Colorado: Jody Slack, George Ostrom, and Nick Gehring. Nick, say hi to Gail and send me your address again.

I don't know what Shuffleboard Extravaganza III holds in store, and I don't know which amateur team will capture the crowd's fancy, but I do know that some 400-500 people will be in attendance, some of whom may well bear witness to yet another legendary tale being born.

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

*"These memories I will frame and hang up in the hallways of my mind." Beautiful, Lou! If we had a payroll, we'd put you on it. In lieu of that, all we can say is "Amen!"*

### **Nancy Says It All!**

I would like to send this open letter to all the shuffleboard players and to all the establishments that support them.

Thanks to the Board Talk for all their wonderful work and the great write ups for the Acme Tavern. This newsletter has brought a lot of shuffleboard players and a lot of new customers our way. The articles are informative and well written. Please continue to publish all the news that is important to us in the world of shuffleboard. George and Donna do a superlative job, and I really enjoyed meeting and visiting with them in Las Vegas.

Thanks to Bob Letourneau for the initial suggestion that I

buy a shuffleboard and encourage shuffleboarding. It has proven to be a great success, Bob.

Thanks to Cory Bisson and Phillip Annett for the unselfish giving of their time and effort in maintaining the boards in top condition. Your efforts have produced two of the finest boards around.

Thanks to Clark and Clara Kenney for letting us continue with the Sweetheart Tournament at the Acme, which they started 13 years ago at Larry and Rays.

Thanks to Jim and Michelle Foran for all of their support with our tournaments and for the support of our "Pot Lucks." Jim, your auctions are never dull. Michelle, your articles are great, please keep them coming.

Thanks to Bill Ketrin for his support and assistance in getting the flyers ready on the computer and his help with the cooking for our "complimentary" tavern feeds.

Thanks to Dick and Bernice Martell. Their support and contributions have added to the overall success of our tournaments. Both are excellent cooks, and Dick makes great bracket boards for the tournaments.

Thanks to Dave Arndt for all his information and for helping us get in touch with a lot of shuffleboarders. Quite an address book, Dave! By the way, congratulations to Dave and Bobbi on their recent marriage. They tied the knot in Vegas during the tournament.

Thanks to Mike Waters for his efforts, ideas and continuing support.

A big thank you to my Sunday fun league, my Tuesday money league, pool players and customers. Your support of shuffleboard as a serious, yet fun, game has certainly contributed to the success of shuffleboarding at The Acme.

Thanks to the team I sponsored in Vegas and all of the other teams and singles that participated. By the way, congratulations, Rosa, on your second place win in the women's singles. Way to go!!

Many, many of you have helped me in many ways. I appreciate all the time and effort you have expended and wish I could thank each and every one of you individually, but we all know it is sometimes difficult to recall all the nice things you experience. I extend to you and yours my gratitude and undying love. May we continue to be friends and shuffleboarders.

Nancy Hiller, Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

*That's beautiful, Nancy, as you are! They say there are several thousand boards around the U.S.A. Can you imagine what this sport would be if every owner felt the way you do? Dynamite! Were that the case, you'd see us walking through the door of the Acme Tavern tomorrow to personally cover the shuffleboard activities there. In the meantime, with the great support system you've got, along with your unique recognition of the value of our sport, you'll be a regular in this shuffleboard history "book."*

### Reflections on the "Eighties Ladies"

*(Read to the theme song of The Beverly Hillbillies)*

Come and listen 'bout a team of Midwest gals,

Who all headed out to Vegas as the very best of pals.

They were meeting at the Showboat for a rendezvous with fate.

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Well, the first thing you know they had beat the "Board Talk" team.

Moving through the winners bracket, building up a head of steam.

But before they even knew it, Oklahoma shut 'um dead.  
And into the loser's bracket they were sent instead.

"Beat us bad

We weren't mad

Just a little sad"

So they thought about the next match and the team they had to play,

And they headed into battle on a bright new winter's day.

When the dust had finally settled, the "Double Eagles" were held down,

And when the match was over, you could hear the girls resound,

"Good team

Nice players

Great round"

Now, the team was getting revved up 'cause the money round was next.

If they beat the "Texas Special," they could finally break the hex.

When the score was 3 to 1, they were sure they'd win the match. But the saying sure rang true 'bout countin' chickens 'fore they hatch.

"Texas hung in

Pulled it out

Flipped the latch"

This time lucky "7" wasn't really all that great.

Since 6 places was the payoff, they were just a little late.

But the fun times and the new friends had made it all worthwhile.

And the memories they took home with them would always make them smile.

"Great tourney

Great town

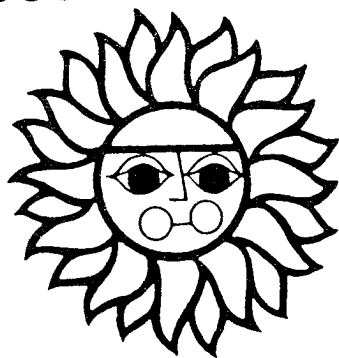
Y'all come back now, hear!!"

Salutations to the North Carolina Duck Puckers, the Peanut House Crew, and all you crazy Canooks. Special thanks to Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe, and Paul for your warm hospitality. Great job, John, Nick, Karl and Jody, on your fine officiating. Our gratitude to the Shuffleboard Federation for their sponsorship and moral support. Von, we'll just have to have that cup of coffee with each other next year!! And, to sweet Lou...we all love you.

P.S. As usual, Di, I couldn't have written this without your help.

Kathy Broka, Captain "Eighties Ladies," Toledo, Ohio

*Your Las Vegas poetry has become a tradition, Kathy. We're still licking our wounds from the defeat we suffered from your capable hands, but we all will come back now, hear! The man you live with is on our team and he's gonna get ya! Hear!*

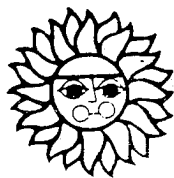


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### Brown/Ramey Win Lafayette Inn Mixed Doubles

The competition was challenging as first-time tournament winner Debbie Brown, Rising Sun, Md. and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md., stood off all challengers and took first place in the Lafayette Inn's mixed doubles competition on Jan. 14. Second place was won by Diane Schulties, Greensboro, Md., and Don Casula of Wilmington, Del. Third place went to first-time money winner Connie King of Northeast, Md., and Harold Matthews, Port Deposit. Another first-time money winner Patty Kline, Rising Sun, and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, took fourth place.

"Debbie, Diane, Connie and Patty are all relatively new to the tournament scene, but I predict you will be seeing their names in future Board Talk issues as they have given notice they are players to be reckoned with in the future," reports Dick Gorman.

### Harrisburg/Perryville Shake Hands Again

Forty players -- 20 from Harrisburg, Pa. and 20 from Maryland -- participated in a draw partner, double elimination tournament at the Rendezvous Inn, Perryville, Md. on Jan. 21. Dallas Hayman of Delaware and Bob Hand of Harrisburg took first place honors with Mark Grove of Maryland and Ellis Hartman of Harrisburg in second place. Third place went to Buddy Brammer, Maryland, and Dale Hoover, Harrisburg. Don Casula of Maryland and Lorraine Speraw of Harrisburg took fourth, with Stephanie Neil, Maryland, and Kathy White of Harrisburg in fifth spot.

"Our host and owner of the Rendezvous Inn, John Baraow, showed his great hospitality by having delicious food and making sure everyone had a good time," report Jim and Pat Sterling. "Tournament director Chuck McKenzie did a fantastic job!"

### Everyone a Winner at Shuffleboard Extravaganza II

Not everyone went home from the P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza II, Jan. 17-21, with money in their pockets, but all left the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, (continued on page 8)

## WATCH OUR LIPS!



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with (as Lou Lusero so eloquently phrased it in Notebook) memories they will frame and hang up in the hallways of their minds. Again, it was one big shuffleboard family reunion, reuniting old friends and meeting new ones who 'til now had only been names in the columns of The Board Talk.

Shuffleboard players, the worst procrastinators in sports, found that they could not wait until the last minute to sign up for participation as every event filled to the limit by deadline time, with latecomers put on an alternate list.

With a total of \$81,000 in the pot, there were some who did go home with coins jingling in their pockets, that is if they resisted the temptation of putting those coins in the one-arm bandits, black jack and crap tables that made the trip from the Sports Pavilion, scene of the tourney, to hotel rooms a real test.

The tough, determined Chris Danke of California outlasted a field of 32 players in the women's singles to take the biggest share of that event's pot. She was challenged by the vivacious Rosa White of Washington, one of those names who now has a lovely face and personality, taking second place honors. Michigan's Gail (Crane) Schultz finished third with Janet (Cook) Weidner in fourth. Others placing were Diana Hofman, Ohio; Brenda Moore, Texas; Joanie Millar, Canada; and Deb (Somers) Voorhis. (Note: Deb was a Somers when she entered the women's singles and came out a Voorhis; things change fast in Las Vegas!)

Cool, steady Dave Williams of Texas came out on top of the 32-player field of players in the open singles, with top-ranked 1989 player Bill Melton of Oklahoma taking second place monies. Eric Waldman came from the hills of Montana to take third place honors, with Earl Kelly of Texas in fourth place. Others who placed were Harold Schmidt of Canada, Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; Jim Allis, Washington; and Sparky Sparkman, California.

Before collecting his trophy and money envelope for his share of the open doubles, Texan Billy Mays, long-time shuffleboard giant, announced his retirement. Will this win make a difference? We'll see. He teamed up with the personable Fred Thumann (see Who's Who) of California to take top honors in this exciting event. It was a tough field indeed with the highly-respected Darrol Nelson of Oregon and his formidable partner, Jim Allis, fighting all the way for a share of this big pot. Veterans Sparky Sparkman of California and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma teamed up to take third place honors, with frequent winners Dave Williams of Texas and Bill Melton of Oklahoma in fourth. Other placers were Sam Summers of Oklahoma and Bob Perry of Illinois; Rick Gindt and Mike Waters, Washington; Neil Fetter and Gordy Collins, Michigan; and A.Z. Turnbo, California, and Chuck Norris, Oregon.

Again, it was the amateur team event that sparked the noisy crowd, gave "rank and file" members of The World of Shuffleboard their moment in the spotlight, and had them making plans for the next year.

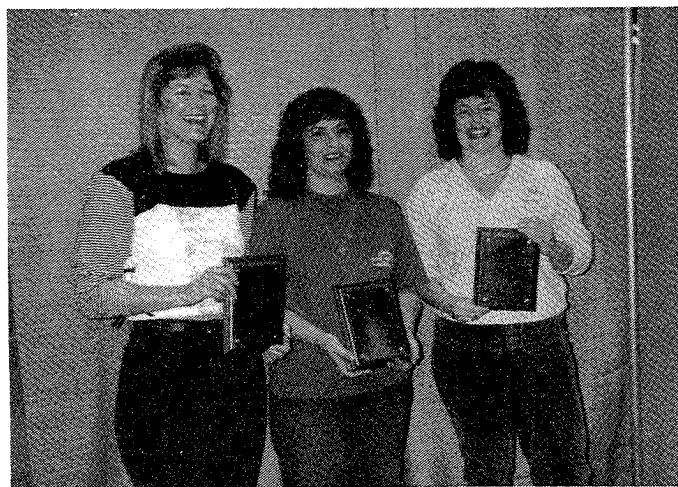
In the "pro" events, the relatively quiet, respectful gallery is divided into two segments, those rooting for the "sentimental" favorites, and the sponsors, who have a monetary investment in the outcome. It's an all-different situation for the amateur team events, with a distinctly partisan crowd rooting for their home-town teams. It's not so much the size of the pot, but the glory that goes with the title of being number one in the nation. The amateurs -- heartbeat of The World of Shuffleboard.

If the bidding was a measuring stick, the Oklahoma team of Tom and Rena Hendrix, Fred Washington, Dino Fleming, Shirley Robertson, Ken Storck, Bill Holly and Ron Blalock were not the big contenders. Yet, they came out in front of the 24-team field of amateur teams. They beat the tough Arizona #1 team and third place favorites, Corporate Image of Texas.

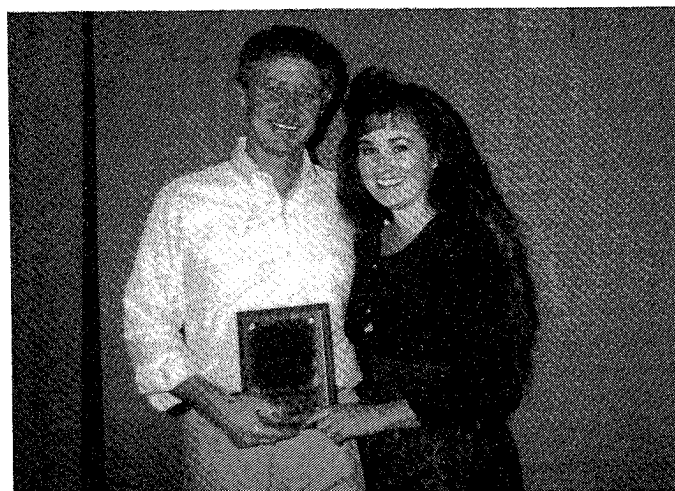
P.C.S.A. official Paul Weber says George Lucas of George's All-Stars deserves special recognition. He paid 100 percent of the bill to bring his team from Bellflower, California and Las Vegas to participate in the amateur team event. That's a true illustration of commitment to the future of our sport.

The Board Talk pays special tribute to the Team Duck from the Barrier Island Inn, Duck, North Carolina, who travelled 2,000 miles to participate in this tourney. John Lancaster's shuffleboard bar, with its 16-foot board, is the only place to play in that area, yet they made the big investment to become an integral part of The World of Shuffleboard. A special salute to John and his team for "going the extra mile" for our sport.

(See Notebook for other viewpoints on Shuffleboard Extravaganza II.)



*Taking the biggest share of the pot in the women's singles were Chris Danke, California, 1st; Rosa White, Washington, 2nd; and Gail Schultz, Michigan, 3rd.*



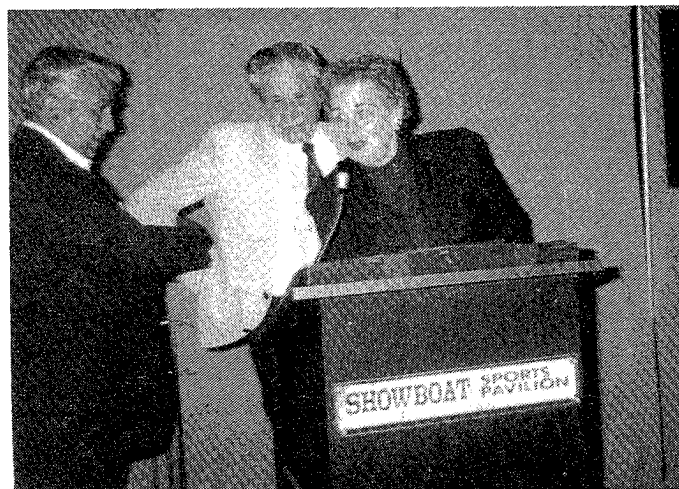
*Dave Williams of Texas beat buddy Bill Melton for top honors in the open singles. He accepted his plaque from Lisa Taylor, the lady who makes things run smoothly at P.C.S.A. tournaments.*



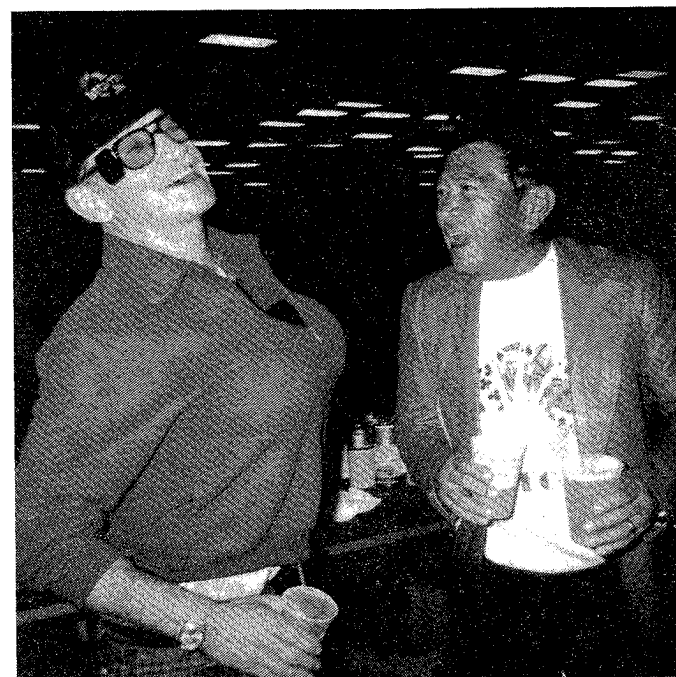
Looking very pleased with themselves as they collected first place trophies and monies for the open doubles from P.C.S.A. official Paul Weber were Freddie Thumann of California and Billy Mays of Texas.



Paul presents a fat envelope to the happy Oklahoma team who outlasted a field of 24 amateur teams to take top honors in that popular event.



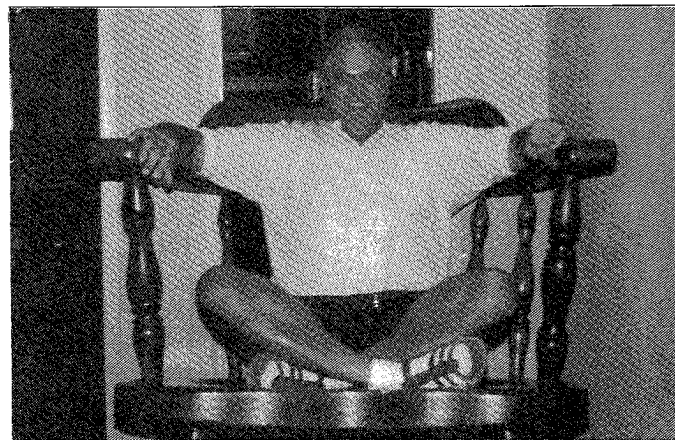
Von and Al Stewart give one more tearful thank-you for another contribution from friends, presented by P.C.S.A. official Joe Muniz, to help pay hospital bills.



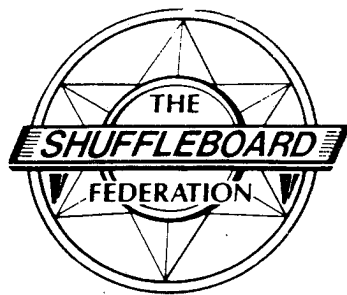
Sorry, A.Z., you can't play in the women's singles, no matter what, Frank Zavala tells Mr. Turnbo.



Three couples who participated in the P.C.S.A. Extravaganza II decided to tie the knot while they were in Vegas: Deb and Bobby Voorhis, Dave and Bobbie Arndt, and Mac and Trish Makarounis.



Did you notice the slim physique of Sam Summers of Oklahoma? Everyone wants to know what diet did this trick!



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- 5TH ANNUAL U.S. OPEN, JULY 4-8
- 2ND ANNUAL BUDWEISER NEBRASKA  
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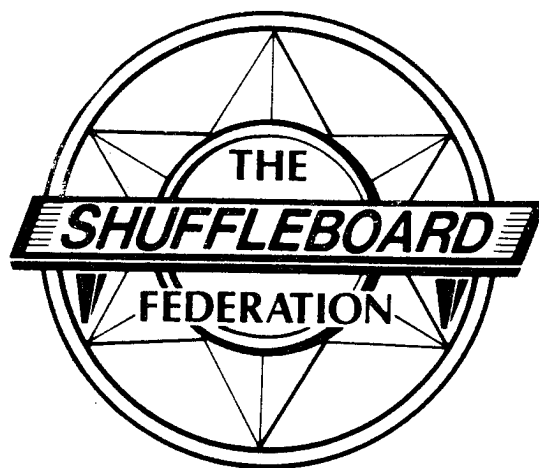
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## Tourney Talk (continued from page 9)

### Big Turnout for Winter Board Talk Prep

On the first Saturday of the month, a good-sized group shows up at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for the monthly draw partner tournament. Saturday, Feb. 3, saw a little rain and drizzle in the air but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of 42 players who showed up from as far away as New York City and the state of West Virginia. The obvious attempt was to tune up on the four in-house boards for the Winter Board Talk Tournament which was scheduled for three days the following weekend. Since all events were sold out two weeks in advance for the big Board Talk Tournament, it was obvious the tourney would be tough and extra practice was the order of the day. Two draw partner double elimination events were held.

The first event was won by Bill Crupper, Wilmington, Del., and John Sinclair, Rising Sun. Taking second place was Mopey Hasson, Perryville, Md., and the owner's son, Mike Renzo. Third place was won by Ann Powell, Perryville, and Jim Yank from Philadelphia.

The second event was won by John Rafferty, Aston, Pa., and another young shooter, Rita and Jim's son, Jimmy Yank from Philadelphia. Second place again went to Mopey Hasson and Mike Renzo -- two second places in the same day and third place went to Bill Robinson, Woodlyn, Pa. and the third member of the Yank family, Rita!

### Who Said It Couldn't Be Done?

A mixed doubles and a women's singles? Recipe for failure? Not so, said Rudy Stober of Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan. And right he was! Twenty-two mixed doubles teams entered Rudy's Hall of Fame tourney on Feb. 3-4 and bidders weren't shy, bringing the total pot to almost \$3,000. In an exciting, competitive, crowd-pleasing show, Bernie Sunde of Madison Heights, Mich., and Sue Spack of Clarkston, Mich. took top honors. Second place winners were John (one-arm) Myles of Livonia, Mich. and Diana Hoffman, Toledo, Ohio, who will use her winnings to be a proud mom when her son graduates from a Marine boot camp. Third place went to locals Lee and Delores McDonald of Lansing.



Bernie Sunde and Sue Spack teamed up to take top honors in the Stober's Hall of Fame Mixed Doubles tourney.



### Invitational Open Singles

**MARCH 10**

**\$50 entry – Limited to first 32 players**

(If you would like to enter and have not been invited, call to be placed on alternate list.)

### Draw Partner Event on March 9

\$10 entry – Limited to first 30 sign-ups

### Mixed Doubles on March 11

\$25 Team – Limited to first 24 entries

– ALL single game, Double elimination –

### LAFAYETTE INN

1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, Maryland

Renzos: 301-658-9075

Dick Gorman: 302-994-0004



## St. Pat's Day at BEEF'S March 17

**Open Doubles: \$30 entry**

**Limited to 16 teams — Double elimination**

**Pays 50-30-10-10 — Auction at 11 a.m.**

**\$500 added to Entry Pot by  
Playfair**

**Reserve your spot early!**

### BEEF'S

550 S. Main, Kendallville, Indiana

Phone: 219-347-9965

The standing room only crowd stuck around to cheer on the 14 entrants in the women's singles. Newly-wed Deb (Somers) Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana, and Cassie Kern of Pontiac, Mich. gave that crowd a real show. Deb came out the winner, adding a dimension to the special presentation for her and husband, Bobby. Organizers of the wedding cake, champagne, and gift presentation got very nervous when Bobby decided fixing the Board Talk editors' water heater had priority. He finally showed up (Yipes! It's still cold!) and the party went on. Third place honors in the women's singles went to Marie Sweeney of Lake Orion, Mich.

Largely responsible for the success of this tourney were director Jerry Siebert and his wife, Sarah, and to the Stober Family for the great buffets on Saturday and Sunday.



Newlywed Deb Somers Voorhis of Indiana won the women's singles, with Cassie Kern of Michigan taking second place honors.



Ruby Stover, Bev of Dillinger's Saloon, and other friends staged a "wedding party" for Bobby and Deb during Rudy's Hall of Fame tournament.

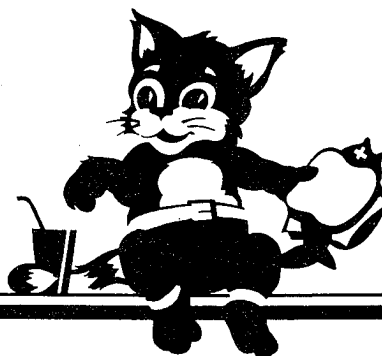


Long hours and hard work were invested by Jerry and Sarah Siebert to make this a successful tournament.

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## **Tourney Talk** (continued from page 13)

### **D.J.'s Has Recipe for Success**

Blend together the following ingredients: 1 Bill Bower, 1 Jim Long, 1 Jerry Knox, 3 Broka Brothers, 1 Kathy, 1 Fritzzy, 1 Claude Johnson, 1 Mike Johnson, 1 each Mr. and Mrs. Skip Jackson, 1 Bobby Voorhis, 1 Deb Somers Voorhis, 1 John Cowen, 1 Norma Cowen, 1 Larry Summy, 1 Larry Huffer, 1 Phil (hic!) Ladd, 1 Carol Ladd, 1 Bookie Sally, 1 Everett Slone, 1 Dana Gray, 1 favorite bartender Schuhy, 1 large premium Beef, and a host of other congenial shufflers and spectators. Blend with an iron pot of Phil's chili. Simmer for two days in the hospitality of hosts Phil and Karen Heinzman and bartenders Pat, Rod and Jackie. And what do you have? A recipe for another successful annual Chili Day & Valentine's Mixed Doubles Tournament at D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Indiana, Feb. 10-11.

Twenty teams entered the Chili Day open doubles. Winners were Buddy and Fritzzy Broka, formerly of Ohio and now of Indiana. Claude and Mike Johnson of Indiana took second place honors, with Hoosier Bill Bower and Dana Gray of Michigan in third. Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana took fourth place.

In the Valentine's mixed doubles, Jim Long and Vicky Morgan were the winners. Buddy and Fritzzy Broka made it a profitable weekend by capturing second place. Another Broka couple, Terry and Kathy of Ohio took third, with Larry Huffer and Pam Kuhn of Indiana in fourth place. Sixteen teams entered this sweetheart event.

### **Invitational Singles Plus at Lafayette, March 9-11**

The Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, Maryland, will be the scene of an Invitational Singles tourney on March 9-11. The open singles is on Saturday, March 10, \$50 entry fee, limited to the first 32 players signed up. If you would like to enter and have not been specifically invited, call to be placed on an alternate list.

Two other events are scheduled in conjunction with this invitational. A draw partner tourney will be held Friday night, \$10 entry, limited to the first 30 sign-ups. The auction starts at 7 p.m. with play immediately following. On Sunday, a mixed doubles is on the agenda, \$25 per team, limited to the first 24 entries. Auction is at 1 p.m. with play immediately following.

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

Tournaments at the Lafayette Inn fill up well in advance. You are advised to call ahead to see if there's an opening for you. Call hosts Pat or Nelson Renzo, 301-658-9075, or tournament director Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004. See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this big one.

### **9th Annual Craven Open Doubles, Canada, March 16-17**

The Craven Motor Inn, Craven, Sask., Canada, is the site for the 9th Annual Craven Open Doubles Straightboard Shuffleboard Tournament on March 16-17. Entry is \$50 per team, with a maximum of 24 teams. This is a qualifier tournament with prizes awarded to all qualifiers, with first place guaranteed a minimum of \$300 plus trophies. Entries are to be phoned in to Allan at 306-543-3903 no later than 6 p.m. on March 15. Play begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 17.

Rooms are available at either the Craven Motor Inn, 306-731-3455, or the Port Hyman Restaurant & Motel, 306-731-3319. Rooms are also available at the Lumsden Hotel,

approximately 8 miles down the road from the tourney site, 306-731-2411.

Canadian Congress rules apply for this tournament.

### **St. Patrick's Day Tourney at Beef's, March 17**

The St. Pat's Day Tourney promoted in last month's Board Talk at the Shamrock Bar in Waterloo has been changed to Beef's, 550 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana, on March 17. It's an open doubles, \$30 entry fee, with a limit of 16 teams. Double elimination with a 50-30-10-10 payback. The auction will start at 11 a.m. with play immediately following.

Playfair Shuffleboard Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will add \$500 to the entry fee pot.

You are encouraged to reserve your spot early for this event. Call 219-347-9965. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

### **Blue Coat Inn's Spring Tourney, Tulsa, March 21-25**

Whoops! If you posted last month's Blue Coat Inn's flyers in your favorite shuffleboard establishment, please take your marker and make this correction: the entry fee for the bring your partner is \$200 per team, plus Patti Kay will be adding \$200 to the entry pot for this event.

Action at the Blue Coat Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starts with a women's singles on Wednesday, \$50 entry, 2 of 3, double elimination, with the auction scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The open draw, \$50 per person, is single game, double elimination, with the auction at 7:30 Friday night. Auction for the bring partner event is also on Friday night with play starting on Saturday, 2 of 3, double elimination.

If you haven't made your room reservations yet, call the Flagship Inn, 918-743-9811, ask for Cheryl Cummings and tell her you're with the Blue Coat tournament. Room rates for one to four people is \$28 plus tax and includes a 24-hour indoor pool, sauna, restaurant, and free local calls.

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

### **3rd Annual Great Arizona Open, April 4-8**

If you haven't already done so, use the enclosed flyer reservation form to sign up for the 3rd Annual Great Arizona Open, scheduled this year for the Holiday Inn Financial Center in Phoenix, Arizona, April 4-8. Action starts on April 4 with a Pro-Am draw partner event, \$30 entry fee for each. The open singles starts on April 5, \$100 entry, with finals on April 8. The ladies' singles, \$50 entry, starts on April 6 with finals on the 8th. The open doubles, \$200 per team entry, starts on April 7, with finals on the 8th. The NASL handicap team tournament, which must have four men and two ladies, \$150 per team entry, starts on April 6 with finals on April 8.

Room rates at the tournament site are \$45.35 plus tax and features two heated pools, free airport transportation, live entertainment, and a whirlpool.

Tournament directors are three high-respected players and promoters, Larry Tafoya, Bob Lewis and Peggy Richards.

For information regarding this big tourney, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666.

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

Spots for this tournament are filling up fast, so better call first. Entry fee for this 6-person team event at Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich. April 6-8, is

\$300 per team. It's best 5 out of 9, double elimination with auction scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, April 6. Trophies will be awarded for first place and the winners will be recognized as the State of Michigan team champions. Free buffet, courtesy of the Stober family.

Maximum of 9 teams; \$100 will save your spot. For information, call Stober's, 517-487-4464, or tournament director Jerry Siebert, 517-485-0184.

#### Open Doubles at Corner Tavern, April 7-8

If you've been using your "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing in last month's issue and looking for the Corner Tavern in Oregon, you're not going to find it there! Our apologies to the folks at Corner Tavern, which is located at 1255 Allan West Rd. in Bow, Washington -- not Oregon! They'll be hosting an open doubles tourney on April 7-8 and we encourage you to participate. The auction will start at 11 a.m. on the 7th. Give them a call at 206-757-6113. Tell them The Board Talk sent you!

\$40 entry, double elimination. Lots of room for R.V.s. Thirty teams participated last year.

#### 4th Annual Arbuckle Open, May 24-28

The Arbuckle Open is a tournament that has been growing in popularity and participation so better get your reservation in early. It's scheduled this year for May 24-28 at Prim's Wagon Wheel, Highway 77 North, Wynnewood, Oklahoma. It includes five events -- a sweetheart draw partners, open draw partners, a women's singles, men's singles, and a bring your partner. Watch future Board Talks for further information. In the meantime, mark your calendars for this tourney. Entry fees are very affordable \$15 for sweetheart draw, \$15 for open draw, \$25 for women's singles, \$30 for men's singles, and \$55 for bring your partner. For information, call Alan Primrose at 405-665-2566.

#### Winter Board Talk Tourney Complete Sell-Out Two Weeks in Advance

Two weeks before the gun went off, 158 paid entries were received -- a new record! "This has to be a feather in the cap for the popular support received by The Board Talk and the Lafayette Inn for the job they are doing," said tournament director Dick Gorman, who sent in nine new subscriptions with his report! "The Lafayette Inn would like to challenge any tournament to try and top that. If you do, we will come back and beat you," he said.

It was a beautiful weekend in Rising Sun, Maryland, site of the 3rd Winter Board Talk Tournament at Lafayette Inn. Participants from six states arrived, some driving over 600 miles round trip for the popular event. Friday night turned out to be heavy competition vying for the almost \$1800 in the draw partner event. The final winners were Russ Reynolds, Sherburne, N.Y., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del. Second place went to Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md. and Dick Jeffrey, Sherburne, and third to Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md. and Dick Losee, Poolville, N.Y.

Early Saturday morning, 16 of the fairer sex showed up ready to shoot it out in the women's singles. Long-time favorite Rita Yank of Philadelphia outdistanced the other gals and took first place, but not without trouble from second place finisher Mary Wagner of Milford, Del. Third place went to Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md.

Saturday afternoon started the no holds barred bring your own partner event with 32 teams ready to fight it out and battle they did -- some of the best on the East Coast. Sixty-four

games later, John Lukas, Millington, Md. and Charlie Walker, Wilmington, Del. captured the jackets and the pot-of-gold for first place, after beating a strong second place team of Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del., and Rick Niblett, Salisbury, Md. Third place went to Jerry Herrmann and Tom Schaefer, both of Philadelphia. Fourth place went to the local team of Harold Matthews, Port Deposit, and Poncho Prevento, Elkton. Fifth place was taken by Lenny Dell of Baltimore and Chuck King of Dover. Sixth place went to Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, N.J.

On Sunday, the mood was a little lighter but the competition was just as tough as the popular mixed doubles tournament got underway with 24 teams. Outdistancing everybody were first place winners JoAnn Ware, Sudlersville, Md. and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia. Second place went to the hard fighting team of Joyce Pyle, Churchill, Md and Lenny Dell of Baltimore. Third place went to Mary Lou Thompson, Camden, Del. and Don Casula of Wilmington, with Barbara Dardas, Queen Anne, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, in fourth.

The next big tournament at Lafayette Inn, 301-658-9075, are the Invitational on March 9-11, and the Spring Classic, April 20-22, all to be played on the four in-house boards. See ads in this issue and plan to participate.

#### Hughes/Coulter Win at Covered Wagon

The Covered Wagon in Anaheim, California, held an amateur blind draw, double elimination tournament in February. Top honors in the doubles event went to the team of Donny Hughes and John Coulter. Don Watt and Ann McFarland took second over Howard Evans and Dot Bastanchury who nabbed third.

The singles was won by Donny Hughes with John Coulter in second, and John Fisher in third.

#### McCary/Sawyer Win Edison's Mixed Doubles

Nineteen teams entered the 5th Annual Edison Tavern Mixed Doubles Tournament on Feb. 10-11 in Edison, Washington. Defending champions Gail McCary and Larry Sawyer of Anacortes came back through the loser's bracket to take first place with Diana Madsen of Vancouver, British Columbia and Sherm Anderson of Edison taking second. Sandy Stanley and "Mini" Calomino of Alger finished third, followed by Eve Anderson of Bow and Clay Wilson of Mount Vernon in fourth place.

An outstanding meal of grilled halibut steaks and fettucini with cheese sauce, prepared by chef "Mini," was polished off in record time.

Highlight of the tournament was the quick thinking of Roxy DePree in saving the day after the ceiling sprung a leak during a normal Washington State rainstorm. Only a few drops hit the shuffleboard before she donated one of her kid's diapers which was immediately stapled over the leak. Problem solved!

Tourney director Phil DePree would like to thank all who showed up and especially the players for the great shooting and outstanding sportsmanship.

**The deadline for submitting news and views is the 15th of each month. Send to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing, MI 48906.**

## Notebook (continued from page 6)

### P.C.S.A. Directors Extend Thanks

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association would like to thank everyone who helped make the Shuffleboard Extravaganza II a smashing success and we would like to congratulate the following first place winners:

**Dave Williams** – Pro Singles

**Chris Danke** – Women's Singles

**Fred Thuman/Billy May** – Pro Doubles

**Oklahoma Friends** – Amateur Team consisting of the following members: Tom Hendrix, Rena Hendrix, Dino Fleming, Ken Stork, Bill Holley, Fred Washington, Shirley Robertson, and Ron Blalock.

All of the hard work and preparation paid off, but none of it would have come together without the support of all the players and spectators, and the tireless efforts of our staff - to all of you, we give our heartfelt thanks.

We would like to take time to recognize the outstanding job done by Al Stewart, Steve Witzel, Bob Lewis, Fred Thuman, and the crew that helped set up and break down, and also Jody Slack, George Ostrom, and Nick Gehring our referees, and Bob Brunskill, John Fisher, Gregg McFarland our Amateur Team Representatives. Thanks to all of you, without you, our tournament could not have happened.

During the Shuffleboard Extravaganza II, there was a team that stood out and we wish to commend this team for their outstanding team spirit. This would be Team Duck from Duck, North Carolina, the team members are John Lancaster, Woody West, Ron Barrett, Eric Hoffman, Paul Shaver, Darlene Morgan, Laura Cole, and David Price. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Special congratulations are in order for three couples who decided to take time out from shuffleboard just long enough to get married - they are Dave and Bobbie Arndt, Mac and Trish Makarounis, and Bobby and Debbie Voorhis. Thanks for sharing your honeymoon with us in a true shuffleboard style.

The Shuffleboard Extravaganza II is now a happy memory and we are now focusing our attention on plans to improve Shuffleboard Extravaganza III to be held in January 1991. So start saving your money and plan for next year. Watch for more information as to our new hotel location and more in future issues of the Board Talk.

Thanks again,

Joe, Paul, and Karl, P.C.S.A. Directors

### Shuffleboard on Upswing in Southern California

We have been "snowbirding" this winter in our original home, Southern California. Six years ago, when we left to retire in Oregon, the popularity of shuffleboard was way down, the few remaining players congregated at the Edgewood in Bellflower. Things have sure changed since we left. Shuffleboard is really on the upswing! Young players are coming on strong. The female contingent is definitely making its presence known.

There are, without mentioning names, young mothers in their 20s to grandmothers in their 60s, playing great shuffleboard. They are enjoying the game as much or more than the men. Seeing them concentrate on their strategy and shot-making makes it obvious that they will only improve and that shuffleboard will be the better for them.

The recent amateur tournament at the Covered Wagon in Anaheim kept their two excellent boards in play all weekend.

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## BUDWEISER INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

I miss the boat people. You know, that fun bunch from the Boat Bar in Ortonville. Last I heard of them, they were adrift somewhere in the South China Sea. Oh, well, hopefully they'll catch some favorable wind currents and be able to paddle back in time for next year's play.

Other teams missing from action: Men's - Oxbow; Women's - Lakeside I. New teams I'd like to welcome to the fray: Men's -- Don's Pub, Saylor Dave's, Glengary Inn, The Pub; Women's - Glengary Inn, The Pub, Saylor Dave's. I question the use of numerals for the taverns that enter more than one team. Any number besides 1 has a negative connotation. Colors seem more appropriate to me.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Deb Voorhis. I hope you grow old and wrinkled together

Jeff Dugaw  
Interlakes Shuffleboard League  
Oakland County, Michigan

### Men's League Standings

(West)		(East)	
Lakeside I	316 1/2	Wagon Wheel I	317 1/2
Victors	253	Dillinger's	286 1/2
O'Brady's	246 1/2	Liberty	259
Lakeside II	238 1/2	Wagon Wheel II	233
Glengary Inn	236	Majestic	228
Prue's	214 1/2	Don's Pub	223 1/2
Bachelor I	192	Bob & Elmers	208
Catalina Lanes	173 1/2	Charlie's Roost	162
The Pub	66	Richard's	132 1/2
		Saylor Dave's	116

### Women's Standings

Lakeside Lounge	161
Wagon Wheel I	140
Wagon Wheel II	107
Liberty	104
Victors	103
Majestic	100 1/2
Bachelor I	95 1/2
O'Bradys	88 1/2
Glengary Inn	88
Saylor Dave's	68 1/2

### Mixed League

The Pub	65
Lakeside Lounge	104 1/2
Bachelor I	96 1/2
Majestic	93
Liberty	84 1/2
Richard's	73 1/2
Catalina Lanes	52

## Who's Who in the World of Shuffleboard:

**"The Joy of Winning, The Agony of Defeat"****This Month: Freddie Thumann, California**

"What I enjoy most about shuffleboard are the people and the players," says Freddie Thumann of Auburn, California. "Second would be that I enjoy trying to excel in something that I couldn't do in other sports -- a sense of achievement. It's wonderful!"

Freddie made those remarks before he and his partner, Billy Mays of Texas, took top honors in the open doubles event at the P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza II in Las Vegas, Jan. 17-21. He certainly must have felt that "sense of achievement" coming out ahead of many of the nation's top players.

Self-employed in an aggregate and asphalt trucking business, Freddie has been playing shuffleboard for 22 years. He started out "just goofing around with weights" at a local tavern, then met Hal Perry, Joe Hudson and Don Cox, who taught him the basics of the game. His love for the sport is illustrated by the fact that he must travel 80 miles one way to play the game.

"Consequently, I only get to play about once every six weeks or on weekends just before a major tournament. I play at the Ace of Clubs (Marysville) once in a while, but I have no home board to go to," he said. During the past year and a half, he has participated in all major tournaments and has a record of three firsts (now four!), one second, one third, one fourth, and one fifth place.

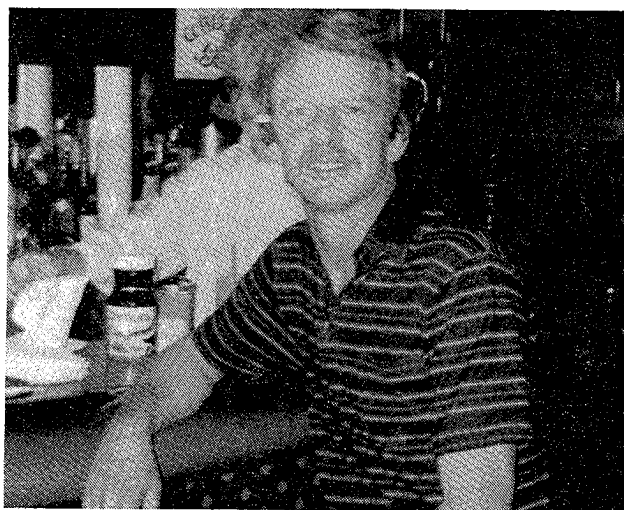
In his 22 years of shuffling, was there a single highlight? "That's so difficult to answer. They all have their special highlights. I guess they all would be equal because it's such an emotional thing with me at each one. Probably winning the team event in 1978, with Billy Mays, Hal Perry, Leroy Ledford, Don Cox and Joe Hudson, in Longview, Washington, against 90 other teams. It was special," he said.

Freddie recognizes the potential for growth of the sport, but also knows there are some special challenges involved.

"I believe shuffleboard will grow, especially because of The Federation and The Board Talk. The amateur level has no limits, but to increase pro play, I really feel it needs sponsors like PBA, etc. It's so expensive to attend all tournaments if you're working, and if you don't place third or above, plus the loss of work, it's difficult financially," he said.

"I enjoy the unity among the people and the players. You have all walks of life from dentists and lawyers to the unemployed. This sport is their alternative to not being able to play baseball, football, or whatever. I believe the competitive attitude and sportsmanship cannot be matched. If you lose, there is always someone to help you out. They are always there to help, yet the competition when playing is unmatched," he said. "This shuffleboard game to the players is their World Series, their Super Bowl, their Masters. And they go after it in a tourney as if it were so. The players make the game. You get to see it all -- the joy of winning, the agony of defeat. And I find myself crying at times for both."

The words of Freddie Thumann, a professional and a good-will ambassador in our World of Shuffleboard.

**FREDDIE THUMANN*****Hammer*** (continued from page 1)

authority of a shuffleboard commissioner. It's been our procedure, when people come to us with their complaints or concerns, to urge them to write to the Player Policy Board. And we don't mean approaching them at a tournament when their minds are on the next match. We mean sitting down and writing to them. Those who complain or question have willingly shared their concerns with their friends and teammates, but they need to direct them where they'll do the most good.

Several times when we've suggested this, people have responded that The Shuffleboard Federation hand-picked the board and this inhibits their effectiveness in dealing with suggestions and questions. We know they were hand-picked, selected for their integrity, their respect by other players, their willingness to give of their time and talent to represent you. We haven't done any investigative reporting, but we don't think it's a paid position. And if The Federation does offset some of their expenses, we think that's fine. That doesn't mean The Federation "owns" the players who sit on the board.

Bill Melton of Oklahoma, who chairs the board, has so much credibility in the sport that tournament directors clamor to have his name on their flyers; it's like a mark of distinction. If you'll look back to your August 1988 issue of The Board Talk, you will see that it was Bill who hand-picked the people on the Player Policy Board: Gail Crane Schultz, Michigan; Bob Lewis, Arizona; Brenda Moore, Texas; Howard Mouton, Texas; Hal Perry, California; Jody Slack, Colorado; Karl Spickelmier, California; and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana. Later, Tony Howard of Texas, another highly-respected individual, was appointed to the board.

We suggest to The Federation and the Player Policy Board that -- justified or not -- if there is a concern that directing constructive criticism and ideas to the board in care of the Federation creates a clog in the communications pipeline, that concern should be recognized. Why not eliminate that concern by making the Player Policy Board members' names and addresses a part of your regular column? There may be some

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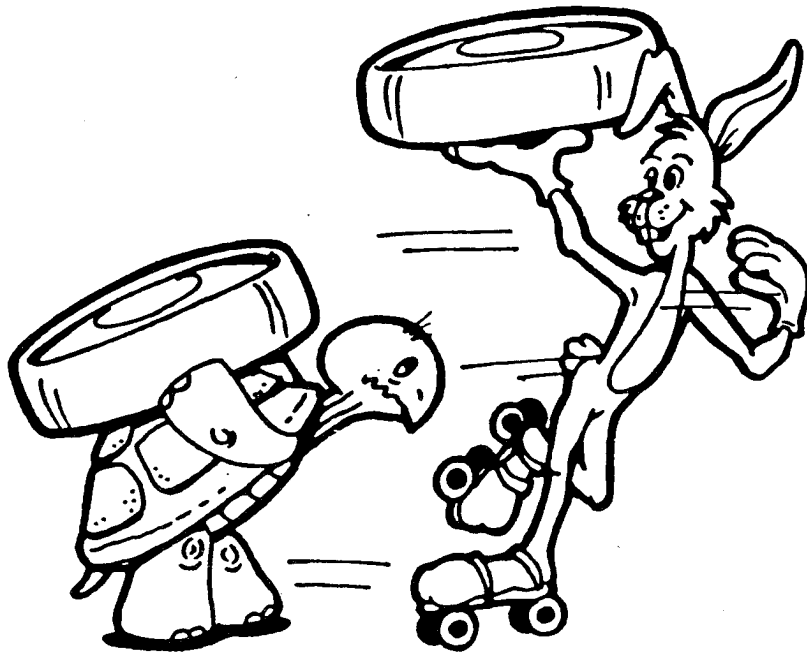
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Bruce Wechter of Oregon and "Jimmy the Cop" from Florida and Michigan dropped by and participated. Rick Boyer dropped in to look over the proceedings for a while. (See Tourney Talk for results.)

Amato's in Huntington Beach with two boards has all the action anyone could want on Saturdays. The Edgewood (two boards) is still the place to go on Fridays. We have also had good times at the Peanut house (two boards) and the 'Til Two in Bellflower.

To see the resurgence of shuffleboard in the L.A. area has been one of the high points of our wonderful winter.

We also want to express our appreciation to the P.C.S.A. for staging the almost perfect Las Vegas tournament. We have been privy to information that Paul, Joe and Karl are already making plans for next year that will make the tournament noticeably better in 1991.

Roy and Jolene Lembke, Yucaipa, California

*Thank you, Roy and Jolene, for your report of what's happening in Southern California. We hope the places you mentioned will get lots of company as a result. It was great to see you in Vegas, even though you did beat us!*

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input out there that would be more comfortably directed to a player on the board who is known and respected by the contributor.

The Player Policy Board will meet next time at the Great

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Arizona Open. If you've been harboring a great idea or a legitimate complaint, this is your opportunity to share it (see the Federation ad in this issue).

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Our sincere apologies to The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., for the letter to Sports Tournaments of America being omitted from the February issue. We were struck by the flu when we returned from Las Vegas and didn't notice that the letter (enclosed in this issue) got overlooked at the printers while we were gone. We urge you to sign this letter and send it to Larry Meuth. You CAN make a difference in getting our sport recognized in The World Series of Bar Games.

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