

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Wow! For being a skinny little 12-pager, we really socked it to you in the September issue, didn't we? Time doesn't allow us the luxury of reviewing the total package before we go to press, so often when we take a break from addressing, we read it as a whole for the first time. We have to admit that occasionally the "mood" that permeates The Board Talk's pages surprises its publishers!

The reason that happens is because The Board Talk comes in bits and pieces, from the time we go to press with the last one to the deadline date for the next issue. The Hammer in the September issue, for example, was written long before we received The Shuffleboard Federation's column entitled "It's Too Bad." So we didn't plan for you to get ragged on by us for sharing your Board Talk with others, thus denying us the revenue from another potential subscriber -- in the same issue as The Federation issued a verbal slap to those who consistently refuse to commit themselves with advanced registrations.

In retrospect, it's probably just as well we didn't know. Otherwise, we might have softened a message that must be delivered. We were very disappointed when the Nebraska Open was cancelled because we were looking forward to the opportunity to visit with the players out there. Hopefully, procrastinating players will get that message. Advance registration in events is just one step -- and a relatively simple one at that -- which we must take toward being recognized as a professional sport.

Is that really so much to ask? Dick Gorman has been enforcing the advance registration rule in the East for quite some time now. The players there have learned that the penalty for not getting their registrations in early is sitting on the sidelines watching the action instead of participating. For The Shuffleboard Federation which had a substantial investment at stake, the penalty was cancellation of what could have been an outstanding tournament.

We have made some strides toward bringing shuffleboard back to what it was in its heyday. But if we're going to keep that momentum going, it's going to take more than the dedicated (and often very expensive) efforts of a handful of people. Every single person who enjoys this sport must invest something into assuring its viable future, whether it's abiding by a published deadline for entries, helping an amateur achieve his or her potential as a player, devoting time and energy to league activities, or supporting their communications vehicle with subscriptions and advertising.

It's time for every player, every shuffleboard establishment, every manufacturer and supplier, who have been (continued on page 3)

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Tourney Talk

Amato's Hosts True Round Robin

Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, hosted an amateur bring your partner "true" round robin recently. First and second place winners had the same score of 6-2. Those honors went to Brian Mulholland and John Coulter, 1st; Evelyn Hughes and Dottie Bastanchury, 2nd; with third going to the sister team of Alanna and Siobhan Coulter.

"It seems that this type of format is quite fun because everyone plays each team one game," reports Chris Danke. "The team with the most wins takes first place. If there are ties, that's taken care of head to head and then, if needed, accumulated points each game."

Chris thanks John Fisher, Karl Spickelmier, and Rich Warren for all their help during the tournament. Nine teams vied for a total pot of \$1450.

Stober's Takes Team Championship



Dillinger's Saloon in Oxford, Michigan, hosted a team championship in mid-August. Winners representing Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Mich., included: (front row) Jerry Knox, Indiana; J.R. Lopez, Lansing; Jim Long, Indiana; Jerry Siebert, Lansing; (back row) Frank Blade, Texas; Neil Fetter, Michigan; and Lee McDonald, Lansing.

Kelsey/McGrew/Boyer/Sweeney Tops at Dillinger's

Dillinger's Saloon in Oxford, Michigan, hosted an open doubles and mixed doubles on Aug. 18-19.

Winners of the doubles were locals Jim Kelsey and Phil McGrew, author of "Ask the Pros." In second place were the Indiana team of Jim Long and Jerry Knox. Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula and Neil Fetter of Detroit took third place.

Rick Boyer and Marie Sweeney of Michigan took top honors in the mixed doubles. They were the only non-husband and wife team in the winners' circle. In second place were Gordie and Cheryl Collins of Michigan, with Penny and Jeff Cottrell of Michigan in third. Terry and Kathy Broka of Ohio finished in fourth place.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

"Crazy Canucks" Keep on Shufflin'

Thank you so much for sending me my August issue of The Board Talk. It sure gives me a lot of pleasure reading it. I had no idea you were going to publish part of my last letter. Otherwise, I would have given you a little bit more information as to what we are doing up here in Canada. In my last letter, I said I wished I was closer to where a lot of your tournaments are held, meaning I'd love to travel through California, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Michigan, etc. Lordy me, in order to do that, I'd have to win the Irish Sweepstakes or else meet a rich man who only wanted to play shuffleboard and could tolerate me as a partner -- for about six months. Maybe if my good friend Billy Mays is still happy-go-lucky, free and single, I might just go on a shufflin' tour with him. Wouldn't that be a giggle? Crazy Irish and Whipper Texas Willie!

Back to the serious stuff: Us "Crazy Canucks" have quite a few tournaments in the states that we can travel to. Two of our top men players, Gordy Smith and Terry Burns, travel to just about all of them. They just haven't got into the winners' circle yet, but they are getting closer to that big purse of money. So, look out, you U.S.A. guys -- Gordy and Terry do play a mean game of shuffleboard and they intend to get even meaner. They've played against some of the top guns down in the states -- names like "Baby Face" Jimmy Ellis and partner Stevie The Great, Darrol Nelson, Jim Foran, Crazy Mitch (Don Mitchell), Sherman and one of my all-time favorites, Freddy Johns, better known as "Firehouse Freddy," and many more. Our boys just love to go to all the tournaments that they can. It's like a family reunion! They can see the old familiar faces and many times new faces and names.

We've had a longboard executive and captains' meeting. It was an excellent meeting, considering it was one of the hottest days in B.C. since 1952. We've had 36 consecutive days without rain. A great summer, but some of the days were too hot. Anyhow, we did get our league organized and are ready to roll again.

It is a split league again with six teams on Thursday and nine teams on Saturday. We were going to try to make it an interlocking league but it makes the season too long. So what I've decided to do is get my own team together, which I've already done, and I've got Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5 in Richmond to sponsor us. That way we get a chance to play all the teams, Saturday and Thursday.

We are also having a mini open doubles tournament on Nov. 3-4 at the A.N.A.F. Unit 68 in Vancouver, B.C. (see Tourney Talk for details). We do hope we can get a few entries from the Washington shufflers. This is only the beginning for us "Crazy Canucks."

We are just getting primed for the 1st Annual "Crazy Canucks" Open. It will be held at the same place as our mini open doubles. The tournament director will be the same, the entry will be \$50 and it will be the same format of play. Gordy Smith, president of longboard here in B.C., has been working very closely with Jim Foran from Washington in order to get this tournament set up for the first weekend in

November 1991. We do hope and pray we get some response from the U.S.A. as well as Canada. It seems like it's a long way away, but time goes so quickly and we feel we need 15 months to make it a success. We've got a lot of work ahead of us but then that's nothing new for the likes of me and the rest of the British Columbia Shuffleboard Association. We work hard every year to raise enough money to send our players to the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships. This championship is held on a shortboard 14 feet long as opposed to 22 feet for longboard. We start our play-downs on Aug. 24, 25, and 26. The winners of this will then go to St. John, New Brunswick on Oct. 2-7. Eight provinces from across Canada compete in this championship -- double round robin in five events on seven boards.

You may not get much news from us, but I hope this little bit of information will let you see that we are very much alive up here in Canada.

Before I finish this letter, I would like to say hello to all the U.S.A. gals. Congratulations to little Cheryl Collins, Diana Hagen, Peggy, Mary, Chris, Sandy, Debbie. I shouldn't name some and not the others. I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings. I love them all and hope they will try to fit good old Canada into their schedules next November.

I'd also like to say that the "Ask the Pros" article is excellent. Bobby, John, Bill and Sam did a super job and it all made sense to me. I do hope all the up and coming young players of today read it and learn from their words of wisdom.

We will be looking into hotel accommodations and sponsors for the November 1991 1st Annual Crazy Canucks Open Championship. Meanwhile, I will keep you posted as to what is happening up here.

Cheerio and God bless you and here's a little Irish blessing: "May you be half an hour in Heaven afore the devil knows yer dead."

Joanie (Crazy Irish) Millar, Richmond, B.C., Canada

Your letters are too good not to share, Joanie -- not only informative but entertaining as well! We've put both your events on our calendar and there's a write-up in Tourney Talk about your upcoming mini-doubles. We encourage U.S.A. shufflers to extend the hand of fellowship to you Crazy Canucks by participating in your open tournaments. If we win the Lotto (similar to your Irish Sweepstakes), we'll be there in November of 1991.

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only taking from the game and enjoying the profits of its growth, to start giving something back to the sport. If they don't, those profits will dry up and people will recall: "Remember the comeback of shuffleboard in the late '80s and early 90s? Whatever happened to it?"

That's right. You do have the hammer.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

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Neil Fetter Takes Singles Crown at Papa's

Neil Fetter of W. Bloomfield, Mich., added another first place trophy to his growing collection by taking the singles crown at Papa's Pub & Grub in Warren, Michigan, over the Memorial Day weekend. Taking second place honors was Bernie Sunde of Madison Heights. The always-tough Gordie Collins of Davisburg took third place.

Open Doubles at Club Tavern, Oct. 13-14

Many of you will probably already be on your way to Springfield, Oregon, for the Club Tavern's open doubles on Oct. 13-14. If not, it's time to hit the road! It starts with the auction at 11 a.m. on Oct. 13. \$50 per team entry fee, with a 60-25-10-5 payout, double elimination. Time to make your lodging reservations, too. Call the Pacific "9" Motel, 503-726-2991; or Motel 6, 503-687-2395. R.V. parking is also available.

For information, contact tournament directors Sam Gott, 503-726-0314, or Fred Linton, 503-741-2991. Or call Lisa and Glenn at the Club Tavern, 503-474-4466.

Open Draw and Singles at Jimmy L's, Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 2-4

Jimmy L's, 9520 E. 11th in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host an open draw and open singles on Nov. 2-4. Entry fees will be \$50 per person for the draw and \$50 for the singles. Auctions for both events will be held on Friday, 7:30 p.m., with the draw tourney beginning immediately afterwards, and the singles starting on Saturday. Play will be on two boards.

For information, contact tournament director Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288, or your hostess Patti Kay, 918-663-9727, or Jimmy L's, 918-834-9090.

Canadian Neighbors Invite You to Mini-Doubles

A mini open doubles will be held at the A.N.A.F. Unit 68, 1837 Main St., Vancouver, B.C., on Nov. 3-4. Entry fee is \$20 per team, double elimination. Play will be on three boards, possibly four depending on number of entries. The auction will start at 11 a.m. Saturday with play beginning immediately after. \$10 minimum for the auction.

For information, contact Joanie Millar at 604-278-8449; Gordy Smith, 604-526-0459; or tournament director Brian Burchynsky, 604-987-7719. All calls should be made after 6 p.m.

See Notebook for further information on Canadian action. (continued on page 4)

1990-91 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Oct. 13-14

1st Annual Open Doubles The Club Tavern, Springfield, Oregon

Oct. 26-28

Fall Classic Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland

Nov. 2-4

Open Draw & Singles Jimmy L's, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Nov. 3-4

Tournament Spot Tavern, Pacific Beach, Washington

Nov. 3-4

Mini Open Doubles A.N.A.F. #68, Vancouver, B.C.

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

Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 1991

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

Nov. 1991

1st Annual Crazy Canucks Open A.N.A.F. #68, Vancouver, B.C.

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Great Arizona Open Phoenix, Arizona

*Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour

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Turkey Teaser Shootout at Corporate Image, Nov. 21-24

The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort 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. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to spread the word about this Thanksgiving holiday tournament.

East Coast Extravaganza, Nov. 21-25

There are five 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. The open doubles, \$100 per player entry fee, begins Saturday morning. Rounding out the action-packed shufflers' holiday is a mixed doubles draw, \$25 per player, on Sunday.East Coast Extravaganza, Nov. 22-25

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.

1st Annual Amarillo Open is Success!

Mike Melton of Davis, Oklahoma and Bob Shaw of Dallas, Texas, were winners of the open draw event at the 1st Annual Amarillo Open at Cotton-Eyed Jonze's over the Labor Day weekend. Fred Harris and Roger White of Amarillo took second place, with Betty Brantley of Davis and Shirley Robertson of Tulsa in third place. In a second open draw (due to a shortage of women, the mixed draw was cancelled and replaced by another open draw), Bob Shaw of Dallas was a first-place repeater, this time with partner Janet Weidner of Amarillo. Danny Hersom and Deniece Addison of Amarillo took second place honors, with Hershall Lamkin and Bob Knight, both of Amarillo, in third.

Winners of the ladies' singles were Janet Weidner, 1st; Carolyn Jones, Tulsa, 2nd; and Shirley Robertson, Tulsa, 3rd.

Carolyn Jones was winner of the open singles, with Brady Jones of Amarillo in second and Janet Weidner in third.

George Ostrum and Dennis Bird came from the Balloon Inn in Arvado, Colorado, to capture first place in the bring your partner event. Fred Harris and Janet Weidner teamed up to take second place honors. Brady Jones and Roger White took third place.

"For the first tournament held in Amarillo, I was really pleased with the turnout," said hostess Janet Weidner. "All three boards Mike Melton brought were the best I had ever shot on. The home board was left open for practice, which in turn made it a fair tournament for everyone. A special thanks to Mike and Betty for helping me with the tournament and to everyone who participated. A special congratulations to

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Carolyn for winning the open singles, and thanks to Sandy and Carolyn for the beautiful flowers."

Janet is looking forward to having another tournament in early Spring. Watch for details.

New York State ISL Tourney Adds New Event

The ninth monthly New York State ISL tournament was held at Benedict's Classic 101 in Sherburne, New York, on August 10-12 with a new feature added. On Friday night, the Benedict's held the first ISL mixed draw event and it was a big success. Thirty men and women shot for a purse of \$1,075 with locals Helen Fuller and Russ Reynolds taking home the most bacon. They had to come out of the loser's bracket to defeat Ann Farnham and Lynn Nearing from Pillars. In third place with a couple of tough losses were Lynn's wife, Deb Nearing, from Pillars and Bob Cevasco from Classic. Fourth spot went to Steve (always in the money) Bennett and Rita Gates from Classic.

Saturday's open draw partner event saw 28 players vie for a total pot of \$1,220. It was the top two in the ISL point standings, Steve Bennett and Doug Fridley Jr., teaming up to take first place, but they had to come out of the loser's bracket to turn back local favorite Les Hodge and Lyle Haney from Baldwinsville Moose Club. Earning third spot were first-time casher Bob Cornell of Amy's Checkered Flag and Roy Schreiber from B'Ville Moose. Sunday brought 30 shufflers aiming at a total purse of \$1,545 with tourney favorites Milt Benedict and Steve Bennett (hitting the trifecta) winning first

spot. Coming out of the loser's bracket after dropping their first game were Dew Drop Inn's father-son team of Dave and Doug Fridley Sr. Settling for third were Tracie Fridley and Earl Durgan, also from Dew Drop.

Betty Benedict gets the credit for providing all players with a very nice buffet luncheon both days over the weekend. It was an enjoyable weekend for all who attended.

Holding the top ten spots in the individual point standings are: Steve Bennett, Doug Fridley Jr., Marv Smith, Pam Draheim, Dave Fridley, Jack Enders, Yogi Rusavage, Doug

Fridley Sr., John Arndt, and Arlo Johnson.

Long/Knox Winners at Our Place

That fearsome duo of Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana teamed up again to take top honors in a doubles tournament at Our Place, Mishawaka, Indiana, on Aug. 25. They came out ahead of 11 other teams to take the biggest share of the pot. A couple of 1990 Board Talk tourney winners, Mike Johnson of Indiana and Ceylon Davis of Michigan (Mike first in the draw partner event and Ceylon third in the open doubles) played together in this event to take second place. Third place went to a women's team: Vicki Morgan and Shirley McDowne, both of Indiana.

Season Starts at Lafayette Inn

Competition from the nearby University of Delaware home opener and a tournament at nearby Sudlersville, Md., didn't daunt players from the area as well as Harrisburg and Philadelphia, Pa., Wilmington, Del., and the bay county area of Maryland, from coming to the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.

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BUDWEISER

INTERLAKES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE NEWS

Hi, everybody!

A couple of personal messages to get started. Hello to my pal Kathy Morgan (I'm afraid we may have lost her to the saneasylum). Also, I'd like to tell Darrol Nelson that I feel read bad about those Trailblazers.

Welcome to the five new teams in the Women's Division: Lakeside Bombers, Four Seasons, Prues, Dillingers, and Pontiac Lake Inn. Good luck to you and the rest of the league as once again we have to endure another six months of those awful BLUE weights. Yuck! Negative color, like "you look like you're feeling a little BLUE today" or "boy, you really BLUE that shot" or my captain, Phil McGrew, might ask, "Where did that game go?" and I'd have to say, "Oh, Maynard here BLUE it." Also when the French people get excited they say, "Sacre BLUE." I don't know what that means but I'm sure I don't want any of it on me. Why not a nice cheerful color like white or yellow?

Remember, everybody, how much fun you're having when it's midnight, it's 10 degrees below zero, and you still have five more police departments to get through.

Jeff Dugaw Interlakes Shuffleboard League Oakland County, Michigan

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1991 National Tour

As the 1990 National Tour comes to an end, it is time to reflect on the past year and make decisions on our plans for 1991.

The introduction of N.A.S.L. team events has made for more exciting, better attended tournaments and has been very good for the game as well as for introducing the N.A.S.L. program.

We will continue to devote more and more of our time to the amateur side of the game. From a numbers standpoint, there are thousands of amateurs for every pro. And, if there is to be any increase in the number of pro players, it will be through helping and promoting the amateurs.

One of the best things that has happened in that regard is the addition of the Pro-Am Draw Partner events. They have given many of the game's new players the opportunity to get valuable pointers and become better players. Many amateurs have won their first tournament in one of these events, and the written and verbal feedback from the amateurs has been great.

One persistent problem continues to be pre-registration, not only for the events people are playing in, but hotel reservations as well. Unfortunately, we had to cancel an event last month because of a lack of hotel reservations. When we do not meet our quota with the hotel, the potential losses for the event are several thousand dollars.

At the time this article is being written, we are concerned about problems in this area for the North American Championships. The hotel held some rooms past the cut-off date, but we know that people coming in at the last minute will not be able to get a room.

As we stated last month, all future events will have a cutoff date, probably 30 days prior to the event. If we do not have sufficient entries to cover our obligation with the hotel, the event will be cancelled.

We will also be assessing a late fee, probably in the \$20 to \$25 range for people who submit their entries after the deadline. This late charge will be to compensate us, who now have to spend time re-figuring the brackets, and the tournament officials who will have to work longer hours.

Not letting the latecomers play at all was our first choice, but that would, in effect, be penalizing the people who sent their money in when they were supposed to, because there would be less players in the tournament.

We will have three classes of competition in addition to the Pro-Ams, Pro, Semi-Pro, and Amateur. The pro events will be done on an invitation only basis. We are thinking along the lines of Pro Singles events with 16 players with an entry of \$500. Decisions on doubles events, in terms of entry fee and the number of players have not been made as of yet.

One definite requirement for anyone who is invited to participate in the pro events is that they subscribe to The Board Talk. We had made this a requirement previously but backed off on that based on negative feedback. We feel, however, that if we are going to invest time, effort and money to bring our message to the shuffleboard community, then the pros who have the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in our events are going to do their part or they are not going to play.

The N.A.S.L. team events will become even more of a priority, and will receive more of our time and money than they have in the past. As we continue to collect information on players in these events and through league score sheets, we will be able to do a better job on rating the players which will made for even better competition.

We want to extend our thanks to the players and bar owners who have supported the N.A.S.L. events. We appreciate your support for this new endeavor, and your understanding on how tough it is to rate the

players in the early stages of the program.

SHUFFLEBOARD

FEDERATION.

Due to player input, we are excited to add a new class of competition for next year, "Semi Pro." This will be primarily for the good local players who don't want to jump in with the top players. Entry fees for semi pro events will probably be \$50 for singles, and \$50 to \$100 per team for doubles. We will publish our criteria for who is a semi pro in the December issue of The Board Talk.

1990 Point Standings: Open Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Sam Summers	565
2.	Bill Melton	399
3.	Glen Davidson	318
4.	Bobby Voorhis	307
5.	Frank Blade	273
6.	Dale Koteras	248
7.	John McDermott	242 1/2
8.	Earl Kelly	239 1/2
9.	David Williams	239 1/2
10.	Johnny Ballard	184
11.	Chuck Norris	163
12.	Billy Mays	147
13.	Howard Mouton	138
14.	Darrol Nelson	116
15.	Billy Chiles	112
16.	Bud Hilburn	103 1/2
17.	Tony Howard	102
18.	Gordy Collins	101
19.	Diana Hagen	91
20.	Eric Waldman	87

1990 Point Standings: Ladies' Division

Rank	Player's Name	Total Points
1.	Diana Hagen	561
2.	Brenda Moore	389 1/2
3.	Janet Weidner	166
4.	Cheryl Collins	117
5.	Mary Koteras	112
6.	Peggie Richards	98
7.	Debbie Voorhis	93 1/2
8.	Sharon Finch	79
9.	Val Borja	68
10.	Gail Schultz	54 1/2
11.	Carolyn Jones	51
12.	Fritzi Broka	50
13.	Chris Danke	46
14.	Marilyn Roberts	30
15.	Gwynette Orsi	30
16.	Evelyn Harris	29
17.	Diana Hofmann	28
18.	Sandy Blade	27
19.	Deniece Addison	27
20.	Cindy Clark	25

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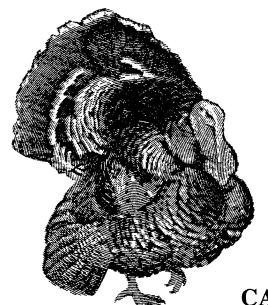
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Tourney Talk (continued from page 6)

on a beautiful Fall Saturday, Sept. 8. They all showed up ready to go and go they did while hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo provided an afternoon buffet for their stomachs' enjoyment.

An old favorite, Mopey Hasson of Perryville, Md., teamed up with Jim Yank Sr. of Philadelphia to take the opener. Finishing second was Vic (the barber) Magero out of retirement from Harrisburg, Pa., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del. Rounding out the winner's circle were third place winners Bill Robinson of Woodlyn, Pa. and Jim Yank Jr. of Philadelphia.

"These popular draw partner double elimination events are held the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m.," says Dick Gorman. "They always provide excitement and good shoot-

ing. Join us any time."

Harvey's Thanksgiving Shootout, Nov. 16-18

Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, will host a Shootout Shuffleboard Tournament 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 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.

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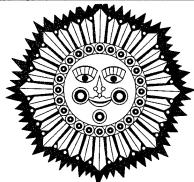
P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, Las Vegas

The 8-member amateur team event is the highlight of this big tournament, which will kick off the 1991 shuffleboard year with a bang! There is important information regarding who is eligible for the team event in the Notebook section of this newsletter. Be sure to read it and get prepared! The deadline date is Dec. 1, not that far away, so don't get shut out.

Events include a mixed doubles, pro singles, women's singles, pro doubles, and the amateur team. See the enclosed flyer for full information on entry fees, schedule and pay-offs. There's a handy form to make your tournament registration and room reservation. And, according to the P.C.S.A. letter, you'll get a chance to see what \$25 million can do to change the look of the Showboat!

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Notebook (continued from page 2)

Garry Singer Sings Yakima Praise

I have been spending some time in Yakima, Washington, recently and would like to share a bit of my enthusiasm for the area with our readers and travelers. Centrally-located in Washington, about a four-hour drive from the Canadian border and about the same distance from Portland, Seattle and Spokane, Yakima lies at approximately 1500 feet in elevation in a beautiful river valley that is renowned for its fruit and vegetable production. Fertile soil (lots of Mt. St. Helen's ash), plenty of sun and water, make for perfect growing conditions. Although the area receives only about 7 inches of annual precipitation, there is a high water table and fine irrigation system, fed by melting snow run off from the surrounding mountains. The locals are able to keep their lawns beautifully green and the constantly blooming flowers and trees, from April through October, are incredible.

Costs of living, including housing, are still quite reasonable. That may change after the 20 million subscribers (don't you wish!) from California read this letter! World-class fishing, hunting, boating, camping and skiing are all within a short driving distance. Up in the morning, drive to one of the many lakes or streams, catch a string of trout for dinner, and be back for evening shuffleboard.

Speaking of world-class, the area has produced some of the best players ever to drop a belly in a cradle. Back in the days of the great Longview/Kelso Washington tournaments, so aptly described by Jack Tyler in last December's issue, Yakima teams won more class "A" championships through the years than any other teams. Crushing, powerful teams from Portland, Eugene, Springfield, Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen/Hoquiam, Longview/Kelso, Pasco (Tri-Cities), California and Canada, to name a few of the 100 to 150 teams that participated.

With the likes of John Long, Les Symonds, Chuck the Puck, David Raines, Al Brolson and Dick Pregmore (forgive the spelling, guys) among many other strong players, I guess one could call it a bit of a dynasty. Ask any of the active pros who used to attend, such as Billy Mays, Glen Davidson, Glen Young, Earl Kelly, LeRoy Ledford, Hal Perry, Fred Thumann, Billy Chiles, Darrol Nelson, Jim Allis, Jim Foran, Portland Mac, Mel Currie from Canada. They'll remember.

There is still plenty of action at Melton's Brass Rail, where travellers can find any kind of game they want. Just phone ahead and let them know you're coming. I recently had the pleasure of participating in the "Rail's" first annual tourney and want to take this opportunity to thank our hosts, Paul and Mary, and directors Mary and Rose White, as well as all of the other participants and spectators for helping make this event such a success. I will look forward to attending this tourney again next year.

After a long dry spell, I was once again able to enter the winners' circle, thanks mostly to the resurrection of my partner, Les "Big Thumb" Symonds, just call him "Big" for short, who shot and lagged like the Shuffleboard god him/her self. Close behind were Fuzzy St. John and Al Brolson, and in third place were Don "Mitch" Mitchell and Dave Arndt. Well, George and Donna, I'll close for now with a word of appreciation for your courageous effort in the near thankless task that you have undertaken. I will be meditating on how we might

help make your lives a little easier.

We're glad to have you back in the U.S.A., Garry! We hope your very effective "commercial" for Yakima will lure many of our readers out there for a shuffleboard holiday. We'd be pleased to have Melton's Brass Rail on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing. Tell them this advertising opportunity only costs \$15 a year and includes a copy of The Board Talk every month.

Important Information on Extravaganza III Amateur Team Event

P.C.S.A. has learned that the Showboat Hotel and Casino, in anticipation of a tremendous turnout for Extravaganza III, has undertaken a \$25 million expansion and renovation project. We may be kidding about P.C.S.A.'s role in that decision, but we are not kidding about the improvements. The Showboat is refurbishing its hotel, casino and restaurant facilities. Those of you who attended either of our past tournaments are sure to be impressed with the hotel's new look.

On another note and of considerable concern is the event which is not only the financial backbone of the tournament, it is also rapidly becoming a top dollar event. We speak, of course, of the Amateur Event. In preparing for and planning Extravaganza I, we recognized that in the shuffleboard world, there are hundreds of very good players whose level of play, good as it was, simply was not on a level to allow them to compete against the pros with any real chance of winning. The P.C.S.A. Amateur Event was created with the idea in (continued on page 14)

Thanksgiving Shootout!

Nov. 16-18

Draw Partners: \$10 per person

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- Advance Registration Urged -(See Tourney Talk for details)



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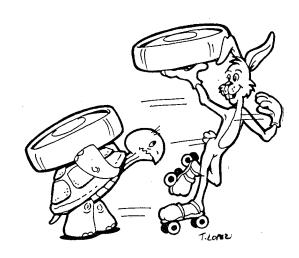
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Ask the Pros

By Phil McGrew







John McDermott



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

John McDermott: I do different things to learn a board depending on whether I have a chance to play a game, just throw weights, or have to play a league or tournament game with no previous practice.

I always find it easier to remember how a board plays if I can play a game against a good player, as opposed to just throwing weights.

If you don't have the time or the opportunity to do that, try lagging down both rails to find out the maximum they will break, and then continue shooting progressively harder to find out how much speed you need to hit a weight that is right on the rail. Generally I would practice the cross board shots in the same fashion after getting comfortable with the rail shots.

If you are coming in cold, and the first game you will play is actual league or tournament competition, I like to shoot pretty hard at any of my opponent's weights and gradually ease off on the speed as I get comfortable.

One thing that is real important is to practice a shot you don't know, including span shots, any time it is your turn to shoot and there are no other weights on the board.

(Editor's Note: The other pros' responses didn't make the deadline. We'll print them in the next issue along with the November "Ask the Pros.")

Welcome New Subscriber Shuffleboard Locations

Our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing will be in the next issue of The Board Talk. In the meantime, please welcome these new subscribers:

- American Legion Post 179, 2327 Wilson S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan
 IOOF Centerville Lodge #37, 5725 Kennett Pike, Centerville, Delaware

- Geo's Cafe, 2712 Portage, Kalamazoo, Michigan
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Please patronize these locations and welcome them to our shuffleboard network. Tell them The Board Talk sent you!

Attention Shufflers: Your Help Needed!

By the time you receive this issue of The Board Talk, Sue Spack, a popular shuffler from the Pontiac, Michigan, area will have undergone open heart surgery. This lively young woman, a goodwill ambassador for our sport, and a great competitor, has no insurance and, due to the time involved in this type of surgery, no



job. You can help speed her recovery by sending cards and letters to: Sue Spack, St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Room 339, Bed 1, 900 Woodward, Pontiac, MI 48328.

If you would like to help ease the financial burden for Sue, send your contributions to: The Board Talk/Spack Benefit, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

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George & Donna



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Notebook (continued from page 11)

mind of allowing good and very good players to fairly compete against players of similar playing abilities. The question of "what is an amateur?" is a troubling question. A clear and universally accepted definition of "amateur" has been somewhat elusive and at times would seem to include everyone from those who have just recently discovered the sport to the "house" players who aren't afraid to take on the pros.

We are coming to this: because of the amount of prize money in the Amateur Event, rather than take a chance that a "stacked" team walks away with the event, P.C.S.A. has made

the following determination:

 No amateur team will be allowed to have more than two "A" players on its team.

2. "A" player status will be determined by:

- a. The level of competition one regularly plays against.
- b. One's knowledge of the game.
- c. One's level of skill.

P.C.S.A. representatives, with assistance from regional pro players, will be very carefully screening team rosters. Please be advised that P.C.S.A. tournament officials are prepared to disqualify one or more players from a team if it is determined that said team has more than two "A" players. Last minute roster changes will be very closely scrutinized. ALL DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.

To avoid potentially embarrassing or confrontational scenes at the tournament, we urge every team captain or spokesperson to work closely with P.C.S.A. to ensure that the spirit of the Amateur Team Event remains that which we originally intended.

We look forward to Extravaganza III. Hope to see you there.

Joe Muniz, Karl Spickelmier, Paul Weber, Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, Bellflower, California

This should be an incentive for teams to get their rosters in early. Don't wait until the last minute. Be prepared and enjoy good competition and good times in Las Vegas!

Tourney Talk (continued from Page 10)

Nelson/Mays Big Stars at Ace of Clubs

The two big stars at the Ace of Clubs tournament over the Labor Day weekend in Marysville, California, were Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Billy Mays of Texas. The two teamed up to take top honors in the doubles. Darrol was number one in the singles, with Billy in second place.

As we went to press, this was the only information we had. Watch next month's Board Talk for other finishers in this big tournament.

Lots of Action at Ours & Your Place

Although it was summer and time for fun in the sun at the beach, at Ours & Your Place in Sudlersville, Maryland, it's still shuffleboard time! For those shufflers who wanted some "rays," there was time in between games to laugh with fellow shufflers and enjoy the great Maryland countryside, and that's the way it was at Ours & Your Place on Aug. 3-5. Not only was the temperature hot, but so were the shufflers!

The tournament began Friday night with so many shooters wanting to participate that a few extra players were allowed to enter the draw partner event. With 30 players entered, the luck

of the draw matched 15 competitive teams vying for \$1450 in prize monies. The competition was tough and many games took so long that the event had to be finished on Saturday morning. First place went to Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. These guys had their work cut out for them because the second place team of Butch "Hollywood" and his partner Chuck King, Dover, Del., came from the loser's bracket to beat Alvis and Joe the first game, only to lose the second game to Alvis and Joe. Thus "Mr. Hollywood" and Mr. King took second place. Third went to Paul Lukas Jr., Millington, Md. and Ours & Your Place's own JoAnn Ware.

With the draw partner event finally over, 17 teams participated and played for \$2040 worth of prize money in the bring your partner event which finished Sunday morning. Once again the competition was great. In first place was the team of Jerry Herrmann and Jim Yank, both of Philadelphia. Second place went to Eddie Kibler, Henderson, Md., and Len Dell of Belcamp, Md. Ours & Your Place shooters took third and fourth places. In third was the team of Cliff Embert, Sudlersville, and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. Fourth place team was Buck Wallace, Sudlersville, with Ours & Your Place host Art Ware.

Since the tournament wasn't full, there was time for two draw partner double elimination tourneys Sunday afternoon for those who wanted to keep shooting. The first Sunday draw was won by Eddie Kibler and Len Dell, with Jerry Herrmann and Scratch Todd in second. The second draw was taken by Buddy Bramer and Chuck King. Judith Iseman and Scratch Todd were second, with Ron Herrmann and Eddie Kibler in third place.

"It was great to have some old friends like Jim Yank, Mary Ann Watson and Mike Kennedy of Philadelphia and John Ballard of Texas join us once again," reports Judith. "Also Lonzo Knight and Sam Jones rode across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge from Hagerstown on their motorcycles to spend the day with us. As always, JoAnn and Art Ware were great hosts and provided a buffet on Saturday and Sunday for all.

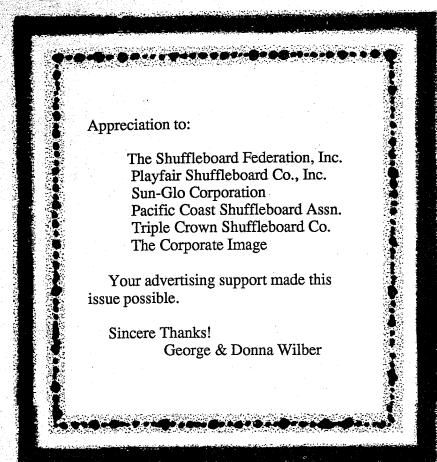
"We want to wish a speedy recovery to Judy Gartland, better known as "Baltimore Judy." Judy broke her ankle and is out of commission for awhile. Rita Yank is her nurse. I'm sure Judy would appreciate a card from some of her shuffler friends. Her address is Judy Gartland, 12017 Audubon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19116," said Judith.

The Spring Tournament at Ours & Your Place on April 27-28 had 28 shooters in the draw partner event vying for \$960. First place went to Bunky Gertz, Queenstown, Md. and Doug Fridley Jr. of Waterloo, New York. Second place went to Eddie Kobler and Cliff Embert, Sudslerville. Hank Struble, Millington, and Pam Draheim of Waterloo took third place.

Thirteen teams participated in the best two out of three event, each doing their best to win a portion of the \$2030 prize monies. First place went to Mickey Mickens, Voorhees, New Jersey, and "Stosh" Chemelski of Philadelphia. Second place was taken by Jerry Herrmann and Tom Schaffer, both of Philadelphia. Third place went to Bucky Wallace, Sudslerville, and his partner Art Ware.

Going back a while, Ours & Your Place Winter Tournament in January attracted 16 teams for the draw partner event and 22 teams for the bring your partner. Winners of the draw were: John Lukas, Millington, Md., and Scratch Todd, 1st; Dick Losee, Poolesville, N.Y. and Len Dell, 2nd; Randy Wagner and John Arvin, Hagerstown, Md., 3rd.

Winners of the bring your partner event were: Dick Losee and Steve Bennett of Sherburne, N.Y., 1st; Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg and Jim Snyder, Williamsport, 2nd; Jim McDaniel, Darlington, and Len Dell, 3rd; and Art Ware and Buck Wallace, 4th.



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