

The Board Talk

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Tourney Talk

"Dream Team" Wins Two at Whistling Oyster

The Whistling Oyster Tavern's annual shuffleboard tournament the first weekend in August attracted 54 players in the draw partner event and 32 teams in the open doubles. This favorite shuffleboard site is located in Quilcene, Washington, operated by popular tourney hosts, Bill Bailey and Sandee Van Wagenen.

When the names were drawn from the hat for the Friday night draw partner tourney, everybody was satisfied, particularly Jim Allis of Longview, Washington, and Darrol Nelson of Springfield, Oregon. Play got started at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Jim and Darrol never hit the loser's bracket and were the happiest of the eight very exhausted players who lined up to take their share of the \$1550 pot.

Taking second place honors were Al Cantor of British Columbia, Canada, and John Troia of Longview. Gary George of Longview and his uncle, John Luhtolo of Eatonville, Washington, took third place, with fourth going to Dave Arndt and Ron Wicks, both from Tacoma, Washington.

Within two hours of that payoff, the open doubles were started, with 32 anxious, hungry teams determined to take the lion's share of the \$7400 pot. After 18 hours of play and 100 pounds of shuffleboard wax, guess who took first place! Darrol Nelson and Jim Allis, the "dream team" of shuffleboard. Second place honors went to Don "Mitch" Mitchell of Portland, Oregon, and Freddy Johns of Longview, Washington. Third place went to Billy Powell of Renton, Washington, and Nels Anderson of Shelton, Washington. Fourth was well-earned by a couple of up and coming guys from Spokane, Washington, Mike Thorpe and Dan Hitt.

"Sandee and I thank everyone who got involved in what could only be described as a huge success," said Bill Bailey. "A special thanks to the crew at the tavern that worked 16-hour shifts and to my long-time friend, Jim Foran from Tacoma. This guy is one reason our tournaments are always a success."

The Whistling Oyster's tentative plans for next year include a state championship open singles on Thursday

with \$500 added, a draw partner on Friday night, and an Open Grand Masters on Saturday and Sunday with \$1,000-plus added.

Allis/Cox Win "Rural America II"

Jim Allis of Washington and Don Cox of California teamed up to take top honors in the 4th of July weekend "Rural America II" tournament at the "99" Tavern in Winston, Oregon, earning the biggest share of the \$4,000 purse. Second place went to Doug Buhl (lately from Oregon, via Sacramento, via Bremerton, Washington) and Don "Mitch" Mitchell of Portland/Springfield. Dave Arndt of Tacoma, Wash., and Ken Wochnik of Portland took third, with Joe Lavin, Longview, Wash., and Steve Fisher, owner of the "99" Tavern, in fourth.

"The tourney was a blast, with an outstanding finals contest," reports Steve. "Don and Jimmy won the winner's bracket and held off a gallant charge (Doug and Mitch won the first 2 of 3 set) to win the final game of the second set 15-13 after trailing 10-13."

The tourney took on an interstate flavor with players from Oregon, Washington, California, and Colorado.

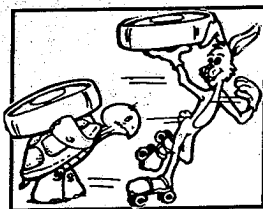
"I would like to personally thank and say 'hi' to my new friends, Dave C. and Gail from Denver, Don and Donna Cox, and also Glen and Wendy Lavin from Yuba City, Calif.," Steve said.

If you're wondering where the "Rural America" name came from, Steve was having a drink one night with Jim Allis. Steve made it clear to Jim that he might be able to win in the big cities, but he couldn't convince him he was a polished player until he proved he could win in a small town like Winston in Rural America. Up to that point, he hadn't won a single game in Winston. "After this tournament.... well, let's just say he's proven himself," Steve concedes.

Kelly/Isenan/Todd/Wagner Win at Harrington

The Harrington Moose in Delaware held its first shuffleboard tourney on July 25-26. The bring partner and mixed doubles events were played on the club's three boards.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from the World
of Shuffleboard

Action Growing in Seattle!

I thought you might like to hear about the efforts of Don Shaffer and me to get shuffleboard rejuvenated in Seattle, Washington.

We now have two boards at The Siren Tavern, 3403 4th Ave., S.; one board at The Fire-Dog Inn, 11069 16th Ave., SW, White Center; and one board at BZ's Sports Bar and Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive, just south and west of Sea-Tac International Airport. We'll be adding another board at BZ's this fall. By the way, I think BZ's is one of your newer subscribers.

Hopefully, we'll get a league started this year and someday maybe we'll do a tournament.

John Musgrave, Seattle, Washington

Thanks for letting us know what's going on in Seattle, John. Yes, BZ's is a new subscriber and we were pleased to list them in last month's "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly directory. We hope readers will stop in and welcome them to our shuffleboard network. Keep us posted of future action. And encourage your other shuffleboard bars to join the network, too. Just \$15 a year gives them quarterly listings -- and a subscription!

Good Ideas from Massachusetts

Would it be possible to locate all the shuffleboards in the country? I know it would take a gigantic effort, but I think it could be done. I feel that there are people, including myself, who would be willing to pay the cost of a book that would list all the shuffleboards around the country.

For another idea: how about an article called Your League wherein every month people could write in and tell how their leagues are run, number of players, if they are singles or doubles, cost of dues, prize money awarded and, in general, what their league has to offer. I think this would be interesting to all shuffleboard

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players and it would give those who run leagues some other ideas.

Richard Mierzejewski, Polish Falcons Club
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Both of these ideas are on our drawing board, Dick, and have been for some time now. If you and others have ideas on how it could be accomplished, given our very limited human and financial resources, please let us know.

"Gentleman George" on the Mend -- Thanks to Caring People!

Thanks to all who supported the benefit for "Gentleman George" Ostrom. Special thanks to:

Jody Slack, who's idea it was
George & Donna Wilber, The Board Talk
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John McGinnis, Santa Ana, Calif.
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--and to all who participated in the Balloon Inn's benefit and our customers.

--Last, but not least, Denver General Hospital, not only for taking such good care of George, but for the programs they have to help people in this situation.

Because of your generous contributions, the following benefits will occur for George Ostrom:

1. The Denver General Hospital bills were paid in full.
2. Dental and medical problems of any sort will be covered for George until the end of December, 1992.
3. George will possibly be able to return to light duty work next month.

Thanks again to everyone who made this possible.

Ron & Gwen Vogt, The Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colo.

Thanks for sharing this good news with us! This is another example of the "heart" that exists in The World of Shuffleboard.

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Shuffleboard -- The Sport for Every Season

1992-1993 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 1992

Sept. 2-7

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

Sept. 4-6

2nd Annual Crazy Canucks Open
A.N.A.F. #68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Sept. 4-7

4th Annual Amateur Labor Day
Tournament
Full House Bar
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 5-6

Draw Partner Tourney
The Club Tavern
Springfield, Oregon

Sept. 11-13

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

Sept. 19-20

2nd Annual Draw Partners
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

OCTOBER 1992

Oct. 3

25th Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 9-11

3rd Annual Mixed Doubles
Great Lakes Shootout
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

Oct. 10-12

Annual Fall Doubles
Corner Tavern
Bow, Washington

Oct. 17-18

Open Doubles
Ram's Bar & Grill (formerly
Papa's Pub & Grub)
Warren, Michigan

NOVEMBER 1992

Oct. 31-Nov. 1/Nov. 7-8

State of Indiana Champion-
ships
D.J.'s, Warsaw, Indiana

Nov. 9-15

SF North American Champion-
ships
Sands Regency
Reno, Nevada

Nov. 26-29

State of Michigan Champion-
ships, location to be
announced

Nov. 27-29

Annual Fall Tournament
Stagger Inn
Bellflower, California

FEBRUARY 1993

Feb. 2-7

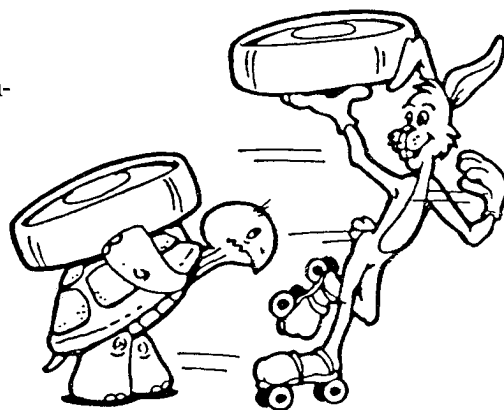
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Board Talk Supporters Have Ideas

Glen from Oklahoma

Thanks to George and Donna for keeping shuffleboard going with the humane and human interest of people and their sport. What do you all say about getting a drive going for The Board Talk? Let's all get our heads together and go out and sign up just one subscriber each. Just think how many more we all could get. I think George and Donna deserve it, don't you? I'm sure they will keep an account of all new subscribers and publish the name of the person who signed up the most. Let's make September the month of The Board Talk "revival." Let's start right now. Turn to your right, turn to your left. I'll bet there's one person there who is not involved.

These people are freeloaders. So, what are we going to do about it? What else but to sign them up! We don't need people who want to stand uncommitted and criticize someone who is doing their best. I say to them all: put up or shut up! Put your money where your mouth is; get with the program!

I'll bet you all that I sign up more than all of you together, starting now. We can do it. We are the only shuffleboard players in the universe. Let's all pull together and get this done.

There are three kind of people: those who watch things happen, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Which one are you? We are the ones who make things happen, so let's do it. Let's set our goal for September at 100 new ones. I will chair this push for The Board Talk. Anyone who is interested in helping, call me or Madge at 405-733-4430, or write to me at Box 117, Tupelo, OK 74572.

Remember, you can make a difference. Our motto for this project is "sign up or sign out."

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

Sounds wonderful to us, Glen! Because of the slow mail delivery of The Board Talk, we'll extend your drive deadline until the end of the year. Between now and then, we'll publish the names of all the new subscribers and the faithful shufflers who signed them up. (Be sure to put your name on those you sign up so you get credit.) Thank you for your continued support, Glen. We appreciate your loyalty.

From Doc in Michigan

I was very unhappy to find out that almost 15 bars did not renew their subscription to The Board Talk. I believe that a major reason is lack of discipline. You remember when I was late renewing mine last year, I solved the

problem by sending you \$100 for a seven-year subscription. Most of the establishments just don't have the discipline to renew, so if The Board Talk made it easy for them by offering multiple year subscriptions, they will pay up and forget about it for a few years. I suggest: 3 years, \$42; 5 years, \$70; 7 years, \$100.

In my sincere and humble opinion, this approach will have some benefit.

The Board Talk has lots and lots of local ambassadors in various states who carry the torch for you. These people could approach their regional taverns prior to expiration and urge them to renew. In Wyoming, I used to get \$1 from each player just to renew The Board Talk. \$1 per year ain't bad! You see, The Board Talk is more than just reading about tourneys and letters. It is a great vehicle for providing essential services to board owners.

Megan and I came back last night from Torch Lake, a beautiful lake near Kalkaska, Traverse City, Manton area (Michigan). We were celebrating our 14th wedding anniversary (she is lucky that I have put up with her all these years).

On Torch Lake is the Alden Bar, a delightful little bar that has had a board for decades. It is family-owned -- Hank and Sophie Lefebre and their sons, Ron and Randy. There is lots of shuffleboard action there. The bar is packed with players every Friday and Saturday, winter and summer. This weekend, I played with players from all over the U.S. -- New York, Minnesota, Arizona, California, Indiana. Sometimes there are 20 names on board and 20 others waiting to get on. The bar is also a great fun place with oldies on the jukebox and good food. A nationally-known gourmet restaurant, Spencer Creek Landing, is across the street.

Ron Lefebre asked me about how to get his board refinished. Last time, he had to haul it to Moline, Illinois. I told him all about The Board Talk and The Shuffleboard Federation, with all the fine services (or referrals) right here in Michigan.

Enclosed is a subscription for the Alden Bar, 7656 E. Torch Lake Drive, Alden, Michigan. Those of you who will be participating in the Skip's/Board Talk tournament in September may want to travel another 50-60 miles and stop and visit them. You'll be glad you did!

Doc Khan, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

We know you're right about the discipline, Doc. We believe if we pulled up to their door, like their beer drivers do, and said, "Your subscription is due," we would have no problem collecting. They're used to paying "cash on delivery" rather than responding to red checks. We appreciate their shuffleboard subscribers for
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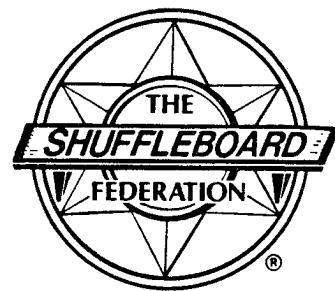
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Winners of the bring partner event were Butch (Hollywood) Kelly of Pennsylvania and Judy Iseman of Maryland, with Johnny Gardner of Maryland and Mickey Mickens of New Jersey in second, and Scratch Todd and Eddie Kibler in third place.

Scratch Todd and Mary Wagner of Delaware teamed up to take first place honors in the mixed doubles. Mickey Mickens and Judy Iseman finished in second place, with Johnny Gardner and JoAnn Ware of Yours and Our Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, in third. Finishing just out of the money were Buddy Brammer and Barbara Dardas.

The total pot for this tourney was over \$2700, not bad for a first time effort.

"This was our first attempt at a tournament sponsored solely by the Moose and we did learn by our mistakes," reports Mary Wagner. "We were surprised at the turnout and really thank those who made it a success. We forgot about the Delaware State Fair when we scheduled this tourney and we must apologize to folks like Bill Stoops and Ed Galke who had to sleep in their trucks."

25th Annual Fall Tourney at Bourbon, Oct. 3

It's getting close to the time of year in Indiana when the leaves start changing colors and that means it's time for the 25th Annual Fall Tournament at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon on Oct. 3. The tournament is an open doubles, single game, double elimination, played on the four in-house boards. Entry fee is \$30 per team.

Anyone can play -- pros, semi-pros, and amateurs, and the pros don't always win! The sponsor sale starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Come test your skills against the best in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. They have been averaging between 35 to 40 teams at this one-day event.

In addition to the competitive play on the boards, there will be a chicken barbecue and numerous raffles. For the spouses who do not play, 15 miles away is Nappane, Indiana, featuring Amish Acres and Borkholders Dutch Village, which have antiques and a 500-booth craft barn.

"Hope to see a lot of new faces at this one," says Fritzie Broka. For hotel and tournament information, you can call Fritz at 219-858-2278.

Draw Partner Tourney at Old Edison Inn, Sept. 19-20

The Old Edison Inn, 583 Cain's Court, Edison, Washington, will host its 2nd Annual Draw Partner Tournament on Sept. 19-20. Entry fee is \$25 per person, with the sponsor sale on Saturday at 11 a.m. Pays 60-30-10, based on 16 teams.

To reserve your spot and/or for lodging recommendations, call tournament director Phil DePree, 206-766-6266. This event will include not only great shuffleboard action, but food, fun, and door prizes!

Mixed Doubles at Stober's, Lansing, Michigan, Oct. 9-11

Stober's Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan, will host its 3rd Annual Mixed Doubles Great Lakes Shootout Championships on Oct. 9-10. Entry fee is \$50 per team, double elimination, played on two boards. Payoff will be determined by the number of entries. Sponsor sale starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

To reserve your spot, send 50 percent of your entry fee, before Oct. 1, to tournament director Jerry Siebert, 118 Kelsey, Lansing, MI 48910. For information, call Jerry at 517-485-0184. Come early and enjoy open draw partner action on Friday night.

North American Championships, Reno, Nevada, Nov. 10-15

The Shuffleboard Federation's 1992 North American Championships Tournament will be held at the Sands Regency Hotel & Casino in Reno, Nevada, Nov. 10-15. Events include a Division II/III draw, \$25 per player entry; Division I draw, \$50 per player; Division I singles, \$100 per player; Division II/III singles, \$50 per player; Division I doubles, \$100 per player; Division II/III doubles, \$50 per player; pro doubles, \$200 per player; NASL team event, \$360 per team; pro singles, \$300 per player; and a legend draw partner, \$50 per person.

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For further information, contact The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-380-9300.

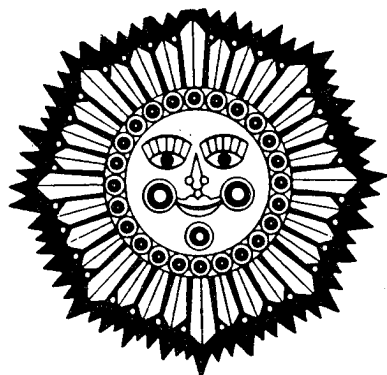
P.C.S.A.'s Extravaganza V, Feb. 2-7

The Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas will be the site of the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza V on Feb. 2-7. Events include a six-member pro team representing the various states, a mixed doubles or A-B draw depending upon players' responses, a pro singles, a women's singles, a pro doubles, and an eight-member amateur team.

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reminding them that their subscriptions are due. We have no problem with your suggestion and will accept the multiple-year renewal rate you suggest for those who respond.

Thanks for letting us know about the Alden Bar. We knew this area was the ultimate in Michigan Water Wonderland beauty, but didn't know there was a shuffleboard bar there. We encourage all our travelling shufflers to visit them and to please tell them The Board Talk and Doc Khan sent you! And tell them The Board Talk Editors will be calling on them soon.

P.S.: Pardon us, Doc, but for all the population from The World of Shuffleboard who have had the privilege of meeting you and Megan, we speak on their behalf: Megan receives a special salute for putting up with you for 14 years! How did she do that?

But What About the White Room Lounge?

Back in April, I renewed the subscription of the White Room Lounge in San Antonio, Texas. I noticed they were not included in the Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. listing in the August issue. What did I do wrong?

Morrie Estes, San Antonio, Texas

You didn't do anything wrong, Morrie; we did. And we apologize to you and the White Room Lounge. Readers: please add to your list of shuffleboard sites to visit: The White Room Lounge, 753 Isom Rd., San Antonio, Texas.

Other shuffleboard sites that came on board after last month's "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing was published include: Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, Queenstown, Maryland; Hubert Smith Post #77, 216 4th Ave. West, Hendersonville, North Carolina; Polish Falcon Club, 32 Belair Ave., Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Town & Country Tavern, 112 S. Ohio, Atoka, Oklahoma; American Legion Post 52, 12 Theater Dr., Sierra Vista, Arizona; The Palms, 83131 Amboy Rd., 29 Palms, Calif.; Alden Bar, 7656 E. Torch Lake Drive, Alden, Mich.; and these Shuffleboard Federation members from San Antonio: Countryland Ballroom, 13307 A San Pedro; Fiasco, 2250 Thousand Oaks; Knights of Olde, 7210 Blanco Rd.; Mirage, 4211 Sun Gate Dr.; Petyon Place, 5450 Babcock; Sunova Beach, 7022 Seco Creek; Texan, 4518 West Ave.; and West Room, 753 West Ave. We urge shufflers to stop by and welcome them to our shuffleboard network.

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2nd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tourney, Sept. 11-13, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake, Michigan's vacation paradise, will be the scene of the 2nd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament on Sept. 11-13. Events will include a draw partner, \$20 per person, with sponsor sale at noon on Saturday; and an open singles, \$25 per player, with sponsor sale at noon on Sunday.

The draw partner event will be limited to 40 players (20 teams), with the 20 highest players drawing from among the remaining 20. The open singles will be limited to 20 players (players new to tournament play may be given a 2-point spot).

Because entries are limited, it would be wise to send your entry fees in advance or call George at The Board Talk to see if spots are available, 517-371-2538.

Nelson/Lembke Tops at Ted Z's



Darrol Nelson (left) and Jolene Lembke were winners of Ted Z's 4th of July tournament at the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California. Taking second place honors were Karl Spickelmier (second from left) and LeRoy Waggoner (right). See last month's issue for details of this annual event.

Cottrell/Blessing Win at Wagon Wheel

Jeff Cottrell and Sher Blessing were winners of the mixed doubles tournament at the Wagon Wheel, Lake Orion, Mich., on Aug. 15. As we go to press, we have no other results. Watch next month's issue for more information.

The Wagon Wheel, formerly a "hot spot" for tournaments, has announced its intention to have four events a year, including one in October. Check next month's Calendar of Events for details.

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Oct. 3, 1992	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament

FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Oct. 23, 1992	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner Tournament
Oct. 24, 1992	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Singles Tournament
Oct. 24, 1992	Saturday	1 p.m.	Bring Your Own Partner Tournament
Oct. 25, 1992	Sunday	12 noon	Open Singles Tournament

Nov. 7, 1992	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament
Nov. 8, 1992	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles Tournament
Dec. 5, 1992	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament
Dec. 6, 1992	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles Tournament
Jan. 2, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament
Jan. 10, 1993	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles Tournament
Feb. 6, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament

THE WINTER BOARD TALK TOURNAMENT

Feb. 12, 1993	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner Tournament
Feb. 13, 1993	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Singles Tournament
Feb. 13, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Bring Your Own Partner Tournament
Feb. 14, 1993	Sunday	12 noon	Open Singles Tournament

Mar. 6, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament
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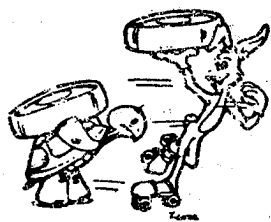
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Mar. 15, 1993	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles Tournament

Apr. 3, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament
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DICK GORMAN SPRING CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Apr. 9, 1993	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Draw Partner Tournament
Apr. 10, 1993	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Singles Tournament
Apr. 10, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Bring Your Own Partner Tournament
Apr. 11, 1993	Sunday	12 noon	Open Singles Tournament

Apr. 25, 1993	Sunday	1 p.m.	Mixed Doubles
May 1, 1993	Saturday	1 p.m.	Open Shuffleboard Tournament



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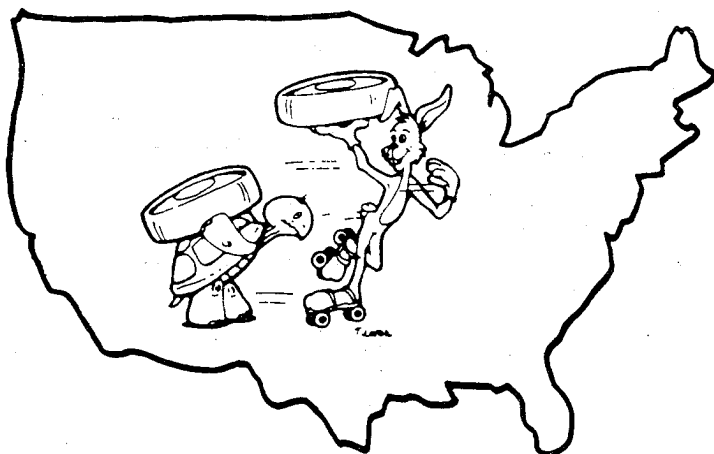
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