

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

It doesn't seem all that long ago that we thought we could, like Congress, take an occasional recess. That recess, we presumed, would be during the summer months when people would store their pucks and bring out their water skis. It didn't take us long to recognize that shuffleboard was a sport for all seasons and that any recess period at any time of the year was out of the question. You have only to look at this month's calendar to see what we would have missed if we'd shut down our shop for the summer.

There was also a time when we worried when the calendar got too full with events competing against other events. But it appears that there's enough players to make any good tourney a success, no matter what the competition. That's a good sign that our sport is growing when shufflers have to make a decision on which tournament to enter on a particular weekend.

We still encourage you to use the calendar when planning your events. If there's an opportunity for you to "hitch on" to a major event, either before or after, that's usually beneficial.

We've started a new column this month called "As The Puck Turns." It's where we will print those news items that don't fit Tourney Talk or Notebook specifications. The World of Shuffleboard is a close-knit family, we've learned, and its members really care about one another. The column will be a place where we can put items like the birth of Brandon Cameron and Porter White's new business, notices that shufflers or their loved ones are on the sick list, product and/or service information, etc.

It will also be a place for league-related news, such as the champions announced in this issue. With literally thousands of leagues across the U.S.A., it would take us about one month to go broke if we printed league standings and news. The Budweiser Interlakes League of Oakland County, Michigan, has been the only league willing to buy space for their information each month of the season. (Their support is very much appreciated!) The Shuffleboard Federation is making plans to handle the news of NASL teams. In the meantime, we'll use the new column to give recognition to league champions.

It will also be a place for those tournaments that are not open to all citizens of The World of Shuffleboard. If your tournaments fall into this category, please note that on your copy. Tourney Talk is the place for tournament notices and results of those events that welcome participants from anywhere in our World.

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Tourney Talk

Jackson/Knox Win Eagles Tourney

Skip Jackson and Jerry Knox were winners of a tournament held at the Columbia City (Indiana) Eagles Lodge on March 3. Sixteen teams participated in the first-ever tourney at the Eagles on a new Playfair board. The pot was a healthy \$1150 to shoot for. Coming in second was the team of Phil (Hic) Ladd and Pee Wee Fleischman. Third place was occupied by Beef Camp and Larry Summy.

"Good tournament and a great time," reports John Cowen. "All participants were appreciated and there was a good contingent of players from DJ's Bar in Warsaw."

Jackson/Creakbaum Win at Kimmell

Skip Jackson continued his winning ways at the Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Ind., on March 10, teaming up with Larry Creakbaum to take first place. Seventeen teams vied for a pot of \$1700. Second place went to Phil (Hic) Ladd and Pee Wee Fleischman, their second 2nd place finish in two weeks. Steve Todd and Ducky Parkison finished third.

John Cowen reports that Harry's famous barbecued chicken was "fantastic."

Fridley/Dunham/Draheim Big Winners at Amy's

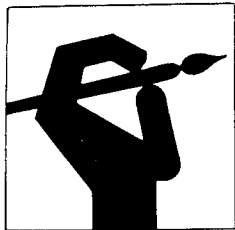
Seventy-two players entered the 5th New York State ISL Tournament hosted by Amy's Checkered Flag in Waterloo, N.Y. on March 10-11 and shot for the largest two-day purse yet for the monthly tournaments.

In the draw partner event, 34 shufflers shot for a record \$1100, with Checkered Flag local Al Dunham (B.A.) teaming up with Doug Fridley Jr. from the Dew Drop Inn to take home the trophy. Earning second spot was the team of Jack Wheeler from B'Ville Moose and Yogi Rusavage from the Classic. They made it tough on the winners by beating them the first game in the finals with a nice 4-tunk by Yogi. Third place went to the exciting team of Jim Fowler and Les Hodge (playing in his first ISL tourney). Les says he showed up just to have a good time, which he did, and ended up with part of the purse.

In the bring your partner event, 38 shooters aimed for a purse of \$1285 with the Final Four being an all-Waterloo finale. The first place trophy went to the Dew Drop Inn team of Pam Draheim and Doug Fridley Jr., making a marathon of it by losing their second match and struggling through the loser's bracket (including an hour-long match against tourney favorites Dick Jeffrey and Steve Bennett). Turned back to second were hometown favorites John Arndt and owner Amy Westfall of Amy's Checkered Flag.

Two tough matches in the finals saw Pam and Doug win 15-14 the first game and in the second game it was who was going to last it out! "We ran out of gas but John and Amy broke down at the finish line," said Pam. Down 13-9, Pam and

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

The Need for Board Standardization

Whenever our family gets together, no matter what the occasion, one thing you can be sure of: the talk will eventually turn to shuffleboard. Between us, we have accumulated over 100 years of experience in this great game of ours.

As in the case in most family discussions, our opinions about the game are as varied as our personalities. Yet, there is one subject that we all agree on. Our sport must find a way of standardizing the equipment we use.

As the name shuffleboard implies, the board is the foundation of the game, so that is where we began. We each described our "ideal" board and unanimously agreed that it would possess all of the following characteristics: (1) rideable rails, (2) being able to "place" a weight anywhere on the board, (3) equal speed from both ends, (4) being able to slide weights, and (5) laggable.

We feel that play on such a board as this would increase spectator awareness, in that all aspects of the game are highlighted and therefore the game itself becomes more exciting.

We talked about the progress the game has made in the past several years. The Board Talk gave shuffleboard enthusiasts all over the country an open forum to communicate with each other. The Shuffleboard Federation developed, organized and promoted a national professional tour and brought our sport out of bars and into a professional setting. The P.C.S.A. took their show on the road to Las Vegas a couple of years ago and gave us all a glimpse of how big tournaments could be.

It is now time for the players themselves to assume a responsible role in the promotion and growth of our sport and a perfect way to begin is by sharing your views about board conditions and requirements with your local promoters and writing these views down for the Player Policy Board.

In order for the promoters to provide us with a "standard" board, we as players must first express our opinions to determine board standards.

We have sent a copy of this letter to the Player Policy Board and we urge all players to do the same. Only through awareness comes change, and change promotes growth.

Sincerely,

The Broka Family

Thank you, Broka Family, for setting the pace for all other members of The World of Shuffleboard. It's players like you who will raise the awareness that will bring change and make our sport better and stronger. We sincerely hope others will follow your example.

Long Board Vs. Short Board

One of the biggest controversies in our area is the short board/long board version. I personally play in two leagues. One we play long board, the other short board. How nice it would be if they were both the same. I prefer the short version.

We just this year got the one league to go from 21 points to 15. That's the one that continues the long version.

Doesn't the country play the short version -- or do they have the same problem?

John Cowen, Columbia City, Indiana

Here's the rule, John: any weight completely clearing the foul line nearest the player shooting shall be a legal weight and count 1 providing no opponent weight(s) are ahead of it. Our league has been playing 15 points for 17 years. It actually saved our league and made it bigger and stronger. You can now go home at 10:30 p.m. vs. maybe 1:00-1:30 a.m. We play nine games a match and start at 7 p.m. I've played in tournaments from Maryland to California and Oregon to Texas and everything is 15 points and short board. Have you ever run into this one, John? The player(s) shooting retain the hammer if no one scores. It's been just the last four years that the East Coast players became convinced that the hammer should change.

What's Happening in The Great Northwest

Just a note to keep you posted on what is happening in our Great Northwest. The Blue Goose Tavern will be having their 8th annual double elimination tournament on May 19-20. Hope you can all join us.

I look so forward to the newsy Board Talk every month and the good stories such as Gary Singer from Australia and Michelle Foran with her comments. Keep up the good work, Michelle! We are happy to hear that the Whistling Oyster is joining us, also the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington. They are very close to us -- just a short drive. Hope one day we will make it your way.

Love from all at the Blue Goose,

Dottie Hemkin, Port Orchard, Washington

It is people like Gary and Michelle and you, Dottie, that keep The Board Talk "newsy." And it's advertisers like the Whistling Oyster and Town Tavern that allow us to spread that news to shufflers across the U.S.A. Bless you all!

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

**THE BOARD TALK
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Lansing, MI 48906**

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Even though The Board Talk is a national newsletter, there are still some voids on our map after six and a half years. So, any time some "virgin territory" is opened, we get excited! Please join us in welcoming a new state to our World -- Iowa! We're looking for some action there soon and we encourage you to support them with your attendance.

In this issue is our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. Please use this directory in your travels. Stop in and tell those folks how much you appreciate their support of The World of Shuffleboard.

The Shuffleboard Directory appears in every issue of The Board Talk, but we don't want you to take it for granted. The businesses in the directory have "put their money where their mouth is" and they deserve a special thanks from you. The best way to show your appreciation is to give them your business.

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Doug won the game 15-13. Third place honors went to the father-son team of Dave Fridley and Doug Fridley Sr. from the Dew Drop Inn, with Marv Smith and Phil Arndt from Amy's earning fourth place prize money.

"Amy provided all players with a nice chili luncheon on Saturday and a delicious meatloaf buffet on Sunday," reports Doug Jr. "The broccoli and cheese serving was just superb, Cookie."

Huffer/Chambers Win at Beef's

The March 17th St. Patrick's Day Tournament hosted by Beef's Tavern and Playfair Shuffleboard Co. in Kendallville, Indiana, featured top regional players in an open doubles event. Winners of the 16-team, double elimination event were Larry Huffer of Leesburg, Ind., and Mark Chambers, Goshen, Ind. Jim DeWitt of Anderson, Ind. and Jerry Warr of Fairmount, Ind. took second place honors with Bob and Deb Voorhis of Fairmount in third. Jerry Siebert of Lansing, Mich. and Bill Bowers of Mishawaka, Ind. finished fourth.

"We had turn-away crowds," reports Marge Camp, co-owner of Beef's. "The play was excellent and the competition great. We were lucky enough to see real midwestern pros in action. Shuffleboard is the game of the 90s. We're thrilled to help spread the word".

King/Dell/Pyle Tops at Mickey's Place

Mickey's Place in Henderson, Maryland, hosted a bring your partner and mixed doubles tournament over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Fourteen teams participated in the bring your partner event and vied for a pot of \$1405. Chuck King and Lenny Dell were the big winners, with John Lukas Sr. and Charlie Walker taking second place honors. Scratch Todd and Cliff Embert finished third.

There were 13 teams in the mixed doubles with a pot of \$1305. Lenny Dell teamed up with Joyce Pyle to take his second 1st place win of the weekend. Chuck King and Bar-

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1990 National Shuffleboard Calendar

May 4-6

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

May 18-20

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

May 19-20

Open Doubles
Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan

May 19-20

8th Annual Double Elimination Tourney
Blue Goose Tavern, Retsil, Washington

***May 23-28**

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

May 24-28

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

May 25-28

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

June 8-10

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

June 15-17

4th Annual Open
Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 16-17

4th Annual Nationals
Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

June 29-July 1

6th Annual Board Talk Tourney
Houghton Lake, Michigan

***July 4-8**

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

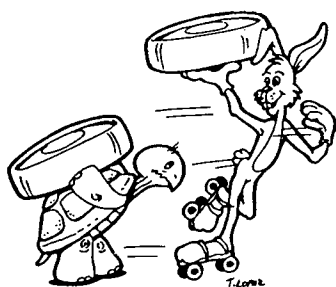
***Aug. 29-Sept. 3**

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

***Sept. 26-30**

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

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**



As the Puck Turns...

Porter White, who has been a Board Talk subscriber since its birth, has opened a new business. It's called the Frontier Saloon & Poker Palace and it's located at 2110 Winterhaven Dr., Winterhaven, Calif. He doesn't have a board yet, but maybe someday! In the meantime, you can enjoy "legal gambling." Stop in and wish him well in his new venture. If a trip to California is going to remain in your dream category for awhile yet, you could drop him a line: Frontier Saloon & Poker Palace, P.O. Box 1867, Winterhaven, CA 92283. When you send him your best wishes, also tell him how much you appreciate his support of The World of Shuffleboard.

A new little shuffler has entered The World of Shuffleboard. Be on the lookout in about 18 or 20 years for a challenger named Brandon Cameron. He was born on March 26, weighing in at 9 lbs. 6 oz. Join us in congratulating Marvin and Stephanie for bringing this fine baby boy into our World and send a card to two great shufflers who will surely have a positive influence on his life: Brandon's Nanny and Paw Paw, Rod and Tree Cameron, P.O. Box 1665, Dayton, TX 77535.

The Greater Lansing Shuffleboard League recently held their championship tourneys. Capturing the singles crown was Lee McDonald. Mickey Montgomery and Wayne Reist teamed up to take the doubles championship. And long-time shuffleboard supporter Rudy Stober is smiling more broadly than ever as his team captured the team championship. Members of the winning team were: Lee McDonald, Jerry Siebert, Jr. Lopez, Randy Draper, Jim Turpin, Gabby Miller, Dick Riest, Roger Holt and Bruce Tomlinson.

It pays to read! It pays to belong to the National Amateur Shuffleboard League! We don't know how many have taken advantage of joining the NASL, but only two members have taken advantage of the \$10 Board Talk subscription fee that they get as one of their perks: Lois Lambrecht and Larry Barthel, both of Tulsa, Okla. Why are they getting a financial break? Because we strongly believe that the future of shuffleboard lies with the amateurs. We can meet our publication expenses a lot easier with 5,000 amateur players at \$10 each than we can with 100 professional players at \$15 each. If you haven't explored this opportunity yet, better call The Shuffleboard Federation today, 313-344-9666. They had a double-page spread in the August 1989 issue of The Board Talk explaining all the benefits of joining. If you missed it, they would probably be glad to review the benefits with you.

The Playfair Shuffleboard Company participated in the annual Sports, Vacation and Boat Show at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, over the St. Patrick's weekend. In cooperation with local radio station

WOWO, they featured an open competition "Shuffleboard Shootout." The four-day competition began with three days of qualification, with each participant initially contending with four weights. Totals were recorded throughout the weekend and the top 12 scorers in the preliminary phase took part in the playoffs on Sunday.

"We're always looking for ways to introduce people to the excitement and challenge of tabletop shuffleboard," said Brian Crowl, president of Playfair Shuffleboard. "The visibility of WOWO Radio and the Sports, Vacation and Boat Show created the perfect atmosphere for trying the game and testing skills."

For information about Playfair boards and products, contact Brian at 1-800-541-3743 or FAX 219-747-0470.

Three women participating in Rudy Stober's Hall of Fame team event over the April 6-8 weekend took advantage of special rates offered by Lansing's Radisson Hotel. When a bottle of champagne, a box of chocolates and some flowers, with an unsigned card, showed up in their room, they wondered if they had a secret admirer. Which one of those dashing gents down at Stober's had something more in mind than shuffleboard? Unable to stand the suspense, they called the front desk to inquire who was responsible. "Oh, didn't you sign up for the honeymooner's weekend?" was the response. Not hardly! We're just good friends. But too late, Radisson, they'd already consumed the champagne and chocolates and smelled the flowers 'til there was no scent left!

"I don't want money; I want a trophy," decided one of the participants during a post-tournament money match at the Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa. So a couple of confident trophy-winners put their hard-earned awards on the line -- and lost them to the challenger. Even though he didn't go home with a pocket full of money, he did have first and second place trophies to show off to admiring family and friends! Now that's an innovative approach to filling up your trophy case!

A great Mother's Day story from Vicky Gohl of Pontiac, Michigan.... Her Mom knows nothing about shuffleboard except that Vicky plays every Tuesday night. She never fails to call Vicky every Wednesday morning to see how she did. Vicky plays for the Majestic Bar and reports it's been "nip and tuck, running from third to sixth place to see who ended up in the playoffs." When Mom called to ask how she did after playing Victor's Bar, Vicky responded, "Oh, we beat them 8 to 4 and we even had a skunk in there." "Oh, my gosh, you had a live skunk in the bar?" said a worried Mom. "No, Mom," replied Vicky. "That's just shuffleboard talk when you beat someone 15-0." "Oh, good," said Mom. "You had me worried for a minute."

Gene and Shirley, long-time owners of The Black Cat in Portland, Oregon, have officially retired. Please wish them well and welcome the new owners, Susan Morlan and Corporation (her two sisters). They say that, for now, the name will remain the same, the two in-house boards will stay, and they hope to stage a tournament soon. The Black Cat has been a special part of shuffleboard history. Whether that tradition continues depends on the day-to-day support of local shufflers and the type of reception they get from the rest of The World of Shuffleboard when they stage their first tournament. It's really up to you!

Champions of the Northern Star League was the Colonial Timber Inn's No. 2 team of Drain, Oregon. Shuffleboard is a fairly new sport to the area. Yoncalla, five miles south, has two boards, making a total of five boards and five teams in a six-mile radius. For the best food in town, Timber Inn owners Don and Leah Kimberling invite you to stop by. They specialize in home cooking, full service menu with beer, wine and cocktails. Drain is located in the southern coast range. Sutherlin and Roseburg are 30 minutes South; Springfield and Eugene are 40 minutes North. Now that you know the location, stop in and see the folks there. They'll be glad to see you.



Northern Star League Champs are Bryan, Bev, Michelle, Barb, Gail, Glen, Marvin, Dick, Dixie, Don and Ed.

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bara Dardas captured second place, with Dick Gorman and Debbie Standiford in third.

"John Lucas Sr. wants all you folks who didn't come back for the games on Sunday to know you missed out on good ole home cooked ham and cabbage," report the folks at Mickey's. "But not to worry. We ate your share and more. Thanks to Doc and Della for the great food and a really fun weekend. Chuck King did his usual great job as auctioneer. Thanks to him and a special thanks to our tournament director John Yaeger for a job well done. Thanks to all who made it a great weekend. Without you folks, there would be no tournaments."

Blue Coat Inn Records Another Big Success

Nasty weather and icy roads did not deter any of the good times at the Blue Coat Inn's Annual Spring Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 21-25. "It seems to get bigger and better every year," reports hostess Patti Kay.

Diana Hagen came from Texas to take top honors in the women's singles. Tulsa locals Carolyn Jones and Lois Lambrecht took second and third respectively in a field of 12 contenders. There were 38 entries in the open draw, with veterans Glen Davidson of Oklahoma City and Earl Kelly of Texas capturing first place. Diana Hagen teamed up with Sam Summers of Oklahoma to take second place. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Tom Miller of Tulsa finished third. In the bring
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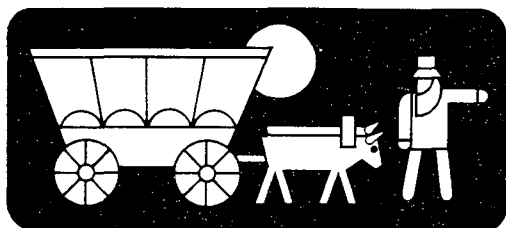
4th Annual Arbuckle Shuffleboard Tourney

May 24-28

Sweetheart Draw	\$15	Men's Singles	\$25
Open Draw	\$15	Bring Partner	\$60
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your partner event, Bud Hilburn and Frank Blade of Oklahoma earned first place trophies and monies. Glen Davidson and partner Gary Moore of Oklahoma took second place, with Howard Mouton and Dale Koteras of Texas in third place.

"Thank you, everyone, for being here," said Patti Kay. "It was a pleasure seeing all the ones who had been to our tournaments before and certainly a pleasure to meet all the new people. We look forward to seeing you again. A special big thanks to Cliff Goff for running one of the smoothest tournaments for the number of people we had that you could ask for. Thanks, Cliff, you're great! Also thanks to Tim Petri, Carolyn Jones, Sam Sweatt and Mike Bruza for all their help. And thanks to Budweiser for their support of our tournament."

Passariello/Ricklefs Winners at Dillinger's

It was worth the long trip from Saginaw to Oxford for Chris Passariello and Chuck Ricklefs, winners of the open doubles tournament at Dillinger's on March 24-25. Giving the Saginaw team a run for their money were Bernie Sunde of Madison Heights and John Tischler of Detroit. Finishing third were Neil Fetter, W. Bloomfield, and his partner, Jim Stockmaster of Pontiac.

Bernie teamed up with Sue Spack of Howell to take top honors in the mixed doubles event. Neil and Val Borja took second place, with Phil McGrew of Pontiac and Gale Schultz of Davisburg in third.

Hilltop Inn Season Finale Another Success

Co-tournament directors and promoters Bill McCulley and Chuck McKenzie decided they wanted to promote a new series of shuffleboard tournaments. They got the agreement and cooperation of Frank Stezzi, owner of the Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Maryland, to use his place and Frank got an additional two boards. New as these two fellows were to the tournament scene, they scheduled three major 2-day tourneys (limited by Sunday laws) and they did an outstanding job, reports Dick Gorman. The final in the series of three was held March 30-31 with two popular events, draw partner and bring partner, to establish winners, but more important, who would be the season's co-champions. That wasn't decided until the next to last match of the final event. It had previously been decided to have co-champions based on the "point value" system.

Early Friday afternoon, the pre-registered entries began to show up for some round robin practice. When the smoke finally cleared in Friday night's draw partner event, first place went to Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md., and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md., followed by John Lukas, Millington, Md., and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. The final money spot went to John Lukas Jr. of Wilmington, Del., and Dave Shewbridge, Elkton, Md.

Saturday morning provided a happy surprise as Hilltop Inn began serving breakfast for early comers -- and it was a good country breakfast that stuck to the ribs until late afternoon when all participants were treated by owner Frank Stezzi to spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls, etc. ("You know these Italians; they don't serve much ham and cabbage," said Dick. "It was a great meal and everyone would want it to be known - thanks to Frank and his staff.") Saturday's bring partner event finally wound down to the final three winning teams. First place went to Bill Lally, Philadelphia, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Second place went to the season cham-

pions, Mickey Baugh and Don Casula, Wilmington, and third place to John McGinley, Willingford, Pa. and John Rafferty, Aston, Pa.

The final standings for the season (first and second place a difference of 1/4 point) were: (1) Mickey Baugh, Perryville, Md. (2) Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. (3) Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. (4) Chuck King, Dover, Del. (5) Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. (6) Lenny Dell, Baltimore, Md. (7) Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Md. (8) Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. (9) Dave Shewbridge, Elkton, Md. and (10) Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. There were a total of 77 entries for this title. "Hats off, Bill and Chuck. You have done a fine job," said Dick.

Knox/Long Winners at Lucky's Spring Bash

Lucky's annual "spring bash" lured 18 teams to North Webster, Ind. on March 31, shooting for a \$1600 pot. In the wee hours of April Fool's Day, first place honors went to the team of Jerry Knox and Jim Long. Taking second place was the duo of John Cowen and Brian Collins. The final score was 15-14. Third place was taken by Jim Erdley and Norma Gray from Kimmell Inn. Fourth went to Larry Summy and Jr. Boocher.

"Throughout the day and evening, everyone enjoyed Harry's finger-lickin' barbecue chicken," reports John Cowen. "The owners Rick and Carol did a great job of getting the board ready for the tournament. It was lightning fast! All participants were appreciated."

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Doubles**

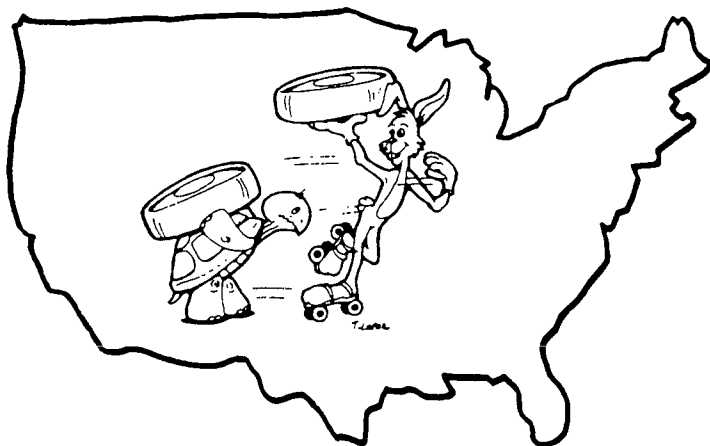
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- Waggin' Tongue, 6840 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix 85017
- The Black Bull, 732 W. Dunlop, Phoenix 85021
- Purple Turtle, 4944 W. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85031

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

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- Amato's, 18862 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach 92647; 714-963-8341
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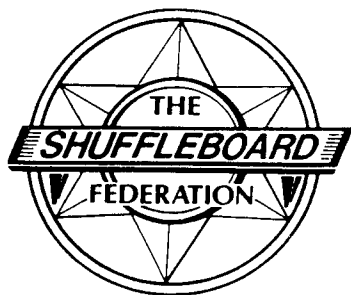
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Player Policy Board Meeting

Thanks to those who took the time to write and express their ideas on how to improve the tournaments and the rules which govern them.

There were several new rules added as well as a change in the percentages for distribution of prize monies.

1. A proposal was made to allow tournaments that are on the tour schedule to be played in a round robin format, and for them to count in the point standings. Citing difficulties in making the results work under the current points format, this proposal was voted down unanimously.
2. Coaching of an amateur team by someone who is not a team member: it was decided that only a person's partner or the team captain may offer advice. One warning will be issued and then a one-point per violation will be assessed thereafter.
3. Coaching of a player in the open events: no coaching of a player in a singles event by anyone. In doubles, advise may be given by a person's partner only. One warning, one point penalty thereafter.
4. "Extended Shot" guidelines: The following criteria must be met for a shot to be a legal delivery -- One foot must be on the ground, both feet must be behind the deuce line when the weight is delivered. A line will be taped to the ground to mark the legal delivery zone. Penalty for violation will be the loss of that shot; any weights which may have been knocked off or moved will be replaced.
5. Time allotment for matches: It was agreed that The Federation will, on a trial basis, use 1-1/2 hours per match for the first round of winners and losers brackets. It should be noted that in the most recent tournament, the Great Arizona Open, the doubles fell behind by nearly two hours, resulting in matches having to be played later than we would like to see.
6. Adjusting of boards after the tournament begins: We wish to thank the Broka family for their letter regarding playing conditions and board standardization.

It is very difficult to install eight or more boards on a Monday morning and have them play as well as we would like them to by Wednesday. Those of you who are familiar with setting up boards know that even if your level says the board is right on, it does not mean that when you throw weights on it that it will shoot straight.

Often times as the week goes on, differences in the speed from end to end that were too small to

notice at first become very pronounced, resulting in a hammer control board.

Also, rails that were shooting good may start to dump as the boards continue to settle. The Policy Board decided that a person will be designated by the Policy Board members who are present to make whatever adjustments are necessary to the boards each morning prior to the start of play.

The issue of standards is addressed in more detail later in this article.

7. Distribution of prize money: Changes were made on the percentages for 16 teams or less, and for 17-23 teams. The percentages remained the same for 24-32 teams. For 33 or more teams, prize money for 7th and 8th have been added. The breakdowns are listed below:
 - 16 teams or less: 3 places -- 58, 28, 14 (percentages)
 - 17 to 23 teams: 4 places -- 55, 26, 13, 6
 - 24 to 32 teams: 6 places -- 52, 24, 12, 6, 3, 3
 - 33 teams or more: 8 places -- 50, 24, 12, 6, 3, 3, 1, 1

Board Standards: What's the Answer?

From a promoter's standpoint, we would like playing conditions to be as good as humanly possible. We agree with the Broka family, who wrote a letter addressing this issue to The Board Talk and the Player Policy Board. The better the boards, the more fun they are to play as well as watch.

Anyone who is a shuffleboard player knows that counting on the people who manufacture the shuffleboards for support is shuffleboard's version of Russian Roulette.

American Shuffleboard is in the process of changing hands, Playfair Shuffleboard thinks that supplying boards for the tour is a bad investment because "players don't buy boards." Classic Shuffleboard has shown some interest but, as a new company, does not have the resources to sponsor the tour at this time.

The ideal situation is to have the same boards for each tournament and to make sure that they play up to the standards that we all would like. Ideally, we would also have the same person adjusting them at each tournament.

Most players feel the same about how they would like a board to play, equal speed from both ends, and rails which come in a little but not so much that rail shooting is taken out of play.

We have approached Al Stewart and asked him if he would be interested in doing this and, if so, to think about what it would cost for his services.

As the letter from the Broka family said, "It is now time for the players themselves to assume a responsible role in the promotion and growth of our sport...."

The Shuffleboard Federation has invested substantially to get to where we are now. Last year alone, our travel, hotel, food and drink expenses were in excess of \$32,000. When you add \$6000 for trophies and flyers, more than 100 buckets of wax, plus our time, you get an idea of the kind of commitment we have made.

It is time for the players to make some additional commitments if they truly want the game to continue to advance. If the players are ready to make the investment, we are ready, willing and able to continue to do our part. Quite frankly, the

players' past performance in demonstrating a willingness to do their share has been very poor.

We had made it a requirement that everyone who participated in our events subscribe to The Board Talk. This caused so much griping that, since it has always been our intention to run the tournaments the way the players wanted, we have dropped that as a requirement.

We will be making a proposal to you, the players, in the near future detailing what it will cost to buy boards for the tour, as well as the cost of transportation, and hiring a person to level and clean the playing surface and gutters every morning prior to the first matches of the day.

You will have an opportunity to decide whether we can take ourselves to the next level. Are you as a player ready to be an asset to the shuffleboard community? Will you as players who express a desire to see our sport step up another level part with a percentage of your prize money to make it happen?

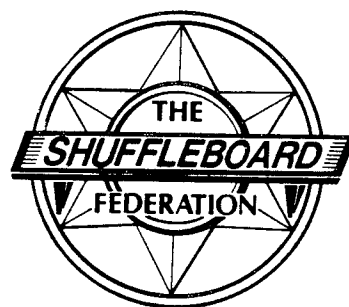
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1990 Point Standings: Open Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Sam Summers	257 1/2
2.	Dale Koteris	212 1/2
3.	Bobby Voorhis	204
4.	Frank Blade	195
5.	Glen Davidson	167 1/2
6.	Chuck Norris	163
7.	Billy Mays	147
8.	Earl Kelly	146 1/2
9.	David Williams	143
10.	Howard Mouton	138
10.	Bill Melton	138

1990 Point Standings: Ladies' Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Diana Hagen 250 1/2	
2.	Brenda Moore	189
3.	Peggie Richards	98
4.	Debbie Voorhis	73
5.	Mary Koteris	71
6.	Fritz Broka	50
7.	Chris Danke	46
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Local Team Wins Stober's Hall of Fame

Eight teams participated in a six-person, best 5 of 9 double elimination team event at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan on April 6-8. It wasn't until the wee hours of Monday morning that the Hall of Fame team was decided. Led by co-captains Jr. Lopez and Jerry Siebert, the undefeated Stober team lost five straight games to Dillinger's men's team from Ox-



Stober's Hall of Fame Team Winners

ford. Stobers turned it around in the final match, however, and won five straight. Other members of the winning team were Rudy Stober, Dana Gray, Don Bauer, Wayne Reist, Mickey Montgomery and George Wilber.

Members of the second place finishers from Dillinger's were Bernie Sunde, John Tischler, O.B. Brimm, Doug Stewart, Jim Kelsey, Dick Keener, Bill Canterbury, Cass Grubbs, and Ziggy.

Other teams in the tournament were Saginaw, 3rd; Indiana, 4th; Lakeside, Union Lake, Dillinger's Women, Wagon Wheel (Lake Orion), and Grand Rapids.

McDaniel/Yank/Kelly Lafayette Inn Winners

Every first Saturday of the month, shuffleboarders from the middle Atlantic states area gather at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, for a draw partner shootout. With four in-house boards, it usually allows time for two separate tournaments starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7, was no exception as 30 shooters showed up for the two double elimination events.

The first event was won by Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md. and Jim Yank, Philadelphia. Second place went to Betty McMullen, Rising Sun, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Third place was taken by Poncho Prevento, Elkton, Md. and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md.

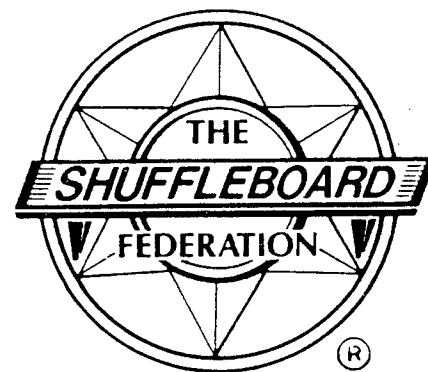
The second event was won by Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. and (again) Jim McDaniel. Second place went to Lenny Dell, Baltimore, Md. and Mark Grove, Rising Sun, with third to Cody Miller, Lafayette Inn's daytime bar maid, and Mickey Mickens. The other two states, Delaware and New York, were represented, but no winners this time.

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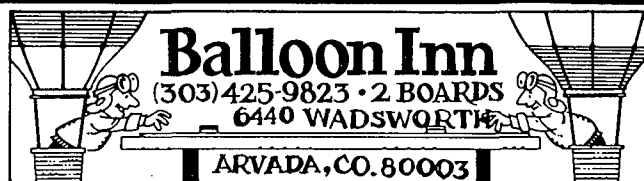
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The last event of this type will be Saturday, May 7. "Then we take a break and eat Nelson Renzo's famous crabs and start shooting again on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. Hope to see you next season," says Dick Gorman.

Sawyer/Anderson Win Corner Tavern's Spring Opener

Another exciting finish was recorded at the 8th Annual Spring Opener Shuffleboard Tournament at the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, on April 7-8. Nineteen teams from Washington, Oregon and Canada took part in the annual campout, cookout and board shootout.

With just over \$2300 in the pot, Larry Sawyer of Anacortes, Wash., teamed up with Sherm Anderson of Sheridan, Oregon, to take the title -- but not without a struggle. Sawyer and Anderson opened the tourney with a very close two out of three victory over Rosa White of Spokane, Wash. and Jackie Anderson of Shelton, Wash. The women then proceeded to storm through seven games in the loser's bracket to get into the finals. Then, after knocking off the Sawyer-Anderson duo in the first two out of three, went after the men again. It was not to end in storybook fashion, however, as the guys squeezed out two wins in a row to take the championship.

Both teams were exhausted and the men especially were impressed with the toughness of Rosa's and Jackie's play. "We couldn't have played a stronger team in the finals," said Sawyer.

Lyle Hunnicut and Danny McKinnon of Everett, Wash., took third place with Lenny Miles of Burlington, Wash. and

teammate "Moose" Fahey of Mt. Vernon in fourth.

Once again, the owners of the Corner Tavern, Donna and Glen, put out a great spread for everyone. Almost everyone brought motor homes and campers to this out-in-the-country tournament. Even the County Sheriff attended!

If you folks are traveling through Northwest Washington this summer, be sure and stop in for a visit. Call ahead (757-6113) and they'll have shooters there.

Norris/Hagen/Mays/Kelly Top Winners in Arizona

Another successful Arizona Open is history, with some new winners, and some who are regulars in the winner's circle.

Chuck Norris of Portland, Oregon, broke the ice with his first win in a major singles, defeating another player, Frank Blade of Oklahoma, who was making a bid for his first big one as well. It looked like Frank, who survived the winner's bracket, was going to take Chuck the full distance, until Chuck lagged consecutive 4s to steal a game he had been trailing, 13-7. Charged up from his comeback in the second game, Chuck continued to hit big lags in the third game enroute to the championship. Taking third place honors was Billy Chiles of California, with Eric Waldman of Montana in fourth. Other winners were Gordy Collins, Michigan; Sam Summers, Oklahoma; Bill Melton, Oklahoma; and David Williams, Texas.

Peggie Richards of Arizona made a long climb out of the loser's bracket to reach the finals of the women's singles and a bid to defend her title. She forced opponent Diana Hagen of Texas to a second match before succumbing to Diana's steady lagging. Deb Voorhis of Indiana finished third, with Chris Danke of California in fourth. Other winners were Cheryl Col-

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BUDWEISER INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Our singles and doubles format calls for qualifying rounds spread over as many as eight locations. The winners then meet for the championship round. This year's men's singles final results are: Mike Ruby, 1st; Ted Johnson, 2nd; Steve Wellman, 3rd. Other finalists were Jeff Cottrell, Gene Gach, Bryan Bryant, Jeff Wellman, Don Vanitvelt, John Leach, and Jerry Bryant.

This year's women's doubles winners and finalists were: Pat Luckett and June Phillips, 1st; Kathy Broka and Diana Hofmann, 2nd; Nancy Stogdill and Dianne Brookens, 3rd; other finalists Cassie Kern and Shelly Mida, Jamie Kay and Rose Walls, Val Borja and Bonnie Shaw.

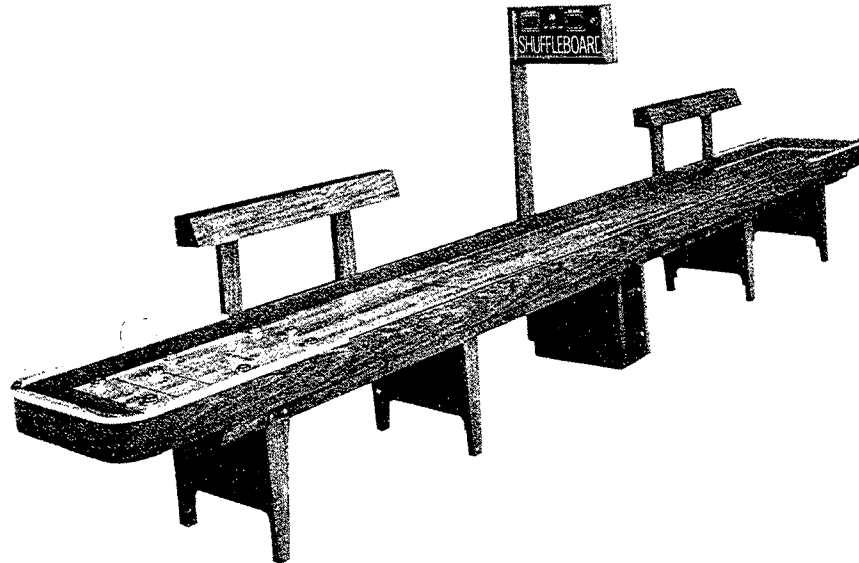
Congratulations to everybody! See you at the banquet.

Jeff Dugaw
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Men's League Standings

(West)		Handicap	(East)		Handicap
Lakeside I	438 1/2	0	Wagon Wheel I	440	0
Lakeside II	368	0	Dillinger's	422 1/2	0
Victor's	368	0	Liberty	378	0
O'Brady's	344 1/2	1	Wagon Wheel II	331 1/2	0
Glengary Inn	330 1/2	Bye	Bud & Elmer's	314 1/2	2
Prue's	292 1/2	0	Don's Pub	310 1/2	1
Bachelor I	288 1/2	0	Majestic	303	0
Catalina Lanes	254	0	Charlie's Roost	244 1/2	0
The Pub	118	1	Richard's	195 1/2	3
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lins, Michigan; Marilyn Roberts, Arizona; Cindy Clark, Arizona; and Mary Koteris, Texas.

The open doubles featured another trip to the finals for recently retired, and more recently un-retired, Billy Mays and partner Earl Kelly, both of Texas. They survived an exciting finals match with the Houston duo of Dale Koteris and Howard Mouton. Two more Texans reached the loser's bracket finals before bowing out and finishing third -- Johnny Ballard and Brenda Moore. This is their highest finish in an open doubles to date. Bud Hillburn and Frank Blade of Oklahoma finished in fourth place. Other winners were Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Sparky Sparkman, California; Bill Melton and David Williams; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Karl Spickelmier, California; Rick Gindt and Al Pease, Oregon.

In the Pro-Am event, Glen Davidson and Ted Behrens took top honors. Bill Melton and Mr. Mardy finished in second place, with Howard Mouton and Bellflower Bruce in third. Mark Rutkowski and Deb Voorhis finished fourth.

Benedict's Genesee Light Open, May 18-20

The Benedict family will host a Genesee Light Open Shuffleboard Tournament at Benedict's, 20 Classic Street in Sherburne, New York, on May 18-20. Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$10 per person, limited to the first 32 sign-ups. The women's singles will start Saturday morning, \$10 entry fee, limited to the first 16 players signed up. The bring your partner event starts Saturday afternoon, \$25 per team entry, limited to the first 32 teams. Sunday features the open singles, \$25 entry, limited to the first 32 signed

up. All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Sweaters and trophies will be awarded to the winners, and an open buffet will be available for daily participants. This tourney will fill up fast, so get your paid registration in soon. Make checks payable to Benedict's and send to Benedict's, 20 Classic Street, Sherburne, NY 13460.

Hosts Milt and Betty recommend the following for lodging: Sherburne Motel, 607-674-5511; Sherburne Inn, 607-674-6021; Grove Parki, 607-334-2251; or Jerome Valtowski's Bed & Breakfast, 607-674-6531.

Open Doubles at Lakeside, May 19-20

The Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Union Lake, Mich., will be the site of an open doubles tournament on May 19-20. \$100 per team entry fee with a 50-25-15-10 payoff plus trophies for first and second places. 24 team limit, double elimination. To reserve your spot, call Phil McGrew, 313-681-8636 or 313-365-6800. You can also contact Phil to see who wants to participate but needs a partner. Round robins on Friday night; auction at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

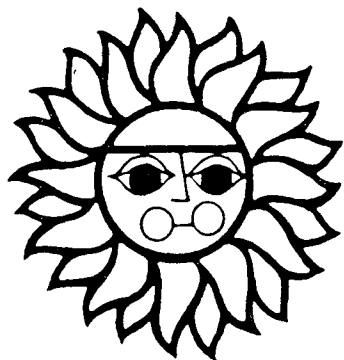
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4th Annual Michigan Open, May 23-28

Please check the enclosed flyer for the 4th Annual Budweiser Michigan Open because there have been some changes.

For the open singles, the entry fee is \$200 for members, \$210 for non-members. For the women's singles, the entry fee is \$100 for members, \$110 for non-members; mixed doubles, \$100 per player for members and \$110 for non-members; open doubles, \$50 per player for members, \$60 for non-members. The open doubles is a single game, double elimination

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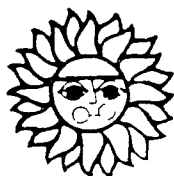


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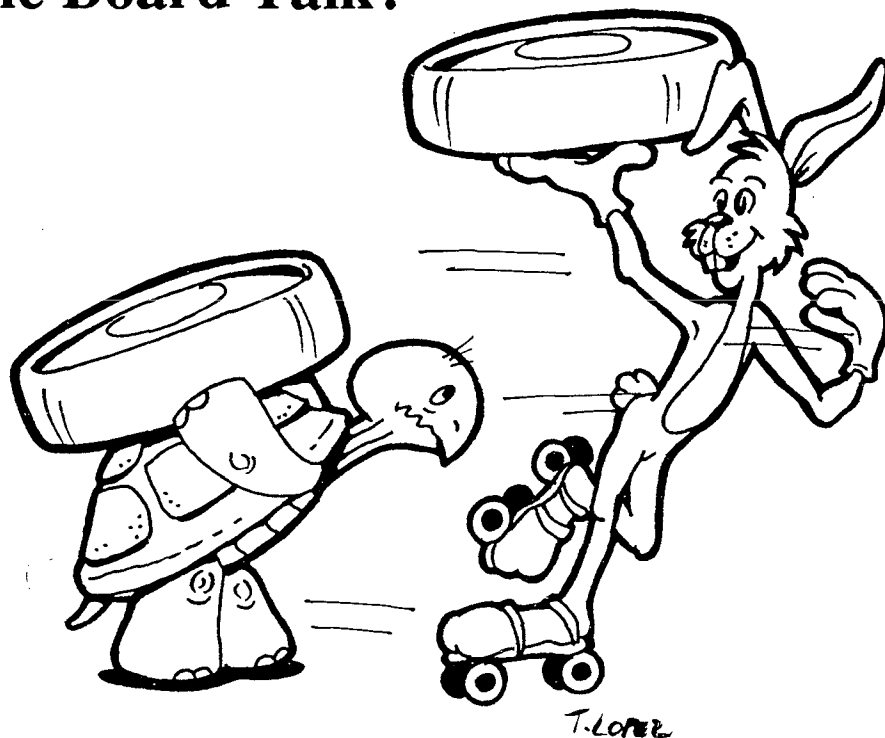


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and starts Saturday with finals on Sunday. If you play in this event, you cannot participate in the mixed doubles.

Sponsor sales are 8 p.m. on May 23 for the open singles; 8 p.m. on May 24 for the ladies' singles; and 8 p.m. on May 25 for the mixed doubles, team event and open doubles.

Note that all non-residents must stay at the Holiday Inn. For reservations, call 3138353-7700 and be sure to tell them you're with the tournament.

4th Annual Arbuckle Open, May 24-28

Alan Primrose announced that the 4th Annual Arbuckle Open will be held at Prim's Wagon Wheel, Highway 77 North, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, on May 24-28. Participation in this event has been growing in leaps and bounds each year, so be sure to get your reservations in early.

The schedule of events includes a Sweetheart Draw Partners on Thursday evening, \$15 per person entry fee; an open draw partners on Friday night, \$15 per person entry; a women's singles Saturday afternoon, \$20 entry; a men's singles on Sunday, \$25 entry; and a bring your partner starting Monday afternoon, \$60 per team.

Note that this is not a professional tourney. The top 20 men and the top five women in the Shuffleboard Federation's standings are not eligible to enter -- but they are welcome to attend. There will be action all week prior to the tourney, so get there early and make it a shuffleboarder's vacation. Motels and restaurants are near the tourney site.

For information, call Prim's Wagon Wheel, 405-665-2566. See ad in this issue and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the good word.

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

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

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

Tournament directors will be Fred Thumann and Jerry Miller, with bracket boards by Sharon Miller. Recommended lodging are the Econo Motor Lodge, 916-742-8586, or the Motor Lodge, 916-743-1531. For further information, contact Jerry or Sharon at the Ace of Clubs, 916-743-6885.

National Open, Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, June 8-10

The Fridley family invites you to the Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York, June 8-10, for a National Open Tournament.

Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$15 per person entry fee. Limited to the first 28 sign-ups with prizes for the first three places. On Saturday morning, the bring your partner event will start, \$25 per team entry, limited to the first 34 teams, with prizes for the first six places. An open singles will start Sunday morning, \$25 entry fee, limited to the first 24 entries, paying four places.

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Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard place and urge the shufflers there to send their entries in today.

4th Annual Open, Wheeler Dealer, Tulsa, June 15-17

The Wheeler Dealer Club, 1737 S. Memorial Drive in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host its 4th Annual Open Shuffleboard Tournament on June 15-17. Events will include a draw partner event, \$100 per person entry fee; and a bring your partner tourney, \$200 per team. Auctions for both events are scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 15 with play immediately following.

Motels and restaurants are near the tourney site. Call the Wheeler Dealer for recommendations: 918-664-1992. For information regarding the tourney or to save your spot, call Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and plan to participate in this big event.

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

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

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

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

For further information, call the Acme, 206-272-1892.

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

This year's Board Talk Shuffler's Reunion Tournament will be co-sponsored by the Playfair Shuffleboard Company and Budweiser and is scheduled for June 29- July 1 at Houghton Lake, Michigan. Houghton Lake is the state's most popular year-round vacation site with many attractions for the entire family. The tournament will be held in two lounges, directly across the street from each other -- Skip's Lounge, 8989 W. Houghton Lake Rd., and Northway Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Dr. Events will include a draw partner, \$10 per person; men's singles, \$25 per person; women's singles, \$20 per person; open doubles, \$40 per team; and a 4-person team event, \$40 per team. At least one woman must be on the 4-person team.

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

If you're looking for the convenience, there are two motels just a "stone's throw" from the tournament sites: the Chalet Motel, 517-422-5085, or the Venture Inn, 517-422-5591, and a Holiday Inn just down the road, 517-422-5175. If you're

bringing the family or would like to share a cabin with your friends, there are plenty of resorts on the lake. For those who have RVs, there are also campgrounds available. All of these facilities will fill up fast, so you are strongly urged to make reservations well in advance. For a Houghton Lake directory, which contains information about local attractions, motels, resorts and campgrounds, call The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

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

5th Annual U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, July 4-8

Don Valk's popular U.S. Open has been moved to the 4th of July holiday weekend and to a new location -- the Airport Hilton, 6000 Fiskville Rd., Austin, Texas. Action will start on July 4 with a pro-am draw partner event, limited to 16 teams, \$50 entry for the amateurs and \$25 for the pros.

The open singles, limited to 24 players with \$200 entry fee, will start on July 5 with finals on July 8. The ladies' singles, limited to 24 players, \$100 entry, will start on July 6 with finals on the 8th. The open doubles, limited to 24 teams, \$200 per team entry, starts on July 7 with finals on the 8th. The NASL team event, 12-team limit, starts July 6 with finals on the 8th. This team event must be a six-person team with four men and two ladies, \$150 per team entry.

Reservation deadline for your lodging at the Airport Hilton is June 30. Call 1-800-347-0330. For information about the tourney, call Don Valk, 512-444- 4133; or The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-344-9666. If you're interested in staging a qualifier tournament for this big one, call Don to make arrangements.

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