

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

This is another one of those months when we wish the keyboard had musical keys because "we're feelin' good -- good all over" and it's because of you! Why? Let us count the ways....

We get a letter from one sweet lady in California, Ina Rogers, who took a year's recess from shuffleboard and from The Board Talk because of painful personal reasons. "How I have missed you," she wrote. "It's like the friendship has gone out of life. You've been great friends over the years to me. Don't ever sell yourselves short and think you haven't made an impact on a lot of others' lives. Thanks for it more than words can express."

Never have we received encouragement quite as eloquent as that! Talk about impact! Her note will have a place of honor on our bulletin board to carry us through those days when we ask ourselves, "Is this an exercise in futility?" Thank you, Ina, more than words can express. If we're still here five years down the road, it could just be because you took the time to let us know that we are making an impact.

Then came The Shuffleboard Federation's Las Vegas tournament. It started with a plane ride with a very special group of Michigan shufflers who opened their hearts and extended the hand of fellowship to our daughter, a mighty important person in our lives. If she had any reservations about our plans to leave The Board Talk as our legacy to her sons, they were erased before the trip ended. She thought each and every person she met on the trip and during the tournament was special and she'll be proud to carry on The Board Talk family tradition.

The tournament itself brought several "highs" for us, other than the usual opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones and to be on the scene of this big event (being on the scene for every one is still a luxury we can't handle).

We got some positive feedback on the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing. Some local Vegas subscribers told us, "You have no idea how many people stop by the Deluxe Liquors because of your listing" and "When we retire, we're going to take that list and travel across the U.S.A., stopping at every place to meet the shufflers there." That's what that network is meant to do and we're glad to hear it's working. That quarterly listing is in this issue. Use it and please tell the shufflers and shuffleboard supporters you meet that The Board Talk sent you.

The tournament also provided us the opportunity to personally tell one of our Shuffleboard Directory advertisers that we appreciate their year-round support. Participating in The Federation's North American Championships N.A.S.L. team event was a first for the Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, and they did very well for themselves, capturing third place. Next

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Tourney Talk

Nelson/Allis Win Town Tavern Tourney

Darrol Nelson of Springfield, Oregon, and partner Jimmy Allis of Longview, Washington, continued their domination of local tournaments this summer by winning the Town Tavern tourney in Sequim, Washington, in late July. Larry Sawyer of Anacortes, Washington, and Sherm Anderson of Edison, Washington, were second, followed by Jim Buhl and Les Burt, both of Bremerton, Washington, in third.

Temperatures were in the 90s for the whole weekend, matching the hot shooting by a very strong tournament field.

Gindt/Norris/DeAngelo Winners at Willie's Seafarer

Willie's Seafarer Tavern in Warrenton, Oregon, hosted their annual Labor Day tournament on Sept. 1-4.

Singles action saw Rick Gindt of Tacoma, Washington, hold off Don Mitchell of Portland, Oregon, for the top money. Chuck Norris of Portland took third with Steve Wilson of Springfield coming in fourth in the 30-player field.

In the doubles, it was Norris and Mike DeAngelo of Portland coming through the loser's bracket to defeat Les Burt of Bremerton, Washington, and Sherm Anderson of Edison, Washington. Third place money went to Marv White of Spokane and Rick Gindt. Jim Allis of Longview, Washington, teamed up with Gary George of Tacoma for fourth place.

The weather was hot and everyone enjoyed a fun weekend.

Kennedy Wins Peanut House Singles

The Peanut House in Bellflower, California, hosted its first Amateur/Intermediate Open Singles over the Labor Day weekend. Twenty-six players vied for a total pot of \$3200.

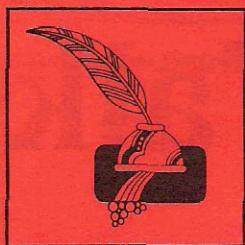
First place honors went to the "undefeated" Jim Kennedy, with Joanie Swenson in second. Frank Bentley finished third with John Coulter in fourth place. Fifth and sixth places went to Bob Brunskill and Chuck Kimbrough.

"For this being an Amateur/Intermediate tournament, many of the matches played were tough and exciting down to the last lag," reports Joanie. "Peanut House had a third board put into the bar, which made it possible for us to run a tournament with this many players. Once again, Peanut House gave a free drink to those lagging a four. Seventeen were awarded, quite a few by Jim Kennedy."

Joanie extends a special thanks to Anna Brunskill for her delicious chili and Lou Lucero for the pizzas and to Bubba Warren and Joe Muniz for their part in the tournament.

"Now with three boards in the Peanut House, we're looking forward to more tournaments," said Joanie. "With the reputation the Peanut House is gaining for their great hospitality, this place is soon becoming the hot spot for amateur shufflers."

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Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard*

Glen's Views on the Vegas Tourney

First, I would like to congratulate George Wilber and Johnny Ballard on their Legend's win, and to Darrol Nelson on his second singles win in a row. To Bobby V. for making a lucky shot on me to make second in the singles and to Eric Waldman and Chuck Norris on their second place in the doubles. To Sam Summers and Darrol for third, and most of all, to John McDermott and myself for first in the doubles.

Thanks to John and Phil for getting us together for our first tourney and our first win. Let's make it two in a row, John, at the Thanksgiving tourney in Philadelphia.

Thanks go out from all to Diana Hoffman and Kathy Broka for a great job on the boards and to Rob Kern for all the work he did and to Rick Boyer for his work. Thanks also to Dynamo for all the new boards and to kick off the first Shuffleboard Federation tourney in Vegas. To sum it up, thanks for a great job from all of us. You, too, Cheryl Collins and Deb Voorhis.

I was given a lifetime Achievement Award for all I have given to the game. This I do appreciate and thanks to The Federation again for this award. As long as I have promoted the game and held tournaments across the country, especially in California and Oklahoma leagues, this is the first thanks I have received from anyone. Anyone who ever promoted or held tourneys to keep things going or to get it going in an area knows it's only for the love of the game and hopefully to win one that will be the reward. I still have my first player to come up and say thanks for getting it going in the Midwest. I say to all, I have given back twice what I have taken. What about you?

The Federation is here to stay. Let's all give them a call or drop them a line and tell them we appreciate them. Also, remember George and Donna's Christmas party on Dec. 15. The same for them.

It was nice seeing all the gang in Vegas.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We add our support to the Shuffleboard Federation's salute to you, Glen, for your contributions to The World of Shuffleboard.

Jamie Maxwell Benefit Tournament

Children are God's gift to man and woman. We, as parents, are blessed when a child to us is born. Twice blessed we are when child is born sound of mind and firm of body. What a joy to see understanding dawn in twinkling eyes, and what a joy to witness youthful energy that knows no bounds. To these children, each day is an adventure, each night a dream.

Then, there are those children whose days are far too long and whose nights never end. Children who have had the misfortune to be born with or suffer from some disease or illness

with a name no can pronounce, let alone understand. Such a child is Jamie Maxwell, age 4-1/2, daughter of Bill and Sharon Maxwell. Jamie suffers from Gaucher's Disease, a disease which affects the bone marrow and such organs as the kidneys and spleen. Jamie is hanging in there and would be doing much better if treatment of the disease could begin.

But, treatment of the disease will be expensive, approximately \$100,000 a year. In an effort to assist the Maxwells through this most troubling of times, the Southern California shuffleboard community held a benefit shuffleboard tournament at Amato's the weekend-end of October 19-21, 1990, the proceeds of which were donated to the Jamie Maxwell Treatment Fund.

All those wishing to make a donation may do so by sending check or money order made payable to Jamie Maxwell to:

Chris Danke

202 Portland #4

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chris Danke, 714-536-6798, and Michele Lamo, 714-630-1536, graciously offered to coordinate all of the activities surrounding the benefit tournament and either would be happy to answer any questions.

Lou Lusero, California

Nobody understands what the Maxwells are experiencing more than we do. When our blind and mentally retarded daughter was creating challenges we thought we'd never be able to meet, we didn't have the support of a caring network like The World of Shuffleboard. All we can say is: Please open your hearts to them. They need you! Even if you can't afford to help them financially, just a card or note to let them know you care will help.

Nancy Salutes Employees and Customers

Some news from Nancy at the Acme Tavern in Tacoma, WA about these special customers and employees I have! Our remodeling is finished and such a magical change! I'm tellin' you, there's no possible way to explain! I just want to say, "God Bless" and my love to all of them.

Cory Bisson, Dave Uhron and Al Pease were all working double hours - 7 days a week and they still came right from work and put in a lot more hours! Shazam, the new wall and electrical system like right out of a book! Tom Jackowski strolled right in, built and installed the bar on two walls - and such a wonderful job - you'll see!

Ross Baer then climbed on the ladder and painted the walls and brought it all together right before our eyes.

Phillip Annett, Bill Ketron, Ed Kaleikini, Bob Letourneau, Her Schneider, Bob Williams all hung in and worked side by side. "We'll help," they said. And tons and tons of work they did! With these guys, it worked! Without them -- no way!

Cory and Phillip got so involved, they cut a new door! (You'll love it, I know!!)

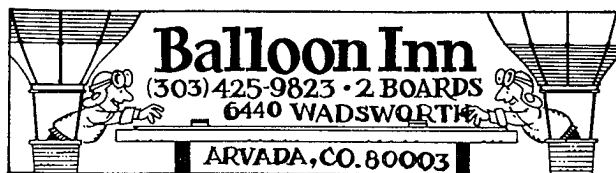
And now for the final and exciting part that finished it all, we ripped up the carpet and Craig Vanmeter laid down new!!

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Hammer (continued from page 1)

time you look at the Directory and see that clever Balloon Inn ad, you can picture the friendly people who will be there to extend the special hand of fellowship to you when you stop by....



Members of the Balloon Inn third-place finishers in the N.A.S.L. team event were Lon and Gwen Vogt, Nick Gehring, Gayle Smith, Gene Davis, Grethren Duncan and (not pictured) Tom and Jeanette Henry.

And, speaking of The Shuffleboard Directory, we'd like to call your attention to a new addition this month. Look! We've got our own shuffleboard insurance agent -- Dave Gale, a shuffler from Texas. He illustrates what we've been trying to sell: shufflers are consumers of more than just shuffleboard-related products and services. He says, "In recent months, I've seen through your publication, people dying and having major illnesses. With proper planning, through insurance, we can keep our 'shufflers shuffling' with peace of mind. Let's all stay healthy and plan ahead -- just in case." Most of us have some type of insurance, but if there's a way we can support one of "our own," we ought to do so. Dave is giving his ad a two-month trial. If it works, he'll be there to stay. You can do him - and us -- a favor. Let him know that Board Talk advertising does work!

Unless we get some immediate up-take, we're going to fall short of our claims that advertising in The Board Talk pays off. In the October issue, we offered a 25 percent discount on Christmas ads received before Nov. 1. To date, we've gotten one response to that offer: Triple Crown (see full page ad in this issue). They care enough about their faithful customers to wish them a Merry Christmas. We had the opportunity to meet these very special people at our Board Talk tournament in July. They really do care about our World of Shuffleboard and we extend a sincere salute to them.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

Send Christmas greetings to your customers and friends. See page 19.

1990-91 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Nov. 16-18

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

Nov. 21-24

*Turkey Teaser Shuffleboard Shootout
Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas*

Nov. 22-25

*2nd Annual Fall Classic Thanksgiving
Amateur Tournament
The Peanut House, Bellflower, California*

***Nov. 22-26**

*2nd Annual East Coast Extravaganza
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Nov. 24-25

*"Get the Rust Out" Doubles
Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington*

Dec. 1-2

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

Dec. 8-9

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

Dec. 15-16

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

Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 1991

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

Feb. 23-24

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

March 1991

*Great Arizona Open
Phoenix, Arizona*

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

(Editor's Note: A shuffleboard couple appreciates the Peanut House's support of shuffleboard so much that they purchased a year's ad for them in The Shuffleboard Directory. We think that's great!)

Yank-Yank

The 1990-91 tournament season kicked off on Sept. 21-23 at Benedict's Classic in Sherburne, New York. Despite overcrowded motels and bed and breakfast places, 66 shooters from seven different states showed up for the competition. "As usual, the Benedicts provided their outstanding hospitality and buffet for all participants," reports Dick Gorman. "And, as usual, Milt Benedict provided a day of rain. As Milt says, 'I got to keep them inside somehow.' You have to visit Sherburne to see how nice an area it is in the Spring and Fall. Most folks would like to be outside."

The traditional Friday night draw partner event was sold out and tough competition prevailed, ending at 4:30 a.m. Saturday with Steve Bennett of Sherburne and Don Perry, Cortland, New York, taking first place over host Milt Benedict and Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Third place went to Rising Sun, Maryland's Steph McNeill and Lynn Nearing, Norwich, New York.

Saturday morning the ladies were back for the women's singles which was won by Rita Yank of Philadelphia. Second place went to Debbie Nearing (wife of Lynn) and third place again to Steph McNeill.

Saturday afternoon started the bring partner event and were there some surprises. Many of the teams that went high in the auction found themselves in the loser's bracket after the first round. The final match found Johnny Ballard of Houston, Texas, and Jim Yank of Philadelphia taking first place over Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Dennis Leehive, Denville, New Jersey. Third place went to Doug Fridley Jr., Waterloo, New York, and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. The final money spot, fourth place, went to Milt Benedict and Russ Reynolds of Sherburne.

A new format for Benedicts this year was substituting the open singles on Sunday with a mixed doubles. The response was great and proved to be a popular decision. Losing their first match and coming all the way to first place were Judy Gartland of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens. They beat out the husband and wife team of Jim and Rita Yank. Third place went to the sister-brother team of Tracie and Doug Fridley Jr. and fourth to another husband and wife team, Jane and Arlo Johnson of Jordan, New York.

"The East Coast point race is on and the results of this four-board tournament show Rita Yank in the women's race and Jim Yank, men's division, in first place in the Blue Division. There are a lot of tournaments scheduled for points this year and it is a long way until next August. But so far, it is Yank and Yank," reports Dick.

Dowell/Elliott Tops at Wolf Lake

Twelve teams participated in a doubles tournament at the Wolf Lake Bar & Grill in Wolf Lake, Indiana, Sept. 22. Winners were Terry Dowell and Paul Elliott with Larry Huffer and Mike Johnson in second place. Laska Dowell and Carol Ladd took third place and Harry Taylor and Jim Early finished fourth.

Taylor/Early Winners at Lucky's Tavern

Bob Taylor and Norma Early were winners of a tournament hosted by Lucky's Tavern, North Webster, Indiana, on Sept. 29. Jerry Knox and Jim Long took second place honors with Steve Blue and Mike Johnson in third. Ten teams participated with a total pot of \$1100.

DeAngelo/Norris Do It Again!

The Seafarer Tavern in Warrenton, Oregon, held their traditional Labor Day tournament with 14 teams in the doubles and 29 teams in the singles.

Portland players Mike DeAngelo and Chuck Norris took first again (is this the third or fourth time, guys?) while Washington players staggered away with the rest. Les Burt of Bremerton and Sherm Anderson of Edison came in second. Marv White of Spokane and Rick Gindt of Tacoma placed third with Jim Allis of Longview and Gary George of Tacoma in fourth.

Rick Gindt of Tacoma took top honors in the singles with Don Mitchell, also of Tacoma, in second place. Chuck Norris took third place with Steve Bijorn of Springfield placing fourth.

"All of us would like to thank Willie and his Seafarer crew for another great tournament," reports Carol Norris. "Those people are super. Thanks also comes from Willie to all the players and fans. Jimmy the cop, we missed you!"

Carol adds some side notes to this tourney: Maureen and Wanda took first place for braving a questionable crew and going fishing. They didn't catch anything, but got to drive the boat and had a good time. Chuck Norris wins first place for converting his broken boat into a motel for those who did not

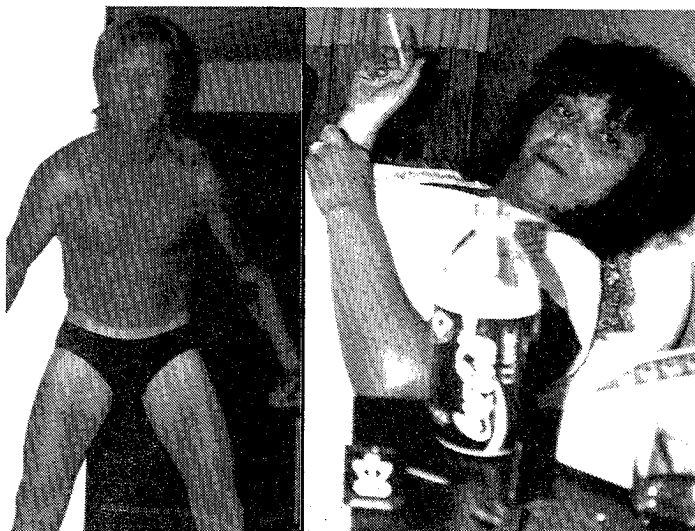
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have a place to stay and first place for hospitality goes to Marv and Rosa White, Dave and Bobbie Arndt and Al and Wanda Pease who shared their motel rooms with all of those in need. "Just goes to show that shuffleboarders are one big family and take care of each other," said Carol. "Chuck also thanks all of you who helped with the boat. Maybe next year it will run and we can catch some fish."



Hospitality comes in different forms. "Share our motel room?" asks Marv White. "Not to Worry," responds Rosa White.

(Photos by Nancy Hiller, Acme Tavern)

Turkey Teaser Shootout at Corporate Image, Nov. 21-21
The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort



"Get The Rust Out" Doubles Tournament

Nov. 24-25

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Worth, Texas, invites you to participate in a "Turkey Teaser" Shuffleboard Shootout on Nov. 21-24. Events include a round robin on Wednesday, \$20 entry fee; a draw partner, double elimination, \$50 entry fee on Thursday with the auction at 7 p.m.; a singles on Friday, best 2 out of 3, double elimination, \$50 entry fee with the auction starting at 7 p.m.; and a bring your partner tourney on Saturday, best 2 of 3, double elimination, \$50 entry fee, with the auction at 7 p.m.

While you're not playing shuffleboard, you can play pool! Anyone entering the draw, singles and doubles can play in the \$20 pool tournament which starts on Friday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. "8-Ball call pocket," 2 of 3, double elimination.

In addition to all this action, your hostess Roz will also be serving turkey and trimmings. For information, call the Corporate image, 817-451-0607.

Harvey's Thanksgiving Shootout, Nov. 16-18

Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, will host a Shootout Shuffleboard Tournmanet on Nov. 16-18. All are one-day tournaments on three boards, with a possible fourth if needed.

A draw partner event, \$10 entry fee, kicks off the action-packed agenda on Friday night. Drawing and Bidding at 6:30 p.m., with play immediately following. Prizes to the first three places, limited to the first 30 paid sign-ups.

On Saturday, there are two events, a women's singles and a bring your own partner. Entry fee for the women's singles is \$10, limited to the first 16 paid sign-ups. Drawing and bidding at 9:30 a.m., with play immediately following. Prizes to the first three places. Entry fee for the bring your partner tourney is \$25 per team, limited to the first 16 sign-ups. Drawing and bidding at 1 p.m., with play immediately following. Prizes to the first six places.

The grand finale for this tournament is the mixed doubles on Sunday, drawing and bidding at noon. Entry fee is \$25 per team, limited to the first 24 sign-ups. Prizes to the first four places.

Advance registration is strongly urged, and must be accompanied by paid entry fees. All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Winners of this tournament qualify for value point standings.

Send your registration to Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, MD 21154 (make checks payable to Harvey's). For further information on the tournament, contact Harvey Comer, 301-836-8881; or Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

East Coast Extravaganza, Nov. 21-25

There are six events on the agenda for The Shuffleboard Federation's East Coast Extravaganza, Nov. 21-25, at the George Washington Lodge, just 20 minutes from downtown Philadelphia, PA. A \$10 draw partner event starts on Wednesday, with another draw partner at \$25 per player on Thursday. An open singles, \$100 per player, starts Thursday night. A

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is the 15th of each month. Send to:**

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ladies' singles has been added to the schedule, \$50 entry, on Friday at 8 p.m. The open doubles, \$100 per player entry fee, begins Saturday morning. Rounding out the action-packed shuffler's holiday is a mixed doubles draw, \$25 per player, on Sunday.

Room rates at the George Washington Lodge are very reasonable, just \$35 per night, plus tax, for one to four people.

Make your room reservations and reserve your spot in the tournament by using the enclosed flyer. For further information, contact The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., 313-344-9666.

"Get The Rust Out" Tourney at Acme, Nov. 24-25

The Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington, will host a "Get the Rust Out" tournament on Nov. 24-25. The double elimination doubles event has a \$50 entry fee and pays 6 places, 52-24-12-6-3-3. The auction starts at 10 p.m. Friday night. If you cannot be there Friday night, you must call Jim Foran, 206-474-2724. This is a must! The tournament will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Tournament directors will be Cory Bisson and Jim Foran. The Acme Tavern now boasts of three of the best boards in the Pacific Northwest in their newly-remodeled facilities (see Notebook for more details on this project). They recommend the Portage Inn for lodging. Call 206-922-3500 or toll-free, 1-800-833-1800.

See ad in this issue and make plans to participate.

'Tis The Season To Be Jolly at Whistling Oyster

Mark your calendars now for a pre-holiday event at the Whistling Oyster Tavern, 20251 Hiway 101, Quilcene, Washington. Host Bill Bailey invites you to a "Tis The Season To Be Jolly" tournament on Dec. 8-9. It's a double elimination open doubles, \$50 entry fee, paying off 60-30-5-5. Four boards with fast wax, auction at 11 a.m. Saturday morning. One of the boards will be open for money games.

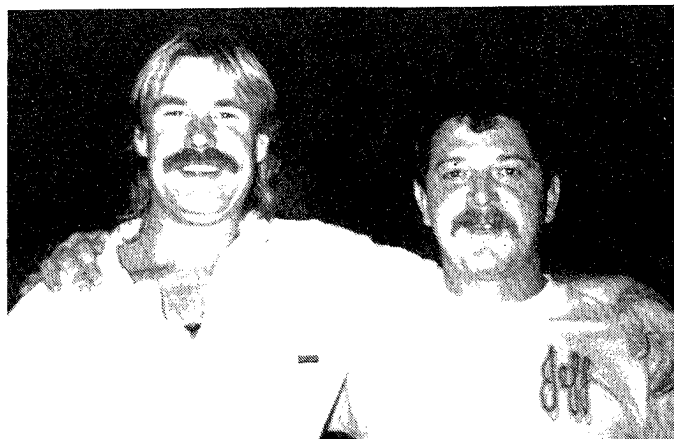
There's plenty of R.V. parking, or recommended lodging is at the Maplegrove Motel, just one block away. Call 206-765-3410.

For further information, call Bill at 206-765-9503 or 765-3411, or Jim Foran at 474-2724. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the word about this fun tourney. The Whistling Oyster is a year-round supporter of shuffleboard, part of The Board Talk's Shuffleboard Directory. Tell them we sent you!

Federation Hosts Big One in Vegas

Twelve new Dynamo boards were the focal point of The Shuffleboard Federation's North American Championship Tournament at the Sahara in Las Vegas on Sept. 26-30. There were seven big events on the schedule and anyone who claims that shuffleboard is a participant sport -- not a spectator sport -- would have some argument from the enthusiastic gallery who crowded the big ballroom to watch the action.

In the Pro-Am event, Gordie Collins and Jeff Cottrell travelled all the way from Michigan to team up together to win. Another Michiganian, Val Borja, and partner Chuck Norris of Oregon took second place honors with Darrol Nelson, Oregon and his partner, Larry Newell, in third. Chris Danke of California and Gene Davis of Colorado finished fourth. In fifth and sixth spots were Texan Billy Mays and Dam Demcik of Michigan, and One-Arm John and Jim Stockmaster, both of Michigan.



Gordie Collins and Jeff Cottrell of Michigan were winners of the Pro-Am.



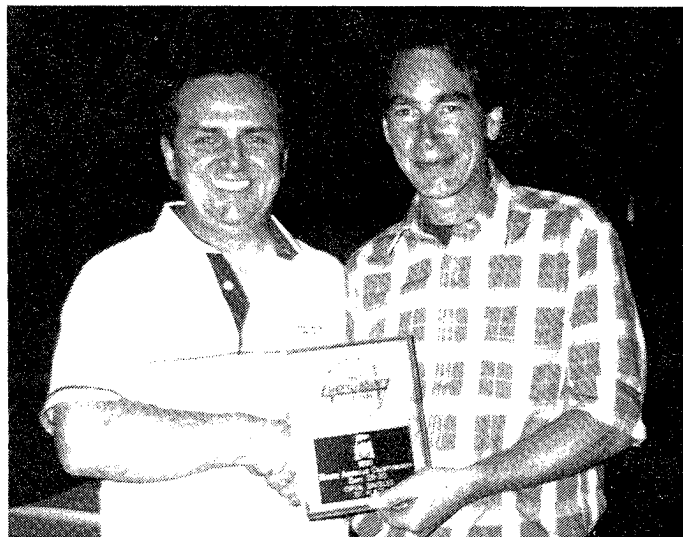
And second place brings smiles from Val Borja of Michigan and Chuck Norris of Oregon with congratulations from The Shuffleboard Federation's Phil Skover.



They did it again! "Neighbors" Diana Hagen and Brenda Moore of Texas squared off in the women's singles with Diana the victor.

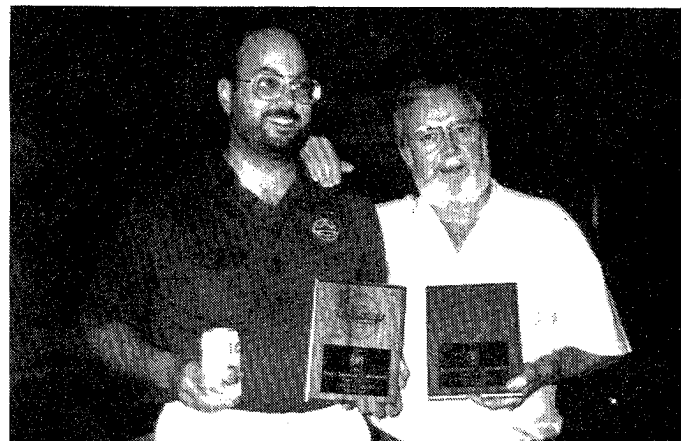
As has happened several times before, Texans Diana Hagen and Brenda Moore left the Lone Star state only to meet up with each other in the finals of the women's singles. It was Diana and her tough lagging that prevailed. Peggy Richards of Arizona took third place honors with Joanie Swenson of California in fourth. Tied for fifth and sixth were Grethren Duncan of Colorado and Mary Koterak of Texas.

A real crowd-pleaser was the open singles with 24 of the top players in the nation competing against each other. When it was all over, Darrol Nelson of Oregon outlasted Bobby Voorhis of Indiana for first place. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Shuffleboard Federation, finished third, with Eric Waldman of Montana in fourth. Tied for fifth and sixth were Dave Williams of Texas and Gordie Collins of Michigan.



Darrol Nelson of Oregon showed why he's a consistent winner. He receives the single's first place plaque from Phil Skover.

Twenty teams vied for nearly \$12,000 in the open doubles, and the winners were John McDermott of Michigan and Glen Davidson. Eric Waldman and Chuck Norris finished in second place with Sam Summers of Oklahoma and Darrol Nelson in third. The tough Texas team of Billy Mays and Earl Kelly took fourth place. Tied for fifth and sixth were Neil Fetter and Phil McGrew of Michigan and Bill Melton, Oklahoma, and Dave Williams, Texas.



Michigan's John McDermott and Oklahoma's Glen Davidson teamed up to take top honors in the doubles. Glen also received an achievement award from The Shuffleboard Federation for his years of service to the sport.

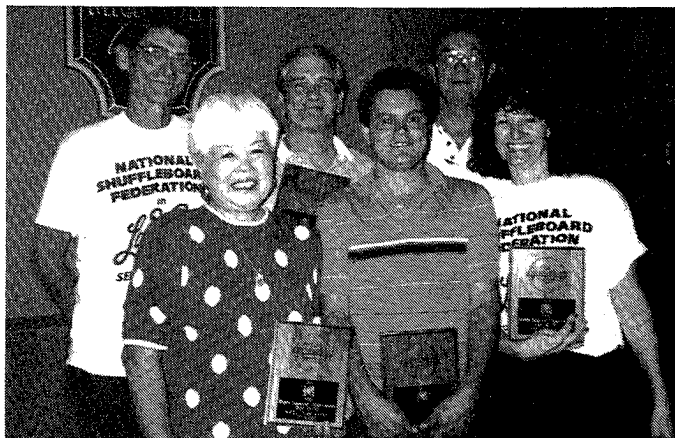


Eric Waldman of Montana and Chuck Norris of Oregon finished second in the doubles.

The Legends event (what a nice name! Much nicer than "Old-Timers") was won by George Wilber of Michigan and Johnny Ballard of Texas. Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Michigan and Bob Hunt of California took second place honors, with Larry Tafoya of Arizona and Skip Jackson of Indiana in third. Ed White of Arizona and Lou Lusero of California finished fourth.



Johnny Ballard of Texas and George Wilber of Michigan receive recognition from Phil Skover for their win in the Legends event.



The popular N.A.S.L. team event was won by the Arizona team of Mark Rutkowski, Bill Thomas, Willie Monahan, Ted Behrens, Cindy Clark and Alice Arendondo.

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Mr. G's Cardroom of California took second place honors, thanks to the tough playing of Steve Floyd, Larry Newell, Bobby Goldsmith, Judy Baker, Robbie Gann, Marion Bailey, Wes Martin, and Charleve Goldsmith. Third place finishers were The Balloon Inn of Colorado (see Hammer).

Mary Koteras of Texas teamed up with Garry Kennedy of Texas to take first place in the mixed draw. Second place honors were taken by Brenda Moore and Jim Baker of Bath, Ontario, Canada. Diana Hagen and Dale Koteras of Texas finished third with Cassie Kern and Neil Fetter of Michigan in fourth.



"Did you hear about the birthday present I got from my daughter?" veteran shuffler E.O. Tenison asks Phil Skover. "A set of engraved weights — engraved on the bottom!" Whoops!

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III: Remember the Dec. 1 Deadline

Don't get left on the sidelines watching those who heeded the Dec. 1 deadline have a piece of the action at the P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza III. P.C.S.A. officials have been telling you for several months now that your paid registrations for events and room reservations must be in by that date. If you haven't done it yet, better get a move on! There's lots of interest in this tournament from across the U.S.A. and Canada.

Details, including auction times, entry fees, calendar of events, etc. are on the enclosed double flyer along with forms for entering the events and making your room reservations. If you have any questions, call the P.C.S.A. office at 213-926-2152.

We look forward to seeing you at the newly-remodeled Showboat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on Jan. 29 through Feb. 3.

Foran/Gindt Fir Cone Champs

Michelle Foran and Rick Gindt made their way up the ladder to defeat Don Mitchell and Annette during the finals at the mixed doubles tournament at the Fir Cone in Shelton, Washington, on Sept. 24. Diane Fisher and Al Pease, who didn't make it easy for their opponents, were third place winners. This was Rick's second win this month as he also won the men's singles in Warrington, Oregon, over the Labor Day week-end.

"As usual, Buddy and his employees took excellent care of everyone and put on a great buffet," reports Linda Steffensen. "Loren was an exceptional tournament director again. Many thanks from all the players. Please send a message to Roy and Jolene from all of us to let them know we missed them and that our thoughts and prayers are with them. Please keep in touch and God bless you."

Balloon Inn to Host 1st Santa Classic, Dec. 15-16

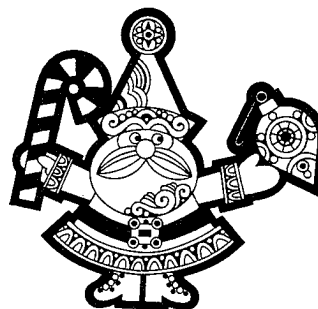
The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host their 1st Santa Classic on Dec. 15-16. Entry fee for the open doubles, double elimination event on two boards, will be \$100 per team, limited to the first 32 teams signed up. A 25 percent deposit is required with reservations. The auction is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, and your entries must be in by 7 p.m. Play will start on Saturday at noon.

Questions? Call those nice folks at the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Johnson/Sinclair Win at Lafayette Inn

The second "first of the month" tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, was won by first-time winner Mike Johnson and John Sinclair, both of Rising Sun. They outlasted second place finishers Phil Neuman of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and host Nelson Renzo. Third place went to Debbie Harris, Centerville, Md. and (always there) Mopey Hasson of Perryville, Md.

"The tournament season is really cranking up now at Lafayette Inn," reports Dick Gorman. "See the Board Talk for schedule, but call before you come. They do sell out and the Renzos don't want to disappoint you. Call 301-658-9075."



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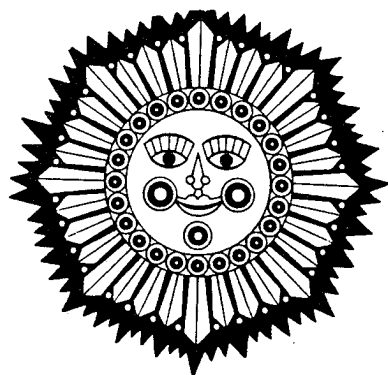
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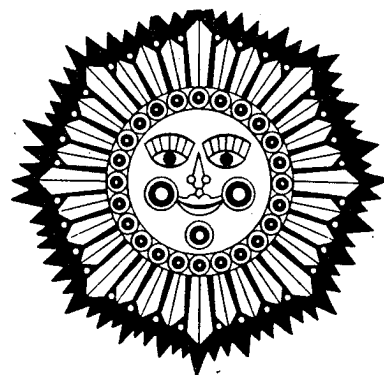
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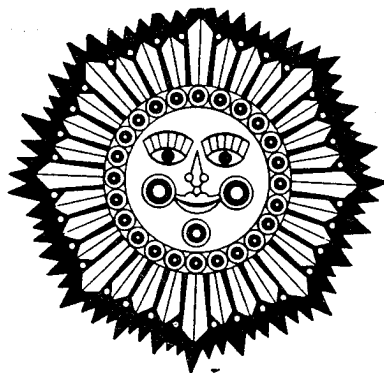


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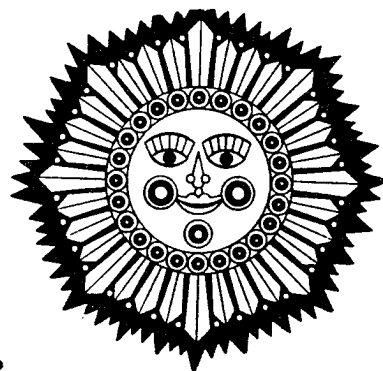


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We are happy to report on a successful outing to Las Vegas for the 1990 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. Plans for the 1991 tournament will be finalized in the near future. Watch The Board Talk for details.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this event a success. Of course, at the top of the list are the players -- we appreciate your support. Thanks, also, to the people who took the time to fill out the survey form in the back of the program and drop it in the suggestion box. Your comments and suggestions are what help us to continue to improve.

DYNAMO CORPORATION, which provided the 12 tournament boards, deserves recognition for producing an excellent shuffleboard table. The board received high marks on the survey forms and many verbal compliments as well.

We also appreciate DYNAMO'S commitment to doing things right. When it was discovered on Monday afternoon during set-up that one of the playing surfaces had been damaged in shipping, DYNAMO made immediate arrangements to have a replacement shipped from Dallas and it arrived on Wednesday in time for the start of the tournament. Special thanks to Ken Williams of DYNAMO for his help all week with set-up, take-down and anything else that needed doing.

Hat's off to MILLER LITE, who sponsored a Shuffleboard Federation event for the first time. MILLER LITE supplied 200 t-shirts which were given to players and spectators at the tournament, as well as trophies for the seven events.

Of course, no shuffleboard gathering would be complete without music, and would like to extend thanks on behalf of everyone who was in attendance to the AMOA, MOUNTAIN COIN, and PIONEER, for the free play CD jukebox. PIONEER, long one of the top names in stereo equipment, has entered the jukebox business and based on what we saw, they should be successful in their new endeavor.

One of the highlights for us was the LEGENDS OF SHUFFLEBOARD DRAW PARTNER TOURNAMENT which featured players over 50 years old who have not won a tournament in three years.

All the participants in this event had a great time. We are confident the word will spread to other players who have not been playing competitive shuffleboard for a while and that we will be able to build this event into a reunion of some of the great names from shuffleboard's past.

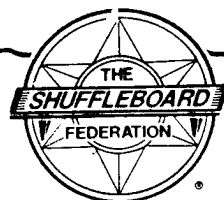
One of the most thankless jobs we know of is to be a member of the set-up and take-down crew or a tournament official and we want the people who helped us in those areas to know that we appreciate your contributions very much. So, thank you Rick Boyer, Rob Kern, Diana Hofmann, Kathy Broka, Lou Lusero, Brian Seney, Dan Adair, Mark,

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1991 NATIONAL TOUR

The final details for our 1991 schedule are being worked out and we should have all of this information for you by the next issue of The Board Talk. Amateur shuffleboard will be the top priority for 1991 and each of our events next year will feature an N.A.S.L. team event.

We will also be introducing the Semi Pro division which will be geared towards attracting the many top local players who don't want to compete in the high entry fee pro events.

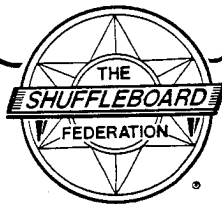
Stay tuned for more information.

1990 Point Standings: Ladies' Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Diana Hagen	561
2.	Brenda Moore	390
3.	Janet Weidner	166
4.	Cheryl Collins	117
5.	Mary Koterass	112
6.	Peggie Richards	98
7.	Debbie Voorhis	94
8.	Sharon Finch	79
9.	Val Borja	68
10.	Gail Schultz	55
11.	Carolyn Jones	51
12.	Fritzi Broka	50
13.	Chris Danke	46
14.	Gwynette Orsi	30
15.	Marilyn Roberts	30
16.	Evelyn Harris	29
17.	Diana Hofmann	28
18.	Deniece Addison	27
19.	Sandy Blade	27
20.	Cindy Clark	25

1990 Point Standings Open Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Sam Summers	645
2.	Glen Davidson	463
3.	Bill Melton	448
4.	Bobby Voorhis	426
5.	John McDermott	334
6.	David Williams	307
7.	Darrol Nelson	294
8.	Dale Koterass	283
9.	Frank Blade	273
10.	Earl Kelly	265
11.	Chuck Norris	258
12.	Johnny Ballard	228
13.	Billy Mays	201
14.	Eric Waldman	195
15.	Gordy Collins	159
16.	Billy Chiles	149
17.	Howard Mouton	138
18.	Neil Fetter	129
19.	Rick Boyer	118
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Let me explain about the employees I have - maybe not perfect in some people's eyes - but I wouldn't give any one of them up for all the blue skies. They're honest, dependable and really care about what happens to me and to all of us here.

So to: Billie, Gus and John

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Thanks,

Love you and God Bless,

Nancy, Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington

You must be doing something right, Nancy, to bring about such devotion from your employees and customers. Keep it up! The World of Shuffleboard needs you.

Judy Salutes Her "Nurses"

I want to say a great big "thank you" to Judy Eiseman and the gang at "Ours and Yours" for the nice card and good thoughts they sent to me while I was laid up. They are a great gang of shufflers and I love them all.

My cast came off two weeks ago and I was lucky enough to make it up to Benedict's (Sherburne, New York). Of course, I had to take my two "NURSES" with me. And of

course, my two NURSES (Rita and Jim Yank) won almost everything; even though they waited on me and rubbed by ankle when it was hurting. They helped me through the whole summer and definitely got me through the week-end. They are the GREATEST!!! as people and as shufflers. Betty and Milt, Debbie and Randy were all great. The food was excellent and the hospitality was superb. I'm so glad we could make it. (It was my first time at Benedict's).

Lastly, Rita and Jim spent almost the whole summer at my house waiting on my husband and me and doing whatever needed to be done around the house. I love them both dearly and Ed and I won't forget their caring and dedication.

By the way, I missed shooting shuffleboard terribly and I'm glad to be back.

Love to all,

Judy Gartland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

That's what our shuffleboard network is all about, Judy, caring for one another! We know the Yanks, the Benedicts, and Judy and the gang at Ours and Your Place, and we agree with you -- they're the best!

Where Are "Texas Specials"?

It's always a pleasure to receive my "Board Talk," as it keeps me in touch with the world of shufflers. I retired for one year, but I can't leave it alone, so I'm getting back into it again. The reason I'm writing is -- "Where are the 'Texas Specials'?" When in Vegas last year, we played with John, Morrey, Mary, Jackie, Greg and Terry. But I have no last names. Are the "Texas Specials" going to be in this year? If so, give me a sign, okay?

Diana Madsen, North Vancouver, B.C.

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Words of Encouragement from Bill

I sincerely think you are doing a great job that is nearly impossible. I don't understand why people can't see what a sport shuffleboard could be. If everyone would pull together, it could be a great sport. Keep it up.

Bill Stoops, Derry, New Hampshire

If everyone gave as much to the game as you do, Bill, shuffleboard would thrive. We salute you. Keep it up!

It's Time for a Change!

For many years now, I have been upset at the way possible fours have been decided in the game of shuffleboard. It seems to me that when the outcome of a game or tournament hinges on someone's ability to run a weight down the back of the board to determine if a three or four has been scored, we put not only the players, but the officials running the weight, in a very bad position.

First, only one official can run the weight to determine if there is any movement which would then make the call a four. Second, most weights are high in the center, making it impossible for anyone to consistently run a weight with any degree of accuracy. Third, if the weight moves or not can be great cause for argument.

The Shuffleboard Federation's Player Policy Board has come up with a very fair and accurate way of determining other calls by using a minimum of three and up to five officials to make a call.

If the officials are trying to determine if a weight is an ace or a deuce, they simply check to see if they can see any board in between the weight and the deuce line. Majority rules. The officials are able to look over the weight as many times or for as long as they need before making their call. This system is the best I have ever seen.

I feel that we can reach the same degree of accuracy in calling a potential four by the addition of a four line at the end of the board. With the addition of the four line, officials would then look over the weight and in this case, if they could not see board between the weight and the four line, the call would be four. The end result would be a much more professional way of calling the weight in this situation. A beneficial side effect would be more fours, which will lead to faster and more exciting games and give players the chance to "come back" more often.

With the growing clout that Phil Skover, The Shuffleboard Federation, along with the Player Policy Board and The Board Talk have with shuffleboard manufacturers, the four line can be added at the factory. I'm sure that once the proper width of the line has been determined by the Player Policy Board, a method of adding this line to existing boards would be easy to come up with. Fours are to shuffleboard what home runs are to baseball and long touchdown bombs are to football -- instant excitement!!!

Phil McGrew, Union Lake, Michigan

In theory, you've made some good points, Phil, but let's look at it from a view of being practical. Putting a four line at

the end of the board means every line at each end would have to be moved to maintain the 6-inches between lines unless it was agreed to have less space between three and four. We think we should get more opinions on the subject. We always assumed the four was the easiest to call, but cringe to see someone (especially an official) zip a puck across the end with speed. It's too easy to tip the measuring weight one way or the other without being detected. I would like to see a larger and flat measuring device having one official draw it across the end very slowly while the other officials observe. While on that subject, there's something else we should probably be more concerned about. We should be careful to select officials who are not in conflict of owning a player they are making a call on. This is not to suggest the official would be dishonest, but let's not induce doubt into the minds of owners of the other players involved.

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Hilltop Inn Returns to Tournament Scene

Oct. 12-13 marked the return of the Hilltop Inn to the shuffleboard tournament scene, the home of two in-house boards in Fairhill, Maryland.

"It marked more than the return of shuffleboard," reports Dick Gorman. "Last spring on the first night of a scheduled tournament, Frank Stezzi, owner of the Hilltop, suffered a severe stroke and had to be removed by ambulance to a hospital. He has worked hard to regain his physical dexterity and has accomplished a lot, but still has quite a ways to go. Frank was able to come home for the weekend of this tournament. You might say he went out on one, but he also returned on another. Hard to keep a shooter down."

Dick says this wouldn't have been possible if Frank's daughter Cindy and her fiancée Gap hadn't quit their jobs to take over and manage the Hilltop during Frank's absence. He salutes Alvis Ramey who acted as tournament director to get them back in action until Billy McCulley and Chuck McKenzie could get reorganized and back into the tournament director action.

Winners of the draw partner event were Dave Shewbridge of Elkton, Md. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa., followed by Brenda Wallace and Poncho Prevento, both of Port Deposit, Md. Third place went to Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del. and Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit.

Mickey Mickens came from Mt. Laurel, N.J. to take top honors in the singles event. Second place went to tournament director Alvis Ramey of Perryville, Md. and third to local favorite Dave Shewbridge, captain of the Hilltop Inn's traveling team.

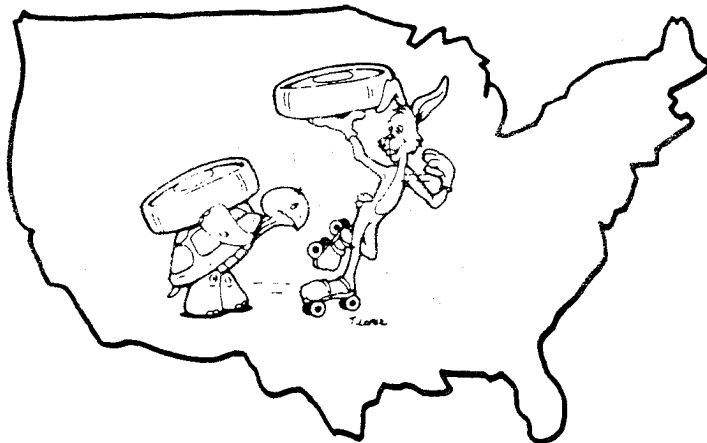
The next scheduled tournament at the Hilltop is a mixed doubles on Saturday, Nov. 10. Call Gap or Cindy at 301-398-1512.

Nelson/Wilson Win at Club Tavern

Players from Oregon, Washington and California came to the Club Tavern in Springfield, Oregon, on Oct. 13-14 for a doubles tournament that attracted 24 teams. When the dust was settled, it was Darrol Nelson and Steve Wilson who came out with top honors and the biggest share of the pot, which was enriched by the outstanding volunteer auctioneering of Mitch, Steve and Jim, and helpers Bev Powell and Carol Bunch. Don Mitchell and Joe Lavin took second place honors, with Chuck Norris and Ken Wochnick in third. Steve Fisher

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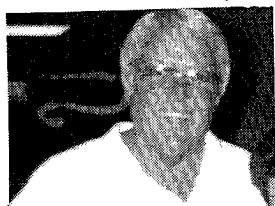
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Ask the Pros

By Phil McGrew



Bill Melton



John McDermott



Sam Summers



Bobby Voorhis

Question: What is the best way to learn an unfamiliar board?

Sam Summers: Assuming a tournament situation where you are allowed 5 minutes practice (approximately eight weights up and back twice), you should follow a set routine. Example -- shoot a normal rail shot just above estimated lag speed and note the drift in or out. With the same hand, release a finger or span shot down that same rail and note its reaction. Shoot the same two shots with the other hand, again noting the drift. By now, you should be getting a feel for the speed also. Now, try a cross board shot to the corner with each hand, aiming at the deuce line and note if the rail dumps or comes back toward center. With your last two weights, practice picking a weight off the corner with your best rail shot. The second time around, with the first four shots, practice playing the drift to set on "pretend" deep weight. Practice your lag with the last four weights or practice a shot you're not sure of. During the first game, shoot firmer shots until you become more comfortable with the board. Of course, there are "as you play" strategies of learning a board, but I'd prefer to teach you personally.

Hint: watching a match on your next assigned board can be very rewarding.

Bobby Voorhis: Watch Billy Mays play a game on it! If forced to play on a strange board, you have to shoot harder at first and practice lagging when possible. Watch your opponent's tracks and try to follow them. If you have practice time, shoot down each rail several times at varying speeds to determine the break or lack of break. Shoot the crosses at different speeds to see if you might set a weight in the corner or hide behind a weight. Practice the lag on all shots -- rails, crosses, center shots, spread shots, and free hand -- because you never know where the best lag might be. Remember, though, if shooting at a weight on a strange board, shoot harder than normal to insure clearing it.

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of the 99 Tavern and Ruth Miles finished in fourth place. In the last game, with a score of 14 for Joe and Mitch and 11 for Darrol and Steve, Darrol had the hammer and lagged a four!

There was a pot of \$75 for the player who lagged the most fours in the tourney and that was won by Chuck Norris. The Friday night draw round robin was won by Bruce Wechter and Steve Fisher. "The players and spectators in this tournament extend a special salute to Glenn and Lisa Lindberg," reports Evie Wechter. "Both were exhausted by the end of the tournament, but they could take a lot of satisfaction in what they provided us: excellent playing conditions on three board, free R.V. parking, close to downtown with interesting shops right out the front door, a comfortable atmosphere and friendly people."

Evie says the newly-remodeled Club Tavern provided players and spectators with an atmosphere which was pleasing for both, and they all loved the great buffet. She salutes tournament directors Sam Gott and Fred Linton, bartenders Loretta, Ron, Darla, Sharon and Cherry. Glenn and Lisa extend appreciation to everyone for making the tournament a success and helping to ensure the future of shuffleboard in the Northwest.

As the Puck Turns...

A Board Talk salute to Dynamo and Miller's for their sponsorship of The Shuffleboard Federation's Las Vegas tournament and the upcoming East Coast Extravaganza in Pennsylvania. That's the kind of support our World of Shuffleboard needs to stay healthy!

Sue Spack is recovering from open heart surgery at her home. Send her your good wishes to: Sue Spack, 4401 N. Argentine Rd., Howell, MI 48843. Dillinger's Saloon in Oxford, Mich., held a benefit for Sue on Oct. 21. Results of this \$20 draw partner event will be reported in the next issue.

A message to Kathy Broka of Ohio from Von Stewart of California: "Thanks for the cup of coffee -- finally!" Kathy hasn't penned any poems for us lately. Must be she's too tired from officiating, playing shuffleboard, and whatever else is around to play. What a woman!

Prior to last month, we tried to put events in chronological order. Near deadline time, we'd have several pages all layed out, only to have to tear them apart again when a late report came in that belonged near the beginning of Tourney Talk. That cost precious time. Now, we've thrown that chronological order out the window. Reports received last will appear last. Hope that doesn't create too much confusion. It's part of our effort to get each issue to you faster.

If you've searched in vain, from cover to cover, for the results of a tournament you participated in (and maybe won!), a gentle reminder to the tournament host and/or director would be in order. Tell them no tournament is too "small" to be reported in The Board Talk. All they have to do is send the results to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. Pages are closed on the 15th of each month, so it's best to send results in immediately following the event. Tell them to include: when and where it was held and who the winners were and where they are from. And, if the tournament location is not listed on the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing in this issue, tell them the next one will be published in February. If they're subscribers by Jan. 15, they'll be on that list.



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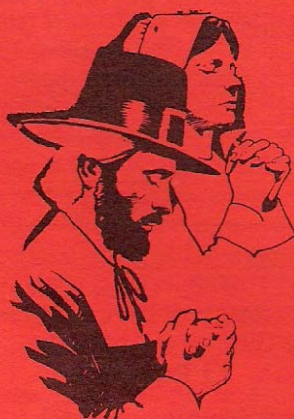
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