

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Coming fresh off a major tournament seems like a good time to approach a sensitive subject: charging a registration fee.

There are still some players, we've discovered, who think that those 10 (or whatever number) boards magically appear from beneath the floor of a tournament site, ready for them to display their skills upon. The truth is that there is a tremendous amount of expense and back-breaking effort to set them up and tear them down again.



Many hours of hard labor are involved in setting boards up and tearing them down again.

There are also those who think that very proficient tournament directors who spend vacation time and money to run a smooth event should do so as a contribution to the sport. Let's get realistic!

Who, in our circle of shuffleboard supporters, can afford to contribute hundreds of dollars in expenses to assure that an event offers others the opportunity for enjoyment, recognition and compensation for the expenses involved in their participation? Very few, including us.

We've been proponents of taking something off the top of sponsor sales to cover expenses. However, after our recent tourney, we discovered we'd take at least 6 percent to beat the initial \$10 registration fee that came nowhere near meeting those expenses.

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association is considering raising their registration fee to \$15. We support that action. We know they're not going to realize any profit from that increase, but only come closer to meeting expenses. Support groups like the P.C.S.A. and The Shuffleboard Federation -- and The Board Talk -- should not have to absorb costs involved in staging events that give players an opportunity to win back their investment.

It's time we accept the difference between tavern events and those in a hotel setting where entire families can be in-

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Tourney Talk

Hart/Boaz Capture Crown at D.J.'s

Steve Hart and Dave Boaz took the biggest share of the \$2310 pot at D.J.'s in Warsaw, Indiana, on July 6. Coming in a close second in the doubles event were Jerry Siebert of Michigan and Larry Creakbaum of Indiana. "Beef" Camp teamed up with Larry Summy to take third place honors, with Jim Long and Jerry Knox in fourth.

D.J.'s will be the site of the annual State of Indiana Championship Tournament the Saturday and Sunday before Halloween. Mark your calendars now.

Tolbert/Cox/Davidson Winners at Ted Z's

Ted Z's annual 4th of July tournament attracted 13 teams and 21 singles to the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California.

Long-time tough competitor Troy Tolbert teamed up with Don Cox to take first place in the doubles, beating out Rich (Bubba) Warren and Jim Alford of the Huntington Beach area. Billy Chiles and Karl Spickelmier took third place.

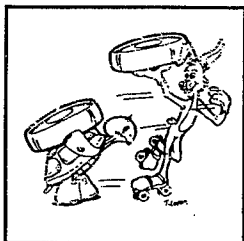
"Rich and Jim deserve a lot of credit. They played great," reports Glen Davidson. "Bob Shaw from Fort Worth came out for the first time and teamed up with Al Salazar to send some of the teams home early, but fell short of the finals."

Glen Davidson of Oklahoma was winner of the singles ("Thanks again for letting an old man win one on this birthday," said Glen). He beat out Rick Boyer from Everywhere, U.S.A. Dudley Hutcherson took third place honors. "A great young player, one to watch in the future," Glen said.



As usual, a great crowd of shufflers spent a fun 4th of July weekend at Ted Z's.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

"Hot Beds" in South Jersey

No, not a sleazy day-time soap. Furior, hard-nosed board play is the subject. Location: South Jersey.

The scene opens to expose the best-looking set you could ever lay your eyes upon, draped only in a flimsy see-through.

Yeah, two fours with a short back weight blocker (not a real block; merely a mind-bomb waiting to explode in an opponent's head).

I was the unfortunate opponent who faced this ticking bomb recently at Reggie's Cafe on Rt. 168 in Blackwood. The perpetrator of this dastardly deed was Lem. He laughed. Naturally, I used my hammer weight to make the most incredible combo shot ever seen by mankind. I laughed. Ahh, the thrill of a great hit.

Speaking of great hits -- join us for matches every Thursday night around 7:30 p.m. at the Rt. 30 Somerdale Bar. It's a flexible format that seems to be a great hit with area shufflers.

In an intensive program labeled "Keep everyone off the streets," here is a brief rundown of recent events:

April 14 Bring Partner -- Area great Al Malloy honors us with an appearance and teams with another South Jersey star, John Roberts, to cruise to first place. Meanwhile, the Schofield name continues to haunt S. Jersey boards as Mike and brother Joe play solid weights to grab second place. Somerdale owner Juan teams with John M. to nail down third with some spectacular draws.

April 23 Open Singles -- Area gamester Bob Hughes (hot, hot, hot) easily outscores his opponents 67-26 through four games to glide to first place. Chuck Fiedler outtaps everyone but Bob to take second.

May 5 Bring Partner -- Bob Hughes continues to fan his flames and pairs with Jimmie (call me J.C.) to squeak by the team of Mike Wadlinger and Chuck Fiedler. Shuffling from the loser's bracket, Mike and Chuck fell behind 12-6, rallied to a 14-14 score, only to be gunned down by yet another famous J.C. combo on the final shot.

May 11 Open Manayunk Singles -- Somerdale owner Juan takes his "tap-power" to the finals, awaiting Mike Schofield from the loser's bracket. Mike's consistent "one weight at a time" racks give him enough edge to take the needed two games in the finals 15-14, then 15-1.

May 30 Open Singles -- Mike Schofield shows why is is one of the best around and defeats smooth-shooting Andy to grab first place. Andy, just now sliding into his summer style, earns a solid second place.

June 6 Draw Partner -- The melting pot of draw doubles couples with the luck of the draw to generate some of the tightest games to date. The scrambling team of Mike Schofield and Bob Hughes climbed from big deficits all night to come out of the loser's bracket to take a hard-fought first prize. Andy and owner Juan drop the first game of the finals,

then watch their 12-6 lead vaporize to Bob and Mike....game, set, match to Bob and Mike. (I could have charged admission!)

For further information about shuffling in South Jersey, contact Mr. Shuffleboard at 609-983-5499.

Chuck Fiedler, Marlton, New Jersey

It was a pleasure to meet you at our 4th of July Shufflers Reunion Tournament, Chuck, and we thank you for your participation. You are one of only 10 subscribers in New Jersey. We hope the names you've highlighted in this report will soon become a part of our shuffleboard network. There was a time when your state was the real "hot bed" of shuffleboard action. It could happen again.

A Variety of Subjects from Ralph

I think if I can get enough people in our town interested, just maybe shuffleboard might come back in our area. I hope so. Every Friday night at the Shamrock, there is a draw partner event. The owner, Jerry, puts up some kind of a prize like a roast beef, turkey breast, ham or lobster tail.

I've really enjoyed your newsletter. It's nice to read about people you haven't seen in a long time. Whatever happened to the "Ask the Pros" column? I miss it.

Help needed: quit drinking, hard to play the game. Can anyone help me? Sure could use it.

Hi, Joanie Millar. See you in November.

Ralph Duarte, Kelso, Washington

You have taken a giant step forward, Ralph, in revitalizing shuffleboard in your area simply by telling us what's going on there. (See Tourney Talk.) It's people like you and Jerry who will assure that the sport will thrive. Don't get discouraged. The road to a healthy future is taken one step at a time, and we need people like you.

"Ask the Pro" is no different. Author Phil McGrew gets no compensation for his efforts other than response. When he reads that you miss the column, he's likely to increase his efforts to "nag" the pros for their contributions.

It's a sad situation that our world has to contend with in regard to your efforts to stay "dry." We are usually in an environment that encourages it and that makes it tough for people like you. It might help you to know that you're not alone, and that distributors have responded to that need by making available non-alcoholic alternative beverages. Ask your shuffleboard tournament sponsors about the availability of these beverages. Nothing helps like support from somebody who has already been there. If you call us, we'll supply you with names and phone numbers of players who might be helpful. In the meantime, we'll provide your number to those who would like to reach out and help you. They'll help you accept the fact that shuffleboard and drinking aren't necessarily synonymous.

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Ed Shares Some Concerns

I have been playing this game for 46 years and I know how important The Board Talk is for the continued growth of shuf-

shuffleboard. However, I feel you must surely present divergent opinions. I respect your right of editorial license, but there are ideas that conflict with yours and The Shuffleboard Federation's, and I personally feel your newsletter should address these issues.

Number one, I certainly liked having the annual Board Talk tournament in such close proximity to the East Coast and my home. But I feel that you should open your mind to the location that the majority of your readers would choose through an annual vote conducted by you. I feel that this would be fair to all.

No. two: The Federation and you feel that the amateur player is the future of shuffleboard. I fully agree with this viewpoint because if we don't have new talent being encouraged, the game will surely die. But, again, I feel as did Buddy Broka who I respect very much, that all boards set up for a tournament, be it a major or local tournament, be as straight as humanly possible. The pros and advanced players can handle almost all conditions. The amateur or novice player cannot. I feel that in order to encourage a greater arena of participation, all conditions should be geared to the novice player.

I, personally, have travelled great distances to participate in tournaments and would not enter -- not because I couldn't win there because I did win round robins and other money games there. I just feel that if the owner is ignorant enough not to keep his boards in tip-top shape, I will not honor his personal ignorance.

In some of the major tournaments I have attended, I have seen approximately 10 to 12 people adjusting boards to suit themselves. I do not feel this is fair if your aim is to attract as many amateurs as you can. The fairer the conditions, the less you will discourage the amateur player and consequently increase your amateur base.

Ed Galke, Oakdale, New York

Thank you, Ed, for bringing up a number of issues that will stimulate reader interest.

First of all, it gives us the opportunity to say that we do welcome divergent viewpoints, with this stipulation which was spelled out in our June issue: "We print all letters which will further the future of our sport. The only ones we do not print are those which directly attack a person, association, or product, and which we feel will not be beneficial to shuffleboard." Early on in our venture, we allowed our pages to become the battleground for some league in-fighting and learned a painful lesson. If we had allowed it to continue, it would have gone on for months with no real purpose served.

In response to your No. 1 issue -- holding the 7th Annual Shufflers Reunion on the East Coast: you suggest we hold an annual vote. During our first four tournaments, we offered the opportunity to hold the following year's tournament at any location the participants would like. We had no offers. Consequently, we took that decision into our own hands. We strongly believe our decision to have the tournament on the East Coast was a good one. And we may return there again next year. Our report in Tourney Talk will tell you why.

Second, you give the impression that The Board Talk and The Shuffleboard Federation are a single entity. This is wrong. We are two separate parts of The World of Shuffleboard who work together for the betterment of our sport. We've said it before and we're probably going to have to say

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1991 National Shuffleboard Calendar

***Aug. 29 - Sept. 2**

U.S. Open

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2

Annual Labor Day Tournament

Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

1st Annual Labor Day Tournament

T.G.'s Place, Santa Clara, California

Sept. 14 - 15

1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tourney

Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 20 - 22

Benedict's Annual Fall Tournament

Benedict's, Sherburne, New York

Oct. 26-27

State of Indiana Championships

D.J.'s, Warsaw, Indiana

***Oct. 30 - Nov. 3**

North American Championships

Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada

Nov. 3 - 4

1st Annual Open

ANAF 68, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

State of Michigan Championships

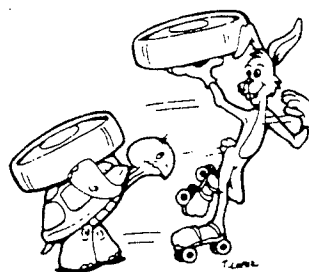
Pasquale's, Lansing, Michigan

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 1992

PCSA Extravaganza IV

Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**



**Put your
tournament on
the calendar!**

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it many times again: the double-page spread in each issue of The Board Talk is purchased by The Shuffleboard Federation. That is their paid-for space in which they can deliver any message they wish. There are many issues on which we agree with them, such as commitment to the amateurs. This agreement is not dictated by monetary considerations; it is because we both happen to agree on this particular topic. Their advertising support is important to us, but it in no way obligates us to agree with them on every subject. It's a business agreement with mutual respect on both sides.

Third, on the subject of boards being set up as straight as possible: if you go to a local tourney, you must play on boards as they exist. Bar owners and home board players do not allow their board(s) to be wrenched upon. As for a major tourney, where boards are brought in, setting up 10 to 16 boards in time to start the tournament is a feat in itself. We have no quarrel with the boards being as straight as possible; however, there are many factors to contend with:

1. The time element;
2. The finish on the boards;
3. The carpeting the boards are installed on (boards have a tendency to settle after a few days);
4. Weather conditions (heat, humidity, etc.);
5. Powdered wax and/or silicone spray may be defective.

Don't sell the amateur and novice short, Ed. They've probably played on boards more crooked than they will find at a major tourney. Their biggest enemy is probably the speed of the boards and we have no control over that. Our proce-

dures on all installed boards is to clean them, silicone them and wax them.

We're not aware of so many people (10 to 12) you've seen adjusting boards. In the major tournaments we've been involved in, we can't find that many people to help set them up. Two designated persons for final adjustments is the procedure and believe it, Ed, when they're through with that many boards, adjusting them to suit themselves isn't even on their minds. Getting them as playable as possible is.

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involved. Events held in taverns -- and these are vitally important to the growth of our sport -- benefit the owner/operator because of increased sales. Others, like us, who choose a hotel setting to hold our tournaments, do not have that option; hence, the registration fee.

Both are vital components of The World of Shuffleboard. Let's support them both.

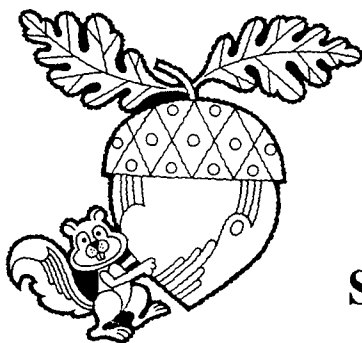
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before the 15th of each month.



— Special Delivery for All Shufflers —

The 1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk**Fall Tournament**

Sept. 14-15, Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake

—Michigan's Vacation Paradise and site of the 1990 Shuffler's Reunion Tourney —

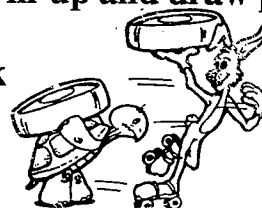
Draw Partners — \$20 per person
(Limit: 40 players)

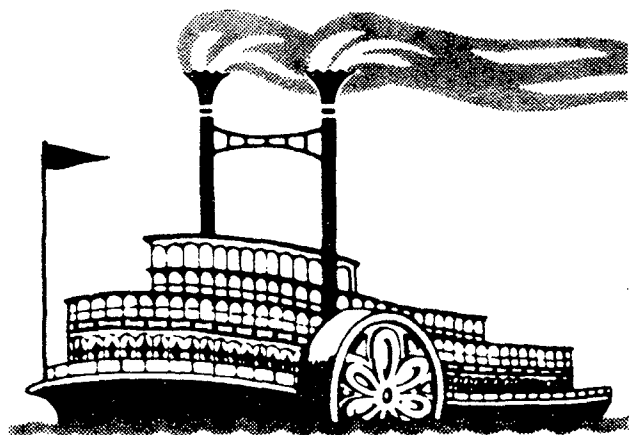
Open Singles — \$25 per person
(Limit: 25 players)

Notice: Pros and players rated 1 and 2 will draw for players rated 4. Draw partner event will start with sponsor sale at noon sharp on Saturday, with singles on Sunday.

Superstitious? Come on Friday night, the 13th, for warm-up and draw partner action.

For Information: Call George at The Board Talk
517-371-2538





**The P.C.S.A. and
Showboat Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada**

present

Shuffleboard Extravaganza IV

January 29–February 2, 1992

— 5 Gala Events —

- Pro Singles
 - Women's Singles
 - Pro Doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
 - \$300 8-Member Amateur Event
- (Must have at least two women on team)**

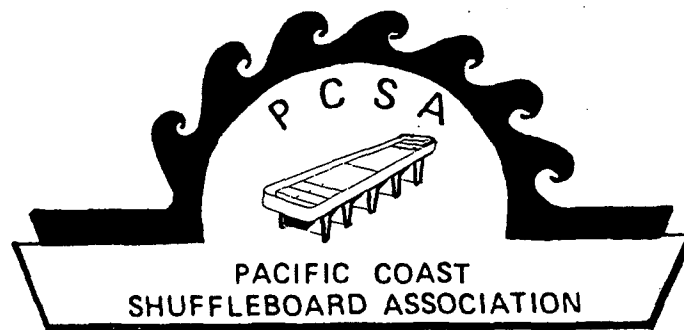
— Boards tentatively supplied by American Shuffleboard —

Boards will be set up Jan. 27, 1992; Play will start Jan. 29, 1992.

**Entrance requirements and dates for events will be
published in future issues of The Board Talk.**

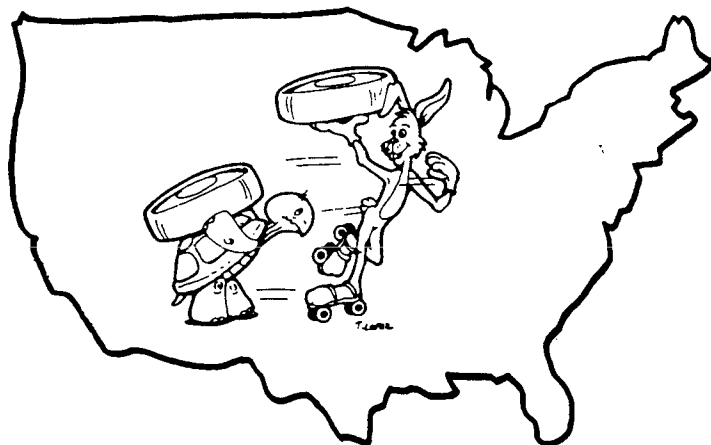
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Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.



Board Talk's Shuffleboard Network

The following are shuffleboard establishments which are Board Talk subscribers. We urge you to patronize these shuffleboard supporters. The next directory will appear in the November issue. If your favorite location is not listed, sign them up as a subscriber.

Arizona

- Pro Lounge, 6036 N. 67th Ave., Glendale 85301; 931-0101
- CBS Lounge, 1615 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85015

California

- Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula 92390; 714-676-3770
- Mr. G's Cardroom, 15742 Rd. #2966, Visalia 93291; 209-734-7833
- Peanut House Saloon, 9042 Rosecrans Ave., Bellflower 90706; 213-602-0810
- Till 2 Club, 16229 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower 90706; 213-866-9565
- Shady Lane Saloon, Lake Isabella 93240; 619-379-8991
- Amato's, 18862 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach 92647; 714-963-8341
- Ace of Clubs, 381 I Street, Marysville; 916-743-6885
- Arcade Amusements, 2708 Pepper Tree Dr., Oceanside 92056; 619-945-8544
- The Hungry Stick, 4664 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92108; 619-272-1412
- Barnett's Peacock Lounge, 29 Palms 92277; 619-367-6607
- The Ranch House, 1842 E. McKinley Ave., Fresno 93703; 209-264-9864
- Hawg Jaws Bar, 22010 E. Manning, Reedley 93654; 209-638-2014
- Robby's, 7260 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento 95823; 916-421-6661
- The Edgewood, 10122 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower 90706; 213-866-9268

- T.G.'s, 2337 El Camino Real, Santa Clara 95050; 408-246-1498

Colorado

- Rome's Saloon, 785 W. Mississippi, Denver 80223; phone 303-778-9972
- Jerry D's, 604 8th St., Hwy. 52, Dacona 80514; 303-833-3469
- The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvado 80003; 303-425-9823

Delaware

- IOOF Centreville Lodge #37, Centreville 19807
- R.J.'s Pub, 1702 Falkland Rd., Chestnut Run Shopping Ctr., Wilmington 19805

Illinois

- R & W Lounge, 336 N. Lucust St., Manteno 60950; 815-468-3510

Indiana

- The Palace, 121 S. Main, Fairmont 46928; 317-948-9102
- Food Harbor, Inc., 312 W. Main, Peru 46970; 317-473-9966
- B.C.'s (Beef's) Tap, Inc., 550 S. Main St., Kendallville 46755; 219-347-9965
- DJ's Bar, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw 46580; 219-269-1913
- Monty's Bar, 28 W. Main, Chesterfield 46017; 317-378-3602
- Deer Park Tavern, 1530 Leesburg, Fort Wayne 46808; 219-432-8966

- Rolling Prairie, Rolling Prairie 46371
- Kimmel Inn, Kimmell 46760; 219-635-8224
- Lucky's, North Webster 46555; 834-7433
- Silver Dollar, 26 S. Eighth St., Noblesville 46060; 317-773-9819
- Wolf Lake Bar & Grill, Wolf Lake 46796; 219-635-8249

Maryland

- Ours & Your Place, Rt. 300, Sudlersville 21668; 301-438-3743
- Lafayette Inn, U.S. Route 1, Rising Sun 21911; 301-658-9075
- Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street 21154; 301-836-8881
- Millington Moose #1909, Millington 21651
- Edgemere Moose #537, 7439 Bayfront Rd., Baltimore 21219

Massachusetts

- The Sands of Salisbury, Salisbury 01952; 508-465-2211
- Polish Falcons of America #580, 32 Belair Ave., Pittsfield 01201; 413-447-9418
- St. Kazimier Society, 197 Avenue A, Turner Falls 01376

Michigan

- Art's Bar & Grill, 809 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing 48912; 517-482-8328
- Pasquale's, 916 W. Saginaw, Lansing 48915
- Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake 48387; 313-698-4104
- Liberty Bar, 85 N. Saginaw, Pontiac 48342; 313-332-9544
- Venture Bar, 3621 Getty, Muskegon 49444; 616-733-0387
- Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48912; 517-487-4464
- Majestic Cafe, Inc., 156 Oakland Ave., Pontiac 48342; 313-335-2581
- Harold's Lounge, 4030 Dixie Hwy., Saginaw 48601; 517-777-4910
- Papa's Pub & Grub, 23617 Van Dyke, Warren 48089; 313-757-6760
- Sportsman's Bar, 1838 Telegraph Rd., Monroe 48161; 313-379-9746
- Northway Lounge, 8989 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake 48629; 517-422-5422
- Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake 48629; 517-422-5631
- Duck Inn, 7600 E. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake 48629
- LaRue's Kil-Kare Inn, 3942 Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake 48629
- Geo's Cafe, 2712 Portage, Kalamazoo 49001

- American Legion #179, 2327 Wilson, SW, Grand Rapids 49504
- Eagles #1230, 289 W. Montcalm, Pontiac 48342; 313-338-8294
- Dillinger's, 19 S. Washington, Oxford 48051; 313-628-7285
- Pontiac Lake Inn, 1775 N. Williams Lake Rd., Waterford 48095; 313-666-1436

Missouri

- Uncle Bentley's, 4141 Fremont, Springfield 65807; 417-881-2389
- Sonny Boys, 121 N. Main, Cuba 65453; 314-885-9989
- Georges' Place, 5000 Alaska at Delor, St. Louis 63111; 314-481-5003

Nebraska

- Rooneys Camelot, 2236 N. 91st Plaza, Omaha 68114; 402-393-3188
- Piccolo's Bar, 13328 Millard Ave., Omaha 68137; 402-895-9988
- Muldoon's, 2615 S. 120th, Omaha 68144; 402-330-8002
- Elbow Room Lounge, 4973 Center St., Omaha 68106; 402-556-0867
- Joe's Duck Inn, 13336 Millard Ave., Omaha 68137

Nevada

- Deluxe Liquors, 2820 E. Lake Mead, N. Las Vegas 89030; 702-649-0825
- Brass Rail Saloon, 1000 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89110; 702-459-9714

New Jersey

- Riverside Seafood, 258 Woodcliff Ave., Little Falls 07424

New York

- Benedict's Classic, 101 Classic St., Sherburne 13460; 607-674-9717
- Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo 13165; 315-539-9520
- Smyrna Restaurant, Smyrna 13464
- Airport Diner, 7740 Ridge Rd. East, Sodus 14551
- Finn's Inn, 3191 Marion Rd., Palmyra 14522
- The Pillars, Guildford 13780; 607-895-6416
- Hap's Inn, 92 Second Ave., Albany 12202

Ohio

- Mann's Place, Main St., Evansport 43519; 419-428-2191
- Jug's Tavern, 5119 Jackman Rd., Toledo 43613; 419-472-7120
- Eagle's #2233, 221 S. Walnut, Bryan 43506

Oklahoma

- Wheeler Dealer Club, 1737 S. Memorial Dr., Tulsa 74112; 664-1992
- Prim's Wagon Wheel, Highway 77 North, Wynnewood; 405-665-2566
- True Love Bar & Grill, 3624 S. Robinson, Oklahoma City 73109; 405-632-9076
- Varsity Sports Grill, 1140 NW 63rd, Oklahoma City 73116; 405-842-0898
- Friends, 4130 N.W. Expressway, Oklahoma City 73116; 405-843-3060
- Jimmy L's, 9520 E. 11th, Tulsa 74112; 918-834-9090
- Buffalo Chip Saloon, Wapanucka 73461; 405-937-4202
- Cock O' The Walk Bar & Grill, 3705 N. Webster, Oklahoma City 73118; 405-528-7107
- Brook Alley, 4726 S. Peoria, Tulsa 74105; 918-742-0970
- Crossbow Lounge, 11035 E. 41 St., Tulsa 74146; 918-622-0167
- Rosewood Lounge, 1060-H S. Mingo Rd., Tulsa 74112; 918-838-8099
- Side Line Sports Bar, 5936 S. Lewis, Tulsa 74105; 918-742-3499
- Full House, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr, Wynnewood 73098; 405-665-2715
- Bristol Station, I-40 at Sooner Rd., Midwest City 73110

Oregon

- The Club Tavern, 420 Main St., Springfield 97477; 503-747-4466
- Cattlemen's Saloon, Rogue River 97537; 503-582-1631
- Tolo Tavern, 7878 Blackwell Rd., Central Point 97502; 503-664-2656
- 99 Tavern, Hwy. 99, Winston 97496; 503-679-7068
- Colonial Timber Inn, 235 Third St., Drain 97435; 503-836-2386
- Black Cat Tavern, 8230 SE 13th St., Portland 97202
- Tee Pee Tavern, 1830 N. Stephens, Roseburg 97470; 503-672-4661
- Corby's Tavern, 962 Main, Dallas 97338

Pennsylvania

- Craig's Tavern, 3110 Township Line, Drexell Hill 19026; 215-789-9840
- Don's Eddystone Bar, 1321 Chester Pike, Eddystone 19016; 874-9919
- Crack-n-Crab, 357 N. 3rd St., Oxford 19363
- Christy's Tavern, 169 E. Ridge Rd., Linwood 19061

Texas

- Sports Arena Club, 11528 W. Jones Rd., Houston 77070; 713-469-0345

- Sportsman Ice House, 715 West Ave., San Antonio 78201; 512-734-9222
- Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Fort Worth 76112; 817-451-0607
- The Scoreboard, 2314 W. 7th, Fort Worth 76107; 817-336-1096
- Cootey's Tavern & Kitchen, 8318 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio 78216; 512-342-4998
- Nite Cap Lounge, 2936 Gears Rd., Houston 77369; 713-586-9988
- Cotton-Eyed Jonze's, 5601 Amarillo Blvd. E., Amarillo 79107; 806-381-9702
- J.J.'s Club, 2617 Wagonwheel, San Antonio 78216
- Sunova Beach, 10141 Wurzbach, San Antonio 78230
- Click's Billiards, 5545 N.W. Loop 410 #116, San Antonio 78238
- Peyton Place, 5450 Babcock, San Antonio 78240
- Clown Alley Lounge, 5520 W. Military Dr., San Antonio 78242

Washington

- Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma; 206-272-1892
- Blue Goose, Retsil 98378; 876-9880
- Corner Tavern, 1255 Allan West Rd., Bow 98232; 206-757-61113
- Whistling Oyster Tavern, 20243 Hwy. 101, Quilcene 98376; 206-765-9508
- Spot Tavern, Pacific Beach 98571; 206-276-9914
- Boondox Tavern, 2111 S. 1st St., Yakima 98901; 509-457-5526
- Melton's Brass Rail, 1402 Fruitvale, Yakima 98908
- Old Timers Inn, 219 State St., Sedro Valley 98284; 855-0802
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"Ted Z and Earlene did a great job and had a real nice food spread on Saturday," Glen reports. "I would like to thank Troy Tolbert and Evie for their hospitality while in California, as well as John Fisher, Chris Danke, Chris Fisher and Paul. Nelson Jennings and Paul from San Jose made their appearance to promote their tourney over the Labor Day weekend at T.G.'s in Santa Clara." (See flyer in this issue.)

Handley/Mitchell Win at Shamrock

Owner and shuffleboard promoter Jerry Berquist added \$500 to the pot, bringing it to a whopping \$2620 for a June 7-9 draw partner tourney at the Shamrock in Longview, Washington. Taking home the biggest share of that healthy pot were Dick Handley of Kelso and Don (Mitch) Mitchell of Portland, Oregon. Second place honors went to Glen Lindberg of The Club Tavern, Springfield, Oregon, and Don Heflin. Dick Heflin and Rich Miller of Oregon and Washington took third place, with Vic Johnson of Kelso and Bruce Wechter of Springfield in fourth.

"I would like to say a great many thanks to the pros who participated," reports Ralph Duarte of Kelso. "People like Chuck Norris, Darrol Nelson, Jim Foran, Marv White, Mac and Trish Makarounis, Jim Allis and everyone else who played. I think the most thanks should go to Chuck Norris. His partner had never played in any tournament before. Chuck's partner, Gilbert Midanda, did take fifth in the tournament -- not bad! Jim Foran's partner, Rich Wilson, also never played in a tournament before. My hat goes off to all these great shuffleboard players. Thank you very much."

Ralph thanks tournament directors Kevin Larkin and Ed Foyack, and auctioneers Jim Foran and Mitch. "Good job, guys," he said.

Larkin/Fitz Win "Old-Timers" Tourney at Shamrock

The Shamrock in Longview, Washington, recently hosted the 10th Annual "Old-Timers" Shuffleboard Tournament in honor of Jack Tyler.

"This is an event in which all the old-time players come out of the woodwork, and I mean players you don't see all the time. Boy, if they would just start to play again, this would be great," reports Ralph Duarte of Kelso, Washington.

Thirty-two players turned out for the event. It was a \$5 entry draw partner. The payoff was 60-30-10 plus "lobster tail 8" going to the first place winners.

And the winners were: Kevin Larkin and Harold Fitz of Kelso, with Joe Lavin and Vic (the Beef) Johnson in second. Rich Miller and Jerry Berquist (Shamrock owner) took third.

99 Tavern Records Successful "Rural American" Tourney

The "Rural American" Shuffleboard Tournament was held at the 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon, over the 4th of July weekend.

The round robin draw doubles was won by Al Pease of Tacoma, Washington, and Kevin Larkin of Longview, Washington.

Open doubles play proved to be quite competitive with Jim Foran and Al Pease of Tacoma winning first place honors and tournament trophy jackets. Chuck Norris of Portland teamed with Jimmy Allis of Seattle to take second. ("An impressive

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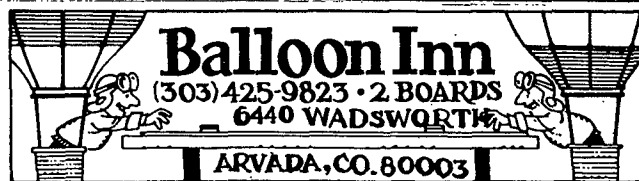
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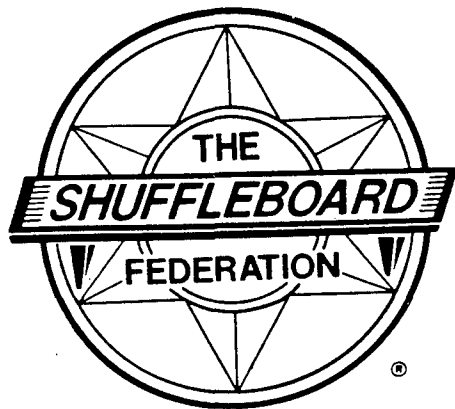
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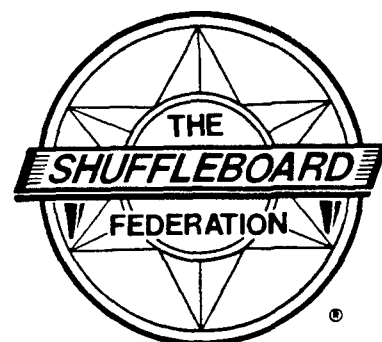
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effort considering the raft of flack Jimmy had to put up with from Winston Jim Cockrell," reports host Steve Fisher.

"Jimmy was crushed in a \$5 game by Winston Jim, then refused to pay \$3 of it. Jim claims the interest has now surpassed \$200.") Steve and sporty Joe Lavin of Longview placed third. "Joe finally won his first game in Winston; he had to team with a local to do it," said Steve. Winston Jim Cockrell and Mike DeAngelo of Portland wrapped up the fourth spot.

The singles title and trophy jacket went to Dave Arndt, who won the event without a single beer consumed. Steve extends his congratulations! Dave beat Chuck Norris in "an impressive display of outstanding play in the final match," Steve reports. "Words do little justice for such a final event." Doug Debois of St. Helen's, Oregon, finished third with Al Pease in fourth place.

Total cash in both events was \$3,700 which included \$300 added money. Host Steve Fisher thanks all who attended.

The 99 Tavern will host another Rural American Shuffleboard Tournament next year, July 3-6, 1992.

East Coast Players Dominate Winners Circle at Board Talk Tourney

It wasn't that they had a home-board advantage because the 10 Dynamo shuffleboards in the huge ballroom of the Kulpville (Pennsylvania) Holiday Inn were shipped in from Texas. It could have been because they were comfortable in their own geographic territory, or maybe because they made up a majority of players participating from 11 states. Or perhaps it was their way of serving notice to the rest of the World of Shuffleboard that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Whatever the reason, the East Coast players dominated the winners circle in all events at the 7th Annual Board Talk Shufflers Reunion over the 4th of July weekend, held for the first time in an eastern location.



Doug Fridley Jr. and Scratch Todd were winners of the draw partner event, coming out ahead of a field of 22 teams. They proudly show off the unique trophies made by Bill and Lisa Melton.

Forty-four players signed up to participate in the kick-off event, a \$10 draw with a total pot of \$2,335. Doug Fridley Jr. of New York and Scratch Todd of Delaware finished first in a field of 22 teams. With the luck of the draw, George Wilber of Michigan and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana, who were already signed up as partners in the doubles classic, drew each other

for this event and took second place honors. Bill Stoops of Oklahoma and New Hampshire and draw partner Joe Williams of Pennsylvania finished third, with Gene Gach of Michigan and Ed Galke of New York in fourth place. In fifth and last money spot were Al DiBella of Pennsylvania and Judy Iseman of Maryland.



Judy Gartland (center) took the first-place trophy for the women's singles. Gail Schultz (left) came in second and Anna Dell finished in third place.

There were only 10 in the ladies' singles, but they were tough contenders. When it was all over, another East Coaster, Judy Gartland of Pennsylvania, took the first-place trophy and prize money. Gail Schultz of Michigan took second place honors, and Anna Dell of Maryland, who bought herself for \$20 in the sponsor sale, finished in third place. This was Anna's first experience in a national tournament.

All pro events for this tournament, co-sponsored by Budweiser, Dynamo and The Shuffleboard Federation, were cancelled but a \$100 singles was scheduled to make up for that void. John McDermott of Michigan showed why he is in the pro category by winning this event and the biggest share of the \$1965 pot. He was challenged by long-time player Bill Lally of Pennsylvania, who took second place honors. The only other pro on the scene, Bobby Voorhis of Indiana, took third place. Bobby was no stranger to the East Coast players as he regularly participates in their tournaments.



Tournament directors Kathy Broka and Rob Kern ham it up a bit as they present John McDermott with his \$100 singles first place trophy.

Bill Lally of Pennsylvania gave John a run for his money and took home second-place money and trophy.



With 42 entries in the singles classic tournament, competing for a total pot of \$4,370, it was both a player and spectator highlight. It ended up with two competitive East Coast players struggling to overcome each other in the finals -- John Lukas of Maryland and Len Dell of Maryland. In the final game, John took the crown, with another easterner, Tom Schaeffer of Pennsylvania, in third. Yet another easterner, Mickey Mickens of New Jersey, finished fourth, with Dick Losee of New York in fifth. Saving face for the "other guys" was Terry Broka of Ohio in sixth place.



Happiness is taking first place, even if you have to beat a buddy to do it, says John Lukas, winner of the singles classic. There were 42 entries in this event.



"I hate second place," said Len Dell, the guy that John beat out. He is consoled by tournament directors Rob and Kathy.

Going undefeated in the doubles classic were Jim Yank and Mike Kennedy, both of Pennsylvania. Their closest competitors were the dynamic duo of Scratch Todd and Len Dell, who took home second place trophies and money. The Michigan team of Bernie Sunde and Phil McGrew took third

place honors, with Terry Broka and Judy Iseman of Maryland in fourth spot. Twenty-three teams participated in this event with a total pot of \$2420.



Jim Yank and Mike Kennedy flash victory smiles after going undefeated in the double classic.



"I still hate second place," said Len Dell. But he took another second place trophy anyway, with partner Scratch Todd.

Things were just going too smoothly with only one event to go -- the 4-person team event. So, Mother Nature decided to throw a monkey-wrench into the pot -- a destructive wind and rain storm that put the Kulpville Holiday Inn out of electricity for a few hours. But did that stop tournament directors Rob Kern and Kathy Broka? Not for long! With only dim auxiliary lights, Kathy staged the sponsor sale with her usual expertise and Rob rounded up blackboards on which to record the scores for the 10 teams entered in this event and bracketed them in near-darkness with his usual skill.

When the lights came on again (all over the world of shuffleboard), the winners were Kathy's Klowns, made up of co-director Kathy Broka, husband Terry, Bernie Sunde and John McDermott. The Michigan/Ohio team beat out contenders Al DiBella, Louise Freer and Joe Williams of Pennsylvania and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Michigan/Florida. Third place finishers were the Dew Drop Inn of Waterloo, New York: John Arndt, Doug Fridley Jr., Tracie Fridley, and Doug Fridley, Sr. The pot was \$2,310.

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Kathy's Klowns were winners of the 4-person team event. Kathy and Terry Broka, John McDermott and Bernie Sunde show off their trophies.



Second place team members Joe Williams, Louise Freer, Al DiBella, and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula don't look all that unhappy with their finish.

"Holding our annual tournament in an East Coast site was something we wanted to do," said George and Donna Wilber of The Board Talk. "Players from this area have supported our annual events from the very beginning and we felt we owed them the courtesy of staging the 7th Annual Board Talk Shuffleboarders Reunion in their part of the country. We're pleased with the turnout and are considering holding it in the same location next year. The Kulpville Holiday Inn personnel were great to work with.

"We can't say enough good things about tournament directors Rob Kern and Kathy Broka and Shuffleboard Federation Vice President John McDermott," they said. "It was great to see our old friends and meet new ones like Bill Stoops, Berlin Courtney, and Alan Primrose, who came all the way from Oklahoma to participate."

Alan had just completed staging a super successful tourney at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, and maybe he wanted to see how it felt to be on the other side of the fence for a change. "Whatever the reason, we appreciated

his presence, as well as all the other great people who came to our reunion this year," said George and Donna.

For the Good Times...



The door prize won by Rita Yank (right) drew a crowd of admiring females. Cassie Kern, Judy Gartland and Judy Iseman like what they see.

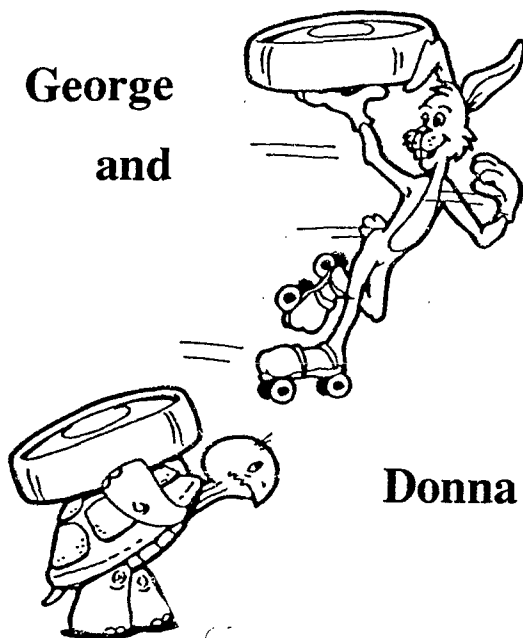


No wonder Butch (Hollywood) Kelly couldn't win! Judy Iseman had his sunglasses.

Rosemary, everybody's favorite bartender, gets a hug and a big thank you from Terry Broka. Watch for her — she's a new shuffleboard convert!



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Valk Wins U.S. Open Qualifier

Texas Mist in Austin hosted its first annual Austin City Championship U.S. Open semi-pros single qualifying tournament on July 6-7. Twenty-seven entries from Austin, Houston, San Antonio, and Sonora participated in the single game, double elimination event.

Don Valk of Austin, Brian Walker of Houston, and Robert Hurst Jr. of Austin placed first, second and third respectively.



Don Valk (center) was winner of the U.S. Open Qualifier at Texas Mist, with Brian Walker (left) in second and Robert Hurst Jr. in third.

Brian sent Don to the loser's bracket before Don came back to beat Robert and then proceeded to take two straight from Brian. By taking first, Don won his entry fee to the U.S. Open semi-pro singles. First and second places were also awarded U.S. Open sponsorship shirts, compliments of Texas Mist. Texas Mist also provided sandwiches, snacks and special drink prices for the players throughout the tournament, reports Ken Strong of Houston. "As usual, Don Valk was highly complimented by all for putting on a smooth-running tournament," he said.

By the time this goes to press, the Third Base in Clear Lake City, Texas, will have hosted its second annual U.S. Open qualifying tournament. In addition to the winner qualifying for the semi-pro singles, Frank Bidali, owner/manager of Third Base, will award U.S. Open sponsorship shirts to the first and second place winners.

1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tourney, Sept. 14-15

Skip's Lounge, 8989 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, will host the 1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tournament on Sept. 14-15. Skip, many of you will remember, was the popular co-host of the 1990 Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion.

Two events will be on the agenda, a draw partners, \$20 per person, and an open singles, \$25 per person. In the draw partner tournament, pros and players rated 1 and 2 will draw for those rated 4. The draw will be limited to the first 40 players and the singles to the first 25 players signed up and

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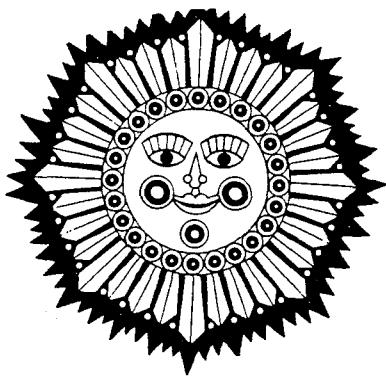
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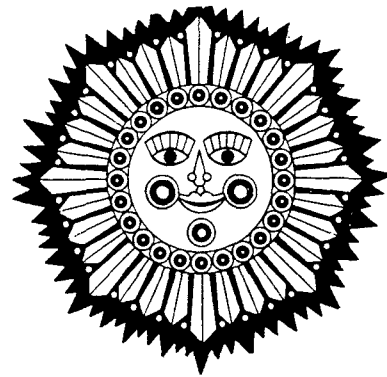
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paid. Sponsor sale for the draw will start at noon sharp on Saturday, with the singles on Sunday.

Friday the 13th, there will be plenty of action on the boards, so come early for tournament warm-up and draw partners. There are many motels nearby. Bring your families; this is known as "Michigan's Vacation Paradise."

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6th Annual U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 29-Sept. 2

If you haven't reserved your spot yet for Don Valk's 6th Annual U.S. Open, Aug. 29-Sept. 2, use the flyer in this issue to do so now. The big event is scheduled for the Howard Johnson South Plaza Hotel in Austin, Texas, and will feature 10 new Dynamo boards.

Events include an invitational pro singles, \$500 entry; invitational pro doubles, \$100 per player; pro-am draw partners, \$25 per player; semi-pro draw partners, \$25 per player; semi-pro singles, \$50 per player; semi-pro doubles, \$50 per player; and the N.A.S.L. team event, \$150 per team.

Check the enclosed flyer for details and if you have questions, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-380-9300 or Don Valk, 512-444-4133. Note the changes in the N.A.S.L. team event.

Masters Tournament, Ace of Clubs, Aug. 30-Sept. 2

The Ace of Clubs annual Labor Day Masters Tournament will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2 in Marysville, California. On the schedule will be a doubles, \$200 per team, and a singles, \$150 entry. Both are 2 of 3, double elimination with sponsor sales on Friday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. Payoff for entry fees and sponsor sales will be: 1 to 16 entries, 60-30-10; 17 to 20 entries, 58-28-10-4; and 21 to 32 entries, 56-26-10-4-2-2.

Tournament directors will be Jerry Miller and Fred Thumann with boards by Sharon Miller. For further information, call the Ace of Clubs, 916-743-6885.

1st Annual Labor Day Tourney at T.G.'s Place

T.G.'s Place, 2337 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will host their 1st Annual Labor Day Tournament, Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Events will include a doubles, \$200 per team, beginning on Aug. 31 at 8 a.m., and a singles, \$100 entry, starting on Sept. 1 at 8 a.m. Sponsor sales for both events will be held at 8 p.m. on Aug. 30. Both events are 2 of 3, double elimination, played on three boards.

A buffet will be featured each day of the tournament. There are plenty of clean motels within two blocks of the tourney site.

For information, contact Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822; Nelson Jennings, 408-377-8346; or Paul Parks, 408-720-9383. Use the enclosed flyer to make your reservation for this big event.

Annual Fall Tourney at Benedict's, Sept. 20-22

Milt and Betty Benedict invite you to their annual Fall Tournament at Benedict's Classic 101 in Sherburne, New York, over the Sept. 20-22 weekend. This is a beautiful part of The World of Shuffleboard any time of year, but particularly in the fall.

Events include a \$10 draw partner starting at 6 p.m. on Friday night, a \$25 bring partner event starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and a \$25 open singles on Sunday at 11 a.m. There will be sponsor sales prior to each event.

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Crazy Canucks 1st Annual, Nov. 1-3

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Events include an open singles (\$500 added money), \$50 entry fee, double elimination, with sponsor sale starting at 5 p.m. on Nov. 1; and an open doubles (\$1,000 added money), \$100 per team entry, double elimination, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Make your room reservations at the Biltmore Hotel (604-872-5252), \$49 per night plus tax. Tell them you're with the tournament to get these special rates.

For more information, contact Joanie Millar, 604-278-8449, or Marg Okum, 604-872-5373.

North American Championships, Oct. 29-Nov. 3, Sands Regency, Reno, Nevada

The beautiful Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada, will be the site for The Shuffleboard Federation's North American Championships on Oct. 29-Nov. 3. For the first time, some really big money -- between \$7,000 and \$14,000 depending on number of entries -- will be added to the pot. The biggest amount will be for the amateur team event with \$7,500 added if there are 32 teams participating. See the enclosed flyer for complete details.

Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 11. Use the enclosed flyer to make your tournament and room reservations. Rooms are \$42 per night plus tax; buy five nights and get the sixth night free.

State of Michigan Championships at Pasquale's, Nov. 29-Dec. 1

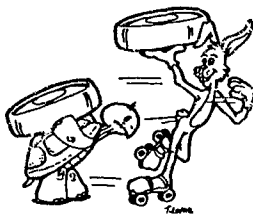
All Michigan shufflers are invited to play for bragging rights in four categories of play at the 1991 State of Michigan Championships, held at Pasquale's Bar, 916 W. Saginaw St., Lansing, Michigan, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Events will include: open doubles, \$50 per team; mixed doubles, \$50 per team; ladies' singles, \$25 per player; and men's singles, \$25 per player. There will be sponsor sales for each event. Boards will be set up by Nov. 25.

Paid entries must be received by Nov. 22 to determine number of boards needed for play. For information, contact George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

Shuffleboard Extravaganza IV, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 29-Feb. 2, 1992

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association (P.C.S.A.) will hold its Shuffleboard Extravaganza IV at the Showboat Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Jan. 29-Feb. 2, 1992. Events will include a pro singles, pro doubles, women's singles, mixed doubles, and the popular \$300 8-member amateur team event (must have at least two women on the team).

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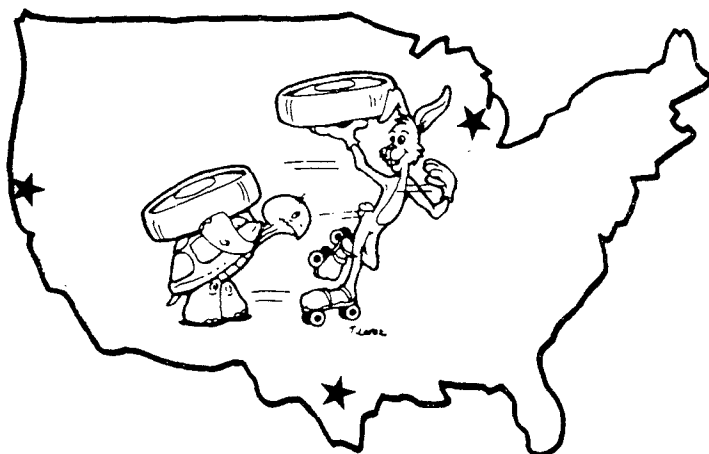
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