

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

The Christmas issue -- it ought to be something special -- and every year, we try to find that something that shufflers can relate to. Somehow or other, we haven't had to search too far.... It just happens...

Like the response that Don and Donna Cox got when their fellow citizens of The World of Shuffleboard learned of the tragic fire that took all of their worldly belongings...

Like the story of Mike Rohlman and how he has used shuffleboard to overcome a dreaded disease....

Like the outpouring of support for The Board Talk as a result of Glen's and Doc's efforts to enlist new subscribers....

Like the very first Christmas card we received from Judy and Ed Gartland of Pennsylvania, along with their subscription renewal, and a sweet note from Dottie and David Hemkin of Washington with their renewal and Happy Holiday wishes....

Like the wonderful experience that George and our daughter, Teri, had in Reno, Nevada, where she found the answer to the question as to why we devote so much time and effort to serve the wonderful people in The World of Shuffleboard....

Like the special award that we received there, the very first Shuffleboard Federation Sol Lipkin award for service to our sport, a moment that will be treasured for life....

Like the way shufflers extended their fellowship to our daughter in Reno....

Like the letter we got from Marg Okum of Canada, with nine new subscribers, two renewals that weren't even due for awhile yet, and an order for Christmas and New Years ads...

If we wake up on Christmas morning and there isn't another gift under the tree, that will be O.K. Thanks to all of you for a wonderful Christmas! And may yours be as wonderful as ours will be.

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

Perry Father & Son Team and Jennings Tops at Cox Benefit Tourney

T.G.'s, 2337 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, hosted a benefit tournament on Oct. 16-18 for Don and Donna Cox, who lost their home and all their belongings in a tragic fire on Mother's Day.

Winners of the doubles were a father and son team, Hal Perry and Steve Perry. Rick Thomas and Nelson Jennings took second place honors, with Don Cox and Fred Thuman in third.

In the singles, his second win in a row, Nelson Jennings took first place. Don Cox finished second with Hal Perry in third place.

The Cox family thanks T.G.'s, the players, and many others. (See Notebook for details.)

Yungst/Henry/Rohlman Winners in Tulsa

The Tulsa Shuffleboard Association recently held a handicap tournament. Glen Davidson reports that Terry Yungst and Terry Henry downed Kathy White (who was 7 months pregnant at the time) and his son, Glen Davidson Jr., his first tournament in about seven years. Patti Yungst and Larry Barthel finished third.

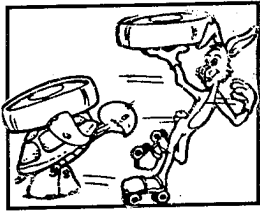
In the singles event, Mike Rohlman beat out Rick Brock with Bobby Purify in third. (See Notebook regarding Mike's special victory.)

According to Glen, the up and coming players in Tulsa are: Kathy White (pregnant and all), John Cason, Keith Oyler, Sheri Forest, Glen Jr., Terry Yungst, Terry Henry, Patti Yungst, Rick Brock, and Bobby Purify.

3rd Annual Santa Classic, Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, Dec. 12-13

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will hold their 3rd Annual Santa Classic on Dec. 12-13. Action for the open doubles, \$100

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Thanks from Don and Donna Cox

Don and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone involved in the Benefit Tournament for us.

We would like to say Thank You to the players: Bob Patton, Jim Seusy, Rick Thomas, Nelson Jennings, Steve Perry, Hal Perry, A.Z. Turnbo, Fred Thuman, Ron Harralson, Paul Parks, Larry Selfridge, Billy Steele, Pat Bayless, and Jerry Webster.

Thank You to everyone who donated that couldn't make it to the tournament. You are all special people! Thanks to Bruce Hale, Paul Webster, Bob Hunt, Madge Goff and Glen Davidson, James Anderson, Al Stewart, Sparky, PeeWee and Judy Ramos, Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, Joe Muniz, and The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc.

Thank You to those who made it possible: Jim and Betty Hudson, the owners of T.G.'s; to A.Z. Turnbo for providing and setting up the third shuffleboard; to A & M Amusement Service (Al Stewart), who provided two sets of weights for a raffle; to Joe Muniz and the Federation for the wax and supplies.

Special thanks to Joe and the P.C.S.A. for Don's entry in the singles at the Vegas tournament; to Nelson Jennings and Bloodhound Electric for the wonderful donation of complete wiring of our new home; to Hal Perry for getting our doors at cost; to Jerry Webster for his donation of all his winnings for the weekend and everything else he donated.

Jim and Betty are great people and put on a wonderful tournament. Thank you for the two-day

feed, liquor and concern. Thank you, Sue and Nelson, for your help in the feed and time spent getting things put together. Thanks to Dennis Lear for the great job with the barbecue -- great cook! Thanks to Rick Thomas for doing the bracket boards.

Don would like to say a special thanks to Bob and Evelyn Patton for the hats.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the person who is responsible for the idea of the tournament in the first place -- Number One in our book as having the biggest heart, a good friend and family too -- Freddie Thuman and Lois. We love you all!

Words can't express the way we felt at the out-pouring of warm concern and caring from you all.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Don and Donna Cox, Rio Linda, California

We continue to be -- not amazed anymore -- but full of pride for the way the great people in our World of Shuffleboard respond to the problems and tragedies of their fellow citizens. We know they all join us in wishing you much happiness in your new home!

(Note: See results of this benefit tournament in Tourney Talk.)

Glen Salutes Mike Rohlman; Issues Another Board Talk "Revival" Challenge

Mike Rohlman, winner of the recent Tulsa Shuffleboard Association singles tournament (see results of tournament in Tourney Talk), was stricken with multiple sclerosis five or six years ago. In this condition -- braces, crutches, etc. -- he played in an M.S. fund-raising tournament. He didn't win it, but we all thought he had to be a winner just to play!

Now, he wins a singles, his braces are gone and he has a walking cane. He gives credit to shuffleboard and all the players of Tulsa for his miraculous recovery. His therapist told him she didn't know what his secret was, but keep it up!

Mike Rohlman, we salute you for your dedication and determination. It's Las Vegas for you next year!

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1992-1993 Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 1992

Dec. 12-13

3rd Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 12

Doubles Tournament
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Doubles
D.J.'s Bar
Warsaw, Indiana

JANUARY 1993

Jan. 1-3

New Years Tournament
The 99 Tavern
Winston, Oregon

FEBRUARY 1993

Feb. 2-7

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard
Extravaganza V
Alladin Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Feb. 12-14

Winter Board Talk Tournament
Lafayette Inn
Rising Sun, Maryland

MARCH 1993

Mar. 12-15

Invitational Singles Tournament
Lafayette Inn
Rising Sun, Maryland

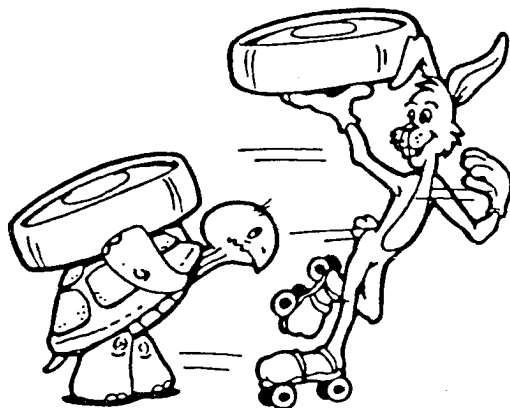
Mar. 13-14

5th Annual Mixed Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

APRIL 1993

April 9-11

Dick Gorman Spring Classic
Lafayette Inn
Rising Sun, Maryland



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Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

I think we should have another tourney to send this guy to Vegas, don't you? Great going, Rick! I know we will be hearing about you very often in The Board Talk.

All of Tulsa would like to say Hi to another new Board Talk subscriber, Oscar Hoebing at the V.A. Center in Clinton, Oklahoma. We wish him well and hope that he gets to come and see us soon. He played shuffleboard for 40 years in and around Tulsa and was a real competitor and dedicated to the game. A real trooper! We all miss you, Ozzie.

I only received one entry so far for a slogan for the Revival of Shuffleboard. It's hard for me to believe that there's no more interest than that about a newsletter that took shuffleboard and made a united fellowship and got us all together as a family. That means something to a lot of us. They're not going to be around forever. I say, do something now while they're still here to enjoy it. Never wait until tomorrow what can be done today. So come on and send me some slogans for The Board Talk. I hate to see just one entry win it; that's not competition, now is it? The slogan, and it's a good one, came from Lois Lambrecht, Tulsa, Oklahoma: "**Places, Faces,**

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A shuffleboard will be given away in Vegas if we can get 100 new Board Talk subscribers. So, let's get signing them up. All the entries will be put in a box for the draw at Vegas. Let's do it!

Just a word or two more and I'll let it rest. I appeal to all the Oklahomans to remember the early '80s. I was travelling around to Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, California and Washington to get this all going and flyers were our only contact for tourneys and no one was advised of the outcome of the tourneys if you were from out of state. That was doing it the hard way. Then The Board Talk came along and then the national ratings, the weights controversy, the clubs and taverns that staged tournaments. We were informed through The Board Talk of what was happening and what the players themselves wanted when they came to a tournament.

We have grown in the game through The Board Talk. As Perot would say, the question is, where do we go from here? Do we say, "goodbye George and Donna, and thanks a lot," or do we shake the bushes and wake up the deadbeats who like to ride on a free wagon and get them involved?

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On his way from the North Pole to Your House.....

We asked him to stop at our house and pick up this sleigh full of Christmas greetings to deliver to our shuffleboard friends south of the border.



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Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 1)*

per team entry, will start at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 with the sponsor sale. The best 2 out of 3 double elimination event will start at noon on Saturday, Dec. 12. All registrations must be in and paid for by Dec. 11, 7 p.m. sharp.

For information, contact Ron or Gwen at The Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823.

Sunde/Tischler Tops at Wagon Wheel

In a recent doubles tournament at the Wagon Wheel in Lake Orion, Michigan, the winners were Bjerne Sunde and John Tischler. Marie Sweeney and Jack Cooksey teamed up to take second place honors. Chris Passariello and Chuck Ricklefs of Saginaw finished in third place.

Indiana State Events Attract Good Participation

The Indiana State Championship Tournament, held at D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, was a great success. The four-day event brought \$11,250 in prize money.

Twelve teams participated in the doubles, with Jim Long and Jerry Knox retaining their championship status. Bob and Deb Voorhis took second place honors, with Dave Boaz and Buddy Broka in third, and Jim DeWitt and Steve Hart in fourth place.

There were 30 players in the singles, with Jim DeWitt taking the crown and Steve Hart in second. Larry Brown finished in third place, with Larry Creakbaum in fourth.

Buddy and Fritzi Broka came out ahead of a field of 15 teams in the mixed doubles. Larry Huffer and Pat Kuhn were second; Larry Summy and Marge Camp were third, and Terry and Laska Dowell in fourth place.

Twelve players participated in the women's singles, with Norma Gray taking top honors and Fritzi Broka finishing second. Cheryl Cockrell was third and Deb Voorhis was fourth.

"Once again, our hosts, Phil and Karen Hienzman, did a great job. They always do a good job hosting the event," reports Steve Hart.

New Year's Tourney at 99 Tavern, Winston, Oregon, Jan. 1-3

Start your 1993 shuffleboard year out right by participating in the New Year's Tournament at the

99 Tavern, 63 NE Main, Winston, Oregon on Jan. 1-3. \$100 per team entry fee, with \$20 per team added, two out of 3 double elimination. The sponsor sale starts at 5 p.m. on Friday with the first round immediately following. Lodging is available right next door at the Hillside Court Motel.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the word about this fun event. For information, contact: "Winston" Jim, 503-679-8451; Steve Fisher, 503-679-4538; or the 99 Tavern, 503-679-7068.

Hagen/Bowers/Tedford Tops at Texas Mist

It could have been revenge triggered in the recent U.S. Open team event or just downright classic shuffleboard play. But, whatever, Houstonites dominated the "Everybody's Tournament" hosted by the Texas Mist in Austin, Texas, Oct. 23-24. The determined Houstonites stormed into town, finishing first, second and third in the singles event.

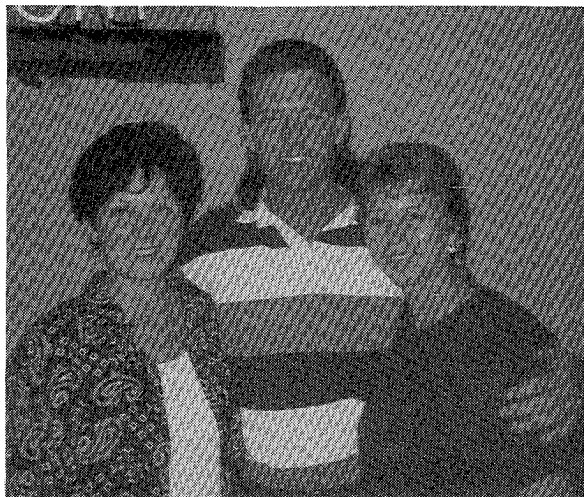
"The winner, Diana Hagen, exploded like lava out of an erupting volcano, wiping out everything in her path," reports host Don McCurry. "The talented beauty went undefeated in a field that included such greats as Bill Melton, Davis, Okla., and Howard Mouton of Houston. Other superstars falling by the wayside were local heavyweight Don Valk, Johnny Ballard and Dale Koteras of Houston, Bob Shaw of Fort Worth, Brenda Moore and David Sexton of San Antonio, Gregg Tedford of Sonora, Billy Melton of Davis, Olka., and J.D. Sweet of Holland."

A new kid on the block, Mike Baker of Houston, was runner-up. "Shufflers, please make note, this young man has sounded warning," said Don. "He has been gaining ground rapidly during the past year." Placing third was Mary Koteras of Houston. Coming in fourth was Bob Shaw, with Ron Bowers and Alfred Suarez in fifth and sixth.

"A rather tense, almost emotional moment developed during the winners bracket finals," Don reports. "It was two ladies and long-time friends, Diana Hagen and Mary Koteras emerging as finalists. The crowd-pleasing match drew a well-deserved applause and added some delightful excitement to the tournament."

Another top-flight lady, Sharon Finch of Houston, stood by watching. She was sidelined with a hip ailment and was unable to enter the tournament -- a big disappointment for Sharon.

Top honors in the draw doubles went to Ron Bowers and Gregg Tedford. J.D. Sweet and Steve Nelson came in second, with Mike Baker and Tina Wade finishing third.



Winners of the singles were Diana Hagen (right) with Mary Koteras in second and Mike Baker in third.



Doubles winners in the Texas Mist's "Everybody's Tournament" were (back row, left to right) Ron Bowers and Gregg Tedford, first; J.D. Sweet and Steve Nelson, second; and (front) Tina Wade and Mike Baker, third.

"Once again, tournament director Ron Bowers did a superb job," Don said. "The Texas Mist expresses sincere thanks to Ron and his wife Debbie for their untiring efforts. A big thanks also to Steve Nelson who assisted Ron and maintained the boards. The Mist extends special gratitude to all the participants whose support and good sportsmanship are the backbone of The World of Shuffleboard. Thank you all very, very much!"

Doubles Tourney at Sportsman's Lounge, Muncie, Indiana, Dec. 12

The Sportsman's Lounge in Muncie, Indiana, will host a doubles tournament on Dec. 12, \$20 per team entry fee, with the sponsor sale scheduled for noon. Play will be on two boards, double elimination, and pay four places. There will be a 20 team limit.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at D.J.'s Tourney

D.J.'s Bar, 1360 W. Center St., Warsaw, Indiana, will host their annual New Year's Eve tournament on Dec. 31. It's a bring your partner event, \$30 per team entry fee, double elimination, paying four places. The doors will open at 10 a.m. and the sponsor sale will start at 1 p.m. Complimentary champagne with each entry!

For information, call Phil or Karen at 219-269-1913.

Sign Up For Vegas Tourney Now!

Check out the enclosed flyer for details on the upcoming P.C.S.A.'s Shuffleboard Extravaganza V, Fe. 2-7. Note that the deadline date for entries in all the six big events -- 6-member team event, mixed doubles, pro singles, pro doubles, women's singles, and amateur team event -- and your room reservations at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas -- is due Jan. 2. That's not so far away. Do it now!

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The P.C.S.A. salutes Dave and Bobbie Arndt of Washington, who got married during their first Vegas tournament, for being among the first sign-ups. Also receiving a tip of the hat for a first sign-up in the men's singles is Dave Williams of Texas. A pro who signs up early -- well worthy of a salute!

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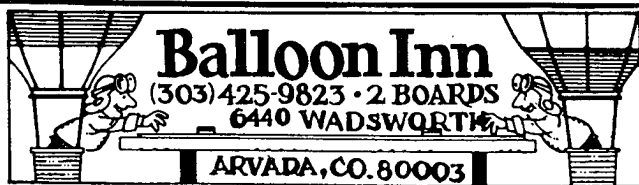
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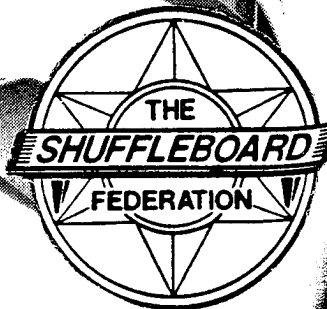
GREETINGS



From the 1992 North American Championships at the Sands Regency in Reno, Nevada, The Shuffleboard Federation officers: Vice President John McDermott (left), Vice President Cheryl Collins, President Phil Skover (right), and one of their honorees, Sol Lipkin, extend their sincere Season's Greetings!

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My old buddie "Doc" Khan had an excellent idea on the "Board Talk Corner" or "Board Talk Station." I know three places in Oklahoma City that will have them this week.

George and Donna said in the November issue that this contest will run through January. I'm sure they will have the February issue with them in Vegas, so let's get to work and make this the year that Board Talk interest jumped 100 percent. JoAnn and Floyd of Triple Crown just told me they would give away a set of weights for the subscriber ambassadors in the contest. The Sun-Glo people said they would give away a set of their weights, too.

I wish everyone in The World of Shuffleboard, and especially to George and Donna, founders of The Board Talk, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

Thanks for sharing Mike's story of courage with us, Glen. It makes a wonderful Christmas issue message. We welcome him aboard and will be proud to list his name in shuffleboard winners circles in future issues. We also welcome Ozzie to the network and wish him well. Your "revival" efforts are having an impact, Glen! Just check the Board Talk Ambassadors listing in this issue. Keep up the good work! Your support and friendship are very highly valued by us.

And Some More Great Ideas from the "Revival" Co-Chair....

Well, slowly and steadily, we will get more and more subscribers. The process is slow and tedious, which makes me think that perhaps we can really get organized and put in a basic structure throughout the U.S.A. for individual promoters.

I know that shuffleboard is played in almost all of the 50 states and Canada (we would have to include Mexico after NAFTA is ratified). I have personally played shuffleboard from California to Colorado, from New Hampshire to Maryland to Florida, Missouri, Nebraska -- even played some money games in Alaska.

The point is, we probably know so many great players who also have this game running through their bloodstream who will be the ones waiting to be called upon to help.

Much like a Clinton campaign, The Board Talk must have one person in every state who will be the chief organizer with help from his contacts who will be the co-organizers. A coordinated effort then will be made and MAINTAINED in every state to spread the word about The Board Talk.

In big states, there may have to be more than one chief organizer. I can right now think of people who will be glad to do this in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, and Amarillo, just speaking of one state.

Travelling man Rick Boyer and Jerry D in Colorado; Glen Davidson covers a lot of territory, which would make him a Regional Director, keeping a finger on the pulse of the promotional effort in various neighboring states and lending his expertise; Jolene Lembke, Darrol Nelson, guys in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York.

All we have to do is get them to respond to the suggestion I want to make. This has to be serious work to succeed. The number of current, paying subscribers is the mainstay of any journal and the advertisement revenue affords them to spend money and bring extra things to their subscribers. I say, let's have names, nominations and certainly volunteers from each state and each big shuffleboard city and then let's appoint a group of people in each state with one chief organizer to carry the banner of Board Talk in their state. They can come up with their own ideas, whatever suits the people because this is a very diverse society. In the beginning, we may only staff our operations in 15-20 states, but eventually, it will be in all the 50.

I have a dream that a time will come when there will be an annual Board Talk Banquet for all the 50 representatives from each state on a rotating basis throughout the various regions of the U.S.A.

We have players out there, all over the U.S., who love the game, love The Board Talk and would love to help. We just have to think at a national level and get this thing organized seriously. We must look towards the 21st Century and future. I am not going to let this thing die. Imagine, once we have this structure in place, how many people could be signing up new people just during their daily travels and play.

Doc Khan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

The day we received your letter, Doc, we had 9 new subscriptions, 6 renewals, and an advertising flyer.

Never, in all our years of this endeavor, have we received that kind of mail box full of reasons to be part of the 21st Century. All of our contests and incentives in the past have never received the response that we have had from the sincere efforts of just two people who care so much -- you and Glen. Check the enclosed Board Talk Ambassador list -- at deadline 50 new subscribers -- and we owe it all to the inspiration you two have been able to convey to The World of Shuffleboard. On that list are also the makings of what you are suggesting; they are already doing it! And we are confident many more will follow suit.

Spreading the word to the 50 states has been a challenge we've not yet been able to answer. Our subscriber list is far short of that goal. So, if any of you current subscribers travel through "uncharted" territory, please spread the word. To anyone who is travelling, we will send extra copies of The Board Talk to take with you. Just ask!

A Chance to Go "International"

I recently made the acquaintance of a New Zealand pub owner who was in this area on vacation. He saw a shuffleboard for the first time (said there's nothing like it down there), and during his visit here, found an old board for sale, bought it on the spot and had it shipped home where it will be installed in one of the bars in his Tavern/Brewery/Hotel. His name is Gordon Putt from Bay of Islands, New Zealand.

He bought some wax and cleaner, etc., from me and I gave him a copy of The Board Talk, thinking he would especially be interested in contacting some of your advertisers for supplies in the future, and suggested he subscribe.

Tell your readers if they're ever "down under," they can play on the only board in New Zealand at the Twin Pines Tavern.

Phil DePree, Edison, Washington

Good work, Phil! If Gordon does sign up as a subscriber, your total of new subscribers will come to 5 rather than the 4 our Ambassador list now shows. That means his name will go in the pot for a drawing for a board in Las Vegas in February (if we reach the 100 magic mark). Do you suppose he would be willing to pay the "postage" for sending a second board to the Twin Pines Tavern?

Tell Us What We Need to Know....

In our area, there are no leagues and few boards. As new players, my friends and I find it difficult to obtain shuffleboard information. I would like to see a column written by a pro or at least a knowledgeable person talking about all aspects of shuffleboard.

We know the basic play, scoring, etc., but would like some finer points. Such as the difference in weights, the way they can be held, should you spin them, how about some strategy of play, some talk about the board itself, how it is set up for best play, maintained and resurfaced.

I know the new boards have plastic tops. Is there a difference in play? A hundred questions could be asked. The answers would make interesting reading in The Board Talk.

Paul Panholzer, Novato, California

We're glad your letter was the last we received, Paul, before our Nov. 15 deadline, because you may just hold the key to the challenges that are outlined in the previous letters. Subscribers to The Board Talk want to know more than where and when tournaments are going to be played and what the results were. They want to know HOW they can be the best they can be in their chosen sport. We're not filling that void now and we need to. For a short time, we had a column called "Ask the Pros," that answered such questions that you are asking. That column died, we believe, for two reasons: (1) Most of the "pros" also have other occupations that need their attention, and (2) we're still more or less a volunteer organization that can't afford to pay our contributors anything (like, for example, Sports Illustrated) for sharing their expertise. But, let's not give up. Why don't we start by inviting the pros to respond to the questions you've already asked, and then you can feed us more questions for future issues? They can send their responses to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing, MI 48906.

In the meantime, since you have no organized leagues in your area, we suggest that you contact The Shuffleboard Federation (see center spread) to get that underway. You might also want to spread the word about the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, in February (see enclosed flyer). There is really nothing more stimulating for team play than participating in a national tournament.



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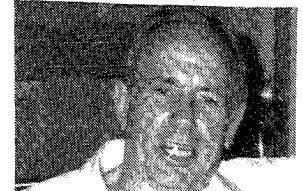
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Action Unlimited in Reno!

By Teri Wilber Elkins

Players from across the U.S.A. and Canada gathered at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada, Nov. 10-15, for The Shuffleboard Federation's 1992 North American Championships. The tournament had everything players and spectators alike could possibly ask for -- exciting competition in all 10 smoothly-run events, great atmosphere, fellowship with old friends and new, and BIG bucks from the Sands Regency to sweeten some of the pots.

Winners: Johnson and Busch

Action started on Tuesday with the Division II/III Draw and the Division I Draw. In the II/III Draw, the "coast-to-coast" winners were Jane Johnson of New York and Charlie Busch of California, whose pay-off envelopes were fattened with \$500 of the \$1,000 added money from the Sands. Rollie Westerhoff of Colorado and Slick Parrish of Michigan took second place honors; Jim Filkins of Nebraska and Dick Smedberg of New York finished third; with Ken Hawks of Colorado and Gary Kennedy of Texas in fourth place.

Winners: Brorsen and Busch

The Sands also added \$1,000 to the Division Draw and the winners were: Andy Brorsen of California and Denny Busch of Nebraska. Bjerne Sunde of Michigan and Gwynette Orsi of Nebraska took second, and George Ostrum of Colorado and Mark Foust of Oklahoma finished third.

Winner: Diana Hagen

The Division I Singles and Division II/III Singles were on Wednesday's agenda. Thirty-two players participated in the exciting Division I event and sponsor sales were "hot!" And it was Diana Hagen of Texas who took home the lion's share of the big pot. Mark Foust of Oklahoma showed up in the winner's circle again to take second place money. Johnny Ballard, Rod Cameron and Bobby Williams -- all of Texas (that's four out of the top six from the Lone Star State) -- finishing third, fourth and fifth respectively, with Terry Smith of Illinois in sixth place, helping Mark save this event from being a clean sweep for Texas.

Winner: Dale Williams

More Texans topped the field of 26 contenders in the Division II/III Singles, with Dale Williams in

first and Mary Koterak in second. It was another good finish for Charlie Busch of California in third, with Sher Blessing of Michigan in fourth place. Jimmy Kumpula of Michigan/Florida and Bill Moody finished fifth and sixth.

Thursday was another action-packed day, with the start of four big events -- the Division I Doubles, Division II/III Doubles, Pro Doubles, and the N.A.S.L. Team Event. And, again, sponsor sales were healthy.

Winners: Cowan and Ostrum

There were 18 teams in the Division Doubles and the winners were Dave Cowan and George Ostrum of Colorado. Mark Foust (haven't we heard that name somewhere before?) and Sam Sweatt of Oklahoma teamed up to take second place honors. The Arizona team of Bob Lewis and Bill Thomas took third, with Texans Dale Koterak and Bobby Williams in fourth.

Winners: Burkhart and Robinson

Of the 24 teams participating in the Division II/III Doubles, it was a \$50 team that came out on top -- Leroy Burkhart and Butch Robinson of Oregon. George Main and Steve Luttrell of California took second, with Al DiBella and Louise Freer of Pennsylvania finishing third. Billy Poole and John Cason of Oklahoma were fourth; Larry Balzer and Don Stallworth of Oregon, and Jim Filkins of Nebraska and Bob Jacobsen of Arizona were fifth and sixth.

Winners: Melton and Williams

A father versus son for top honors situation in the Pro Doubles gave an interesting twist to this exciting event. It was a challenge, but veteran Bill Melton of Oklahoma and Dave Williams of Texas did beat Billy ("*How can you call somebody who's 6 feet tall and weighs over 200 lbs. Little Bill?*" asks friend Sam Summers) Melton and his partner, Bob Shaw of Texas. Finishing third were Rick Boyer and Jody Slack of Colorado.

Winner: Sam Summers

There was a formidable line-up of 16 contenders in the Pro Singles and all fought valiantly for a piece of the pie. When it was all over, it was Sam Summers of Oklahoma who was victorious. It was a bittersweet victory for Sam, who wanted to be with his wife Sharon at her Dad's funeral, but had already committed to the tournament. After his win, Sam said: "I dedicate this win to the memory of my father-in-law, Henry Horsch. May he rest in peace."

Looking like the pros that they are, Bobby Voorhis of Indiana took second place winnings, with Fred Thuman of California in third.

Winners: Smith and Barthel

There were 11 teams in the LegendsDraw Partners event and Terry Smith of Illinois and Larry Barthel of Texas came out on top. John Wiggs of Texas and Jimmy Kumpula, Michigan/Florida, finished second, with Bjerne Sunde of Michigan and hometown "boy" Carl Guidici taking third place.

Winners: The Houston Gang

As usual, the N.A.S.L. Team Event was a big crowd-pleaser as each of the 16 teams had their own rooting gallery. It was the Houston Gang that took the 1992 crown and the biggest share of the pot. Team members were Mary Koterak, Diana Hagen, Dale Williams, Sheriff Hallberg, Ty Migliore, and Garry Kennedy. The Balloon Inn of Arvada, Colorado, took second place honors, with the No Name team of Texas in third place.

Winners: Busch and Williams

In a post-tournament consolation draw on Sunday afternoon, Denny Busch of Nebraska and Bobby Williams of Texas were the winners. Dave Cowan of Colorado and Johnny Ballard of Texas finished second, with Dale Williams of Texas and Bill Meyer of Michigan in third place.

Winners: Mom and Dad -- and Me

During my first assignment as a reporter for The Board Talk, I tried very hard to stay objective, but alas, I failed. The highlight of the tournament for me was when my Dad accepted The Shuffleboard Federation's very first Sol Lipkin (what a dear man!) award. I was so proud! The beautiful plaque reads: "The Board Talk, George & Donna Wilber, for providing the spark that began the resurgence of the sport and for helping to maintain the momentum through your continued commitment, we proudly present the first Sol Lipkin Award in recognition of your extraordinary contributions to the advancement of shuffleboard."

I felt like John McDermott when he expressed disappointment that Mom couldn't be there. But I was glad that I could pitch-hit for her and get to meet all the wonderful people in The World of Shuffleboard. Now I know why they are so committed to serve you! Thanks to all of you for extending the hand of fellowship to me and special thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation for honoring my Mom and Dad.

(Editor's Note #1: Teri kept a diary of the 7 days she spent babysitting her Dad, all of which was censored! Sorry, readers! It was VERY interesting....)

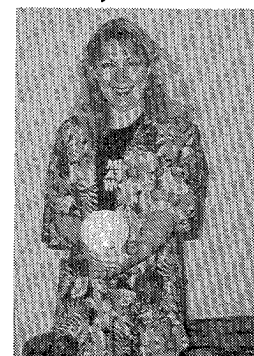
(Editor's Note #2: Thanks for the hamburger, Bud!)



Shuffleboard Federation President Phil Skover honors Sol Lipkin for a lifetime of service to the sport of shuffleboard.



The tournament's only casualty we know about was Gwen DeRosa of Springfield, Illinois, who sprained her ankle sliding down a bannister. Is that really true?



(Left) The Shuffleboard Federation's Vice President, Cheryl Collins, admires Board Talk George's plaque. (Right) Look, Mom! My bucket's empty again. Dad did it! (Editor's Note #3: More photos next month.)

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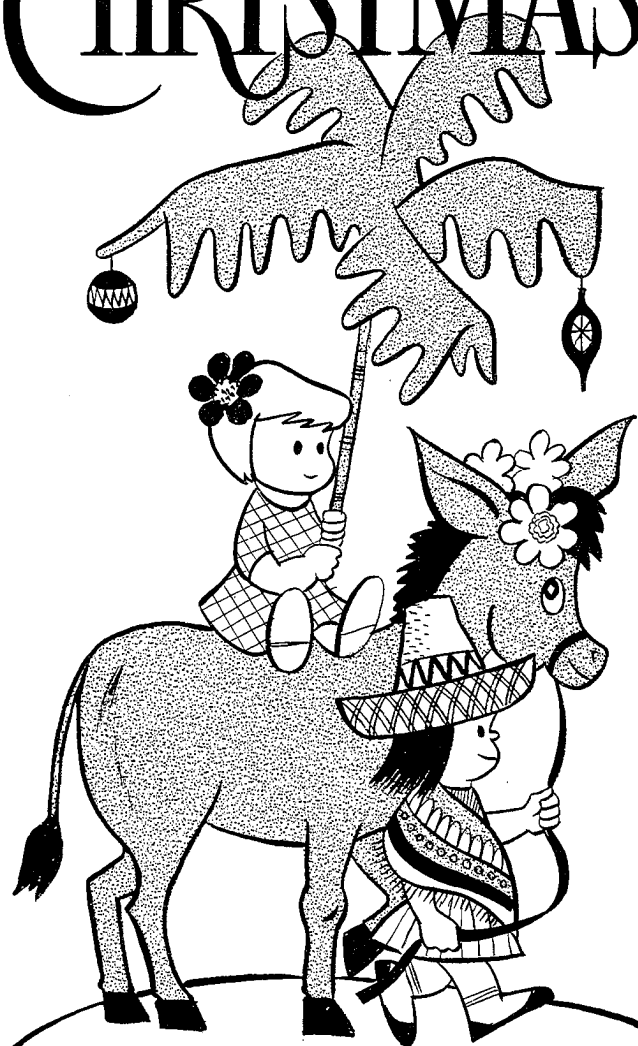
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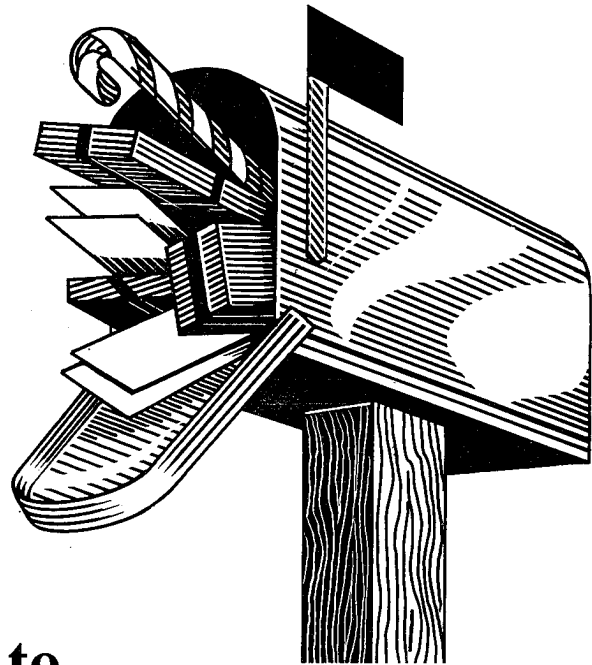


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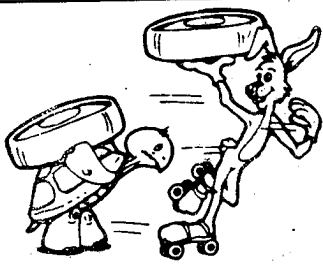
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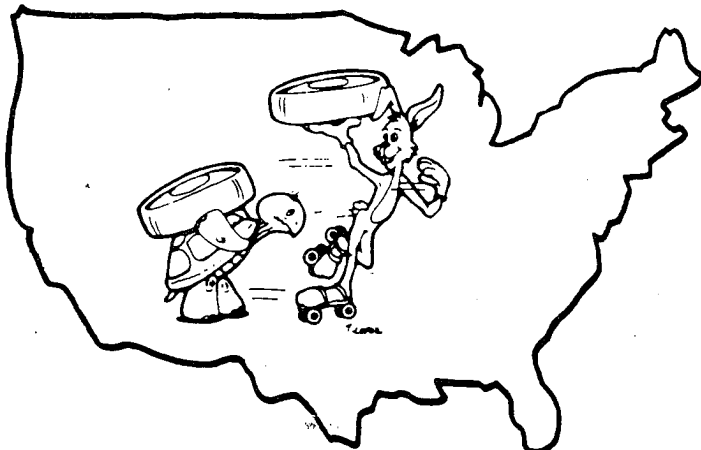
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