

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

**The Red Check -- What Does It Mean?** First, a very sincere thanks to those of you who respond to your first red check, that signal that appears on Page 2 if your subscription has expired. That prompt response not only helps the financial viability of your newsletter, it also saves us record-keeping time. Because we hate losing any precious subscriber, we allow three red checks before removing the name from the mailing list and that does take time.

"My records show I renewed in May 1990, but I got a red check in my March 1991 issue. Why?" You renewed last May, but your subscription expired in March of 1990. Your April and May issues were mailed to you during that "grace" period. March will continue to be your "anniversary date" as long as you stay on The Board Talk mailing list.

"Why don't you send expiration notices instead of red-checking? You'd probably get better response." Yes, we're sure we would and someday we're going to do that. For now -- and for about four more years -- the red check method will continue. The Board Talk staff consists of part-timers George and Donna, a telephone that takes messages while they're at work, and two grandsons who help once a month at mailing time. It's not likely that staff will increase until we retire and can devote full-time to The Board Talk.

**Who Pays -- and Who Doesn't?** Our advertising rates appear every month along with an order blank to let us know if you want a quarter-page, half-page, full-page, flyer, or Directory space to advertise your upcoming tournament, products or services. We depend very heavily upon the people who support us with this advertising revenue support. There are lots of months that we could not publish, without subsidization from our full-time jobs, if we had to depend solely upon subscription revenue. We were hit hard with the latest postal increase so subscription fees fall way short of covering costs.

That does not mean we shut anyone out who does not advertise from promoting their tournament and the results of that tournament in Tourney Talk at no cost. Without that news, we wouldn't have any reason to publish a newsletter. The same goes for letters we receive for Shufflers' Notebook and other features. As much as we appreciate and depend upon advertising revenue, we try not to discriminate against any establishments that opt not to advertise. We hope that those that do spread the word that "advertising does pay" in The Board Talk, and we hope subscribers show their appreciation, through participation, to those who do advertise. (Please read Joanie Swenson's letter in Notebook.)

**If I write a letter to The Board Talk, will it be printed?** 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. Any letters received that fall in

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## Tourney Talk

### Goldsmith/Goldsmith Win at Peanut House

The Peanut House in Bellflower, California, held its first True Round Robin Tournament over St. Patrick's Day weekend. Sixteen teams played for a total pot of \$4200. First place honors went to Warren Goldsmith and Bobby Goldsmith from Visalia, with Lou Lusero and Brian "Critter" Seney of Lomita in second place. John Coulter and Jimmy Alford of Orange County finished third with Steve Floyd and Marion Bailey of Visalia in fourth.

The format of a True Round Robin is each team plays every team one game. With 16 teams, a total of 120 games were played. "A long weekend, but a lot of fun," reports Joanie Swenson. "Special thanks again to Anna Brunskill and Lou Lusero for the great dishes served Friday night. The Peanut House served the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner Sunday, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who helped make this another successful tournament."

### Lampley/Doak Winners at Corner Tavern

Oysters on the half shell, steamed clams, clam chowder, barbecued beef, veggie trays. Sounds like a feast at the Ritz, right? No, just another great feed put on by Glen and Donna at The Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, during the 9th Annual Doubles Tournament the first weekend in April. All this, plus some great competition!

Loren Lampley and his "adopted" grandfather, Dick Doak, both of Shelton, Wash., walked off with the biggest share of the \$3200-plus pot. Rick Gindt and Al Pease of Tacoma took second, with Mike Waters and Jim Foran, also of Tacoma, in third place. Pre-tourney favorites Jimmy Allis, Longview, Wash., and partner Mike DeAngelo of Portland, Oregon, took fourth in a field of 22 teams.

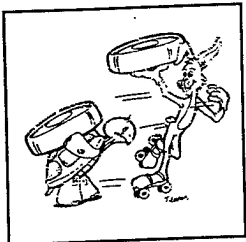
"This tournament is getting more popular every year and The Corner Tavern encourages use of its 'back 40' for camping, horseshoes, and sampling 'moon' (in season)," reports Eve Anderson. "Plan on attending next year on the first full weekend in April. You'll enjoy it!"

### Ladies Prevail at Harvey's Place

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, staged its third 3-day tournament of the 1990-91 season with its normal format of draw partner, women's singles, bring partner and mixed doubles events. Hoots, laughs and a lot of good-natured harrassing was the mood of the weekend as the women shooters kicked a--, reports Dick Gorman.

Friday night's draw partner event was spirited, to say the least, as the first woman, Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., carried Bobby "V" Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana, to first place, sending Lonzo Knight, Hagerstown, Md. and John Lukas, Millington, Md. to the showers and second place. Third went to

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Doing Our Fair Share

After reading the April issue of The Board Talk, I decided it's about time someone speaks up. Why are shufflers not paying their renewal fees and why are so many shuffleboard bars choosing not to subscribe either? Is \$15.00 a year really too much to ask? I would hope not. I think it's time we get together to start promoting and supporting The Board Talk.

Why? Why not? Where would we (tournament directors, players, owners) be without them? Each month there are 20 or more articles written by individuals who are either reporting the outcome of a recent tournament or promoting an upcoming event. That's an awful lot of free advertising which, if paid for, would go a long way in ensuring that The Board Talk not only survives, but continues to grow as well.

Some individuals may not be able to pay for printing costs, and I don't want to discourage anyone from writing their articles because of that. But neither do I want to see The Board Talk go under because advertising revenues or subscriptions were not sufficient enough to keep it afloat. What would it hurt if the individuals or bars promoting a tournament were to take out \$50.00 from the prize money to send in with their article for The Board Talk? It would seem to be advertising dollars very well spent.

George and Donna Wilber and The Board Talk have been the lifeblood of shuffleboard during the past few years. And, keep in mind how many tournaments you see George and Donna at. It seems that their very presence adds additional credibility to a tournament. Joe Muniz of the P.C.S.A. is quick to acknowledge that the success of the first P.C.S.A. Las Vegas tournament was owing in no small part to The Board Talk's kind words of support and by the Wilber's presence. I'm sure the representatives of The Shuffleboard Federation and a host of other tournament directors share those same sentiments.

In almost every issue of The Board Talk, George and Donna give praise to someone for that individual's dedication to the sport of shuffleboard. Isn't it time that we give some of that praise back in the form of support? I will now be enclosing \$50.00 with each article I send to The Board Talk. I hope many of you will do the same.

Joanie Swenson, Bellflower, California

*Joanie first approached us with this idea at the P.C.S.A. tournament in February and we told her "no way." But, sweet as she is, she also has a stubborn streak and won't take "no" for an answer. Therefore, we've countered her new "pay as you go" procedure with one of our own. For every \$15 she sends to us with a news article, we are sending a subscription coupon (worth \$15) back to her to use in any way she wishes -- for tournament drawings, winners, tournament helpers, whatever. That will help make our Board Talk network and shuffleboard grow. Thank you, Joanie, for caring.*

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## The Jersey Devil Lives!

Deep in the pine barrens of New Jersey, a spark of new life has awakened a sleeping Jersey Devil. Though South Jersey has for years been the base for many quality shufflers, there seems to be reason to believe that Jersey shooters like to stay hidden on their own home boards (obviously not the case with the Legendary Mickey Mickens). It may also be true that news does not travel well through pine forests.

However, through the continued ambassadorship of The Board Talk, The Shuffleboard Federation, and Mr. Dick Gorman, shuffle news is now heard throughout the pinelands. Many thanks for all your efforts.

Single board establishments abound in South Jersey and though tourney entries are held to eight teams, a new local circuit is beginning to take shape (the Jersey Devil Tour?). The first event was a singles shootout held March 3 at the Rarebird Saloon in beautiful downtown Blue Anchor. First place went to Butch "Hollywood" Kelly of Ridley Park, Pa., a veteran of Dick Gorman's Triple Crown circuit. Second place was taken by Rarebird shooter Skip Sink, with third going to Rarebird owner Grover Kauffman.

A doubles tourney held at the Rarebird on April 7 showed that Butch Kelly is no fluke in Jersey, when "Hollywood" teamed with his partner Joe Williams to once again take first place money. After cruising through the winner's bracket, "Hollywood" and Joe were pressed by the team of Grover Kauffman and Chuck Fiedler, who came from the loser's bracket to scare the winning team with a 15-4 win in the first game for the title. With the second game score at 12-10 in favor of Grover and Chuck, "Hollywood" said, "We got 'em now" (at least 100 times), prompting Joe to grab 6 points from Grover on the next round to take first prize.

A doubles match is scheduled for April 14 at the Somerdale Bar on the White Horse Pike in Somerdale. Singles and doubles matches are being organized for dates throughout the summer at different shuffleboard locations in the South Jersey area. All sites are within 60 minutes of Philadelphia and Wilmington. For information, contact me at 609-983-5499. Ask for Mr. Shuffleboard (an inside joke at the Rarebird).

And when your wife or husband asks why you've spent so much time shooting shuffleboard, just tell them "the devil made me do it."

Chuck Fiedler, Marlton, New Jersey

*Thank you, Chuck, for this update on New Jersey action. Since we started publishing 7 1/2 years ago, this is the first information we have received from your state. Keep us informed. Maybe Mr. Shuffleboard will get some calls from people travelling to or from our Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament in Kulpville over the 4th of July weekend.*

## Glen Reports on Busy Itinerary

Since I left Oklahoma, I attended the Jimmy L. tourney at Tulsa, then on to Phoenix for the Arizona Open. In those two tourneys, David Williams was the winner of the doubles. The

more he plays, the luckier he gets! And congratulations to Bob Shaw for his first pro win. Rick Boyer comes in for a singles win, his first since The Board Talk tourney in Howell, Michigan, a few years back. But he has hit some doubles, too. Still a touch contender in the pro ranks, he also just won a doubles at the Edgewood bring partner event (see Tourney Talk). Congratulations to him and Karl Spickelmier along with Jack and Craig for second, and Chris Danke and me for third.

I got lucky two weeks ago at a singles match at Amato's that Rick (Bubba) Warren put together with co-directors John Fisher and Chris Danke. Bubba is doing a great job of helping the amateurs and pros. Every week, there is something going on at Amato's for all players. Sparky Sparkman finished second with Rick Boyer in third.

I have got to play in Visalia with Eric Waldman and Troy Talbert now that I'm here with Rick Boyer. Steve Floyd and Larry Newell are the action now in California. I have talked to several pro players who have played in Visalia and all of them said it's tough action, but they will play and for a bunch. You can look forward to these two giving you all you want for your money. The other young players here that Steve and Larry, along with Marion Bailey, Jim McDonald, Bob Goldsmith and Robbie G. have helped to get started are Sal R., Tony S., Wes M. and Shela R.

Thanks to Joe Nino and B.B. at the Edgewood for the doubles they just got started at the Edgewood. Thanks also to The Shuffleboard Federation for the effort and dedication they have shown us in the past few years. No matter what happens, they gave it their all.

We have lost not only a friend, but a dedicated shuffleboard enthusiast. Bill Bailey was a dear friend of Sam and Sharon Summers. Where you saw them, you saw Bill. Sam helped Bill become a shuffleboard player after being a horse collar player for years. He was a good player and always supported any shuffleboard event, local as well as travelling tourneys. I never heard Bill say any bad thing about anyone. Always up, laughing even when he lost. He enjoyed life and his fellow man. We will all miss him. We need more people in the world like Bill. Competitive, enjoyed life, one of the nicest men I have ever known. Goodbye to Bill. May his memory live forever.

Glen Davidson, Tupalo, Oklahoma

We hope you do some Board Talk hustling while you're in Visalia, Glen. The only subscriber we have in that town is the loyal supporter, Mr. G's Cardroom. Your mention of the Edgewood gives us the opportunity to welcome them back to our network. They were one of the shuffleboard establishments that let their subscription lapse so they weren't on the latest "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. They have since renewed so we'd like to let our subscribers know that they're located at 10122 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower, California, and their phone number is 713-866-9268. They'll be in the August listing. And Amato's -- well, we just can't say enough good things about that supporter. They've been a part of our Shuffleboard Directory for a long time, courtesy of Bellflower Bruce, and it's "home" to many of our favorite shufflers.

#### —NOTICE—

The deadline for receiving information for the July issue will be June 14.

## 1991 National Shuffleboard Calendar

### June 14-17

Spring Tournament  
Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York

### June 22-23

2nd Annual Great Lakes Shoot-Out  
Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan

### June 22-23

2nd Annual Open  
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado

### \*July 3-7

Board Talk Reunion Tournament  
Holiday Inn, Kulpville, Pennsylvania

### July 3-7

2nd Annual Amarillo Open  
Jonze's, Amarillo, Texas

### July 3-7

Annual 4th of July Tournament  
Ted Z's Best Little Wherehouse,  
Temecula, California

### \*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

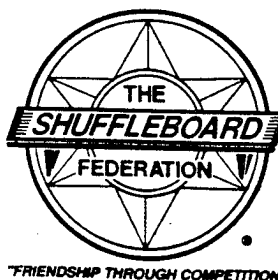
### \*Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

North American Championships  
Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada

### Nov. 3-4

1st Annual Open  
ANAF 68, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

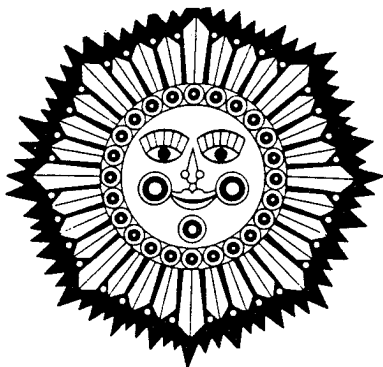
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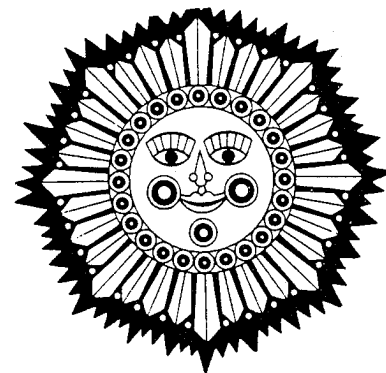
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that category are forwarded to those directly involved for their response. We are a forum for the viewpoints of shufflers, but we are not a vehicle for any personal vendettas against another citizen of The World of Shuffleboard. That's a fine line, we recognize, and hope you will trust us to make that distinction.

**Who's No. 1?** When we first started publishing The Board Talk, we used the address panel to call attention to upcoming tournaments each month. That was no problem while only one, maybe two, were on the schedule. Now, it takes us a full half-page just to list upcoming tourneys. So, we switched to holidays or seasons to use that precious space. Like last month, we reminded shufflers to remember their moms on Mother's Day. Starting this month, we're going to do something different. We're going to salute the three top states in terms of Board Talk subscribers. Really, the population of your state has little to do with the number of Board Talk subscribers. It's how that population supports the sport and their communications vehicle. We hope you'll work hard to get your state in that highly visible position.

**Why are you moving your Board Talk Reunion Tournament out of Michigan?** Since our very first tournament back in 1985, our Eastern subscribers have supported our annual reunion with their participation. We thought it would be nice to have it in their area and let others do the travelling for a change. We've had five of our seven Board Talk tourneys in Michigan. There have been three major 4th of July tournaments -- ours, Ted Z's in California and Janet Weidner's in Texas -- and all attract good participation. We've been dreaming about what a great one we could have if we combined the three and had it in the middle of the country. That would take some negotiations, we realize, but it's fun to visualize shufflers from the East, West, North and South gathering for a real reunion!

We look forward to seeing many of you in Pennsylvania July 3-7.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

## *Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)*

Richie Casula, Newark, Del. and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. Fourth and fifth places (no money) also each contained women entries with Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md. and Wanda Farris, Dargen, Md., carrying their men partners to near the top.

Saturday morning's women's singles turned out to be a true tune-up for what they planned to do this weekend. The 16 women shot a tough tournament event with the eventual winners being Wanda Farris, with second going to Judy Gartland of Philadelphia, and third to Joyce Pyle. Debbie Voorhis of Fairmount, Ind. and Mary Wagner, Milford, Del. took fourth and fifth places.

In Saturday afternoon's bring partner event, Darlene Belcher and Carol Hampton knocked Buddy Brammer and John Lukas into the loser's bracket. On the next table, Wanda Farris and Joyce Pyle were politely doing the same thing to Dick Gorman and Poncho Prevento. The laughs started. Then Darlene and Carol, the "giant killers," played their second match

and sent Len Dell and Chuck King to the loser's bracket. The hoots and cat calls began again as the same gals took on Sam Jones and Lonzo Knight and sent those guys to the same bracket. Meantime, the other ladies in this conclave (there were seven teams with one or more women) were doing the same thing.

The finals finished late in the evening with Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. and first-time winner Jim Wallace (thanks, ladies) of Port Deposit, Md. the victors. Second place went to one of the part-female teams of Debbie and Bobby Voorhis and third to Buddy Coale, Rising Sun, Md. and Dallas Hayman, Dover, Del. Fourth place was won by two women, Darlene Belcher, Street, Md. and Carol Hampton, Charles-town, Md. Fifth went to Len Dell, Belcamp, Md. and Chuck King, Dover, Del. and sixth to Sam Jones, Boonesboro, Md. and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md.

Sunday was the day for the mixed doubles and again the ladies showed the way as they led their partners through the brackets. Judy Iseman this time took Len Dell to first place over Judy Gartland who carried Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, to second place. Joyce Pyle pushed and held up Dick Gorman to third place, and finally Debbie Standiford of Conowingo, Md., carried owner Harvey Comer into fourth spot.

The women's point leader for the weekend was Joyce Pyle, followed closely by Wanda Farris and Darlene Belcher, hostess for the weekend. Men's point leader was Len Dell, followed a 1/4 point back by Lonzo Knight.

There is one more tournament scheduled for Harvey's Place on June 7-9 to finish the season. "With the point battle as close as it is, the tournament will probably be a sell-out," says Dick Gorman. "If not for the point battle, then for the high level of hospitality and very nice buffets made available by hosts Darlene Belcher and Harvey Comer and their staff."

The next tournament will be hosted by Mary and Steve Miller, the new management team who pledge to continue these successful tournaments. Call 301-836-8881 for early sign-ups.

## **NYS ISL Shufflers Celebrate Successful Season**

The Baldwinsville Moose Club served as host for the 1990 New York State Interstate Shuffleboard League banquet on April 13 and also held the 3rd 1991 ISL tournament. Arlow Johnson donated his board for this major event and play was shot on three boards. On Saturday, the bring partner event saw 17 teams vie for \$1,850 with favorites Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds from Sherburne, New York, teaming up again to take home the bacon. Second spot went to fellow shooters from Sherburne, Steve Bennett and Clark Spalding (now from Baldwinsville). Third went to local "head honcho" Jack Enders and his partner, Doug Fridley Jr. from Waterloo, N.Y. Cashing in fourth was the husband and wife team of Arlow and Jane Johnson from Jordan, N.Y.

On Sunday, the draw partner event brought 24 shufflers aiming for an \$1150 purse. First place honors and dollars went to B'Ville locals Roy Schreiber and Jack Enders, with second spot "stolen" by Clark Spalding and Chris Cornish from Pillars in Guilford, N.Y. Nearly every game did Clark and Chris fall way behind only to come back and win it at the end. Third place went to Dan Henderson from B'Ville and Tracie Fridley from Waterloo.

"This was another \$3,000 ISL tourney and with the 1990 season banquet at the beautiful Bladwinstown Moose made for  
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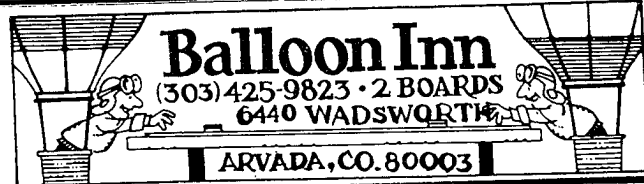
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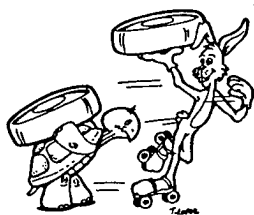
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## As The Puck Turns...

By George & Donna

A highlight of each shuffleboard year is being a guest of the Budweiser Interlakes Shuffleboard League (Oakland County, Michigan) at their banquet. We've always said this event could serve as a model for other league banquets and this year's was no exception. We had a great time and it appeared that the rest of the big crowd did, too.

In addition to the good food and beverages, there was an impressive recognition program, emceed again by the talented Kathy Morgan, a band that knew what kind of music this group liked, and a "hot" draw tournament played on four boards furnished by Gordy Collins.



*Manny, popular shuffleboard supporter from the Lakeside Inn, Union Lake (he's the one with all the trophies in front of him), always takes a bushel of awards of home with him and this year was no exception. He's shown here with one of his winning teams.*

Few people appreciate the time and effort contributed by committee members and others to make an event this successful. A tip of the editorial hat to all of them -- and thanks for asking us!

And, as we did last year, we found something in their printed program too good not to share with you: "Winning is not the central goal of sports, not even for dedicated athletes. In fact, it's not nearly as important as self-improvement, participating, and having fun!"

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While we were in that part of the state, we paid a visit to Papa's Pub & Grub in Warren, where you can always find some action on two good boards and the warm hospitality of owner Mike Papa and his staff. We also stopped by to check out Mike's new place, the Round Table, in nearby Troy (just off 14-Mile Rd. on Dequindre). It's a charming little place with open beams, candles on the round tables, a fireplace (which was not operating on this 80-plus degree day, but will be cozy next winter), and lots of parking space. It's not big enough for a shuffleboard, but a nice place for a quiet drink and a delicious hamburger (or those wonderful potato skins!).

Mike has been a great shuffleboard supporter and we wish him well in his new venture. When you're in the Detroit area, stop in at both places, and tell him The Board Talk sent you.

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Sometimes it's good just to sit and listen to see if we are indeed, making an impact on The World of Shuffleboard. We do a lot of that and it was satisfying to learn during our visit to that corner of Michigan that because of their double-space listing in The Shuffleboard Directory, the Liberty Bar in Pontiac is getting some good action on their Tuesday night \$10 per team open doubles and round robins. And why shouldn't they? Not only is the price right for an evening of shuffleboard action, but they offer free pizza and a complimentary drink to participants.

If you can't afford a full-page ad, give The Shuffleboard Directory a try. The Liberty Bar will tell you it does work!

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We call your attention to the enclosed article and accompanying honor roll from Lou Lusero. Imagine, a scholarship supported through contributions from The World of Shuffleboard! What a fantastic idea -- and what a way to polish the image of a sport which has tended to get tarnished in the past. Congratulations to Lou and all the contributors for turning an idea into reality. We encourage your support of this worthwhile effort. And we know Lou will keep us posted.



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## *We're Sending Someone to College*

They strike with all the unexpected suddenness and fury of a midwestern tornado, having neither rhyme or reason to where they touch down, how long they will last or what direction they will take. "IDEAS", I'm talking about "ideas." Ideas are peculiar things sometimes, tough to hold on to - like trying to grab hold of J-E-L-L-O. The particular idea I am referring to struck on Monday, February 4, 1991.

I was on my way home from the P.C.S.A. Las Vegas tournament, and as mile after desert mile slipped past, I found myself white water rafting through the canyons of my mind (daydreaming, some would call it) when suddenly I was caught up in the current of an idea so powerful that no matter how soundly I was tossed and pummeled against its banks, it would not cast me free. Long minutes later, bruised and battered and with fear held in check, I asked of it, "If you will not let me see you clearly or hold you firmly, why not just let me go?" Not a word did I hear, not a whisper, nothing - nothing but the persistent tugging somewhere at the back of my mind. Dare I ask again? And then, in a flash of insight, I realized it could not possibly let me go. It desperately needed me to give it shape, substance and direction.

Sensing I was on the right course, I inquired of it again and this time I heard (ever so faintly) what sounded like the word "scholarship." In a louder and incredulous voice I said, "You want me to what??? Start raising money for scholarships? Get out of here! Are you nuts?" It said, "Not at all crazy." We, in the shuffleboard community, are quick to reach into our pockets to assist someone with a diseased or broken body. Why don't we just as quickly help a healthy mind? Thus was borne the idea of a scholarship fund, supported initially by the shuffleboard family I have come to know.

Immediately upon my return home, I called President Robert Detweiler of California State University, Dominguez Hills (my alma mater), and after much spirited discussion and negotiation, President Detweiler agreed to match dollar for dollar any money I might be able to solicit.

With that promise in hand and a self-imposed goal of raising \$5,000 in ninety days, I went calling upon my friends in shuffleboard. Listed below are the names of all who helped me reach that goal. Today, I may stand tall in the eyes of President Detweiler, but I am simply bursting with pride knowing that **my generous friends stand even taller**. I am confident I will be able to announce the first scholarship recipient before the beginning of the next academic year. It is my fondest wish that he/she major in English. Again, thank you!

LOU LUSERO  
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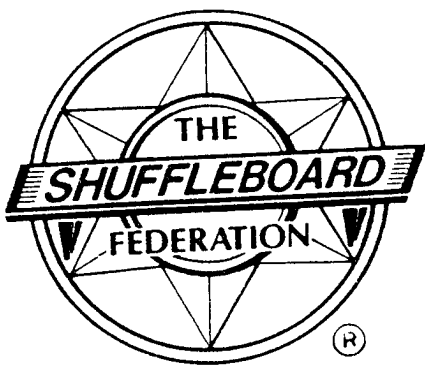
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## *Amateurs to Get \$5,000 in Reno*

As we mentioned in our column in the May issue of *The Board Talk*, our main interest is in developing the pros of the future -- the amateurs and semi-pros of today.

Since incorporating in 1987, we have always asked people to judge The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. by our acts and deeds. We are now applying those same standards to the pro players, and making our business decisions accordingly. The result is more money for amateur shuffleboard.

If you are not aware of how the \$7000 - \$14,000 in added money for the 1991 NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS works, please see the enclosed flyer.

Originally, the amateurs and pros were both getting \$2,500 to start with a chance to double that if the N.A.S.L. Team Event sells out. Based on their actions (or lack of action, as the case may be), the \$2,500 that was going to be added to the pro singles has been moved to the Team Event, for a total of \$5,000 in guaranteed added money.

If the Team Event does sell out (32 teams), we will add \$2,500 to the pros, but the amateurs will be the big winners on this one; for them a sell-out means \$7,500 of guaranteed added for the N.A.S.L. Team Event.

The Semi-Pro Singles and Doubles and Ladies' Singles will feature \$500 to \$1,000 in added money; again the amount is determined by the number of amateur teams.

Before going to the new format for the pro singles events, we approached a number of the pros to get their input and to find out whether they liked it and if they would support it. We got commitments from 10 players who said they would attend all four of this year's events.

If we had not gotten those commitments, we would not have used that format (\$500 entry fee, a 16-player field -- which means no byes -- and playing on only four boards; less boards to learn gives them a chance to really display their skills).

But you know the saying about talk is cheap. When it came time to send in their entries for the first tournament, we found that, on the whole, their word means nothing. The result of these broken promises was a canceled pro event, and a lot of disappointed amateurs who sent in their money for the Pro-Am Draw months in advance.

The amateur players who were entered in the Pro-Am were invited to participate in a free instructional session conducted by Bobby Voorhis and John McDermott.

This is not to say that there are not some good people amongst the pros. A few of them (they know who they are) have supported us and always done their part in terms of giving back to the game and helping it to grow. But sadly, most of the pros are takers who are only interested in a free ride, and those days are over. Some of their comments have been to the effect that they resent being told they have to play in the Pro-Am and participate in the instructionals. Some of them even think they should be paid for their services.

By the time you read this, the pro events for the rest of the year may already be cancelled. The word is out that if we do not have at least 12 paid pro entries for The Board Talk Tournament by June 1, the pro events will be cancelled. If that happens, we may drop them completely so that we can continue to invest more of our time and money to our top priority -- the average shuffleboard player.

If "average" describes your playing ability, we are especially interested in what you think and in knowing what we can do to support you. If there are any types of events you would like to see us add to the tournaments, we would very much appreciate it if you would drop us a short letter and share your thoughts with us.

This is something we have asked the pros to do in the past and have gotten virtually no response. Do yourselves a favor and do not follow their example on this. We want to do a good job for you and make the game fun and we cannot do it without your input.

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## *Tourney Talk (continued from page 5)*

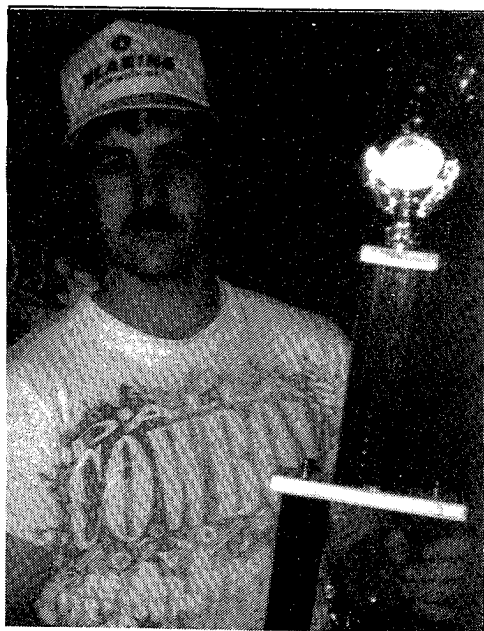
a super weekend of shuffleboard," reports Doug Fridley Jr. "Over 60 participants enjoyed a fine sit-down steak dinner catered by Janet Kramer, Donna Butera, and Barb Organski. Special thanks to Ron Kramer, Al Smith, and Dan Henderson for setting up and organizing, and especially to the chef, Charlie Organski."

Following the banquet, Doug recognized Jack Enders, Lyle Haney, and Carl Segar for arranging the event. He went on to explain how the ISL was founded, the "growing pains" they are currently experiencing, and how shuffleboard is considered to be a "gentleman's game," more so than other sports.

Doug Fridley Sr. accepted a plaque on behalf of the Dew Drop Inn of Waterloo as the first place team in 1990. The top 10 players receiving monetary awards were: (1) Steve Bennett, (2) Doug Fridley Jr., (3) Pam Draheim, (4) Marv Smith, (5) Jack Enders, (6) Dave Fridley, (7) Arlow Johnson, (8) Doug Fridley Sr., (9) John Arndt, and (10) Milt Benedict.



*NYS-IL Tourney Director Doug Fridley Jr. presents the first place team plaque for 1990 to Elsie and Doug Fridley Sr. of the Dew Drop Inn.*



*Steve Bennett was the 1990 NYS-ISL points champion.*



*Roy Schreiber and Jack Enders were winners of the draw partner event held at the B'Ville Moose.*

### **Lafayette Inn Celebrates 5th Anniversary of Tournaments**

April 19-21 marked the end of the 1990-91 season of major shuffleboard tournaments at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland. It also marked the fifth anniversary of tournaments at this major East Coast shuffleboard establishment. They were honored to have as shooters in the tourney four midwest stalwarts -- Beef Camp, Hicksville, Ohio; John Tischler, Detroit, Michigan; Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Indiana; and George Wilber, Lansing, Mich. They made the long journey for the tournament and did better than get their expense money back, reports Dick Gorman.

"Pat and Nelson Renzo, owners and ever-gracious hosts, were happy to celebrate the completion of five years of tournament activity. They are looking to the future and expansion of shuffleboard events," Dick said. "I guess we could call Nelson the father of the current wave of activity in the shuffleboard tournament scene on the East Coast. And while all this was going on, the East Coast players have gotten better and the level of their ability is recognized as they travel. All in all, it's better and they can complete, say some of the midwesterners."

Friday night started out with the draw partner event with 32 names in the hat and 16 teams vying for the near \$2800 pot. The evening finished with Tom Bernhard, Milford, Del. and Chuck King, Dover, Del., taking first place. Second went to Dick Gorman and Charlie Walker, both of Wilmington, Del. Third place went to two of the long-distance travelers, Bill Stoops of Deery, New Hampshire, and George "Board Talk" Wilber.

Dick reports that on Saturday morning, the women were as beautiful as ever (none of the other guys were up yet) as they began their singles event, a knock-down, drag-out event. Several new to the tournament gals showed they were there to play and successfully put some of the very established players in the loser's bracket right off the bat. However, when it was all over, the experienced players came through as Judy Gartland, Philadelphia, fought her way to first place in a final

very close game over second place finisher Wanda Farris, Dargen, Md. Rita Yank of Philadelphia took third place over fourth place finisher, Joyce Pyle of Church Hill, Md.

Saturday afternoon started the bring partner event and for the first time in about three years (four events per year), it didn't sell out. But that didn't lessen the competition and the pot was still near \$4,000. The midwest team of Beef Camp and Bobby Voorhis took first place over a strong second place team of Milt Benedict, Sherburne, New York (where the East Coast tournament will be held Memorial Day weekend) and Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia. Third place went to the competitive team of Bill Crupper, Wilmington, Del. and John Rafferty, Aston, Pa. In fourth place were Dick Gorman and John Lukas who were celebrating the fifth anniversary (first time they had played together since the first tourney). Fifth was taken by Stosh Chimelski, Philadelphia, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J. and sixth to Bunky Gertz, Queenstown, Md. and Mark Grove, Millington, Md.

Sunday was the day for the open singles which was a sell-out with players waiting for somebody not to show or sell them their spot. It turned out to be the toughest event of the weekend. In the final match, Bobby Voorhis drew a two to beat Chuck King, 15-14 to take first place. Third was won by Len Dell and fourth was the last of the four midwest travelers, John Tischler.

The total payout for the weekend was just under \$10,000 and the point standings changed again. Men's point leader for the weekend was Bobby Voorhis. The women's point leader was Judy Iseman, one half point ahead of Joyce Pyle.

"Pat and Nelson Renzo wish to thank all of the participants for their cooperation and participation and look forward to trying to continue to improve the tournament scene both at Lafayette Inn and on the East Coast," said Dick. "Watch for the August Board Talk when they will announce their complete schedule of events for the 1991-92 shuffleboard year."

#### Washington's Birthday Tourney -- A Huge Success!

A great turnout of excellent shooters from Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, California and Nebraska gathered at the Corporate Image in Fort Worth, Texas, April 24-28 to celebrate Washington's Birthday. A little late, maybe, but that didn't stop them from a weekend of competitive play in three big events.

In the pro-am competition, Bud Hilburn of Tulsa, Okla. and Evelyn Harris, Dallas, Texas, teamed up to take first place. Greg Tedford, Sonora, Texas, and Bobby Williams of Fort Worth took second place honors.

In the amateur singles, Bobby Williams was the big winner. Jay Watson of Nebraska took second place, with Mike Melton, Davis, Okla. in third. Denny Busch of Nebraska finished fourth, with Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska in fifth, and Don Valk, Austin, Texas, in sixth place.

Frank Blade of Tulsa, Okla. was winner of the pro singles, followed by Bill Melton, Davis, Okla. in second, and Diana Hagen, Houston, Texas, in third place.

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

"Special thanks to the group from Nebraska -- Denny Busch, Jay Watson, Joe Spillman, Gwynette Orsi, and Kim Caster," reports Bobby Williams. "Not only are they great shooters, they are wonderful people. Thanks also to Lisa Melton for organizing all the round robin events."

### **Kaufman/Lukas Win Mixed Doubles Finale**

Sunday, April 28, marked the end of the 1990-91 major tournament scene at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland. "It was a beautiful day weather-wise to end the season, with the troops showing up to do battle," reports Dick Gorman. "Even on the last event of the year, we had a brand-new tournament shooter show up for a try at it. Barbara Brown, Springfield, Pennsylvania, entered and gave evidence that there is a new shooter to reckon with next year."

Rosalie Kaufman, Queenstown, Md. and John Lukas, Millington, Md. led the way to first place and the big money. Finishing a close second were Judy Gartland of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickins, Laurel, New Jersey. Third place was taken by Debbie Standiford, Conwingo, Md. and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., with fourth going to Debbie Brown of Rising Sun and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. Judy Iseman and Alvis Ramey were able to hold onto their season point lead for the women's and men's divisions.

The participants gave a large round of applause for hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo, owners of Lafayette Inn, who

celebrated the conclusion of five years of sponsoring and hosting shuffleboard tournaments at their popular East Coast establishment.

"Pat and Nelson were appreciative and said they hope shuffleboard will continue to grow on the East Coast and other places as it has for the last five years," Dick said. "They showed their appreciation with a nice buffet available to all participants. They wanted in particular to say thanks to the players, the fans and, above all, The Board Talk, who have supported them so loyally."

### **2nd Annual Balloon Inn Open, June 22-23**

The Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, will hold its 2nd Annual Open on June 22-23. It's an open doubles, \$100 per team, best 2 out of 3 (winner's bracket), double elimination, limited to 32 teams and played on two boards. The auction starts at 8 p.m. Friday, June 21, with play starting at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday. The deadline for entries is 7 p.m. on Friday. Your reservations must be accompanied by a 25 percent deposit.

For information, call the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823.

### **2nd Annual Great Lakes Shoot-Out, Stober's Lounge, June 22-23**

Stober's Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, will host its 2nd Annual Great Lakes Shoot-Out on June 22-23. Action will start on Friday night, with draw partner activity. On Saturday, June 22, the auction for the singles is scheduled for 11 a.m. with play immediately following. Your \$50 entry must be sent

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in advance to tournament director Jerry Siebert, 1128 Kelsey, Lansing, MI 48910. This one will fill up fast and will be limited to 20 players, so don't get shut out.

The open doubles, \$100 entry, is on the agenda for Sunday, June 23, with the auction at noon. This event will be limited to 16 teams.

As always, Heidi's super buffets will be featured. For further information, contact Jerry at 517-485-0184.

### Jonze's 2nd Annual Amarillo Open, July 3-7

There are five big events on the schedule for Jonze's 2nd Annual Amarillo Open, July 3-7. This tournament is open to all players and features four boards. On Wednesday night, July 3, there will be an amateur draw, \$10 entry fee, single game, double elimination, starting at 7 p.m. That event will be played on two boards, with round robins on the other two.

On July 4, all four boards will be used for the draw partner event, \$50 per person, single game, double elimination, starting at 3 p.m.

On July 5, an open singles, \$100 entry, and a ladies' singles, \$50 entry, are on the schedule beginning at 3 p.m. Both events are single game, double elimination, each played on two boards.

July 6 and 7 will feature a bring partner event, \$100 per person, 2 out of 3, double elimination, starting at 3 p.m. and played on all four boards.

Payoff for 1 to 16 will be 60-30-10, with a sale prior to each event.

For more information, call Jonze's, 5601 Amarillo Blvd. East, Amarillo, Texas, 806-381-9702; or Janet at 806-352-3500. Post the enclosed flyer to spread the good word!

### 6th Annual "Shufflin' Neighbors" Tourney Another Success

The 6th Annual Shufflin' Neighbors Tournament was held April 12-14 in Omaha, Nebraska. The host bars, Piccolo's and

Saturday and Sunday. Four events were held on four tables.

Friday night saw Gwen Orsi and Scott Steinmeir win the first draw partners event, besting 22 teams. On Saturday, Doc Zahm coasted through the open singles untouched. John Henry ran second and Jack Rahn finished third in a field of 28. A second draw partners was held Saturday night with Bill Simants and Joe Spielman topping a field of 18. Sunday's sole event featured the open doubles which attracted 22 teams. The team of Tim Picollo and Joe Spielman defeated Denny Busch and Bill Simants in the finals, with Gwen Orsi and Cindi Busch finishing third.

"Special thanks to Denny Busch, Don Zahm and Jay Watson for their help in putting up the boards and to all the others who pitched in to help keep the tourney running smoothly. Until next year, thanks again everybody," said Sam Picollo and Joe Spielman.

### Spickelmier/Boyer Tops at the Edgewood

On May 3-5, the Edgewood Bar in Bellflower, California, held a bring your partner, best 2 of 3, double elimination tournament. Twelve teams vied for a pot of nearly \$3,000.

Winners were Karl Spickelmier and Rick Boyer, with Jack Ahern and Craig Amundson taking second place honors. Glen Davidson and Chris Danke teamed up to take third place.

### Siebert/Sunde Winners of Bourbon Tourney

Jerry Siebert and Bernie Sunde of Michigan topped a field of 54 teams in the annual spring tournament at the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, on May 4. Runners-up in this popular midwest tourney were local Buddy Broka and Bob Perry of Peoria, Illinois. A couple of new kids on the tournament block, Ron Shaw and Shawn, also of Peoria, impressed the big crowd by taking third place honors. Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and John McDermott of Michigan finished in fourth place.



Some of the principal characters at the Shufflin' Neighbors tourney: (back row) Kevin Smith, Jay Watson, Scotti Steinmeir, Gary Gerve, Bill Simants, Cindi Busch, (front row) Joe Spielman, Tim Picollo, Ron Campbell, Denny Busch, Gwen Orsi, and Bill's dog.



Happiness is winning first place at Bourbon! Jerry Siebert (left) and Bernie Sunde of Michigan earned the biggest trophies and the biggest share of the cash.

(Editor's note: Our apologies to Ron Shaw's partner. We made numerous phone calls before deadline, but to no avail. We'll identify you next month.)

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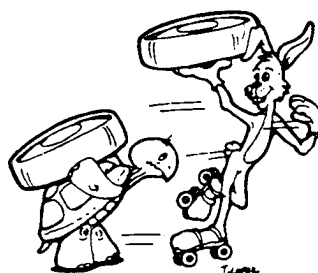
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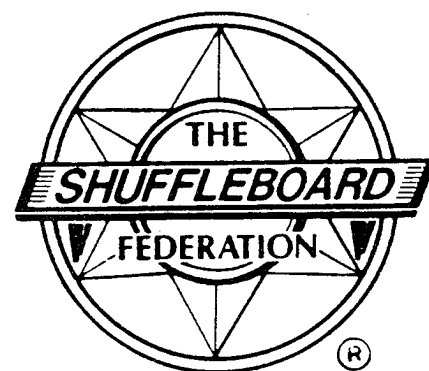




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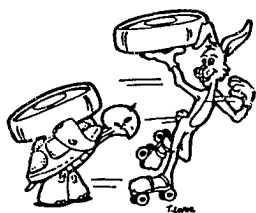
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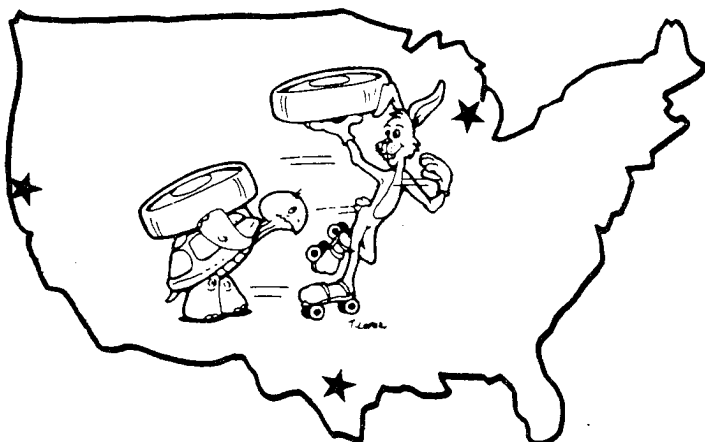
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