

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Everybody knows about the federal budget deficit and the numerous ways Congress has decided to solve that problem (which we all want solved because it impacts our children and their children). One of the ways, they've decided in their infinite wisdom, is to raise (dramatically) the rate of postage for people like us who depend upon the mail for their existence. Despite the wallop we received in February, we've resisted passing along that added business expense by raising our subscription and advertising rates. However, that postage increase (and the one they're planning for the near future) means we must come up with some creative alternatives if we are to continue running a viable business.

The first adjustment we're going to make is this: Ordinarily, we grant subscribers a 3-month "grace period," assuming that they will extend their subscription eventually. Not so in too many cases. Consequently, we send the delinquent subscribers 3 months worth of The Board Talk at no cost, only to have them drop their subscriptions. That might not seem like a lot, but when you multiply it by the number of subscribers, it adds up to a sizeable chunk of change. Henceforth, the "red check" on page 2 will mean that your subscription has expired and you won't get another issue until you've paid. Once we retire, we will send individual reminder letters, but until then, we'll use this procedure.

Second, we get many requests every month to send the last issue to a new subscriber (usually because their name is in it). We've done that gladly but it does cost us about 75 percent more than our regular bulk rate to do so. From now on, if a subscription is received after the 15th of the month, we will either make their subscription effective with the next mailing or charge \$1 for mailing a previous issue.

Third, we're going to pare down our complimentary mailing list. When we first started publishing, there was good reason for that list. That reason no longer exists and those who are on that list will be receiving a "red check."

For us, the role of being the "good guys" is really more comfortable, but not economically feasible. We'd like to be here for a long time yet to serve as the voice of shuffleboard and that sometimes necessitates being tough. We hope you understand and support our actions.

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Tourney Talk

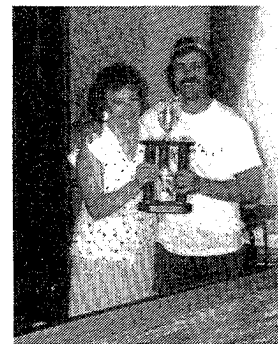
Dew Drop Inn Tourney Draws Big Field of Contenders

The Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, hosted its largest national tournament yet as over 80 players from six states came to the beautiful Finger Lakes Region in upstate New York on June 14-16 to shoot for over \$7,000 in prize money and other awards. Pabst Blue Ribbon sponsored this three-day event and provided jackets plus trophies for all winners.

The open singles on Friday was a sellout with Steve Bennett, Sherburne, New York, taking home the major cash, a jacket and trophy. Another good portion of the \$2,000 pot was taken by second place finisher Dick Losee of Poolville, N.Y. Marv Smith from Hackettstown, New Jersey, earned third place, and cashing in fourth spot was Dave Fridley, Romulus, N.Y.



Don Perry and Doug Fridley Jr. (left) were winners of the draw partner event, going undefeated to the big pot.

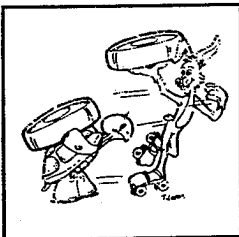


Elsie Fridley presents the first place open singles trophy to Steve Bennett.

Saturday morning brought nine "shufflerettes" taking aim at the top prizes in the ladies' singles. Mary Wagner from Delaware came out of the loser's bracket to avenge her only loss and win this event. Mary won over half of the \$800 prize money plus a trophy and jacket. "It was a pleasure having Mary come to shoot in our tournament," said host Doug Fridley Jr. Turned back to second spot after shooting tough all day long was local Waterloo player, Theresa Gibson. Winning third place was Barb Kuehl from Wolcott, N.Y., a lady who hasn't been playing all that long, but shows some real fine ability.

Saturday afternoon saw the draw partner event get underway with over 30 players vying for the near \$2,000 pot. It was the favorites, Don Perry from Cortland, N.Y., and Doug Fridley Jr. from Waterloo teaming up to go undefeated and take the first place prizes. Stealing the show, but not the trophy, was none other than Poncho Prevento from Perryville, Md. and his partner, the "ambassador of shuffleboard," Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula from Michigan and Florida. Earning third place was the surprise team of Marv Smith and Jane Johnson (best free-hand on the East Coast) from Jordan, N.Y.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Who's No. 1?

I have a question on how you determine the top three shuffling states. If it's by the number of establishments listed in "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.," then Washington needs to be included in that list because we have more establishments listed than Texas and the same number as California, which would put us in a tie for second.

Everyone in the Pacific Northwest shuffleboard family really appreciates what The Board Talk does and how willing you are to go out of your way to make the game better.

Jim Manders, Sequim, Washington

Oh, how glad we are you asked, Jim! We call your attention to an accompanying article regarding the climb of Washington from near the bottom to near the top. Our Top Three featured on our indetia panel is the number of subscribers we have in each state -- not the number of shuffleboard establishments, even though they're counted in the totals.

We've visited many of the shuffleboard bars on our map because we appreciate so much their support. While there, we've witnessed the "freeloaders" who read the bar's Board Talk and make notes about upcoming tournaments they want to enter. They seem to think that's the extent of their responsibility to keep our sport a viable one. We have to remember that this sport died once and all shufflers have a responsibility to make sure it doesn't die again.

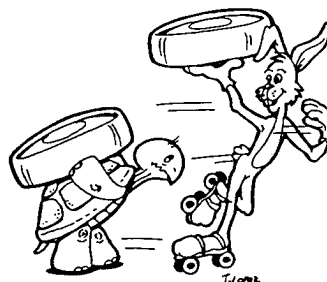
Very frankly, we couldn't exist with the 200 or so shuffleboard establishments that are on our map because only a small percentage of them advertise their tournaments. The \$15 subscription fee barely covers the mailing costs and then most of them share their Board Talk with everyone who plays

at their establishment. If each of those they share with would buy their own subscription, we'd be in good shape.

We'd like you and others on the map to help us solve this problem. A few years ago, we ran a promotion that gave people an opportunity to earn a new set of weights by signing up 25 new subscribers. What happened was that active shufflers who really wanted their own weights signed up all their non-playing relatives and friends, very few of whom renewed their subscriptions a year later. That was an exercise in futility for us.

What would it take as an incentive for shuffleboard establishments to sign up their players as Board Talk subscribers? A set of house weights? A full page ad? Free listing in the Directory? We don't know. Maybe you can give us some ideas.

In the meantime, thanks to you and other promoters who are using our publication to advertise your action.



As the Puck Turns...

The World of Shuffleboard recently lost a leading character in the comeback of the sport. Roy Lembke, a gentleman and promoter of our sport, is now playing a game with another gentleman, Ed Estep, in whatever place it is that special shufflers go when they leave this world. Waiting to play the winner of that game is another good buddy, Wayne (little weiner) Reist. Probably, many of you know of a shuffleboard friend who has gone to Shuffleboard Heaven and is also waiting on the sidelines for a chance to play Roy. We'd like to believe they're all having a great time together.

Not having such a great time is Roy's widow, Jolene, herself a legend in shuffleboard. She needs your words of encouragement and support. Let her know you're thinking about her: Jolene Lembke, 13060 2nd St. #51, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

The address panel of The Board Talk used to feature upcoming tournaments. When it got to the point where the number of events in a single month outgrew the space available, we got this bright idea to highlight those states that have the most Board Talk subscribers. That will probably continue. Please look at that panel now. After several months of waver-ing back and forth between Michigan and California in the No. 1 spot, we've got a tie. That's not big news. The number of supporters in both those states, as with No. 2 Texas, is a well-known fact.

What is news is the No. 4 state, Washington. After being near the bottom of the list for a lot of years, that state is now

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rising to the forefront. The reason for that is shuffleboard event sponsors such as The Whistling Oyster and The Town Tavern and others in that state who have decided that The Board Talk is the best way to reach their target audiences. A special salute to them!

If you are now using the old method of sending out flyers to a list of past participants, consider the cost and effectiveness of that method compared to the modest \$90 flyer charge that takes your message to players across the U.S.A. and Canada. And that cost includes designing, typesetting, printing and mailing. Try it; you'll like it!

You never know when you're going to make a convert. It doesn't necessarily have to be someone from your local league that you convince to participate in a really big tournament. It could be somebody like Rosemary Allen, the popular bartender at The Board Talk's 7th Annual Shufflers Reunion Tournament in Kulpville, Pennsylvania. She fell in love with the game and the players and will be at the upcoming Reno tournament. She's given up plans to go to Nova Scotia to be there, so please extend your hand of fellowship to her.

Speaking of the Reno tournament, we encourage you to take advantage of this breakthrough in shuffleboard. The big money added is a "first," and how you respond to this opportunity will determine whether we have another. We'll be there. Hope you will, too.

G & D

Tourney Talk (continued from page 1)

Sunday brought some surprises as 30 tough players took aim at over \$2,200 in the bring partner event. It was Marv Smith teaming up with Bill Stoops of New Hampshire to win it all. Turned back to second was the surprise team of Poncho Prevento and his partner, Butch (Hollywood) Kelly of Philadelphia. The final game was a tough, close match. Third spot went to the "darkhorse" team of Lee Gates and Gary Foster from Earlville, N.Y., with tourney favorites Dick Losee and Steve Bennett in fourth.

Marv Smith (left) and Bill Stoops were winners of the bring partner event. They beat out Poncho Prevento and Butch Kelly to take the biggest share of the \$2,200 pot in this event.



In the upstairs air-conditioned shuffleboard banquet room at the Dew Drop Inn, Elsie Fridley served a spread of ham, turkey, and all the trimmings on Saturday, and lasagna, chicken wings and lots of other goodies on Sunday.

"Many players said they would be back for our next tournament," reports Doug. "Watch The Board Talk for details."

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1991 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Sept. 14 - 15

*1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tourney
Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan*

Sept. 14-15

*Mixed Doubles Tourney
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado*

Sept. 14-15

*Draw Partners Doubles
Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington*

Sept. 19-22

*1st Annual Hog Roast/Championships
Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Michigan*

Sept. 20 - 22

*Benedict's Annual Fall Tournament
Benedict's, Sherburne, New York*

Sept. 27-29

*Western Maryland Tourney
Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland*

Oct. 12-13

*1st Annual Witches Open
Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado*

Oct. 25-27

*Fall Classic Tournament
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

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

*North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada*

Nov. 3 - 4

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

Nov. 22-24

*Western Maryland Tourney
Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland*

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

*State of Michigan Championships
Pasquale's, Lansing, Michigan*

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 1992

*PCSA Extravaganza IV
Showboat, Las Vegas, Nevada*

Feb. 7-9

*Winter Board Talk Tourney
Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland*

***Shuffleboard Federation Pro Tour**

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2nd Annual Amarillo Open Another Success

The top shooters from several states participated in the 2nd Annual Amarillo Open shoot-out at Cotton-Eyed Jonze's in Amarillo, Texas, over the 4th of July weekend.

Lisa Melton and Bette Brantley of Oklahoma were winners of the \$10 amateur draw event. Mike Melton of Oklahoma and Scott Remick of Dallas, Texas, took second place honors, with Becky Hersom and Lois Wisner, both of Amarillo, in third place.

In the \$50 per person open draw, Danny Hersom of Amarillo drew hostess Janet Weidner to take top honors. Bill Melton and Ron Huddleston of Oklahoma finished in second place, with Shirley Robinson of Tulsa and Darrol Nelson of Oregon in third.



The hostess with the mostest, Janet Weidner, drew Danny Hersom to take top honors in the 2nd Annual Amarillo Open at Cotton-Eyed Jonze's over the 4th of July weekend.

The venerable Sam Summers of Oklahoma beat out his buddy, Bill Melton, for the biggest share of the open singles

pot. Another big name in shuffleboard circles, Jody Slack of Colorado, came in third.

In the bring partner event, the legendary Billy Mays of Texas teamed up with the always-tough Darrol Nelson to take first place. Jody Slack and Janet Weidner took second place, with the father and son team of Bill and Mike Melton in third place.

"A special thanks to all the participants," said Janet, who is looking forward to staging the 3rd Annual Amarillo Open.

Enders/Perry/Durgan/Fridley Winners 3of NYS/ISL Tourney

Baldwinsville Moose Club was host to the 6th New York State ISL tournament on July 13-14 with 54 players turning out to try their skill at earning part of the \$2,645 pot.

Saturday's draw partner event was won by tourney favorites Jack Enders and Don Perry, both shooting for Baldwinsville Moose. Earning second spot with some nice clutch draws were Jan Kramer, also from Baldwinsville, teamed up with Doug Fridley Sr. from the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, N.Y. Getting the third place cash was the team of Annie Farnham from Pillars in Guilford and Clark Spalding from Baldwinsville.

Earl Durgan and Doug Fridley Sr. from the Dew Drop Inn went all the way through the winner's bracket to take the bring partner event. In doing so, they had to turn back some "tough wood," such as Roy Schreiber and John Canino (a double winner in May's ISL tourney at Classic 101 in Sherburne), who settled for second. Earning third place cash was the "team to beat" of Steve Bennett from Sherburne and Jack

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Can you really afford to miss this one?

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Friday, Sept. 20: Ladies Bring Partner Doubles — Limited to 1st 14 teams to reserve spot.

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Saturday, Sept. 21: Mixed Doubles Bring Partner — Limited to 1st 28 teams to reserve spot.

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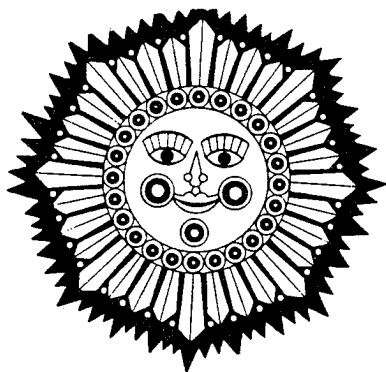
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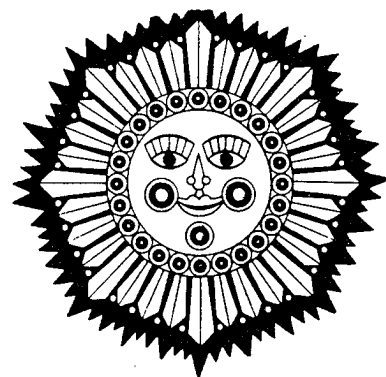
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Enders of Baldwinsville. Fourth place went to tourney favorites, Marv Smith shooting for Amy's Checkered Flag in Waterloo and Doug Fridley Jr. from the Dew Drop Inn.

The Baldwinsville Moose Club served a buffet luncheon of hot dogs, salt potatoes and salad throughout the day on Saturday, and a grilled chicken dinner on Sunday. "Our compliments go out to the Baldwinsville Moose for hosting a wonderful summertime tourney," said Doug Fridley Jr.

Williams Wins U.S. Open Qualifier at Third Base

Third Base, Clear Lake City, Texas, hosted its second annual U.S. Open singles qualifying tournament on July 20. Sixteen entries from Clear Lake, Austin, and Greater Houston participated in the single game, double elimination event.



Dale Williams (center) won the U.S. Open Qualifier at the Third Base. Don Valk (right) and John Wiggs finished second and third.

Dale Williams of Clear Lake, Don Valk of Austin, and John Wiggs, Clear Lake, placed first, second and third respectively. Dale made it look easy going through the winner's bracket without a loss. By taking first, Dale won his entry fee to the U.S. Open semi-pro singles. Dale and John were also awarded U.S. Open sponsorship shirts, compliments of Frank Baldali, owner/manager of Third Base.

Jug's Tourney Pays Over \$8,000

Jug's Tavern in Toledo, Ohio, hosted a singles and doubles tournament on July 27-28. This was the first tournament held in Toledo in many years and, as the pot of over \$8,000 for the two events shows, that city can still be a top location for action.

In the singles event, Bobby Voorhis of Indiana fought off a determined John Myles of Michigan in the finals to take first place. Bud Broka of Indiana and Don Perry of New York followed in third and fourth places.

The doubles final saw Larry Creakbaum and Jerry Knox of Indiana team up to win over Greg Broka of Ohio and Lee McDonald of Michigan. Jerry Seibert and John Tischler of Michigan finished third, with John McDermott of Michigan and Bobby Voorhis in fourth.

"A great new host was discovered in Joe J., owner of Jug's," reports Phil McGrew, head of the Shuffleboard Tournament Players Association. "After adding a second board for the tournament, Joe has decided to keep both boards and will be hosting round robins every Wednesday night."

Joe says he contracted the Shuffleboard Tournament Players Association to stage this high-powered event. "Phil, (continued on page 10)



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Ladies' Doubles

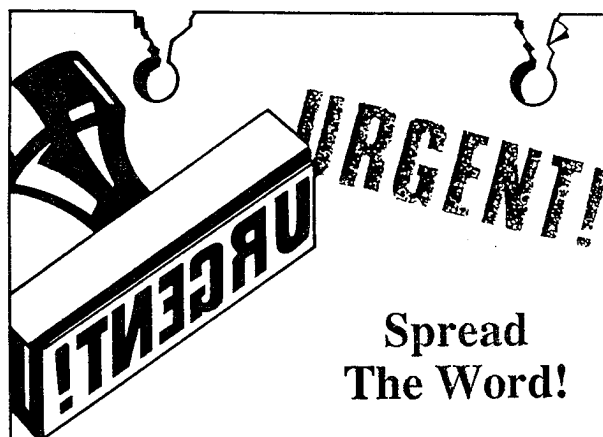
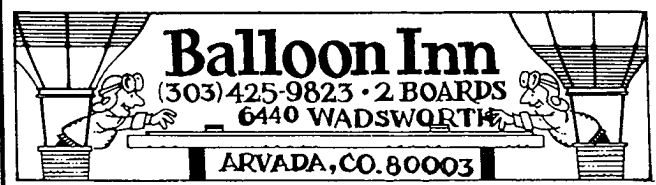
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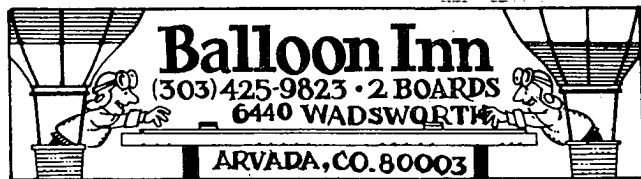
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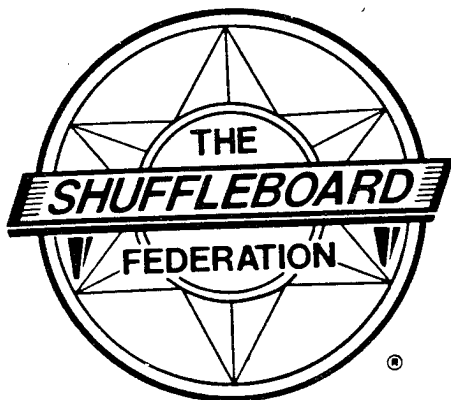
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Over the past few years, qualifiers to sponsor a player in an upcoming major tournament has become a popular idea. We fully support that type of promotion and in fact have made the suggestion to many bar owners that they consider running that type of event.

Recently, however, there have been some problems related to qualifiers -- bars running a qualifier for a ladies' singles at the U.S. Open when, in fact, there was no ladies' singles at that tournament. Other instances have occurred when a qualifier has been run for an event that is already full.

Because of these and other problems, we will no longer accept entries for any of our tournaments that are won through a qualifying tournament unless that qualifier is run through us.

We are currently finalizing plans for our 1992 schedule and will be contacting a number of taverns in different parts of the country to determine their interest in participating in qualifiers for those events. If you are interested in hosting a qualifier for one or more of our national events, please feel free to contact us.

DIVISION III EVENTS TO MAKE DEBUT IN 1992

As we mentioned in the July 1991 issue of The Board Talk, we are renaming the Pro and Semi Pro classes of competition to Division I and Division II, respectively, as well as adding a new class of competition -- Division III for the less experienced players.

All of the events on our 1992 schedule will include Division III singles and doubles events, which will be open to players that have an N.A.S.L. rating of 3, 4, or 5.

Based on the enthusiastic response to the Semi Pro (Division II) events on this year's Grand Slam National Tour, we expect the Division III events to fill up well in advance, so we recommend that you get your entries in early.

Look for details of our 1992 schedule in future issues of The Board Talk.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORMS

Because of the wide assortment of errors and inaccuracies, which are too numerous to mention, that have become commonplace on the registration forms for our tournaments, we find it necessary to change the way we process these registrations.

We will not hold a spot in the tournament for anyone who does not turn in a properly filled out registration form and, effective immediately, any form that is not filled out completely

and correctly will be returned, along with the check, to the person who sent it.

This means that the membership and registration fees must be included and you must mark the events you are entering because we are not mind readers.

If you have any questions on how to fill out your registration form, please contact us before you send it in and we will be happy to assist you.

PRO-AM AND SEMI-PRO DRAWS

Although we have mentioned this in previous issues of The Board Talk, there still seems to be some confusion over the eligibility for these events.

The only players who may play in the Pro-Am Draw Partner events are Division III players (those players with an N.A.S.L. of 3, 4, or 5). Players with a rating of 1 or 2 (Division II) may play in the Semi-Pro Draw Partners. No one may play in both of these events.

RENO UPDATE



We are excited to announce that Southwest Airlines, in cooperation with The Shuffleboard Federation, is offering attendees to the 1991 NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD

CHAMPIONSHIPS™ a discount on both Southwest's low everyday unrestricted fares and Southwest's even lower restricted fares for travel on Southwest Airlines to the tournament. These discounts even apply to their "Friends Fly Free" program (buy one unrestricted coach class ticket, get a second ticket free) and their "Fun Fares" program.

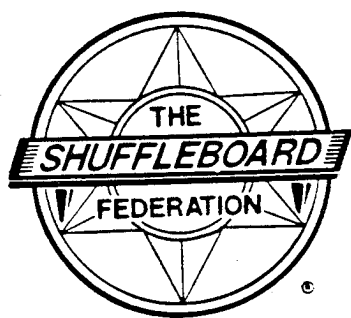
To make your airline reservations, call the Southwest Group Desk at 800-433-5368, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and give our group ID number, which is "D 01." The cutoff date for making airline reservations at the group rate is Oct. 11, 1991, but time is of essence because there are a limited number of seats available per flight under the "Friends Fly Free" program so we suggest you make your reservations as soon as possible.

When The Shuffleboard Federation was founded in 1987, one of our major goals was to obtain corporate sponsorship money for the sport. The NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS is not just a tournament. It is an opportunity for the world of shuffleboard to show that our sport deserves the same kind of sponsorship support that so many other sports receive. A successful event will help us to attract other sponsors. We hope you will attend the tournament and help shuffleboard to get the recognition it deserves.

We will know by the end of September whether or not we will have any pro events at the NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS. If we cancel the pro events, any money which was going to be added to the Pro Singles will instead be added to the N.A.S.L. Team Event.

The tournament is filling up fast, so send in your check and entry form as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your support.

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along with officials John Tischler, Terry Broka, Larry Creakbaum and Jerry Siebert, teamed up to make this a tournament to be remembered," he said.

Joe thanks local pros Bud, Greg and Terry Broka, who along with Jim (Jumbo) Russel and Jim Stockmaster, helped with the board set-ups and expert advice.

Lakeside Lounge's 1st Annual Hog Roast/Shuffleboard Championship

A chance to win an RCA remote control color TV is just one of the reasons you can't afford to miss a weekend of fun and fierce competition at the Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Union Lake, on Sept. 19-22. It will be the Lakeside's first annual hog roast and shuffleboard championships and it features four big events.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, there's a pro-am event, limited to the first 14 pros and amateurs to reserve their spots. It's \$5 entry fee per player plus a \$5 playing fee. Sponsor sale is scheduled for 6 p.m. Payoff is 50-30-20.

Friday is the ladies' bring partner event limited to the first 14 teams to reserve their spots. Entry fee is \$5 per player with a playing fee of \$5. Sponsor sale is 6 p.m. and payoff is 50-25-15-10.

Saturday, Sept. 21, features the mixed doubles bring partner event, limited to the first 28 teams to reserve their spots. Entry fee is \$20 per player, plus \$5 playing fee. The sponsor sale is scheduled for 11 a.m. with payoff of 50-25-15-10.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, there's the popular open doubles bring partner event, limited to the first 28 teams enrolled. Entry fee is \$20 per player with \$5 playing fee, sponsor sale at 12:30 p.m., with payoff of 50-25-15-10.

The hog roast will be on Saturday, with the drawing for the TV on Sept. 22.

To reserve your spot, call Phil McGrew at the Shuffleboard Tournament Players Association, 313-363-2081.

Melton/Woolridge, Melton/Williams Win U.S. Open Warm-Up

In a warm-up for the U.S. Open, Roz Hines of the Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, hosted players from Texas and Oklahoma in a two-day draw partner event on July 26-28. There were two tournaments and sponsor sales.

The first, in an exciting finish, was won by Mike Melton and Bill Woolridge who edges second place finishers Bill Melton and Shirley Robertson. The Saturday tournament was won by Lisa Melton and Bobby Williams with second going to Tammy Denson and Bob Shaw.

Whistling Oyster Draws Best of Northwest

The Whistling Oyster Tavern in Quilcene, Washington, hosted a tournament Aug. 3-4, with 24 teams vying for part of the \$6,000 pot. Outside of temperatures in the high '80s, most all the teams kept their cool through the tournament. Four excellent shuffleboards provided most outstanding games in the winner's and loser's brackets from Friday through Sunday evening.

Darrol (the machine) Nelson from Springfield, Oregon, and partner Steve Fisher from the 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon,

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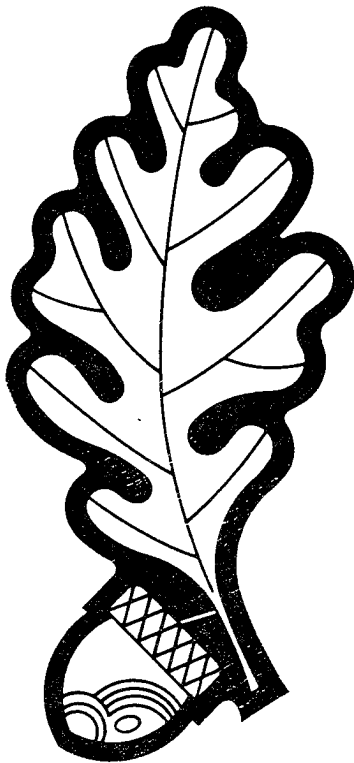
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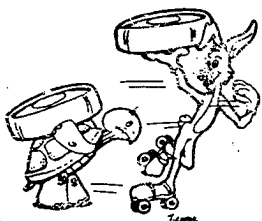
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took home first place honors. But not without some close games from the second place team of Jim Foran and partner Rick Gindt, both from Tacoma, Washington. ("Thanks, Jim, for a great job in the calcutta," says host Bill Bailey.) Third place went to a pair of first time partners -- Chuck Norris, Portland, Oregon, and long-time friend of Bill's, Al Pease of Tacoma. A whole lot of credit must be given to fourth place finishers, Dick Doaks and newcomer Carl Rousch, both from Shelton, Wash., reports Bill.

"I and co-owner Sandee Van Wagenen send out a special thank you very much to all the players and spectators who attended," said Bill. Also to the staff here at the Whistling Oyster Tavern. Special thanks to Carol Norris and Rosa White. The way it's been going the last two years, it can only get bigger and better!"

Michigan's Vacation Paradise Site of Fall Tourney

Houghton Lake, known as "Michigan's vacation paradise," and popular site of the 1990 Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament, will be the location of another event. The 1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tournament will be held at Skip's Lounge, 8989 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, on Sept. 14-15. Events will include a \$20 per person draw partner tournament and a \$25 open singles.

Entries are limited -- 40 players in the draw and 25 in the singles -- so you are urged to use the enclosed flyer to save your spot. This one will fill up fast! Entries will be closed off when paid-in-advance reservations reach the limit.

Action will start with a Friday the 13th draw and open play. The sponsor sale for the draw partner tournament will start at noon sharp on Saturday, with singles on Sunday.

Because this is a resort area, there are plenty of choices for lodging. For information on places to stay, call Skip at 517-422-5631, or George at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538.

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

Your editors can vouch for this: you won't find a more beautiful spot or warmer hospitality than at Benedict's Classic 101 in Sherburne, New York. Join Milt and Betty and their family as they host what may be their last tournament before selling their business and beginning a more "normal" life.

Their annual Fall Tournament on Sept. 20-22 starts with a \$10 draw on Friday night at 6 p.m. The \$25 bring partner event starts Saturday at 11 a.m., with the \$25 open singles at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Sponsor sales for all events.

For lodging, they recommend the Sherburne Motel, 607-674-5511; Grove Park, 607-334-2251; or Norwich Super 8, 607-336-8880. In the meantime, sign up now by sending your entries to: Benedict's, 20 Classic St., Sherburne, NY 13460. For more information, call Milt or Betty at 607-974-9617 or 674-4571.

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Slack/Nelson Win at Balloon Inn

Jody Slack of Colorado and Darrol Nelson of Oregon teamed up to win the 2nd Annual Balloon Inn Open Doubles Tournament in Arvada, Colorado, in June. They split the total pot of \$3,000 with second-place finishers Juan Esteve and Tom Henry.



First and second place winners in the Balloon Inn Open Doubles were Jody Slack and Darrol Nelson (center), and Juane Esteve (left) and Tom Henry (right).



Dennis Bird shows his stuff during a pot game that included chins, elbows, feet, and last but not least, tongues. "Pretty sick," concludes host Ron Vogt.

The next event at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will be a mixed doubles bring partner tournament on Sept. 14-15. \$50 per team entry fee with sponsor sale on Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. It's a double elimination, best 2 of 3 games.

1st Annual Witches Open, Balloon Inn, Oct. 12-13

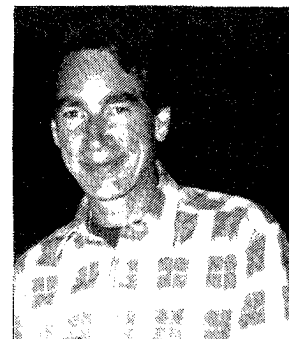
The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host their first annual "Witches Open" on Oct. 12-13. It's a women's doubles bring partner event, \$50 entry fee per team, double elimination, best 2 of 3 format. Sponsor sale is scheduled for Friday night, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.

For information, call the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823. See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this fun event, whether as a player or a spectator!

Nelson/Fisher Win at Sequim

Darrol Nelson and Steve Fisher of Oregon came from the farthest away to win the championship in the 3rd Annual Shuffleboard Affair at the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington, July 20-21. Nelson, who won this tournament last year with Jimmy Allis, and Fisher went unbeaten in the two-day event, losing just one game in the best-of-three format. It was the fourth straight doubles victory for Nelson who won twice in Texas (Fort Worth and San Antonio) and also at the Acme Nationals in June in Tacoma.

Darrol Nelson of Oregon won this event with partner Steve Fisher. This was his fourth straight doubles victory. Nelson and Fisher beat out Doak and Roush to take the crown.



Veteran Dick Doak and tourney newcomer Carl Roush, both of Shelton, battled back through the loser's bracket to claim second place, giving Nelson and Fisher a real battle in the championship match.

Dan McKinnon, despite playing with a splint on his right forefinger, and Jim Donaldson of Everett grabbed third place. Doug DeBois of Ranier and Dick Heflin from St. Helens, Oregon, took fourth place while Al Pease and Dave Uhron of Tacoma were fifth. Joanie Miller of Canada and Phil DuPress

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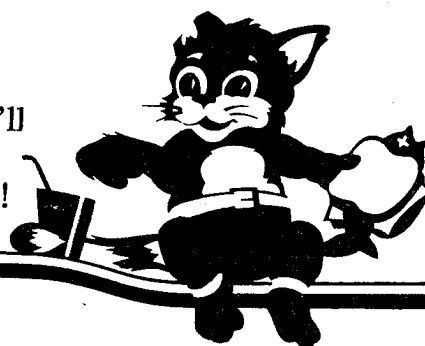
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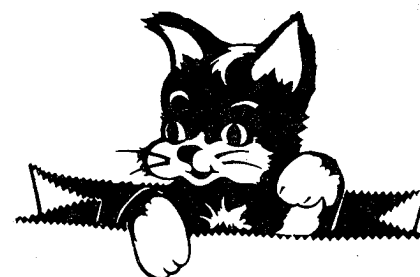
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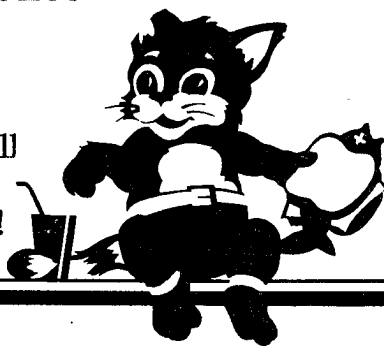
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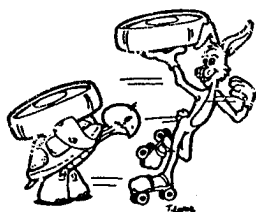
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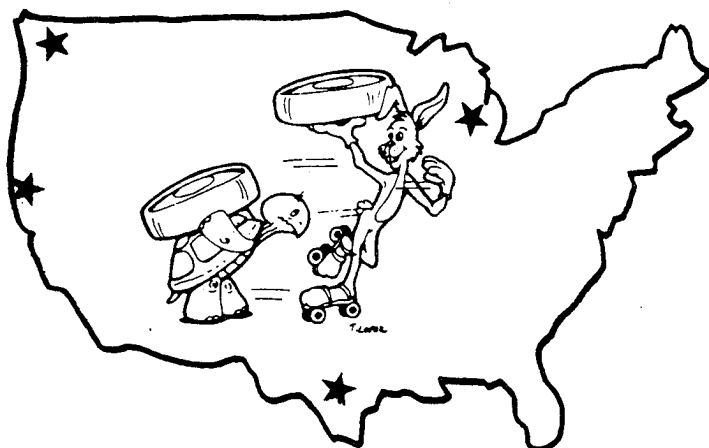
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