

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

In Glen Davidson's letter in Shuffler's Notebook, he pays tribute to a lot of deserving people -- B.B. of the Edgewood and Joe Nino, our friends from the P.C.S.A. and their helpers, Alan Primrose and all the folks who helped make the Arbuckle Open yet another success. We'd like to give a hearty "Amen!" to Glen's recognition of those folks and add a few more ourselves.

First, an enthusiastic tip of the editorial cap to Mary Wagner and Carol Hampton and the dozens and dozens of East Coast players who did such an awesome job of putting together the Dick Gorman "Roast and Toast." They were kind enough to send us a video of the whole surprise affair -- and it was almost (not quite!) like being there. Seeing so many of our friends and hearing their roasts, but mostly toasts, of Dick was a wonderful experience. Thanks to all of you!

Second, we'd like to salute John McDermott and Cheryl and Gordie Collins of The Shuffleboard Federation for the fine job they did with the Michigan Open. Even though they had to cancel all but the amateur team event, those who participated never missed what and who weren't there! Everyone had a great time and played their hearts out. There won't be a Michigan Open next year and we salute The Federation for that decision, too. There will be another state that will fill that void and it will be Michigan's loss.

Third, we salute the sportsmanship of the players who participated in the NASL amateur team event. One of your editors, a real novice in every sense of the word, played on a team and showed her inexperience. But, never at any time, did any of her teammates or her opponents give her anything but supportive encouragement. That says something very special about their good sportsmanship!

Tourney Talk

Fulton/King Win Southern Oregon Eagles Doubles

The annual Southern Oregon Eagles Doubles Tournament was held on April 12 at the Eagles Lodge #2093 in Medford, Oregon. With a turnout of 14 teams, the Eagles Lodge and the Southern Oregon Shuffleboard Association added \$100 each to the entry fee, so the 14 teams vied for \$340 in the entry pot and \$985 in the sponsor sale, with payoffs of 50-30-15-5.

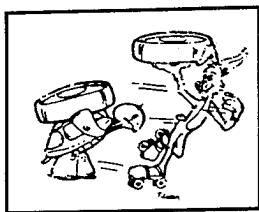
Taking top honors were Mark Fulton of White City and John King of Medford. "Not only did John play great games, but also ran the tournament without a hitch," reports Pam Stallsworth of Rogue River, Oregon.

Second place went to Craig Selleck and Desi Gutches of Medford. (Craig married his lady Jody on April 25.) Third went to Art Elliff and Tut Kile of Rogue River, and fourth to Rachel King and her son Jeff King (his first year playing) of Medford.

"We would like to thank the Eagles Lodge, the Southern Oregon Shuffleboard Association, and John King for a great and fun tournament," said Pam.



First and second place winners of the Southern Oregon Eagles Doubles Tournament were Mark Fulton and John King, Desi Gutches and Craig Selleck.



Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views
from the World
of Shuffleboard*

Glen Has Praise for Shuffleboard Supporters

Since I haven't written The Board Talk in quite awhile, I will try to catch up...

I went to the Billy Chiles fundraiser. B.B., the lady who owns the Edgewood in Bellflower, and I were partners. We got in the money, but not much. It was a pleasure to play with her. She has always been a good shuffleboard promoter in that area. I think the Edgewood is well-known in The Shuffleboard World because of her and guys like Joe Nino, who helps hold tourneys there. Joe is 67 years old, I believe, and he outlasts most there. He played all night Friday night in round robins; then Saturday he was there until the last match at 1:30 a.m., walked the board and won it. It's guys like him who keep the game going!

A young player called Critter (Brian Seney) is one to watch. He gave Sparky a run for the money in the singles. This was a first for Sparky in awhile. He's been around for 30 years or so and is a real competitor. Congratulations to Sparky Sparkman for a well-deserved accomplishment.

Joe Muniz said he held a singles open called the "V.O. Open," and very few showed up and if he's going to hold them again, then there had better be more participation or they will have to cancel. So I say, support the local tourneys and the people who go to all the work of putting them on.

The fundraiser for Billy was well-run. Joanie Swenson, Joe Muniz, Karl Spickelmier and Paul Weber, the main cogs in the wheel, were fantastic and the Stagger Inn and staff there were great. They have gone all out with four boards and bleachers.

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With the walls around everything, it is like a small bar with bar stools. I would say as far as I have seen, the Stagger Inn beats them all. I think other bars could learn a lot from this set-up. Nice going! You all get an A+. The P.C.S.A. and all their little helpers did good.

Donnie and Donna Cox's house in Sacramento, Calif., burned down recently. I just got the news so I will pass it on. Fred Thumann is organizing a fundraiser for them. Donnie and Donna, you have our deepest sympathy.

So far, enough has not been said about a fellow Oklahoman, who in the past five or six years has organized a league, held five of the biggest amateur tournaments anywhere, helped get a team together to go to Vegas and helped them win it. There are 20-30 people in his area that he has helped to make them all good, solid players. In this area, his name is well known for all he has done for the players and shuffleboard. He took a country bar and started with one board. At this recent tourney, there were seven boards with him, my brother Dave Davidson, and Ron Huddleston all teaming up to stage a big one at the American Legion in Oklahoma City for the 4th of July weekend. Look in the June Board Talk for details. His name is -- you guessed it -- Alan Primrose, the director of the Arbuckle Open. I just attended the Memorial weekend tourney there. He has it down to a "T" and even if it wasn't smooth all the way through, I'm sure when I say WE ALL salute you for a job well done, Alan, and thanks for the memories.

The ladies who handled the bar and a lot more did a fantastic job. They were Patsy, Louana, Stacy, Erin, Debbie. Oh, yes, I almost forgot Brenda, who handled the R.R., P.R.s and all around co-director. She could have won the all-around popularity contest. Well-done, ladies!

Shirley Robertson of Tulsa won the open singles and a happy Shirley went home laughing all the way to the bank. Congratulations, Shirley; hope you have many more.

Bud Hillburn and Bobby Voorhis downed Billy Mays and Dave Davidson two in a row to win the

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1992-1993 Calendar of Events

SUMMER

July 1-5

SF Board Talk Shufflers Reunion
Holiday Inn
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

July 2-5

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 3-6

Ted Z's Annual 4th of July
Tourney
Best Little Warehouse
Temecula, California

July 18-19

4th Annual Shuffleboard Affair
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

July 18-19

George Ostrom Hospital Benefit
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Aug. 1-2

3rd Annual Open Doubles
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 8-9

U.S. Open Qualifier
Texas Mist
Austin, Texas

Aug. 15-16

Mixed Doubles Tournament
Spot Tavern
Pacific Beach, Washington

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

Labor Day Singles/Doubles
Club Tavern
Springfield, Oregon

Sept. 2-7

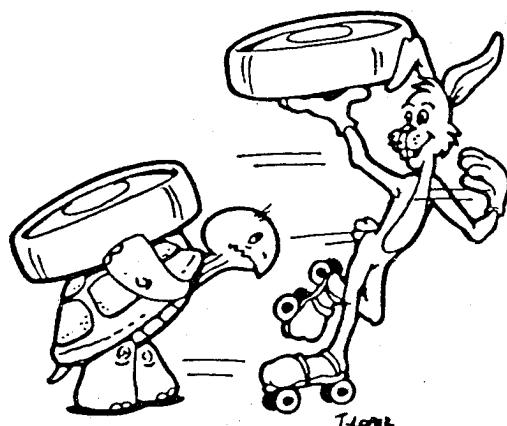
U.S. Open
Howard Johnson South Plaza
Austin, Texas

Sept. 4-6

2nd Annual Crazy Canucks Open
Singles & Doubles Tourney
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Sept. 11-13

2nd Annual Skips/Board Talk
Tourney
Skip's Lounge
Houghton, Lake, Michigan



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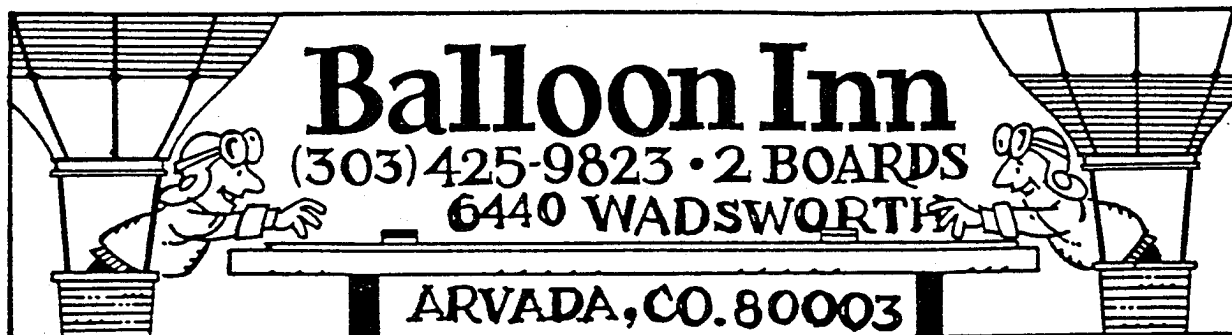
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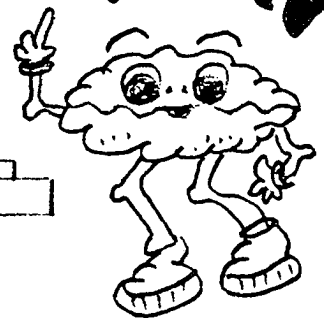
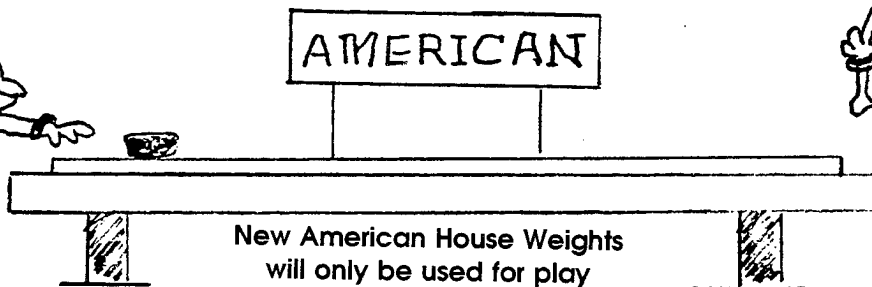
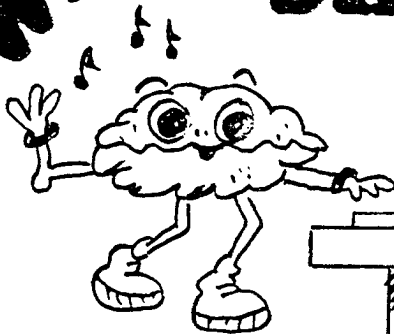
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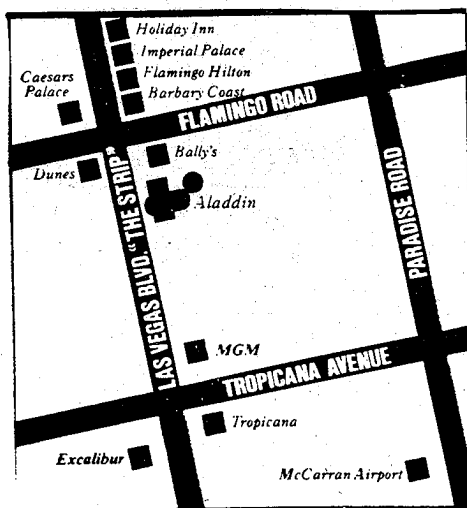
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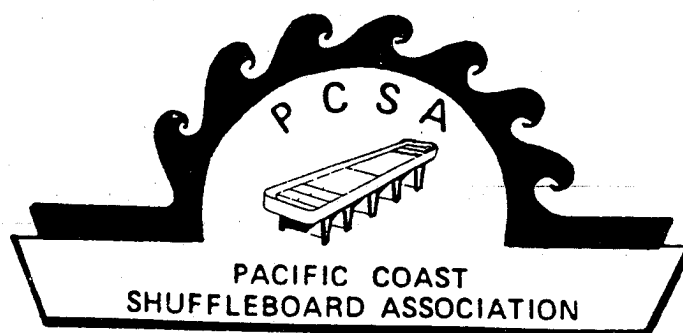
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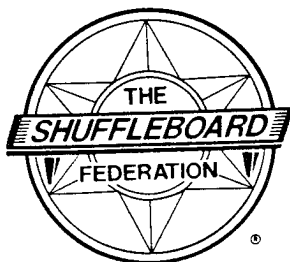


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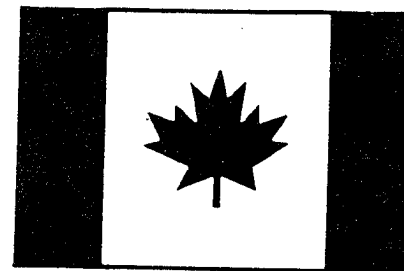
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--NOTE: NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER AUG. 23, 1992.--

Pre-Entries strongly suggested. The "Crazy Canucks" 1st Annual Tourney was a big success. Don't get shut out of this one! Make your reservations today!

Tourney Talk *(continued from page 1)*

Elliff Wins Southern Oregon Eagles Singles

The annual Southern Oregon Shuffleboard Association singles tournament was held at Tolo Tavern in Central Point, Oregon, on April 26. Seventeen shufflers turned out to try their hand for the prizes of \$185 entry pot and \$775 sponsor sale monies. "A special thanks to the Southern Oregon Eagles Association for adding \$100 to the entry pot," reports Pam Stallsworth.

And the winner was Art Elliff of Rogue River! Second place honors went to Gary (Butch) Robinson of Rogue River, with third going to Don Stallsworth, also of Rogue River. Fourth and final money spot went to Larry Balzer of Central Point.

"Our thanks to John King of Medford for his help in making the tournament run smoothly," reports Pam Stallsworth.



First and second place winners of the SOEA singles were Art Elliff and Gary Robinson.

Johns/Wochnik Winners at Costigans

Thirty-six players showed up for a draw partner tournament at Costigan's Tavern, 214 W. Main, Kelso, Washington, on April 25-26. The entry fee was \$10 per person and \$250 was added courtesy of Longview Ice and Cold Storage ("Thank you, Rich Wilson," said Kevin Larkin).

Fred Johns and Ken Wochnik took top honors, with Chuck Norris and Barbara Wochnik taking second. Dick Handley and Gene Coles finished third, with John Hyatt and Virginia Anderson in fourth.

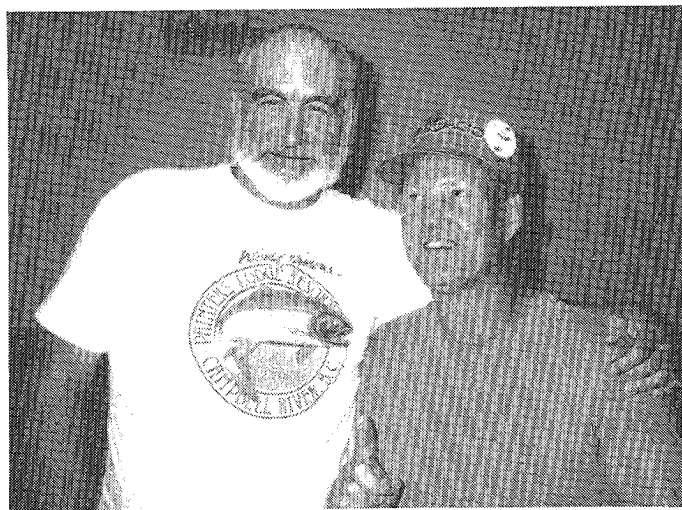
"I would like to thank the entire Costigan's staff for their hospitality, and all the players for showing

up and supporting this event. We all had a great time," reports Kevin.

Fire House/Big John Win at Shamrock

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, hosted their 2nd Annual Draw Partner Tournament on May 16-17 with 36 players vying for a pot of nearly \$2500.

First place honors went to Fred (Fire House) Johns of Longview and Big John Luke of Portland, Oregon. Finishing second were Joe Lavin and Don Stallsworth of Rouge River, Oregon. Joe and Don came through the loser's bracket to take the first match, but Fire House Freddie and Big John were not going to have any of this! So they put a stop to it and took the next two games to win the match, reports Ralph Duarte of Kelso, Wash. Third went to Darrol Nelson of Springfield, Oregon, and Bill Barrington, Bow, Wash., with fourth won by Chuck Norris, Portland, Oregon, and Rich Wilson of Longview.



Winners of the Shamrock's draw partner tourney were Fire House Freddie Johns and Big John Luke.



Second place finishers were Joe Lavin and Don Stallsworth.

Lots of Winners at Mickey's Memorial Weekend Tourney

Mickey's Place in Henderson, Maryland, hosted a three-day tournament over the Memorial Day weekend.

Winners of the Draw partner event were Mary Wagner and Johnnie Gardner, with Henry Wooleyhand and Vic Magro in second place, and Lonnie Blake and Rocky Rybick in third.

In Sunday's bring your partner event, winners were John Lukas Sr. and Mark Grove, with Johnnie Gardner and Tom Bernhard in second place, and Sonny Smith and Ronnie Hamilton in third.

Winners of the Memorial Day mixed doubles event were (again!) John Lukas Sr. and Judy Iseman, with Scratch Todd and Mary Wagner in second place. Third place winners were Mark Grove and Stephanie McNeill.

Baldwinsville Moose Makes Big Debut!

"A lot of planning and preparation went into developing this suburb of Syracuse, New York, into a major tournament site," reports Dick Gorman. "Dan Henderson, his committee and the officers of the Moose Lodge were dedicated to making this a successful event. Floor space, facilities, and hospitality were some of the best I have seen. This place is a great settin and has major possibilities for the future. Imagine a bar room that easily accommodates four boards without crowding and a room next to it that will seat 450 at dining room tables!. All this is set in the village of Baldwinsville, about 10 miles outside of Syracuse, New York. The town is something to be remembered, with its quaint Victorian streets and houses. The first tournament is in the books and recorded as a success. It happened people had a good time and they will be back, despite some first-time obstacles that were overcome."

The format for this tournament, May 22-24, was typical of East Coast tournaments, with Friday night designated as a draw partner event. Taking first place was the team of Rick Belvey, Waverly, NY, and Roy Schreiber, sometimes Baldwinsville and sometimes Callotte, N.C., both of whom were first time winners of a major tournament. Second place went to the team of Ken VanZile Sr., now of Sydney, NY, and local Baldwinsville player Jack Wheeler. Third and final money spot went to Steve

Bennett, traveler from Sherburne, NY, and his partner, John Camino of Baldwinsville.

Saturday was the designated day for the bring partner event. The talent arrived, but not in the abundance expected, so payoff was limited to three places instead of the normal six. Taking first place were Marv Smith of Waterloo, NY, and his partner, Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware. Losing hard and taking second place were John Canino and Roy Schrieber, both from Baldwinsville. Taking third place money were Milt Benedict of Sherburne and Dick Losee of Poolville. (Milt was former owner of Benedict's Classic in Sherburne who brought major shuffleboard tournaments to upper New York state.)

On Sunday, the popular mixed doubles tourney was held, but with a little different twist. Instead of double elimination, a total points system was used, with a complete round robin with each team playing every other team. Each team kept their score and all points were totalled at the end of the tournament. "This idea was borrowed from The Board Talk Editor George Wilber and it was a rousing success," reports Dick Gorman. "Everybody got to play a lot of games, no two games and a party bracket. The crowd stayed until the end. The biggest and most prevalent comment was: this was the most fun I have ever had at a tournament event. The total points were surprisingly close."

Overall winners were Janet Kramer of Baldwinsville and Roy Schreiber, part-time New Yorker and part-time North Carolinian. Second place went to the husband and wife team of Sharon and John Cimino of Baldwinsville, with third place money going to host Dan Henderson and his wife Donna.

Overall point champion for the weekend was Roy Schreiber. "This was the first time you have heard about Baldwinsville Moose, but not the last," reports Dick Gorman. "They are already making plans for two tournaments next season, probably late September and May 1993, with hopes of going to five boards. Might be a nice time to plan a short vacation to this area of New York for some Fall or Spring beautiful scenery and shuffleboard action. Watch The Board Talk for further information.

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Tourney Talk *(continued from page 5)*

Big Money Added to 3rd Annual Doubles, Whistling Oyster, Aug. 1-2

The Whistling Oyster Tavern, 20251 Hwy. 101, Quilcene, Washington, will host their 3rd Annual Open Doubles shuffleboard tournament on Aug. 1-2. Entries are limited to the first 32 teams signed up, so don't delay!

Action will start on Friday night with an open draw doubles for those who are competing in the Saturday and Sunday tournaments.

The Whistling Oyster will add \$1,000 cash to the entry and sponsor sales this year. Last year's money came close to \$8,000, so they are sure they will meet or exceed that this year.

"All four boards are in excellent condition and very fast," reports host Bill Bailey. "We will be using four new sets of in-house American weights for the competition."

A local hotel is just a block away, but reservations are recommended at this time of year. Call 1-206-765-3410. The Whistling Oyster also has plenty of R.V. parking, picnic and camping area for everyone. They will also provide a free seafood buffet Saturday and Sunday afternoons for all players and spectators.

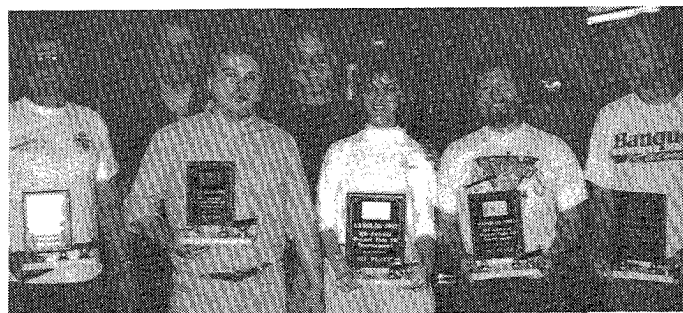
For information, or to save your space in this popular tourney, contact Bill at 1-206-765-9508 or 1-206-765-3411. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this big event!

Orsi/Busch Win at Arnold's Tavern

The 6th Annual "Winners Take All" open doubles tournament was held April 3-5 at Arnold's Tavern in Lincoln, Nebraska. Gwen Orsi and Denny Busch of Omaha went undefeated in the winner's bracket to take home the top money. This was their second time in a row to win.

Second place went to past winners, Ron Campbell and Bill Fredericks, a combination of Lincoln and Omaha players. Third place team was a local team of Larry Laws and Bo Bordeaux, who played a very good tournament. Fourth place went to two bar owners out of Omaha, Joe Speilman and Tim Piccolo.

A good time was had by all, reports Maggie.



The winners who "took it all" at Arnold's Tavern were (left to right): Larry Laws, Bo Bordeaux, Joe Speilman, Denny Busch, Gwen Orsi, Ron Campbell and Bill Fredericks. Not pictured is Tim Piccolo.

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draw partners. Shirley Robertson (again) and Dave Davidson won the sweetheart draw. After coming in second a couple of times, one of my pupils, Rena Hendrix, won the ladies' singles. Congratulations, Rena, you were way overdue. Now, you know you can do it. Mark Foust, another Tulsan, and Dino Fleming won the bring partner event for the second time. This is getting old hat for these guys. Nice going! I'm sure you have the rest of the finals by now.

Congratulations to my old buddy, Bubba, for his win at Amato's. I heard Bubba won one event and second in the other event. Nice going, Pal!

Glen Davidson, Tupleo, Oklahoma

Thanks, Glen, for giving this well-deserved recognition to those who invest so much to keep our sport alive and healthy!

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Who Are You? What Do You Look Like?

If and when you get a chance, run a picture of you guys in The Board Talk. I like to know what my friends look like.

Al Bays, Coalgate, Oklahoma



Well, here we are, Al, and what you see is what you get! Just two old greyhairs -- one veteran shuffler and one veteran writer, teamed up together for 43 years now, the last 8 1/2 as publishers of The Board Talk.

Weekend Events and Sunday No-Shows

In the May issue of The Board Talk, the editors shared with their readers the following:

"We've been talking to a number of tournament directors lately and they seem to share a common concern: The overflowing crowds that show up for a weekend event on Friday night are greatly diminished by Sunday."

In addressing that issue, the editors posed six questions: (1) Are we having too many tournaments? (2) Is the economy an issue? (3) Are the tournaments too long? (4) Is the entry fee too much? too little? (5) Should we run singles and doubles the same weekend? (6) Should a tournament start Friday evening and be over by Saturday night?

At the risk of being though impertinent, I submit that it is **none of the above**. "What is it then, you ask?" And, I answer, **Shuffleboard is not a spectator sport!**

For all that The Board Talk has done for shuffleboard, for all that the Shuffleboard Federation and the P.C.S.A. have done for the sport, for all that the many fine tournament directors have done or tried to do for the sport, for all of this -- **NONE** have succeeded in taking shuffleboard from what it is (a participatory sport) to what it isn't (a spectator sport). Plain and simple, shuffleboard is best enjoyed when "played" and enjoyed best when "played" well.

Yes, there are individuals who watch shuffleboard matches but to call husbands/wives, boy-friends/girlfriends, mothers/fathers, or sisters/brothers **SPECTATORS** is to diminish existing relationships.

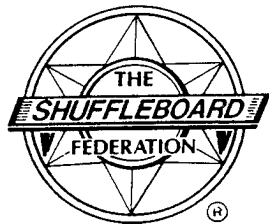
It is O.K., even considered American, to "watch" baseball, football, basketball, the Kentucky Derby, or the Summer Olympics. Ah, but one "plays" shuffleboard. One goes to "see" a movie, but one goes to "play" shuffleboard. One of the most popular features in The Board Talk is "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.." **PLAY** is the message! If memory serves me well, almost every article in The Board Talk, for years on end, has encouraged individuals to become active in the sport through the simple expediency of "playing." That's right! **Playing!**

How, then, can one ask, "Where are the crowds on Sunday?" because the answer seems simple enough -- if they ain't playing, they ain't staying!

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

I agree, Lou. At this point in shuffleboard, the players and family make up most of our spectators. However, what I was trying to point out concerns not spectators, but players, who all of a sudden vanish on Sunday. The host establishment suffers most because of the expenses agreed upon prior to tournament time. It's fine with me if they would rather not play on Sundays, but to be fair to a sponsoring establishment, it should be programmed that way.

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"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

The Shuffleboard Federation is going to become much more involved in the sanctioning of local tournaments, and has put together a very attractive incentive program to encourage participation.

Everybody who participates in this program is going to be a winner, as there are benefits for players, tavern owners, the tournament itself, The Shuffleboard Federation, and the N.A.S.L.™.

As our sport has grown, we have also been bombarded with tournaments to the point that in some areas it has reached a saturation point. It is not unusual to see two or more tournaments on the same weekend within a hundred miles of each other.

The result of this lack of coordination has hurt the players, the tavern owners and the sport in general because often times instead of having one good tournament, there are two mediocre ones.

It is our goal to help organize these events into a coordinated schedule, with the dates listed at least six months in advance.

Here's a breakdown of the benefits for everyone involved

PLAYERS -

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Gentleman George Needs Help

One of our very best friends, George Ostrom, fell and broke his hip. He layed beside the street for three hours before someone found him. The doctors had to go in and pin and plate the hip. He drives a taxicab and will be out of work for 4 to 5 months and has no insurance. We are having a benefit (see enclosed flyer) to help raise money for his hospital bills. We hope shufflers will respond to this opportunity to show George that we appreciate all he has done for shuffleboard.

The Vogts, Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado

We heartily endorse your efforts and hope those who cannot travel to Colorado for the tournament will do what they can to help this worthwhile cause for George, a great gentleman and friend.

Tourney Talk *(continued from page 6)*

Lehigh Team Wins Deaf Club Tourney

The 38th Annual Deaf Clubs of Central Pennsylvania Shuffleboard League (CPSL) Tournament was hosted by York Association of the Deaf, Inc. at their clubhouse, 208 N. George St., York, Pennsylvania, on May 30. The tournament was played to a full capacity house (200-plus) friends, shooters and supporters, reports Joe Markert Jr. of the Philadelphia American Shuffleboard Company.

The Lehigh Association of Deaf from Allentown, Pa. were the winners. Members of that winning team were: T. Lander, J. Huenke Jr., J. Achker, L. Derhammer, S. DiGiovanna, J. Dye, J. Sadowyk A. Marrero, P. Keller, T. Lipyanic, J. Taylor, R. Miller, G. Buckingham, B. LouJames.

The host team, York, finished second. Player on that team were: B. Fry Jr., M. Turner, R. Wildasin, L. Sprahr, E. Slenker, C. Sheffer, J. Wright, E. Murray, G. Crush, J. Weaver, S. Kuntz, R. Fenicle Sr., and S. Shoemaker.

Third place winners were the Silent A.C. team of Philadelphia and fourth was the Lancaster team.

For the past 20 years, shuffleboards for this tournament have been supplied by the Philadelphia-American Shuffleboard Co., Oaklyn, New Jersey.

The Lancaster Association of the Deaf will host the 39th Annual Shuffleboard Tournament in 1993.

(Editor's Note: Since we met Peter Lirsch at our 1991 Board Talk Tournament, we have been intrigued by this special part of our World of Shuffleboard. Thank you, Joe Markert, for sharing this report with us. We salute you for supporting this great effort. Please keep us post of further action.)

Pease/White Win Litz's Tavern Doubles

Sixteen teams vied for a \$2900 pot in the 11th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament at Litz's Tavern, Spokane, Washington. Top honors went to Al Pease of Moclips, Wash., and Marv White of Spokane, Wash. Second place went to another strong team, local player Bob Shirley and Dave Arndt from Tacoma, Wash. Third place went to a last-minute "find a partner" effort, local veteran Jerry Dennis and John Hyatt of Pullman, Wash. Fourth place entry money went to Earl Cole and Rosa White, both of Spokane.

Owner Gary thanks each and every one of the players for coming and making this tournament special for Spokane. Special thanks to those who travelled a great distance -- Gordie Smith, Canada, and Dave Cowan, Denver.

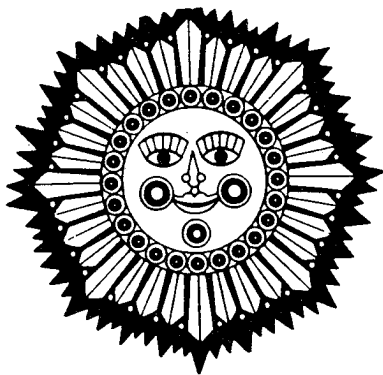
"For next year's tournament, Gary hopes to be in his new tavern with two great boards as permanent fixtures and three boards for tournament play," reports Rosa White. "With great expectations to make this tournament bigger and better, he will be adding \$500 on our 12th Memorial Tournament. Hope to see you all next year."

George Ostrom Benefit, Balloon Inn, July 18-19

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, Colorado, will host a hospital fund-raising benefit for George Ostrom on July 18-19. \$20 blind draws will be held all day and night beginning at 2 p.m. each day. Double elimination events on two boards, with all cash donated to the fund. There will be prizes for winners, and raffles for cash and prizes with drawings every four hours. Also featured will be a potluck buffet and drink specials.

If you can't participate in the tournament, you can still make a donation to the fund-raiser. Send checks to: George Ostrom, c/o Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003. See

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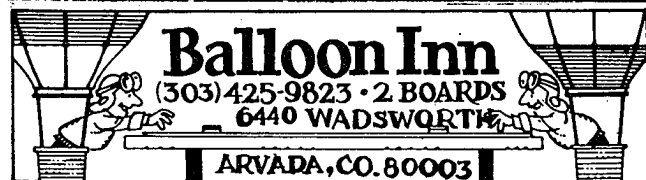
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Notebook for more details on George's accident and post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

For more details, contact Ron or Gwen Vogt at the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823.

And Speaking of Benefits.....

Others who contributed to the Billy Chiles benefit tournament after we went to press last month were: Hal Perry, Bob Hunt, Sam Summers, and Joe Hudson.

Billy and the P.C.S.A. thank all for their generosity.

Soza/Monarrez Win at Mr. G's

Mr. G's Cardroom in Visalia, California, held their 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Tournament with 11 teams vying for a total purse of \$2700.

First place honors went to Tony Soza and Frank Monarrez, with second going to Jim McDonald and Marion Bailey, and third to Georjean Monarrez and Lou Lusero.

Frank Monarrez showed up in the winner's circle

once again to claim first place in the singles, taking the lion's share of the \$1000 purse. Second was taken by Larry Newall, and third by Steve Floyd.

"A special thanks to all the out-of-towners who showed up to play," says reporter Joanie Swenson. "And another special thanks to Steve and Patsy Floyd for being great hosts, and to all the locals for making the rest of us feel at home. We're looking forward to another successful tournament next year."

Six Shooters Win Michigan Open

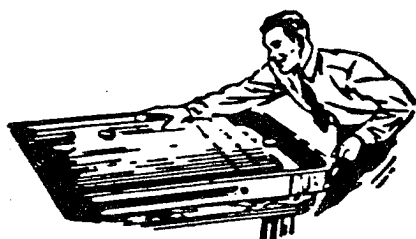
The Six Shooters Team, consisting of Sher Blessing, Roland Metivier, Terry Tischler, Phil Figliacone, Raylene Schultz, and Mike Tobin, were winners of the 1992 Michigan Open N.A.S.L. team event.

Taking second place honors were the players from Glengary Tavern: Shirley Carpenter, Don Langerman, Reggis Surfus, Earl "Slick" Parrish, Stacy Langerman, and Charlie Seaman.

The Saginaw area team, playing under the flag of Maury's Tavern, were third place winners.

Players included: Dale DeWaard, Bonnie Morgan,

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Chris Passariello, Linda Mitchell, Sonny Morgan, and Dave Willet.

"For the fourth consecutive year, the team which won the tournament came from out of the loser's bracket," reported John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., hosts of the tournament. "Competition in The Shuffleboard Federation's N.A.S.L. Team Events has continued to get closer as the statistical information grows and the handicap system becomes increasingly more accurate. The average match (five out of nine) went to 8.15 games."

Tournament games go to 15 points, the average score for all the games in the tournament was 15 to 10.63.

Perry/McDermott/DeRosa Winners at Illinois Shoot-Out

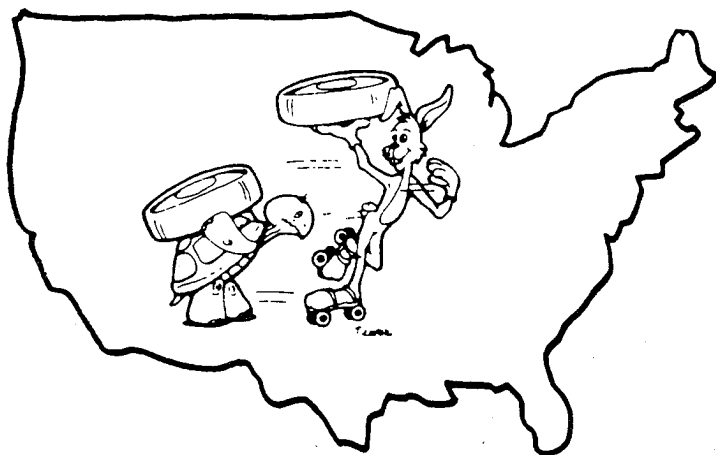
Little Joe's Saloon in Peoria, Illinois, were hosts to Joe Abraham's Illinois Shoot-Out on June 6-7. A bounty hunter format was used for the singles and doubles events.

Local powerhouse Bob Perry had to beat the tough Dave Inghram, also of Peoria, to take the singles crown. Joe DeRosa of Springfield took third place..

In the doubles, John McDermott of Michigan teamed up with Joe DeRosa to take top honors. Buddy Broka of Indiana and Bob Perry were second, with LeRoy Earp and Rollie Dandy in third place.

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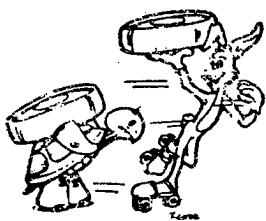


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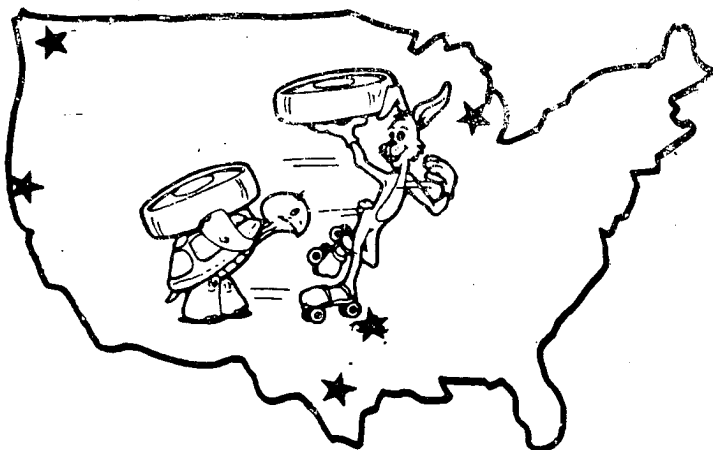
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