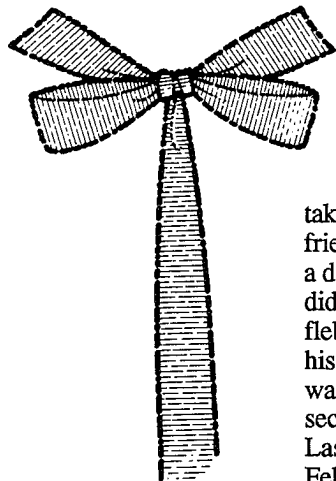


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The Hammer



Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round Our Hearts

The terrorist whose actions had taken beloved family members and friends from us and placed them in a desert far from home certainly didn't single out the PCSA's Shuffleboard Extravaganza III as one of his major targets. But his presence was felt in the big ballroom on the second floor of the Showboat in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Jan. 29-Feb. 2. Even this make-believe tinsel town, the ideal escape from the

real world, wasn't immune from the fear that Saddam Hussein had struck in the hearts of those who had come to take their freedoms for granted.

It seemed unreal to us that our grandsons (who could be called to serve in that desert if this war lasts as long as the Vietnam conflict) would beg us not to board the plane that would take us to an event that we'd been looking forward to since Extravaganza II. Hussein's threats of terrorist activity in the U.S., particularly airports, had not gone unheeded by the two young men who mean more to us than life itself. We ourselves had some second thoughts about flying, as did others.

But would succumbing to the fear that Hussein hoped would immobilize America have sent the right message to our grandsons? We didn't think so. We went, we enjoyed, we came back home thankful we hadn't missed the opportunity to enjoy the comradarie of shufflers throughout the U.S.A. and Canada.

On the front page of our local newspaper recently was this article: "Employees of Disneyland are being told not to display yellow ribbons lest the reminder of war spoil patrons' fun. Disneyland workers and employees at Knott's Berry Farm in California were told not to wear yellow ribbons, flags or anything that would remind patrons of the war. Knott's later decided to issue yellow ribbons to employees who wanted them. 'We're a place where people go to escape the real world,' Knott's spokesman Stuart Zanville said. 'It's a very difficult and emotional issue.'"

Without question, Las Vegas is a place where people go to escape the real world, and its economy is suffering because some people are being intimidated by Hussein's threats of terrorism. But that didn't stop the people there, or the airlines that took us there and back home again, from proudly display-

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Tourney Talk

Robinson/Shaw Win Tulsa Tourney

The Tulsa Shuffleboard Association held a league handicap draw partner tournament on Dec. 14-16 at the Blue Coat Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The event attracted 42 players vying for a pot of \$1450. First place went to Bill Robinson of the Blue Coat and Whitney Shaw of the Wheeler Dealer. Second place went to Donnie Wilkerson of Jimmy L's and Chuck Suder of Rosewood. Third place was taken by Lonnie Pfof of Wheeler Dealer and Lynn Kilgore from Brvok Alley, and fourth to Keith Oyler and John Weible, both from Wheeler Dealer.

"This was Bill's and Chuck's first tournament," reports Tim Petri. "Keith Oyler and Shari Foust did a good job running a smooth tournament."

Siebert/Tischler Win at D.J.'s

Jerry Siebert and John Tischler of Michigan took first place at the New Year's Eve tournament at D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Indiana. Twenty-one teams participated in the annual event. Taking second place honors were Steve Hart and Rom Hennis, with Mike Koontz and Denny Kinsey in third, and Jim Yard and Richard Sellers in fourth.

Casula/McDaniel Winners at Lafayette Inn

Twenty-eight shooters from five states gathered at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. on Jan. 5 for the first Saturday of the month draw partner event. After the dust (really, it was snow) had settled, Richie Casula of Newark, Delaware, and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md., took home the big money and first place honors. Second place went to John Rafferty, Aston, Pa., and Mike Robinson, Wildwood, N.J., with third place going to (just back from Houston, Texas) Mickey Baugh, now of Port Deposit, Md., and Herb Forrester, Holmes, Pa.

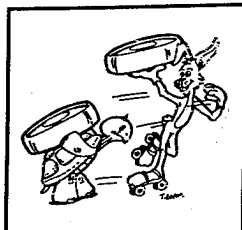
"These popular first Saturday of the month tournaments start promptly at 1 p.m. on the four in-house boards and will continue through the first of May. Once again, Pat and Nelson Renzo provided an afternoon buffet for all participants to enjoy," reports Dick Gorman.

Robinson Brothers Win at Hilltop Inn

A two-day tournament was held Jan. 11-12 at the Hilltop Inn, Fairhill, Md., despite threatening weather and several inches of snow. Friday evening began with a draw partner event on the two in-house boards at this popular establishment.

(Note: owner Frank Stezzi was permanently released from the hospital the day before after suffering a severe stroke at a tournament last spring. Everyone was glad to see their sponsor friend Frank back home for good!) The draw partner event was won by Jeff Frock, Rising Sun, Md. (first time tournament winner) and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. Second place went to Lary Kirk, Conowingo, Md. and Chuck McKenzie,

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Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard*

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza III is now a part of shuffleboard history. I am not one usually given to hyperbole but I think it safe to say that the P.C.S.A. tournament is to shuffleboard what the Super Bowl is to football, what the World Series is to baseball, what the Summer Olympics is to track and field. It is all this and more. It is Mardi Gras too. I can think of no other tournament that is in any way comparable in terms of sheer energy or activity. From first day to last, from Amateur Event to the Pro Singles, from the Saturday evening buffet (what a special touch that is) to the now famous Crap Table Caper at midnight (\$40,500 was this year's take) - no other tournament comes even remotely close. This is not to say that the other tournaments are not fine tournaments, most certainly they are. They just aren't the same. How do you match the excitement of forty+ screaming, nervous players at the crap table watching Joe Muniz of the silver hair make one and two thousand dollar bets on a number while Diane Hoffman of the golden hand immediately proceeds to make that number. You can't, plain and simple, you can't! I chuckled silently when I visualized the next generation of shufflers scratching their heads in bewilderment, wondering how a crap table became an integral part of shuffleboard lore.

The trading of team "T" shirts was the big hit I suspected it would be. And, Jim Anderson, now affectionately known as "Trader Jim", has carved out for himself a niche in P.C.S.A. shuffleboard history. Those of you who met or traded with Jim won't meet a nicer, more generous gentleman than this man.

Some individuals actually came to play shuffleboard. They came from such far away and unknown lands as New York, Canada, Michigan, Oregon, Indiana, Washington, Colorado and Arizona. They came from Ohio, Nevada, Texas and Oklahoma. They came by ones, by twos, by eights, and in droves. Like conquerors they came to the city that never sleeps - each one confident that sharp eye and steady hand would serve them well in this desert land.

Then the matches began. Enter center stage the twin sisters Dame Fortune and Lady Luck, mischievous as always, unfaithful as ever. More than one player was heard mumbling to themselves - cursing wife/husband, dog, opponent, the board, wax, the untimely and unfortunate alignment of Saturn with Mars, the draw, tournament officials, the heat, the cold, even the decision to make the trip. But good luck and bad luck are but two sides of the same coin and so it was that while the twin sisters frowned on some, they smiled on others. In the end, victors were crowned and laurels reaped; the vanquished loudly proclaiming that but for a bad break or two, things would have been different, very different indeed. Finding some comfort in this thought, the vanquished made ready to leave uttering those now famous words, "I Shall Return!"

Time and again, throughout the Tournament, people came up to me expressing their appreciation for the warmth and hospitality shown by all P.C.S.A. representatives to all participants. They wanted me to thank you, so thank you I will. Joe, Paul, Karl, Bob, Lisa, thank you. Jody, George, Nick, thank you. Critter and Rick, thank you. Al Stewart and Bob Lewis, thank you. And, Billy Chiles, thank you too. It was one great tournament.

Sunday evening, as I was leaving the city that never sleeps, the sun was just beginning to set, and I smiled as I recalled odds and ends and bits and pieces of some of the events that had already been woven into a tapestry of memories I'd not soon forget.

One final thought. To those of you in the world of shuffleboard who have sons or daughters, brothers or sisters, mother or father, or some other family member serving in our Armed Services, God Bless You, God Bless Yours.

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

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ing yellow ribbons and American flags to honor the men and women involved in Desert Storm. We salute them for that.

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Port Deposit, with third place taken by Dave Shewbridge, Elkton, Md. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa.

Saturday's event was a bring-partner and it was won by first-time ever tournament winners, brothers Bill (Woodlyn, Pa.) and Mike (Wildwood, NJ) Robinson. "Couldn't have happened to two nicer guys who have always been in there fighting," said Dick Gorman. In their first match on the way to their big win, they beat Don Casula and Mickey Mickens! Second place was taken by two long-time partners who equally deserved success -- Harold Matthews and Poncho Prevento, both of Port Deposit. Third went to the winners of Friday night's draw, Dave Shewbridge and Joe Williams.

Tables Turned at Lafayette Inn

A mixed doubles tournament was held at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. on January 13, using all four in-house boards. "This tournament provided some heavy competition between formidable rivals," reports Dick Gorman. The last two mixed doubles tournaments -- one at Harvey's and one at Lafayette Inn -- were won by Debbie Brown, Rising Sun, and Alvis Ramey, Port Deposit, and they were determined to try to pull the "hat trick." The last tournament at Harvey's ended in a battle with Wanda Farris, Dargan, Md. and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md. coming through the loser's bracket and finally losing the tournament to Debbie and Alvis. This time Debbie and Alvis came through the loser's bracket to meet Wanda and Lonzo in the final match. The first was won by Debbie and Alvis with the second game going to 14-14 and Wanda and Lonzo prevailing to take first place and a nice chuck of change. Third place went to Mary Wagner, Milford, Del. and Chuck King, Dover, Del. and fourth to Linda Thornton, Queen Anne, Md. and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md.

"While all this was going on, participants were treated to a spaghetti and meatballs, salad and garlic bread buffet dinner by our hosts, Pat and Nelson Renzo," said Dick. "Pat and Nelson would be happy to have any teams participate in this mixed doubles series, but please call in advance (301-658-9075) to assure yourself a starting spot."

Dew Drop Inn Hosts 2nd National East Coast Tourney

Pabst Blue Ribbon beer was sponsor to the 2nd National East Coast Tournament held at the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, on Jan. 18-20. Over \$4,000 in prizes and trophies were handed out for the three-day event hosted by the Fridley family. Players from as far away as Delaware, Maryland and Long Island made the winter trip to test their shuffleboard skills against some of New York's finest players.

Friday night saw 24 players entered for the open draw event. Steve Bennett from Sherburne, New York, teamed up with Ken Vanzile Sr., Sidney, N.Y. to take home the trophies and biggest share of the purse. Turned back to second spot were tourney favorites Jack Enders from Baldwinsville, N.Y. and Marv Smith from Hackettstown, N.J. Third place winnings went to Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pa. and Dew Drop local Dave Fridley, Romulus, N.Y.

Saturday brought 32 players out to contend for the bring partners title. At the finish it was the skilled shooting of Dick Lossee, Poolville, N.Y. and his partner, Russ Reynolds, Sherburne, earning the trophies and top cash. Some fine shuffling by Jack Wheeler and Lyle Haney, both of Baldwinsville,

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1991 National Shuffleboard Calendar

March 2

Invitational Blind Draw
Papa's Pub & Grub, Warren, Michigan

March 8-9

4th Annual Beaver Bowl
Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar, Dacono, Colorado

March 22-24

King of the Hill Tournament
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Patti Kay's 4th Annual Spring Tournament
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March 27-31

Great Arizona Open
Cono Lodge, Airport Central, Phoenix, Arizona

April 12-14

Harvey's Spring Tournament
Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland

April 24-28

Formerly Washington's Birthday Tournament
Fort Worth, Texas

May 10-12

Eastern Maryland Shuffleboard Tournament
Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland

*May 22-27

Michigan Open
Holiday Inn Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

May 23-27

5th Annual Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 24-27

13th Annual Northern California
Memorial Day Tournament
Ace of Clubs, Marysville, California

*July 3-7

Board Talk Reunion Tournament
Philadelphia Area

*Aug. 29-Sept. 2

U.S. Open
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas

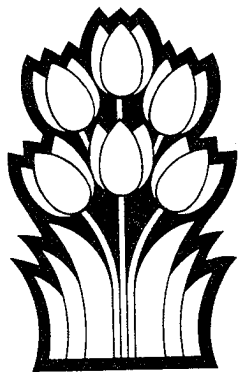
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brought them second place honors. Last year's Dew Drop Inn National Champs and this tourney's favorites, Milt Benedict and Steve Bennett of Sherburne, settled for third place cash. In fourth spot was the team of Don Perry from Cortland, N.Y. and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. Earning fifth place were Earl Durgan of Port Gibson, N.Y. and his partner, Dew Drop Inn owner Doug Fridley Sr. Taking sixth place were Jack Enders, Baldwinville, and Marv Smith from Hackettstown, N.J.

Sixteen competitors participated in Sunday's open singles event, with Steve Bennett showing why he was the tourney favorite by taking first place, and his second trophy of the tournament. Shooting some tough weights but falling just short was Dick Smedburg from Long Island, N.Y. "Stealing" third place was Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. by drawing a key 4-hanger at the end of the game to turn back fourth place casher Don Perry.



Elsie and Doug Fridley present first place trophies to bring partners champions Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds.



The draw partner winners, Steve Bennett and Ken VanZile Sr. congratulate each other at the 2nd National East Coast Tournament.

In the Dew Drop Inn's beautiful banquet room, Elsie Fridley served a great buffet of ham and salt potatoes, chicken wings, green bean casserole, baked beans and assorted salads and relishes for all the players on Saturday, and a setting of zitas and meatballs with all the trimmings on Sunday. Many compliments go out to Elsie.

It was an exciting tournament and the Fridleys thank all the players, especially those who travelled some distance, for making it a successful event. "The two floor speaker system worked well and everything went smoothly," reports Doug Sr.

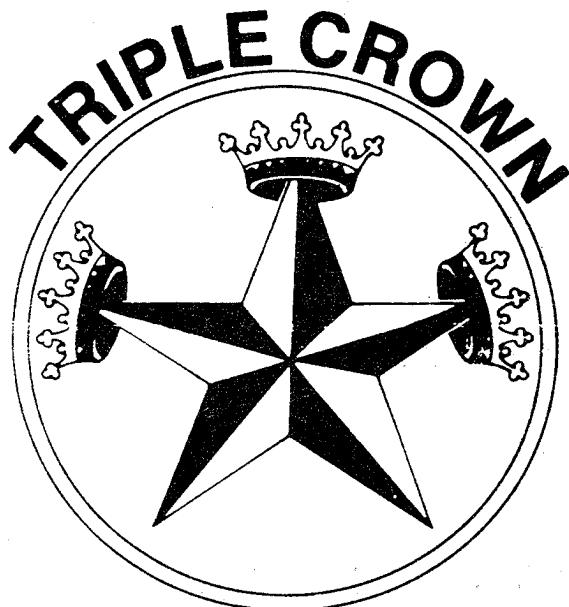
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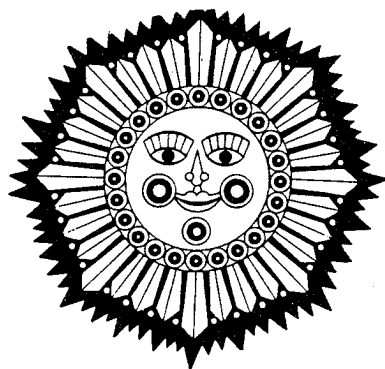
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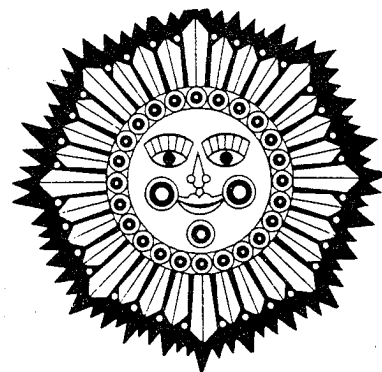
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A major national tournament will again be held at the Dew Drop Inn on June 14-16. "This will be our biggest tournament ever and will also be a great buildup to The Board Talk Reunion Tournament to be held on the East Coast three weeks afterwards on July 3-7," said Doug. "So, you Midwest shufflers and other Maryland shufflers, mark your calendars now as this will be a good one. And, ladies, yes -- we will also be having a ladies' singles for those wanting to show their talents along with an open draw, bring partners, and open singles events."

Don Casula Doubles at Harvey's Place

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, was the site of a three-day tournament on Jan. 25-27 with four in-house boards.

Friday night started off with a draw partner double elimination event which was won by the mixed team of Steph McNeill, Rising Sun, Md. and Don Casula, Wilmington, Del. Cliff Emert, Sudlersville, Md. and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md. took second place honors, with third going to Chuck Fiedler, Marlton, NJ and Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md.

The Saturday women's singles event was won by first time tournament winner, Ann Dell, Belcamp, Md. (wife of Len Dell). Second place went to Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, also a new all-time high finish for her, and third to Wanda Farris, Dargen, Md.

Saturday afternoon heated up for the largest and most popular event, bring partners. Don Casula continued his hot streak as he teamed up with Buddy Coale, Rising Sun, also a

first-time winner, and took first place. Second place was won by Len Dell and Chuck King, Dover, Del. with third taken by Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del. and Don Perry, Cortland, NY. Fourth place went to Mickey Baugh and Poncho Prevento, both of Port Deposit, with fifth place going to Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, NJ and Tom Schaefer, Philadelphia. The sixth and final payoff spot went to Richie Casula, Newark, Del. and Bob Hall, York, Pa.

Sunday's mixed doubles started at noon and finished up during the Super Bowl game. "Sometimes it was hard to decide which to watch -- the shuffleboard matches or the football game," said Dick Gorman. "But we also watched history made in Street, Md. as we had a new first, a father and daughter, Stacie and Harvey Comer, entered in the mixed doubles event." The super winners were Wanda Farris and Lonzo Knight, second to Hilda Poling, Abbington, Md. and Bob Overbay, Street (highest finish ever for them), and third to Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md. and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md. Mary Wagner, Milford, Del., and Chuck King took fourth place.

"Hosts Darlene and Harvey served a hot buffet table all day Saturday and Sunday for all the participants and, believe us, the food was great," said Dick. "Harvey's Place is on the shuffleboard tournament circuit to stay. Two upcoming events -- one on April 12-13 and another on June 7-9 -- will probably be sell-outs, so call early (301-836-8881) and watch The Board Talk for more details."

Baugh/Gertz Win at Lafayette Inn

The first Saturday of the month draw partner event at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. on Feb. 2 was won by Mickey

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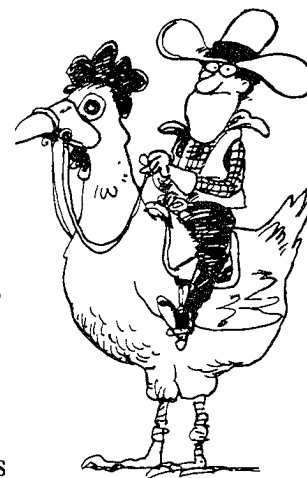
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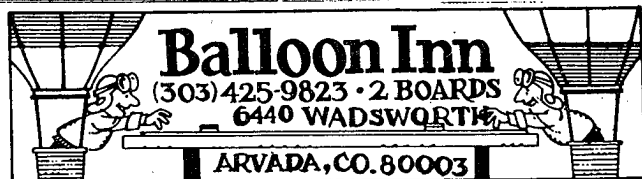
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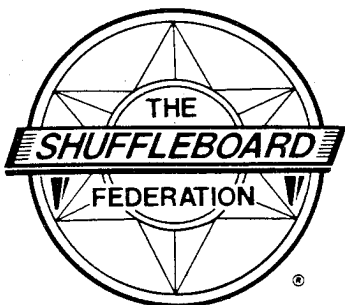
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SCHEDULE CHANGE

There has been a change in the dates and/or location of two of The Shuffleboard Federation's 1991 Grand Slam Events. We regret and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause anyone. However, the changes were made as a result of a fabulous opportunity for us and the game.

The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. has signed a contract with the Sands Regency Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada to host the 1991 North American Shuffleboard Championships.

There will be some exciting sponsorship details available soon about this event; look for them in the next issue.

The dates for this big event are October 30 - November 3, 1991. Full details plus a flyer and registration form will be in the next issue of The Board Talk.

One of the truly first class tournaments in the country, The U.S. Open, has been moved to August 29 - September 2, which is Labor Day weekend. If you have never been to the U.S. Open, you don't know what you have been missing. In addition to the outstanding work that tournament founder and promoter Don Valk does, Austin, Texas is a beautiful city with many lakes and countless options for entertainment. We and Don hope that moving the tournament to Labor Day

weekend will make it easier to attend for those of you who have not participated in the U.S. Open previously.

SEMI-PRO NEWS

When we decided to add the Semi-Pro division to our events, we thought the idea would be well received. But we have been stunned at the tremendous response, through letters, phone calls, and personal comments made by players at tournaments.

Based on the feedback we have received, it looks as though those events are going to sell out well in advance of the registration deadline, so if you are planning to play in any of the Semi-Pro events, we recommend you send in your deposits as early as possible.

We have limits of 24 singles and 16 doubles teams for the Semi-Pros. The reason for the limitation is that most of the players we have talked to want to be able to play in the N.A.S.L. Team Events in addition to the Semi-Pro Singles and Doubles. We can accommodate their desires in this but it does make for relatively small limits.

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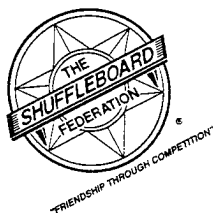
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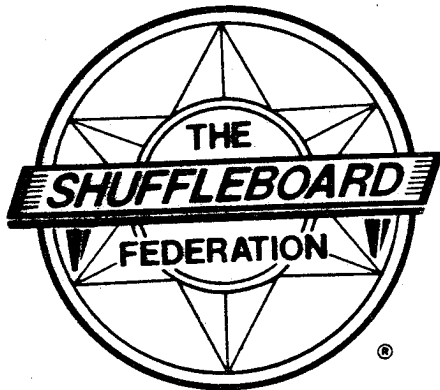
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Starts Friday, May 24, 12 noon

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Finals on Saturday, May 25

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Starts Saturday, May 25, 1 p.m.

\$150 per team

Limit of 16 teams

4 of 7 double elimination

Finals on Monday, May 27

Team must include at least two ladies

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Starts Sunday, May 26, 9 a.m.

\$50 per player

Limit of 16 teams

Single game double elimination

Finals on Monday, May 27

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*** Auctions for Pro Singles, N.A.S.L. Event, & Semi-Pro Doubles are at 9 p.m. Friday, May 26 ***

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*** All participants shall be charged a \$10 registration fee ***

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 7)

Baugh, Port Deposit, and first-time winner from near Annapolis, Terry Gertz. Second place went to Wanda Farris, Dargen, Md. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. with third taken by Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. and John Sinclair, Rising Sun.

Dick Gorman reports some changes at the Lafayette Inn. "As most people who play at this popular shuffleboard and crab establishment know, owner Nelson Renzo has had his hammer and saw out again. Don't drive by if you don't see the familiar old front porch. It's gone! A new entrance has been added, the bar room is undergoing some major change, one of the four boards has been moved and it has become much less crowded. Nelson says he is not done, so if you want to see the old place, better hurry. When he is not carpentering, he is cooking and once again, Pat and Nelson supplied a very nice hot buffet to the 40 participants in this tournament."

Board Talk and Lafayette Inn -- A Winning Combination

The Winter Board Talk Tournament at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, drew entries to a capacity crowd. These two well-known names on the East Coast share in providing shuffleboard competition and provide interest for shufflers from 10 states to sign up early for the competition and prizes. Players started arriving on Thursday to practice on the four in-house boards for the weekend tournament. Friday night was sold out for the draw partner event with nine people on the waiting list hoping to get in on the over \$2200 pot. They waiting in vain because everybody pre-registered showed up.

Friday evening ended with Steve Bennett, Sherburne, N.Y.

and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md., capturing first place, with second place going to Buddy Coale, Rising Sun, and "Stocky" Stockmaster of Pontiac, Michigan. Tom Bernhard, Milford, Del. and Mark Grove, Millington, Md. took third place.

Saturday's events started off with the women's singles, which was finally won by Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., with second place to Carol Hampton, Charlestown, Md. and third to Debbie Harris, Centerville, Md.

Saturday afternoon was another sold out event -- the bring partners. As the day proceeded, surprises began to happen as many of the heavy shooters would say they had "an off day." When the battlefield cleared in the wee hours of the morning, it was Mickey Baugh, Port Deposit, Md. and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. who took first place, the jackets and the large portion of the over \$4400 pot. Second place was taken by two little-known players to the tournament world, Bob Davis of Hockessin, Del. and Frank Ouly, Newark, Del. (their highest finish ever in tournament competition). Third place went to Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J., beating out fourth place finishers Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa. In the payoff for fifth spot, Jim McDaniels, Darlington, Md. and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, beat out sixth place finishers Big George Clendaniel, Milford, Del. and John Lukas, Millington, Md. If you were looking for other names, they were there; it just wasn't their day.

Sunday, it was back to the boards for the popular mixed doubles event which was a near sell-out. Late Sunday evening, the major part of the \$2500 pot went to first place finishers Wanda Farris, Dargen, Md. and Lonzo Knight, followed closely in second place by Judy Iseman and Len Dell,

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Tourney Talk (continued from page 13)

Bellcamp, Md. Third place went to Judy Gartland of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens, with fourth going to Mary Wagner and Chuck King.

"This tournament has always been blessed with two great sponsors, The Board Talk and Lafayette Inn and this time we had a third ingredient -- super weather," reports director Dick Gorman. "Hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo, who once again provided a hot buffet all day Saturday and a spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread on Sunday to all participants, gave special thanks to The Board Talk for their continued support."

During the tournament, a special recognition was made to Don Perry, Cortland, N.Y. by his competitors for his ambassadorship of shuffleboard and his competitiveness. Don also made a special presentation of a set of weights to Steve Bennett of Sherburne, N.Y. who he believes is one of the most improved players with potential for the future.

The point battle continues at Lafayette Inn as Alvis Ramey leads in the men's division and Judy Iseman took over first place in the women's division as a result of her strong weekend performance.

Invitational at Pub & Grub, March 2

Papa's Pub & Grub, 23617 Van Dyke, Warren, will host an invitational blind draw doubles tournament on March 2, 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For information, call Papa's, 313-757-6760.

Patti Kay's 4th Annual Spring Tourney at Jimmy L's

Jimmy L's in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the scene of Patti Kay's 4th Annual Spring Tournament on March 22-24. Events will include a \$50 per person open draw and a \$100 per person bring your partner event. Sales for both events will be

held Friday night, 7:30 p.m. with the open draw immediately following.

For more information, call Jimmy L's, 918-834-7544; Cliff Goff, 918-481-3288; or Patti Kay, 918-838-3377. See ad in this issue and plan to participate. Patti always puts on a good one!

4th Annual Beaver Bowl at Jerry D's

The 4th Annual Beaver Bowl at Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar, 604 8th St., Dacono, Colorado, on March 8-9, is for ladies only. The entry fee is \$25, limited to 16 players. Double elimination. The sponsor sale will start at 7 p.m. Friday, with play starting soon after. Don't forget, gents, you can come in and buy your favorite Beaver!

For information, call Jerry or Susan at 303-833-3469. See ad in this issue and plan to be there.

King of the Hill Tourney at Jerry D's

You ladies had your turn, now it's time for the men! Jerry D's Nostalgia Bar in Dacono, Colorado, will host a "winner take all" tournament for men only on March 22-24. Entry fee is \$100 with a 12 player limit. Two out of three games in the winner's bracket; loser's bracket will be single elimination. The sale starts Friday, 7 p.m. No second place for the entry, but the auction will pay off at least first, second and third. Plus -- any player going undefeated throughout the tournament will receive an additional \$100 from Jerry D.

For information, call Jerry at 303-833-3469.

Harvey's Spring Tournament, April 12-14

Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, will host a Spring Tournament on April 12-14. Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$10 entry fee, limited to the first 30 paid sign-ups. A women's singles is on the Saturday schedule beginning at 9:30 a.m. \$10 entry, limited to

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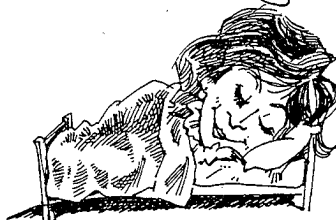
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the first 16 paid sign-ups. The bring your partner event starts Saturday at 1 p.m., \$25 per team, limited to the first 32 teams paid. On Sunday noon, the mixed doubles will start. \$25 per team entry fee, limited to the first 24 paid sign-ups.

You may register for any or all events. Advance registration is strongly urged and must be accompanied by entry fees. All games 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination.

For information, contact host Harvey Comer, 301-836-8881; or tournament assistant Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004. See ad in this issue and sign up early.

Washington's Birthday Tourney Moved to April

The big tourney in Fort Worth, Texas, that was formerly known as the Washington's Birthday Tournament, has been moved to April 24-28. The exact location in Fort Worth is uncertain at this time, so watch next month's Board Talk for further details.

Events will include an open singles, \$300 per person; an open doubles, \$200 per person, and an amateur event. Entries are due April 6. The tournament will be played on all new boards.

For further information, contact David Williams, 817-457-4468 or 451-9583; or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

Western Maryland Tourney, Glenn's Tavern, May 10-12

Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, will host the Western Maryland Shuffleboard Tournament on May 10-12. Events will include a draw partner, \$10 entry fee, limited to 26 players, on Friday; bring your partner, \$25 per team, limit of 32 teams, on Saturday; and an open singles, \$20 entry, limit of 24 players, on Sunday. Glenn's Tavern has three boards.

For information, contact your hosts, Glenn and Carmen, 301-739-2559. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

13th Annual Memorial Day Tourney at Ace of Clubs

The Ace of Clubs, 328 I St., Marysville, California, will host Northern California's 13th Annual Memorial Day Shuffleboard Tournament on May 24-27. There will be six boards, four for tournament play and two for open play or practice. Entry fees are \$200 per team for the doubles and \$150 for the singles, two out of three, double elimination. You may use your own weights! The sponsor sale for both events will be Friday, May 24, 8 p.m. with the doubles starting Saturday morning.

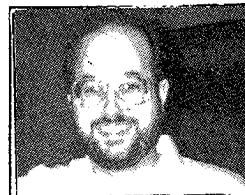
The entry fees and sponsor sales will pay: 1-16 entries, 3 places, 60-30-10; 17-20 entries, 4 places, 58-28-10-4; 21-32 entries, 6 places, 56-26-10-4-2-2.

For lodging, hosts Sharon and Jerry Miller suggest: Best Western, Yuba City, 916-674-8824; Econo Lodge, Marysville, 916-742-8586; Motor Lodge, Marysville, 916-743-1531; Oxbow, Marysville, 916-742-8238.

For further information, contact Sharon or Jerry at 916-743-6885 or Fred Thumann. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

Ask the Pros

By Phil McGrew



**John
McDermott**

Question: Do you believe it is important for a player to learn multiple grips and releases and why?

John McDermott: I believe it more than important to have a variety of grips and releases, it is essential. Basically, you need to try and take what the board will give you, and the more weapons you have, the easier the game will be.

Because no two boards are alike, there are certain types of releases or span shots that will make some shots easy that are tough to hit and virtually impossible to stick shooting off the rails.

An example of this would be shooting rail shots on a high centered board. Rather than struggle trying to keep your weights from falling off the side, you may find that shooting the weight straight out using a small span shot makes the difference between a treacherous shot and one that is a natural stick.

Having a variety of releases also will allow you to hit weights sometimes that are blocked for rail and cross board shots.

Also, lagging with a span or free hand shot will allow you to deliver your weight in an area of the board that gets less traffic and is generally more consistent speed wise, resulting in more consistent lagging.



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Extravaganza III Makes Everyone a Winner in Vegas

By George & Donna Wilber

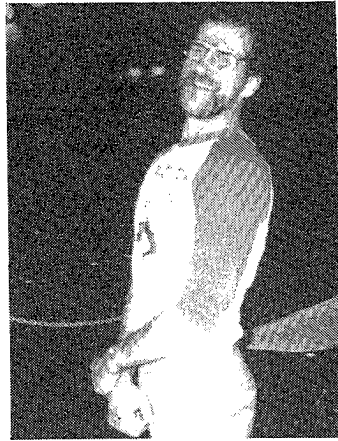
We all know, some from painful experience, that not everyone comes home from Las Vegas as a winner. But we believe that everyone who came to Vegas for the PCSA's Extravaganza III at the Showboat on Jan. 29-Feb. 2 did go home a winner. Maybe we didn't come home richer in money, but certainly in friendships and lasting memories.

Not to diminish, in any way, the dedicated efforts of the PCSA to stage yet another successful tournament (and we appreciate how much effort was invested) or the exciting play on the boards. Both were supreme! But the "bonding" of fellow shufflers and supporters took place on the sidelines, amidst that great gallery that had gathered for the event that has become a tradition in our World of Shuffleboard.

It was those Crazy Canucks reaching out the hand of fellowship to their U.S.A. counterparts and extending an invitation to come to their country for their first really big tourney in November. It was seeing players from the 50s blend with players of the 90s with a common bond that easily bridges any generation gap. It was the beginning of new friendships such as between the effervescent intellect Lou Lusero of California and the quiet (usually) not-easily-impressed shuffleboard barowner Beef Camp of Indiana. It was watching the jubilation of the relative unknowns meeting and beating the "biggies." It was feeling good about the PCSA and The Shuffleboard Federation shared the podium as each passed out their awards.



The SF's John McDermott and the PCSA's Lisa Taylor and Joe Muniz shared the podium for awards presentations.



And "Mitch" realized his life-long dream to have his photo in The Board Talk.

To us personally, it was getting to know some of the names we publish in The Board Talk: Joanie Swenson of California, who thinks we ought to consider charging for Tourney Talk promotions of tournaments that don't buy advertising space if that's what is needed to stay in business; that "Crazy Irish" Joanie Millar of Canada, whose letters have given us so much enjoyment; Don "Mitch" Mitchell of Washington, who has a goal of getting his photo in The Board Talk, with or without his clothes on; Carolyn Jones of Oklahoma, who showed us why she went so high in the sponsor sale and will be a force to be reckoned with on the tournament trail, plus so many others who touched our lives and our hearts.

We'd like to share all of their stories and maybe someday will have the opportunity to do so. In the meantime, here are a

few we got to know, each of whom is playing a key role in making the sport of shuffleboard stronger, each in their own special way...

Bellflower Bruce: A Generous Gentleman

Take any ordinary shuffleboard tournament and add one ingredient -- Bellflower Bruce Hale -- and it becomes extraordinary. We'd heard the name, but it wasn't until March of 1988 that we got to meet him. It was at the 1st Great Arizona Open, staged at Dunes II in Phoenix, a shuffleboard bar like many of us play in for league action or open games. Compared to the PCSA Shuffleboard Extravaganza III in the huge ballroom at the Showboat in Las Vegas, it was an ordinary tournament -- until roses were delivered to every lady in the house -- courtesy of Bellflower Bruce.

Since then, we've recorded many instances of how the generosity of this one gentleman has turned the ordinary into the extraordinary. What's the motivation behind the gallant gestures of this modest, generous man? We tried to find out during the tournament that now featured the first Bellflower Bruce Mixed Doubles event.

Bruce first became acquainted with the game in 1957 when he was in Boston, Massachusetts, going to college and working, and dropping in occasionally at a bar where there was a shuffleboard. He was "mildly interested" and when he returned to California in 1959, he found there were others in Long Beach and Bellflower who shared that interest.

One night in 1964, he challenged the board and was told by his intimidating opponent that his name was "Long Beach Jerry," to which Bruce responded, "Well, I'm Bellflower Bruce." Hence, his shuffleboard name was born and the two opponents became best friends.

For the past 23 years, Bruce has operated his Newport Plastics Company which specializes in molded plastic products including shuffleboard caps (you can order them in your own color and design). He's a very successful businessman and he shares the fruits of his labors to make shuffleboard a sport that will grow in the years to come.

"I love the game and the people who play it," says Bruce. "I've never met a player I haven't liked, as long as he (or she) doesn't beat me too badly. It's a game of skill, but most of all, it's a sport of comradarie. They are such great people, always ready to help one another. Today, it's like a national fraternity."

Bruce thinks the major changes he's seen over the years are the level of competition and the quality of the game. The change from 21 to 15 points was a major breakthrough, he believes, but the one big change for the sport, he generously points out, is The Board Talk.

"Without The Board Talk -- and I want you to print this -- this game would have died. We wouldn't be holding this tournament with its great participation without the efforts of George and Donna," he said.

What of the future? Bruce fully supports the neighborhood bars like the ones where he started and the leagues that keep bringing new blood into the game, but he strongly believes that major tournaments, such as those the PCSA and The Shuffleboard Federation stage, must be held in hotels and resorts that provide family entertainment. Places that have easy access to attractions for members of the family who don't play will keep shuffleboard a family affair, he maintains.



Bellflower Bruce presents a generous check to Lisa Taylor to add to the pot for the mixed doubles event at the PCSA's Extravaganza III.

Bruce was pleased when the PCSA and The Shuffleboard Federation shared the podium to hand out plaques and money envelopes for Extravaganza III and The Federation's top players of 1990. "It's going to take all of us working together toward a common goal to ensure the future of the sport we all love," he said.

Bruce didn't collect any of the PCSA Extravaganza III trophies, nor did he hop up to the podium to accept the money envelopes for The Federation's top players of the year. But there was no person in that huge audience who could say to themselves with more sincerity: "This sport will be better tomorrow because I gave more to it than I took from it." Bruce, of course, wouldn't think of saying that. He's much too modest. So, on behalf of the hundreds of people in The World of Shuffleboard who have been touched in some way by his generosity, we'll say it for him.

Glenn Lindberg: A Believer in TLC of the Boards

The Club Tavern in Springfield, Oregon, is billed as "A Friendly Place," and once you've met owner Glenn Lindberg, it's easy to see why it is. He was there to watch the action at Extravaganza III while his wife, Lisa, stayed home to carry on the business. You could tell he would have liked to have her there at the Showboat with him.



Glenn and Lisa Lindberg giving TLC to one of their three boards at the Club Tavern.

Glenn retired as plant manager for the Pepsi Company after 35 years of service. When he and Lisa bought the Club Tavern, it was a long, narrow facility, hardly the site for a shuffleboard center of action. When a second-hand store next

door became available, they purchased it and after a lot of hard work (and some surprises at what they discovered in the renovation of the old building), the Club Tavern expanded to a 3,000 square foot facility with room for three shuffleboards.

Glenn is a great believer in the value of tender, loving care for his boards. He sees them as valuable pieces of furniture that should be treated accordingly. Each night, the boards are wiped down and covered. Few board owners cover their boards anymore, but Glenn says you have only to see the residue on the covers from the smoke and grease that all establishments have, to know just what "naked" boards suffer. Each morning, he uncovers and dresses them for the day's play.

Having seen the neglect and abuse that some boards receive -- never cleaned, never dressed, allowed to be used as a place to put unfinished drinks, empty beer cases, and dropping ashes from a shuffler's cigarette -- we have gained a very high regard for board owners who give the kind of care that Glenn does. It's those who don't who wonder why their board doesn't get any play.

The Club Tavern not only features its three fine boards, it also has what Glenn calls a "modest" food menu. But he admits that Lisa's hamburgers are anything but modest! Her philosophy: "Our customers are more than dollar signs to us; they're human beings," and Glenn agrees.

The Lindberg's tavern is one of several within a hundred mile radius of Springfield that are part of a travelling tournament circuit, each enjoying and supporting the events of the other.

Glenn and Lisa and others like them are an important component in the "secret" formula to make shuffleboard grow. We look forward to visiting The Club Tavern some time in the future and getting to know them better.

The Quigleys: Investing in the Future

It's not as though Roxie and Rick Quigley don't have enough to do with their time. They're a nice young couple with children and job responsibilities and are already involved in other sports. So why should they worry about shuffleboard?

Like a lot of us, they're "hooked" on shuffleboard. But they want to do more than just participate. They want the sport to grow and recognize that to realize that goal, "new blood" is required. And they know that the new blood can only come through a healthy league.



Rick and Roxie Quigley are investing their efforts in the future of shuffleboard in Las Vegas.

There are countless boards in Vegas, yet attempts to form an active league have been less than successful. The reason has been that all the strong players have gravitated to the same teams, discouraging those with less ability. With no chance for the top spot, or even a chance to compete for it, it's easy to get discouraged and opt for sports where the odds are more even.

The Quigleys were looking for some kind of "parity" system they could introduce that would attract and maintain par-

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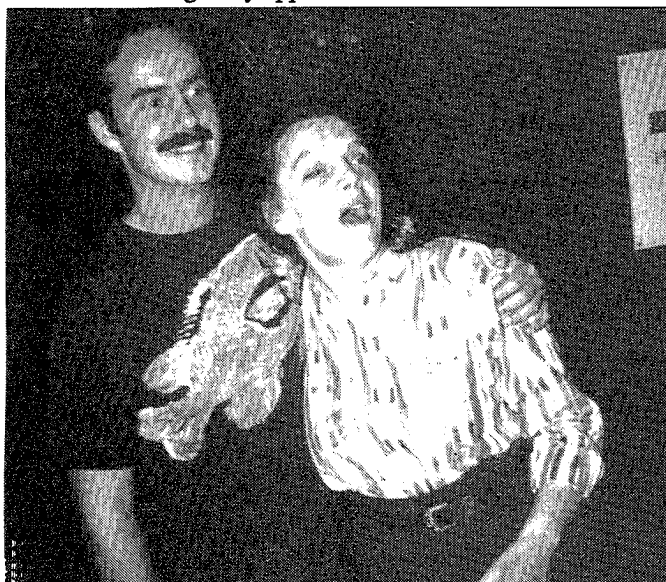
ticipation in league play. They asked us how our league operated and we hope the information we shared with them about the handicap system will help.

Roxie and Rick are two concerned (and courageous, too, because there are those who will want to keep the status quo that makes them the stars) people who are blazing a trail for shuffleboard in Vegas. It will take people like them to make our sport grow and we salute them for taking on this effort. We'll be watching their progress with great interest.

Paul Says Thanks

The calm, cool, collected PCSA official Paul Weber rarely gets rattled. The only time we've seen that happen is when he's concerned that he's going to forget to recognize somebody who helped make the tournament a success. So, go easy on him, folks. If your name is not on Paul's list and should be, it's probably because our shorthand wasn't as swift as his dialogue and blame us, not him:

It's pretty hard to miss the capable, highly-visible, on the firing line bracketeer, Karl Spickelmier, and the lovely Lisa Taylor, who handles the reservations and coordination so capably. Then there's Joe and Marvel Muniz, the "founding fathers" of the PCSA Extravaganzas, without whose efforts it just wouldn't happen. And Bruce Hale, whose generous contributions are so greatly appreciated.



John Fisher of California and Diana Hofmann of Ohio were just two of a host of workers who made Extravaganza III a success.

That room full of boards just didn't magically appear out of nowhere! Thanks to Bob Lewis and Al Stewart for the boards and set-ups; to Joey Amato of Amato's for one board; to Jackie and Joanna Eichor of the Peanut House for two boards, and Sparky Sparkman for one board. For the overall work and set-ups, Paul thanks Brian Seney, Rick Curtice, Fred Thumann and Lois, John Coulter, John Fisher, A.Z. Turnbo, Billy Chiles and Rich Warren.

In the "Haberdashery Department," Paul salutes Kathy Broka, Diana Hoffman and Gayle Smith. He extends special thanks to officials Jody Slack, Nick Gehring, George Ostrom and Terry Broka, to Bob Brunskill for his handling of the

amateur teams and Lou Lusero for serving as sponsor sale spotter.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to his right-hand woman, Sammie. Paul didn't give himself any credit, so we'll do that for him. Great job, Paul!

And the Stars of the Show...

Seldom has there been a gathering of such great stars in one show as there was in this one. And there were instances where the "bit players" in the cast became the stars and that was good to see. Once again, the performances of all the players proved that shuffleboard can be a spectator sport as the gallery "lived and died" with each shot their favorites made. And, again, it was evident that the amateurs have more fun playing this game than the pros do!

In short, it was an awesome performance and we salute the winners -- and all the participants (we can't call them losers)!

Mixed Doubles

1. Leroy Ledford & Chris Danke, California
2. Terry Burns & Joanie Millar, Canada
3. Eric Waldman, Montana & Diana Hofmann, Ohio
4. Gene Davis, Colorado & Cheryl Collins, Michigan
5. Darrol Nelson, Oregon, and Darlene Docile, Canada
6. Gordy Smith & Brenda Moore, Texas

Women's Singles

1. Diana Hagen, Texas
2. Carolyn Jones, Oklahoma
3. Chris Danke, California
4. Ruthie Miles, Oregon
5. Brenda Moore, Texas
6. Darlene Docile, Canada
7. Cheryl Collins, Michigan
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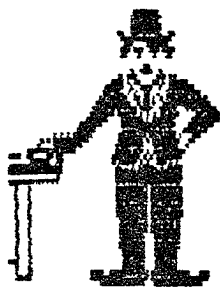
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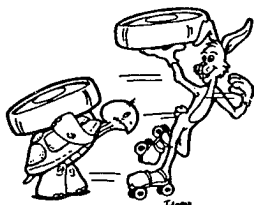
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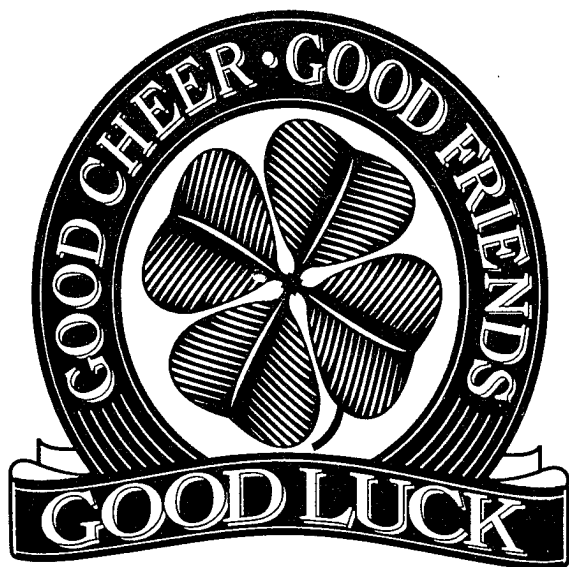
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