

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Unity -- A Lesson From the Geese

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds a 71 percent longer flying range than if each flew alone.

Lesson: People who share common direction and sense of community can get where they travel on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging -- not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, either with another formation or to catch up with the original flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the geese, we'll stand by each other like they do.

When a goose gets tired of leading the formation, he will retire to the rear to take advantage of the maximum lift (draft), while another goose moves forward to take a turn at leading formation.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will take a turn in the lead when the time comes.

--Author Unknown

We share this with you for whatever message strikes a chord within you about helping to build our World of Shuffleboard. The question remains: do we have as much sense as a goose?

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

Bourbon's American Legion Does It Again!

Bourbon, Indiana -- population 1653, one stop light, one grocery store, two gas stations, two bars, five shuffleboards. American Legion Post 424 has four permanent boards, and is the home of the "World's Biggest" one-day double elimination doubles tournament. Each Spring on the first Saturday of May, they host their annual Spring Doubles Tournament. Due to Indiana laws, they are not allowed to be open on Sunday, but so far that has not mattered. Somehow, they always manage to get done! Thanks to tournament director Mike Koontz, everything always goes smoothly. They also have cheap drinks, a chicken barbecue, many raffles, and this year a "one of a kind" t-shirt designed by Fritz Broka.

The question is always asked, "How long has this been going on?" The closest that it can be narrowed down to is 18 to 25 years. The biggest participation so far was 64 teams a few years ago.

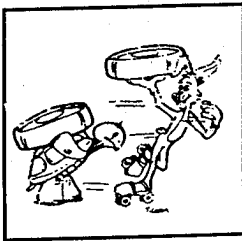
This year on May 2, 42 teams shot it out for a total of \$9380. Winners were:

- 1st: Lee McDonald and John McDermott of Michigan;
- 2nd: Dave Boaz and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana;
- 3rd: Buddy Broka of Indiana and Bob Perry of Illinois;
- 4th: Steve Hart and Jim DeWitt of Indiana;
- 5th and 6th: Charlie Thompson and Skip Jackson of Indiana, Jim Yard and Don K. of Indiana;
- 7th and 8th: Gordie Collins of Michigan and Fritz Broka of Indiana, and George Wilber and Bruce Thomison of Michigan.

Every year brings new faces. This year, they were blessed with representatives of the PCSA Joe Muniz and Paul Weber of California. Joe and Paul brought along a special treat -- Jimmy Allis of Oregon. It wouldn't have been a party without him; just ask the Brokas.

Six states were represented this year. Plan on checking this one out in the future. Post 424 has two big tournaments a year, on the first Saturday of May and the first Saturday in October.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Roast and Toast for Dick Gorman

At 1 p.m. on April 25, at the Lafayette Inn's Spring Classic in Rising Sun, Maryland, the sponsor sale for the popular bring partner event was held. Play was to begin immediately afterward, but auctioneer Chuck King refused to give the microphone back to tournament director Dick Gorman. Instead, Chuck said, "Dick, sit down; we have something to say."

This completely caught me off guard, not knowing what to expect -- a rebellion or what? I hadn't known that a large group of people had been keeping a secret for over two months, with letters going all over the place, planning a testimonial and roast for this writer.

For fear of leaving someone out, I will tell you that my shuffleboard friends, owners, and yes, even a letter from the editors of this publication, had contributed to this special event.

At any rate, the nearly 45 minutes that it took when everybody was waiting to start the tournament was very much appreciated by a person who will always remember this expression of thanks and friendship. The organizers had taken videotapes, produced a scrapbook and given me a beautiful plaque, all of which I will treasure for the rest of my life. It is not often in life that one receives such recognition.

Many thanks to all who participated and excuse me for not mentioning you individually. There were about a dozen speakers, but I realize they were on behalf of everybody.

THANKS!

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

There isn't anywhere we would have liked to be more than where and when this happened, Dick. We are so pleased with the organizers of this well-deserved tribute! It is great to see someone who contributes way

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beyond the call of duty to this sport of ours recognized in this grand manner. Hopefully, it will keep you going when you get home late at night after a weekend of hard work and hassles -- and still have to do a report for The Board Talk! Don't ever give up!

Billy Says Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way toward the Billy Chiles Tournament. It has really helped, especially the moral support.

The situation was very traumatic, but not a total surprise due to family history. I have lost my brother, half-brother and Dad from similar health problems occurring about the same age.

My guardian angel has been working triple time looking after me. Now, with a straightjacket on, hope to see all of you soon, and thanks again for the special thoughts.

Bill Chiles, Highland, California

Good things come back to those who do good, Billy, so you shouldn't be surprised when your many friends responded to the opportunity to show their support. We'll ask our guardian angels to give yours a break if he (or is it a she? likely a non-gender) needs one.

Another Billy Gets Salute

Billy Mays really knows how to put on a show. On Friday, May 8, Billy made his debut in this area to perform his trick/control shuffleboard shooting at the Time Out Sports Bar before a crowd of 40-plus spectators. His performance was superb, making his most difficult control shots with ease. The crowd responded accordingly. Billy also took a little time to give some individual instructions on shooting techniques to the novice. Time Out Sports Bar is relatively new in the area and Randy Flucker, owner/manager, was pleased with the response and feels this will increase his shuffleboard activity.

Then, on Saturday, May 9, the Master repeated his performance at Third Base Sports Bar before a comparable crowd. He struggled on a few of his tough shots, but the audience got the idea of the difficulty of the shots and his shuffleboard shooting ability. With the exception of two or three, no one in the audience had seen Billy perform. This was the third consecutive year that Frank Badali, owner/manager of Third Base, has provided support to a shuffleboard event.

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Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season — 1992 Calendar of Events

SPRING

June 6-7

Bring Partner Event
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

June 12-14

Spring Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

SUMMER

June 19-21

Annual National Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

June 20-21

6th Annual Nationals
Acme Tavern
Tacoma, Washington

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
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July 18-19

4th Annual Shuffleboard Affair
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

Aug. 1-2

3rd Annual Open Doubles
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

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

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

Sept. 4-6

2nd Annual Crazy Canucks Open

Sept. 11-13

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

FALL

Nov. 9-15

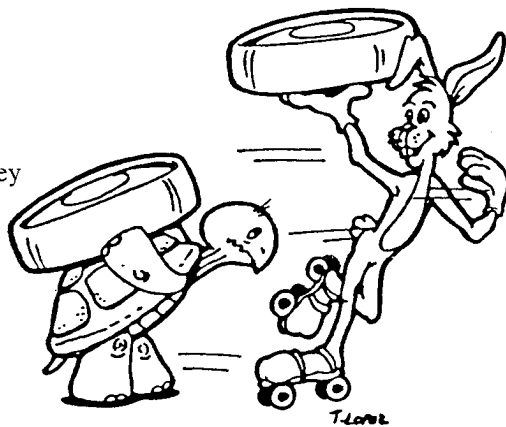
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Both Randy and Frank are to be commended for sponsoring Billy Mays and for promoting the growth and interest of shuffleboard.

Ken Strong, Houston, Texas

Billy is one of the shufflers who is bridging the gap between the sport's "high" in the '50s and today, when the game is experiencing the struggles of revival. We need the likes of him to help us make that transition. We add our salute to Time Out and Third Base for their support of shuffleboard.

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A big thank you to all who participated and especially to the American Legion for being great hosts.

Voorhis/Voorhis Win at Palace Bar

Sixteen teams participated in the doubles tournament at the Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana, on April 18, vying for a total purse of \$1970.

Coming through undefeated were the team of Bob and Deb Voorhis of Fairmount. Second place went to Phil Crowder and Tom Massie of Summitville. Third went to Jerry Knox of Mishawaka and Jim Long of Osceola with fourth going to Beef Camp of Hicksville, Ohio, and Dave Boaz of Anderson.

Sawyer/Mehler Winners of Old Edison Inn's Mixed Doubles

At the 7th annual mixed doubles tournament at the Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, on March 7-8, locals Larry Sawyer of Anacortes and Cindy Mehler of Bellingham went undefeated in the winner's bracket to take home the lion's share of nearly \$2,000 in prize money.

After some riveting, down-to-the-last-puck games, Jimmy Allis of Longview and Michelle Foran of Tacoma were second-place finishers, with locals Bob Jewett and Karen Robinson, both from Bayview, ending an impressive third. Fourth place finishers Mike Waters and Bobbi Arndt from Tacoma got their entry money back in the 17-team competition.

Out of the money were last year's champs, Terry Burns and Joanie Millar of British Columbia, Canada, who tied for fifth with fellow "Crazy Canucks" Gordy Smith and Diana Madsen.

This was the second first-place finish in this event for Sawyer and Mehler (they got second place honors

last year), and Larry's sixth crown with various partners.

The competition, weather, sportsmanship, food, and jokes could hardly be beat, and tournament director Phil DePree says "thanks to all," especially Les Zahn and Joanie Millar for the floor show, and special thanks to the out-of-towners who seem to enjoy visiting the quiet town of Edison (population 90, mostly dogs and cats) from such more populous areas as Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Sequim (which sends shuffleboard ambassador Jim Manders to Edison like clockwork).



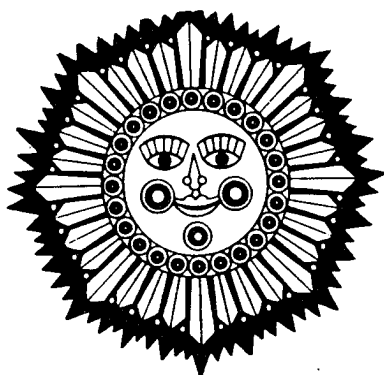
Door prize winner Les Zahn models his new chef's apron as Joanie Millar makes a close inspection of the garment's "special" features. Tourney Director Phil DePree looks on with amusement -- or is it disbelief?

The Old Edison Inn holds a Saturday meat shoot throughout the summer and will host a draw-partner money tourney in September.

Lafayette Inn Ends Big Season with Spring Classic

Lots was on the line as the shuffleboard clan gathered for the Spring Classic at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on April 24-26. The players arrived from eight states to try to settle the point battle for the season championship. What happened? It wasn't settled and players had to wait for the final mixed doubles event to tally the scores. There was less than 10 points between the five top men shooters. "Nice weather, great hospitality by the Renzo family and the four in-house boards contributed to the sell-out events and a great time amongst a great group of people," reports Dick Gorman.

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Friday night started out with a draw partner event that ended up with 32 shooters vying for nearly \$2,000. At the close of the evening, Ed Galke of Long Island, New York, and Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md., were standing at the payoff table to take first place money. Second in line were Don Casula, Wilmington, Del., and Bobby Voorhis, Fairmount, Ind. Third place and final money spot went to Beef Camp, Hicksville, Ohio, and Joe Williams, Springfield, Pa.

Saturday morning's women's singles ended with Judy Gartland, Philadelphia, Pa., leading the way to the winner's table, with second place going to a tough challenger, Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Md. Third and final money spot went to Rita Yank of Philadelphia. There were some other real serious challengers among the near sell-out event, reports Dick. Nelson Renzo, owner of Lafayette Inn, says we are developing some real serious lady shuffleboard contenders.

There was a slight delay in the bring your partner event on Saturday afternoon for a very important reason (see Notebook for details). When it did get underway, the results were a big surprise. Second-time ever tournament shooter Wayne Nichols of Conowingo, Md., joined up with Alvis Ramey of Perryville, Md., to take first place and the coveted winners' jackets. They beat the likes of second place finishers Stosh Chimeleski of Philadelphia and Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, and third-place finishers Jim McDaniels, Darlington, Md., and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Md. Fourth place went to the longest distance traveling team of Beef (Stew) Camp and Bobby Voorhis. Fifth place was taken by Johnny Gardner and Mark Grove, Millington, Md. Sixth and final money spot went to Judy, Judy (didn't Cary Grant say that many, many years ago?) -- Gartland and Iseman, of course!

The shoot-out for the open singles was scheduled for high noon on Sunday for the sold out in advance event. "If we listed everybody who entered, it would look like a Who's Who on the East Coast, plus a few well-known travelers," says Dick. The favorite won -- Bobby Voorhis (and we welcome him every time as well as his friends from the Midwest, Dick said. "It is not that easy, is it, Bobby?"). Second place went to our Delaware "boy" Chuck King of Dover. Third went to Stosh Chimeleski, with fourth and final money spot going to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Del.

Point leaders for the weekend were Judy Iseman for the women and Bobby Voorhis for the men. "As the Renzos (Pat and Nelson) complete their sixth year of full tournament schedules, the players thank them for

their interest, support and hospitality to the game of shuffleboard," Dick said.

Macurdy/Peehl Win at Ray's Pub

Kevin Macurdy and Doug Peehl were winners of the March 12-14 double elimination blind draw at Ray's Pub in Boulder, Colorado. Second place went to Steve (Kub) Kubinski and Joe Gonzales, and third to Dan Slechta and Ron Helart. Thirty-two players participated in this fun tournament.



(Back row, left to right) Dan Slechta, Doug Peehl, Kevin Macurdy and Kub Kubinski, (center) hosts Ray and Judy Rockafellow, (front row) Ron Helart, substituting for Joe Gonzales, and Ron (Ham) Biggs.

Frace/Ramey Winners at Lafayette Inn

May 2 marked the end of the 1991-92 season for the first of the month draw partner events which have been going on for the past nine months at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md. Dick Gorman reports that most of the regulars showed up at this tourney for two reasons: (1) to thank hosts Pat and Nelson Renzo for their continuing support of shuffleboard and the fine hospitality they show to their shuffleboard guests, and (2) they came to shoot.

Taking first place money for the day were Ray Frace Jr. (recently out of retirement) of Lancaster, Pa., and Alvis Ramey, Perryville, Md. Second place went to the co-ed team of Steph McNeill, Rising Sun, and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del., with third going to Mark Grove, Millington, Md., and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa.

Pat and Nelson Renzo want to thank all of the shuffleboard participants who have competed over the years and look forward to their returning next year. "Although it seems a little tough, the Renzos hope to provide an even better tournament season next year," Dick Gorman reports. Watch The Board Talk for next year's schedule.

McCarty/King Win Mixed Doubles Finale at Lafayette Inn

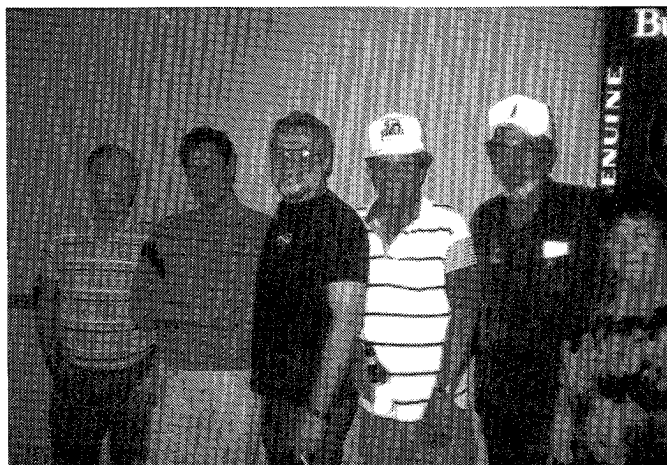
"It has been a long season for a lot of competitors at Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland," reports Dick Gorman. "131 competitors have made it to the shooting line this year, with 36 (27 percent) of those being women. Many of these folks have been competing to see who would be the point champion for the year. Judy Iseman pretty well had the women's side of the house championship sewed up. But among the male side, only 10 points separated the front five point leaders. So the final shootout was decided at the mixed doubles event on May 3 with a lot more at stake than the day's prize money. All five of the leaders competed over the weekend."

When the battle was over, Rusti McCarty of Cumberland, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, Del., were there to take first place money from a hard-to-beat team of Mary Wagner, Milford, Del., and Scratch Todd, Denton, Md., who took second place. Third place went to JoAnne Ware, owner of Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Md., and her partner, Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md. Fourth and final money spot went to Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., and Len Dell, BellCamp, Md.

The final point standings were tallied up at the end of the day. On the women's side of the house, Judy Iseman ended the year as the champion, and became the first to win two years in a row. She was followed by Judy Gartland of Philadelphia. Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md., was third; Rita Yank, Philadelphia, fourth; and Steph McNeill, Rising Sun, fifth.

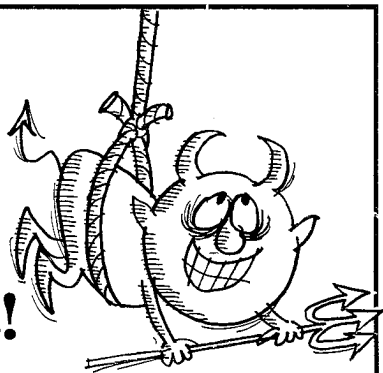
The dust was less clear on the men's side as less than 10 points separated first from fifth. Most Improved Player, Rookie of the Year, and first place went to Johnny Gardner of Greensboro, Md. Second place went to Chuck King, Dover, Del., third to Len Dell, BellCamp, Md., fourth to Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa., and fifth to Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.

Kelly/Williams Win at Texas Mist



Winners of the April 11 \$30 draw tournament at the Texas Mist in Austin, Texas, were: (left to right) Earl Kelly of Dallas and Bobby Williams of Fort Worth, 1st; Ron Bowers of Austin and Johnny Ballard of Houston, 2nd; and Jimbo Grove of Austin and Brenda Moore of San Antonio, 3rd.

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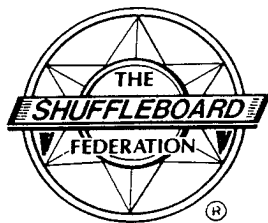
Jimmy L's Hosts Wynnewood Warm-Up

Jimmy L's, 9520 E. 11th in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted a warm-up tournament recently for the big Wynnewood tourney scheduled for the 4th of July weekend. With 16 teams in the sweetheart draw and 11 in the open draw, with a total purse of \$2665, the weekend proved a great success. Jimmy is paying the winners of each event entry fees in like events in Wynnewood as an extra bonus.

The sweetheart draw first place went to Sandy Swift and Garry Moore, with Carolyn Jones and Terry Yingst in second place. Third place went to Ruth Artherton and Keith Oyler.

In the open draw, first place went to Jim French and Gary Moore, with Mark Foust and Sally Goff in second, and Sandy Swift and Terry Yingst in third.

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"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"

N.A.S.L.™ TEAM EVENT CHANGES

As the N.A.S.L.™ Team Events have become a bigger and more important part of our major tournaments, we have continued to fine tune the format.

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The switch from the best four out of seven, two board format to the best five out of nine, three board format which was used last year's NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS™ has been a major step in the right direction; as any of the participants in that tournament will tell you.

As our statistical information continues to increase, the competition in the N.A.S.L.™ Team Events gets better as well. Of course as with all new things, there are growing pains. At this year's Michigan Open, we experienced some of these growing pains.

One of our primary concerns has been that the top group of amateur players was beginning to upset the balance in the N.A.S.L.™ Team Events. This was happening because there is a pretty significant difference in ability between the top group and the rest of the amateur players.

We thought we had an answer to that problem when we expanded the ratings to include a zero category. This rating is given to the top five percent of the amateur players.

There were however some unforeseen drawbacks to this change. The players who were affected by the change are the same players who usually take the initiative in trying to get players together to form the teams that enter our tournaments.

In order for a team roster to pass the under the handicap guidelines, it was necessary to find several average players. The problem lies in the fact that a much smaller number of average players are willing to invest in these type of competitions and it was very difficult to find enough of them who would travel to make up a team.

We are therefore lowering the team handicap requirement from 14 to 12. This will make it easier for people to assemble teams and should help us to keep the N.A.S.L.™ Team Events growing. This change is effective beginning with the U.S. Open, a flyer/registration for the U.S. Open can be found in this issue of The Board Talk.

\$\$\$\$ RENO INFO -- EVERYBODY WINS IN THE N.A.S.L.™ TEAM EVENT

One of the most popular ideas from last year's NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS™ was that the \$7,500.00 in added money for the Team Event was distributed among all 24 teams which entered that event. That tradition will continue at this year's tournament.

We hope that everyone who had a great time at the tournament last year is bringing a friend. Our goal for the 1992 NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS™ is to fill up the Team Event with 32 teams.

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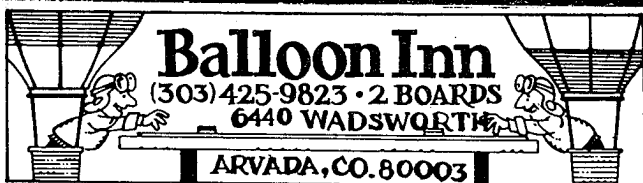
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"Special thanks to Cliff Goff for running a smooth tournament (with assistance from Carolyn Jones and Kathy White), and a great big thanks to Keith Oyler for being the auctioneer," reports Carolyn Jones. "Forgive me, Keith, for omitting your name from the list of people making Jimmy's Spring Tournament the success it was."

All participants thank Jimmy for caring and promoting the game of shuffleboard in Tulsa.

Johnny Gardner Hot at Funkstown

May 8-10 were the dates set for the final of a series of five three-day tournaments at Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland. Carmen and Glen Arvin, owners of the tavern, were waiting with open arms to greet their shuffleboard guests for the weekend. "The shufflers were all very happy to see Carmen at the door. She recently had seen some medical scares and had a few trips to the hospital," reports Dick Goman. "We are happy to report that she looks well and it hasn't affected her cooking as she prepared hot buffets for all visitors for both Saturday and Sunday, and that they were both very good. Thanks, Carmen, Glenn and family."

Friday night was the traditional draw partner event played on the four in-house boards. Taking first place was first-time major tournament winner Richie Casula, now of Wilmington, Del., and his partner Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md. Second place went to Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J., and Jim Snyder (Bugman), Hagerstown, Md. Third place money went to Sam Jones, Boonesboro, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, Del.

The bring partner event was held on Saturday. First place was again taken by Johnny Gardner and his partner, Charlie Hawkins of Hagerstown. Chuck King and Mickey Mickens took second place, with third place going to local father and son team, Al and Bob Shaeffer of Hagerstown and Funkstown, Md. Fourth place was won by Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., and Dick Goman, Wilmington, Del. The tie for fifth and sixth places was divided between the teams of Connie King, Northeast, Md., and Richie Casula, and Glenn Arvin, owner of Glenn's Tavern, and Dave Short of Hagerstown.

For the first time at Glenn's Tavern, the Sunday format was changed from an open singles to a mixed doubles in response to many requests. It turned out not to be the greatest day for a shuffleboard tournament when high female participation was needed in a new arena because it was Mother's Day. However, many of

the faithful showed up as well as a group of new lady shooters from the Funkstown-Hagerstown area. Taking first place were JoAnn Ware (owner of Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Md.) and "hot man" Johnny Gardner. Local favorites Wanda Farris, Dargan, Md., and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md., took second place. Third place went to Rusti McCarty (get used to that name), Cumberland, Md., and Chuck King. Fourth place went to Judy Iseman and Dick Goman.

The final point standings were arrived at for the five 3-day tournaments at Glenn's Tavern. Wanda Farris held onto her first place position by competing in all events for the weekend and finished in front of a close second, Judy Iseman. Steph McNeill, Rusti McCarty and Joyce Pyle rounded out the top five.

The men's division was won by local Lonzo Knight, who commanded first place throughout the season. On the last day, Sam Jones, Boonesboro, Md., took over second place. Rounding out the top five were Len Dell, Johnny Gardner and Chuck King, respectively.

Spring Time Tourney at Fir Cone

The Fir Cone Tavern, 114 Cota St., Shelton, Washington, will host a bring your partner, double elimination tournament on June 6-7. Entry fee is \$40 per team and will pay 60-30-10. The sponsor sale starts at 10 a.m. A potluck supper is on the agenda for Saturday night.

Tournament director will be Russ Savage. Suggested lodging includes the Hallmark, 206-426-4468; Super 8, 206-426-1654, or City Center, 206-426-3397.

For further information, call the Fir Cone, 206-426-2221.

4th Annual Shuffleboard Affair at Town Tavern, July 18-19

The Town Tavern, 735 W. Washington, Sequim, Wash., will hold its 4th Annual Shuffleboard Affair on July 18-19. It will be an open doubles, \$50 entry fee, paying six places: 52-24-12-6-3-3. The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The Affair will be hosted by Rex ("Im the Grump") Kidd and his lovely wife, Joanne. They have several suggestions for lodging: Econolodge, 206-683-7113; Greathouse, 683-7272; Red Ranch Inn, 683-4195; Sequim Bay Lodge, 683-0691; Sequim West, 683-4144; or Sundowner, 683-5532.

For further information, call 206-683-1013. See ad in this issue and mark your calendars now for this affair.

National Tourney at Dew Drop Inn, June 19-21

If you haven't made your reservations yet for the National Tournament at Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New

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York, better do so now. This one will fill up fast! It includes four events: an open singles on Friday, \$20 entry; a mixed doubles on Saturday morning, \$10 per person entry; a draw partner starting Saturday afternoon, \$10 entry; and a bring your partner on Sunday, \$25 per team entry.

The Fridley family looks forward to extending their hospitality to you. A reservation flyer was in last month's Board Talk. If you've misplaced it, call Doug or Elsie at the Dew Drop Inn, 315-539-9520, or Doug Jr., 315-539-8326, to see if there are still spots open.

Acme's 6th Annual Nationals, June 20-21

Don't forget to make your reservations for the 6th Annual Nationals at the Acme Tavern in Tacoma, Wash., June 20-21. Entry fee for the double elimination doubles is \$50 and the sponsor sale will start at noon on Saturday. The payoff is 52-24-12-6-3-3. The Acme will provide a complimentary feed on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The tournament will be directed by Jim Foran and Cory Bisson. For information, call the Acme, 206-272-1892.

Shufflers' Choice Over 4th of July Weekend

There are three major tournaments that shufflers can choose from to celebrate the 4th of July.

In the West, there's Ted Z's annual affair at the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California. The weekend will include an open singles; an open doubles with A players drawing B players; and a \$1,000 single match knock-out between Northern California and Southern California players. For information, call Ted at 714-676-3770.

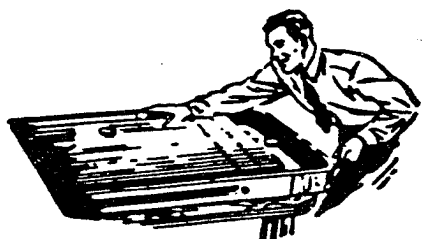
In the Southwest, there's a new tournament site on the scene, the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma. Check the enclosed flyer for the many events that will be featured.

And last, but not least, is The Board Talk's Annual Shufflers' Reunion Tournament in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Check the enclosed flyer for details and use the reservation form to save your spot.

Mixed Doubles at Spot Tavern, Aug. 15-16

Have you marked your calendar yet for the mixed doubles tournament at the Spot Tavern in Pacific Beach, Wash., on Aug. 15-16? If not, do it now! Entry fee is \$40 per team and will pay 60-30-10. The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. on Aug. 15.

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He probably went home a lot of nights wondering if his efforts were worthwhile. Tired, discouraged, coping with the knowledge that no way can you satisfy everybody in this crazy World of Shuffleboard. The annual Spring Classic would be no different....

But, it was different. Somebody out there does care and Dick finally got the recognition he deserves, mainly through the efforts of two women -- Mary Wagner and Carol Hampton, who may not have been a vital part of the shuffleboard scene had it not been for Dick.

Secretly, they started the ball rolling by letting people know that a special day for Dick was being planned. They kept the secret well and so it was a big surprise when Dick couldn't get the microphone away from auctioneer Chuck King at the Spring Classic (see Notebook). Nelson Renzo, owner of The Lafayette Inn, started the event by telling everyone how much he has appreciated all that Dick has done for shuffleboard tournaments, and the time and effort he has spent making those tournaments successful on the East Coast.

Stories were told by Mickey Mickens, John Lukas, Bob Hall, Frank Ouly, Judy Gartland and Rita Yank. Pat Renzo read a letter from Herb Forrester's wife about how she got a set of weights from Dick for Herb for Christmas and asked Dick to lie to Herb if he asked to buy a set. Mary and Carol presented Dick with a plaque from all his shuffleboard friends to show their appreciation for all he has done to promote shuffleboard on the East Coast.

"It was a day I'm sure Dick Gorman will never forget as his shuffleboard friends gathered together to honor and roast him," said Mary. "Dick said it's not that he won't be shooting any more, it's just that if

someday he gets run over by a truck, he wants other people to take an interest in running the tournaments so they will continue to survive when he is no longer here."

Shuffleboard without Dick Gorman? No way! But The Board Talk editors salute him for caring what happens when that day comes. That's what it is all about!



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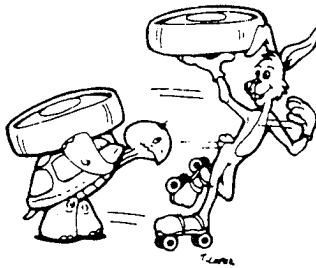
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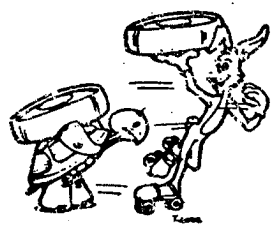
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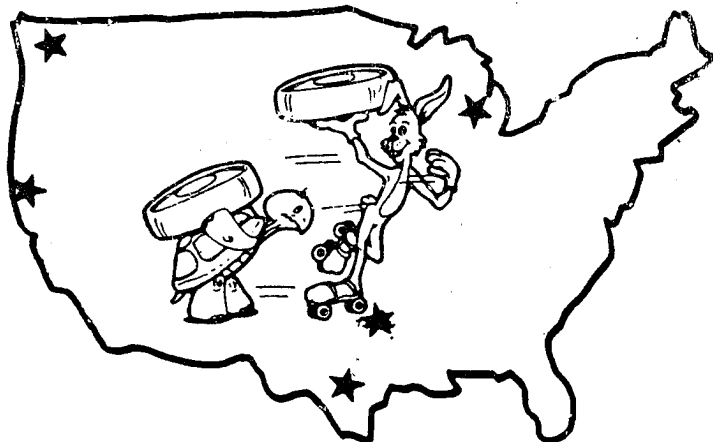
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