

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

This is written the day after we returned home from a very enjoyable trip to Oklahoma for the 2nd Annual Southwest Open/9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion at the American Legion in Del City. That experience will be etched in our memories as one of the highlights of our shuffleboard endeavors! To all the people we visited on our way there, during the tournament, and on our way home, who made us feel so welcome and appreciated, our sincerest thanks. Getting to know you -- and, in some cases, getting to know you better -- was an opportunity we really appreciated.

Not having to do anything, anything at all, except enjoy ourselves at a Board Talk tournament, was a new experience for us. The months-long agony preparing for the event, the 18-hour days put in conducting the tourney, and the back-breaking work of clean-up, were endured by Ron and Sharon Huddleston and their able crew of volunteers. It is a tribute to Ron and all the participants that there was not one "glitch" in the six-day tournament -- not even one tiny altercation that we saw, in board action or in the gallery. That could be because of his style -- gentle firmness, easy-going, "if I'm having a good time, you certainly should," knowledgeable, well-prepared -- and the obvious respect the players have for his integrity.

While we pay special tribute to Ron, we certainly don't underestimate the value of the contributions made by his "staff." He'd be the first to tell you he couldn't do it without Sharon, who was there from start to finish; Dave Davidson and Al Primrose, his co-directors; our American Legion host, Don Crall, and his wonderful staff of volunteers; all the great people who helped Sharon keep the entry and sales money straight (no small task when there's nearly \$40,000 involved!); man (or woman) the bracket boards and prep the playing boards; tear down the boards for return to Dynamo; the list goes on and on..... To all: a special Board Talk salute!

Speaking of the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, you'll note that they are on our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing in this issue. Is your favorite shuffleboard site on that list? If not, why not? It pays!

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

Hutcherson/Perry/Hunt Tops at Blinky's

Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, was once again the scene of a very competitive tournament held over Memorial Day weekend. The three-day event displayed great shuffleboard play as talented players from all over the state competed for a total of \$8,800 for the open doubles and singles events.

Dudley Hutcherson from Southern California took first place in the singles, with second going to local Nelson Jennings and third to "Lagging" Loren Maxham.

In the doubles event, first place went to the team of Steve Perry and Bob Hunt from Sacramento. Second went to locals Paul Parks and Loren Maxham. Hal Perry and Leroy Ledford from the Sacramento area took third.

Both events were played on four boards provided by A.Z. Turnbo. "Comments from the players were that these were four of the best and most consistent boards that they have played on in one place and at the same time," reports Rick Thomas. "Many thanks to A.Z."

Rick also extends appreciation to Ed Jr. and Sun Glo Corporation for providing the wax and a set of weights for the tournament; Nelson Jennings for running the sales and installing the mats and lighting around the boards; Paul Parks for help with moving the boards; Dale Pirlot for waxing the boards during much of the tournament; Sue Gregg and Kathy Thomas for help with the bracket boards and time schedules.

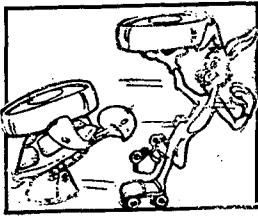
"Once again, we would like to thank the hosts of Blinky's, Dick and Barbara Aregger, for providing a great establishment for the tournament and their professionalism and enthusiastic support for the game of shuffleboard. Thanks also to all of the staff at Blinky's for taking care of us diehards," said Rick.

There will be another three-day tournament at Blinky's over the Labor Day weekend. It is expected that the total prize fund for that event will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. See enclosed flyer.

Fisher/Mitchell/Mull Winners at Tolo Tavern

The Tolo Tavern in Central Point, Oregon, hosted a doubles and singles tournament over the Memorial Day weekend.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Salute to Texas Shuffleboard Hosts

This is a note of praise and thanks to some people in The World of Shuffleboard in our area. First to Don, owner of the Texas Mist in Austin and Ron Bowers who runs the tournaments there. They always do a good job and put on a great tournament with great food. Another is Frank of Frank's Club in Houston. He has a nice bar and is a catalyst for shuffleboard. He's the only bar owner in Houston we know of who has tournaments four nights a week and matches the pot all four nights! The Third Base is also a good place with a nice owner.

Houston Players, Houston, Texas

We'd be the first to second your "motion" to honor Don McCurry of the Texas Mist. Not only does he pay his "dues" to appear in the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing in this issue, he also advertises his tournaments in *The Board Talk* and, going beyond the call of duty, buys advertising space to thank shufflers for participating. If every tournament host would do what he does, we could retire from our "paying" jobs tomorrow and concentrate on making *The Board Talk* our top priority. Don serves as our "model" for the success of our future and we wish him continued success.

Your letter was very timely because our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing is in this issue. It provides us with the opportunity to say: (1) If your favorite shuffleboard site is not on the map, sign them up today; (2) Current listed sites should check their telephone numbers and addresses. While this was written, we received a phone call from a Texas couple who were in California looking for members of the national shuffleboard network in that area. The phone numbers we provided them from the list were outdated and they were getting frustrated in their search. Check the listing. Is the information correct? If not, let us know. You could be missing out on some business! We

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used the "Play Your Way" list on our recent trip from Michigan to Nebraska to Oklahoma to Missouri to visit some of our subscriber locations and in St. Louis found one that had changed its name. When you're a long way from home in a city that's strange to you, the search for a friendly shuffleboard bar can be frustrating. So we urge those on the list to please take a minute now to check it to see if the information we have is correct. (3) Remember, in a recent issue, we offered to do a series of articles on shufflers' favorite shuffleboard sites. Send us your "nomination" along with details about the establishment and why you like it, any "specials" they offer, area attractions family members may want to visit while the shuffler of the family is shuffling. Photos would be nice, too. We encourage shuffle-site owner/operators to take this opportunity to showcase your establishment if your shufflers are too shy or too busy to do so.

In Reply to "Easyrider" Bill

George and Donna said to consult a Boob Man. Von said I know what you would do in a hot second; you would buy your friend a beer and wait until the show was over! Boy, is she right again!

P.S.: What I can't understand is why Von says she is going to buy a bra, but it's always a pair of panties!

Al Stewart, A & M Amusement, El Monte, California

Seldom have we run a letter that got more chuckles than the one from "Easyrider" in last month's *Hanger* column on the topic of distractions from the sidelines. During the recent 2nd Annual Southwest Open/9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament, our good friend, Gwynette Orsi from Omaha, made a point of testing George's "Leg Man" fortitude. Too bad that Easyrider's shuffleboard establishment didn't renew their subscription and has been dropped from the enclosed "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing. The patrons there would have gotten a big kick out of your response, Al!

Notice: Shufflers

Contributions to Shuffler's Notebook, the Calendar of Events, Questions & Answers for The Hanger column, Tourney Talk information, and advertisements must be received by the 15th of each month to appear in the next issue.

Send to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd.

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Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

1993 Calendar of Events

AUGUST 1993

August 13-15

Summer Tournament
Bay Country Moose Lodge 831
Queenstown, Maryland

August 21-22

Doubles Tournament
Spot Tavern
Pacific Beach, Washington

August 21-22

Open Doubles
Stober's Cocktail Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

SEPTEMBER, 1993

August 31-Sept. 5

3rd Annual Labor Day Tourney
Blinky's Sports Cafe
Santa Clara, California

Sept. 3-5

Crazy Canucks
Labor Day Weekend Tourney
A.N. & A.F. Unit 68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Sept. 3-6

Texas Open
Texas Mist
Austin, Texas

Sept. 3-6

5th Annual Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 10-12

3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk
Fall Tournament
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 10-12

3-Day Tournament
American Legion
Sherburne, New York

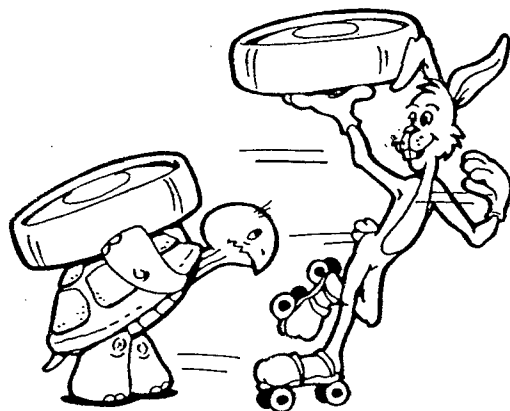
Sept. 18-19

3rd Annual Draw Partners
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

OCTOBER 1993

Oct. 2

26th Annual Fall Tournament
American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana



NOVEMBER 1993

Nov. 8-14

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Hosts Pat and Leroy Burkhart added money to each of the entry pots.

There were 18 players in the singles, with Steve Fisher, owner of the 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon, taking top honors. Don Mitchell of Springfield took second, with Doug Buhl, also of Springfield, in third place. Desi Gucher of Medford finished fourth.

Don Mitchell and John Mull beat out veterans Doug Buhl and Bruce Wechter to take first place in the 11-team field of contenders in the doubles. Don Stallsworth of Rogue River and John King of Central Point, took third, with Vi Reaves of Central Point and Larry Balzer in fourth place.

There was a "warm-up" round robin on Friday night, with Vi Reaves and John King the big winners. Doug Buhl and Butch Robinson of Rogue River took second place; Glen Lindberg of Springfield and Pam Stallsworth of Rogue River finished third, with Doug Pruitt and Leroy Buckhart of Tolo in fourth place.

"Tolo Tavern has that 'old country' touch," reports Evie Wechter. "We all just sit back and relax and enjoy the exciting games. All of us say thanks for the country cooked breakfasts, the chicken barbecuer Roger, the great spaghetti cooker Terry, and most of all our hosts, Pat and Leroy Burkhart."

Pat and Leroy thank everyone who supported the tournament -- even the sing-along gang! They hope to see all of you next year.

Summer Tourney at Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, Queenstown, Maryland, Aug. 13-15

Those friendly folks at the Bay Country Moose Lodge #831 in Queenstown, Maryland, will host a 3-day, 3-event tournament on August 13-14-15. Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner event, \$10 per person. The bring your own partner tourney is on the agenda for Saturday, \$25 per team, and the popular mixed doubles will be played on Sunday, \$25 per team.

Entries are limited and advance registration is strongly urged. Use the flyer in last month's Board Talk to make your paid reservation.

For information, call the Moose, 410-827-9832, or tournament director Terry Gertz, 410-827-6755.

McGovern/Anderson Win 4th Annual Balloon Inn Open

Eleven teams shot for over \$4200 at the 4th Annual Balloon Open at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, on June 12-13.

Locals Grady McGovern and Travis Anderson went undefeated to take first place. Tom Henry from Tuscon and Rollie Westerhoff came back through the loser's

bracket for second place. Gail Covrt and Mike Brunner finished third.

Hosts Ron and Gwen say thanks for your support!

Labor Day Texas Open, Texas Mist, Sept. 3-6

The Texas Mist, 9063 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas, will host the 1993 Texas Open on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6. There will be seven events on the agenda, including a mixed doubles, open draw, pros and semi-pros singles, amateur singles, pros and semi-pros doubles, amateur doubles, and a six-member team event. Check the flyer in last month's Board Talk for complete details.

Recommended lodging: the Ramada Limited, right next door to the Texas Mist, 512-835-7070; or the Holiday Inn, just two blocks away, 512-343-0888.

For information, call tournament director Ron Bowers, 512-835-7256 or 512-459-1264. This will be a biggie so get your reservations in early.

Season Finale at Harvey's Place

The last of this season's major tournaments at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, was held June 18-20. "In review, the five tournament schedule was a success and plans are being made to continue this aggressive schedule next season, beginning in November," said tournament director Dick Gorman. "This is in addition to a travelling team in the 16-team Cecil-Harford Counties League in Maryland. In addition, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night, a draw partner, double elimination event is held on the four in-house boards. This is what you call shuffleboard country!"

Friday night started with the normal draw partner event. The lucky draw made partners of Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, and Wayne Nichols of nearby Conowingo, the big winners. Second place finishers were Len Dell, Belcamp, Md., and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Md. Third place was taken by Al DiBella, Upper Darby, Pa., and Bob Overbay, Street. Fourth place money went to host Harvey Comer and Sam Jones, Boonesboro, Md., with final money spot going to Richie Casula, Newark, Del., and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa.



Len Dell (left) and Jim Wallace won second place honors in the draw partner event.



Al DiBella (left) of Pennsylvania and local Bob Overbay took third in the draw partner event.

On Saturday, temperatures soared as air conditioners worked overtime to combat the 103 degree muggy weather outside. Inside Harvey's was a crowd of happy shufflers dueling it out on the boards and chowing down on Harvey's Place specialty -- the hot table buffet for all players. "As evening fell, we were treated to a tremendous rain and thunder storm that kept power crews busy all night -- enough light left to shoot the bring partner," reports Dick. Len Dell and Mickey Mickens led the way to the payoff table, with second place going to Sam Jones of Boonesboro and Lonzo Knight of Sharpsburg. Third went to the Philadelphia area team of Butch Kelly, Springfield, and Joe Williams, Ridley Park. Fourth and

and final money spot went to Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Del., and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Md.

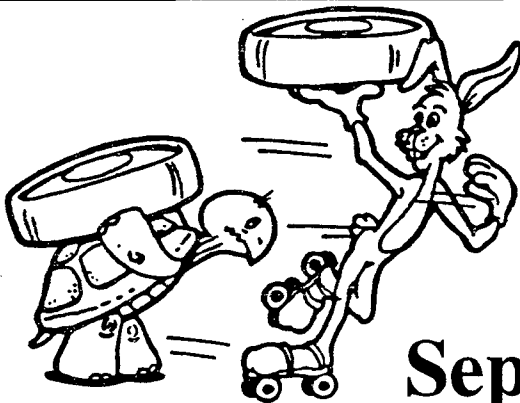


Mickey Mickens (left), with his partner Len Dell, won the bring partner event, while Lonzo Knight and Sam Jones took second place honors.

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REMINDER

To have your news, views, and announcements of upcoming events published in The Board Talk, information must be received by the 15th of each month



3rd Annual Skip's Board Talk Fall Tournament

September 12-13

Draw Partners: \$20 per player

Open Singles: \$25 per player

For tournament information, contact: George Wilber, 517-371-3538; For lodging recommendations, contact: Skip Sliwa, 517-422-5422

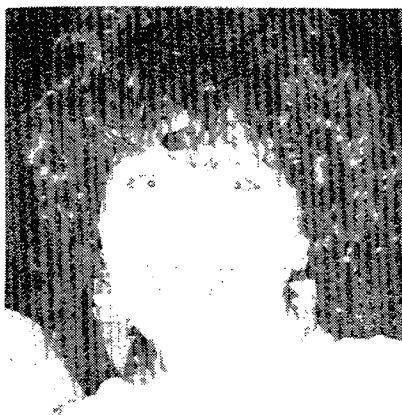
SKIP'S LOUNGE

8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan

"In the heart of Michigan's Vacation Wonderland"

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On Sunday, the heat came back and so did the shooters for the mixed doubles event. The air conditioners again went on overtime trying to cool off the players as they strived to unseat the reigning mixed doubles champs, Judy Iseman of Chestertown and partner Len Dell. The champs took first place again, but not before the likes of Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pa., and Al DiBella, gave them a real challenge and took second. Third place finishers, hosts Darlyene Belcher and Harvey Comer, also gave them a real battle and placed third.



Louise Freer of Pennsylvania, with her partner, Al DiBella, gave reigning mixed doubles champs Judy Iseman and Len Dell a run for their money.

(Photos courtesy of Brenda Wallace)

"That ends the 1992-93 season at Harvey's Place, but all readers are invited to watch The Board Talk for next year's dates," said Dick Gorman. "Darlyene and Harvey hope you will join them next season or any time for good shuffleboard and Maryland hospitality."

Nelson/Allis Show Their Stuff at Acme Nationals

Twenty-two teams fought tooth and nail for a piece of the pie, which totalled over \$4,000, at the Acme Nationals in Tacoma, Washington, on June 19-20. And the winners were: none other than that "dream team" of Darrol Nelson and Jimmy Allis, who took home the laurels and a good chunk of change.

"Going undefeated in this tournament, Darrol and Jim took it all with the class of the professional players they truly are," reports Ron Wicks.

Coming in second place were tournament director Jim Foran and Mike Waters of Tacoma, Washington. Third place honors went to Tommy Campbell of Seattle and Loren Lampley of Shelton. Fourth place went to Doug Debois and Dick Heflin of Longview. And coming around the bend in fifth and sixth places were Rick Gindt of Tacoma and Al Pease of Pacific Beach, and Dan (the Hitman) Hitt and Mike Thorpe of Spokane.

"Again, hostess Nancy Hiller and her staff fought the odds and put out a great tournament," Ron said. "Starting with outstanding competitors, mixed with a great feed, and topped off with superb service (Nancy: who made

that excellent barbecued chicken?). Everyone involved in the Acme Nationals would like to thank The Shuffleboard Federation for their generous contribution of wax and conditioner which kept our boards fast and consistent."

(Editor's Note: By the time the next issue of The Board Talk is published, Ron may be a Daddy. Watch for further developments so you can send a welcome to the "little pucker.")

"Crazy Canucks" Tourney, Sept. 3-5, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

An editorial apology to the "Crazy Canucks" for the error in their tournament flyer last month. A corrected flyer is enclosed in this issue. Their 3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend Tournament will be held Sept. 3-5 at the Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans' Association, Unit 68, 1837 Main St. (3rd & Main), in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Events will again include an open singles, \$50 entry fee, double elimination, with sponsor sale set for 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3. \$500 will be added to the pot for this event.

The second event will be an open doubles, with \$1,000 added to the pot! Entry is \$100 per team, double elimination, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4.

The host, A.N. & A.F. Unit 68, has six in-house boards. You are encouraged to come early and play draw partners on Thursday evening. They have some R.V. parking available. Otherwise, accommodations will be at the Biltmore Hotel (604-872-5252). When booking your rooms, be sure to tell them you are with the shuffleboard tournament.

Advance entries are strongly suggested and PLEASE send your entry fees in Canadian funds. Just go to your bank and ask; it's simple and saves both you and the tournament officials a lot of hassle. Send to: Marg Okum, 4103 Welwyn St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5N3Z1; phone 604-872-5373. No entries will be accepted after August 27, 1993.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site. These Crazy Canucks have supported many of your tournaments this past year; do the same for them!

Lopez/Anderson/Gray Win Pasquale's 20th Anniversary Tourney

J.R. Lopez and Brian Anderson, both of Lansing, were winners of the doubles event at Pasquale's 20th Anniversary tournament on June 19-20. Finishing second were Jerry Siebert and Dana Gray, also of Lansing.

In the singles, Dana Gray took top honors, beating out, the always-tough Bjerne Sunde of Madison Heights.

Those who helped Joe and Linda celebrate their 20th Anniversary were treated to a tasty spread.

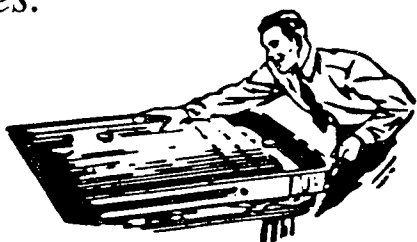
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Hagen/Baker Tops at Texas Mist

Diana Hagen and Mike Baker walked away with first place trophies in the He/She doubles tournament staged at the Texas Mist in Austin on June 12. The Houston duo defeated Pam Hardin and Rusty Center of San Antonio in the finals. Seventeen teams entered the tournament.

Finishing third were Sheryl and Bob Shaw from Fort Worth. Linda and Don Valk of Austin came in fourth. Sheryl and Linda were both making their debuts in a major event and host Don McCurry reports that the two ladies were very impressive in their first big outing.

"There were a total of four husbands and wives teamed up in the tournament and we are happy to announce that, as of this writing, no divorces have resulted!" he said.



Mike Baker and Diana Hagen (right) took first in the He/She Tournament at Texas Mist, with Pam Hardin and Rusty Center finishing second.

The following week, the Texas Mist also hosted a singles qualifier for Ken Strong's Independence Tournament held during the July 4th holidays in Houston. The shufflers competed for free entry and expense money to the tournament. Brenda Moore of San Antonio thrashed all challengers to take top honors. Casey Milligan finished second and Robert Hurst Jr. was third, both Austinites.

"As always, the Texas Mist thanks all participants and the classic Ron Bowers, who directed both tournaments," said Don.

Doubles Tourney at Spot Tavern, Aug. 21-22

The Spot Tavern in Pacific Beach, Washington, will host a doubles tournament on August 21-22. Entry is \$40 per team and payout will be 60-30-10. The sponsor sale will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 21 and play will be on two fast boards. Joanne and Tina's "fantastic feed" will be featured.

Tournament directors will be Lance Hays and Al Pease. For information, call 206-276-9914.

3rd Annual Draw Partners, Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, Sept. 18-19

The Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, will host a draw partner tournament on September 18-19. Entry fee for the 3rd annual event is \$25 per person. The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, with the double elimination, 2 out of 3, 15 point games in the winner's bracket, 17-point single games in the loser's bracket tournament immediately following. Payout will be 60-30-10 for 16 teams or less; more payouts will be made if more than 16 teams compete.

Tournament Director Phil DePree says there is space available for RVs, but no hookups (some power will be available on a first come basis). There will be a complimentary feed on Saturday, door prizes all weekend, a super breakfast Sunday morning, and music Sunday night after the tourney.

Last year's winners were Sherm Anderson and Joanie Millar, followed by Mark Sullivan and Billy Powell in second place, with Dave Arndt and Al Kantor in third.

Further information is available from Phil at the Edison, 206-766-6266, or at his home, 766-5301.

Open Doubles at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan, August 21-22

Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan, will host an open doubles tournament on August 21-22. Entry fee is \$50 per team, single game, double elimination, limited to the first 30 teams signed up. Sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with play on Stober's two in-house boards starting immediately after.

Depending upon the number of entries in the doubles, there is a possibility of an open singles on Sunday. Plan to come early for round robins on Friday night.

As usual, Heidi's delicious buffet, compliments of the Stober family, will be a highlight of the weekend.

For information, call Tournament Director J.R. Lopez, 517-487-2415, Stober's, 517-487-4464, or George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

3rd Annual Labor Day Tourney, Blinky's Sports Cafe, Santa Clara, California, Aug. 31-Sept. 5

Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will be the scene of the 3rd Annual Labor Day Shuffleboard Tournament on Aug. 31 through Sept. 5. There will be six events played on four A.Z. Turnbo boards, including an amateur doubles and singles, \$10 entry; round robin pro-am, \$20 entry fee; open draw pro/semi-pro, \$25 entry; pro doubles, \$200 per team; and

pro singles, \$100 entry fee. See the enclosed flyer for more details on the schedule.

There are motel accommodations near Blinky's, which has ample parking and good food. For information, call tournament directors Nelson Jennings, 408-923-8843; Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822.

A special feature of this tournament: In memory of Bill Jennings, the Jennings family will donate \$100 to the player who travels the furthest to play in this tournament. What a great tribute to Bill and what an incentive to out-of-state players to participate.

Please spread the word about this big event by posting the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tourney at Houghton Lake, Michigan, Sept. 10-12

Stepping back in the Time Machine and setting the dials for the 4th of July weekend in 1990, we're back at the 6th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion in Houghton Lake, Michigan, held at Skip's Lounge and the Northway Lounge (with the State Police post in between). What a zoo! Tournament directors Rob Kern and George Wilber kept in touch with each other between the two locations via walkie-talkies (and telephone when those failed). No sooner would players be settled down in one location when they were called to the other, having to cross the busy intersection to get there!

Despite those logistic problems, players from numerous states had no complaints. They loved the area, Michigan's vacation paradise, where they could swim and fish and sail and golf while they weren't playing, and they loved the hospitality of Skip and Carole Sliwa, hosts of Skip's Lounge. So, the following year, even though we moved our traditional "reunion" tournament to Pennsylvania, we joined hands with Skip to stage the 1st Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tournament. Its success led to a 2nd Annual and now it's time for the third....

Events will include a draw partner event, \$20 per player (pros and players rated 1 and 2 will draw for players rated 4), with sponsor sale on Saturday at noon; and an open singles, \$25 per player, on Sunday, with sponsor sale at noon. Come early and participate in round robins on Friday night.

For information regarding the tournament, call George Wilber, 517-371-2538. For suggestions on lodging, call Skip at 517-422-5631.

Hagen Sweeps Houston Independence Tourney

Houston's own Diana ("Triple Crown") Hagen swept the July 1-5 Houston Independence Tournament held at Time Out Sports Bar #1 by winning the open singles, winning the doubles with Rod Cameron, and winning the four-member team event with her teammates Sharon

Finch, Mike Baker, and Flynt Preston.

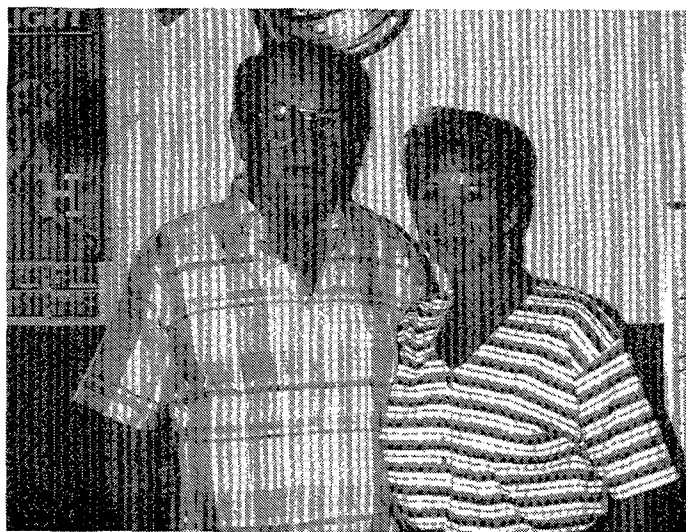
In winning the singles, Diana beat Johnny Ballard, third place winner Don Valk and second place winner Billy Mays. In the doubles, Billy Mays and Debbie Bowers finished second, and Johnny Ballard and Tony Howard finished third.

Diana's team came out of the loser's bracket to beat Brian Walker and teammates Casey Jacoby, Ken Strong and Tina Wade. Dicki Wooten and teammates Gilbert Koteris, Dave Westrich, and Sylvia Martinez, finished third.

"Hey, hey, look out for Ray Marshburn of San Antonio. He is an up and coming young player who gave Diana all she could handle before she beat him in the third game of the two out of three singles match," reports tournament director Ken Strong.



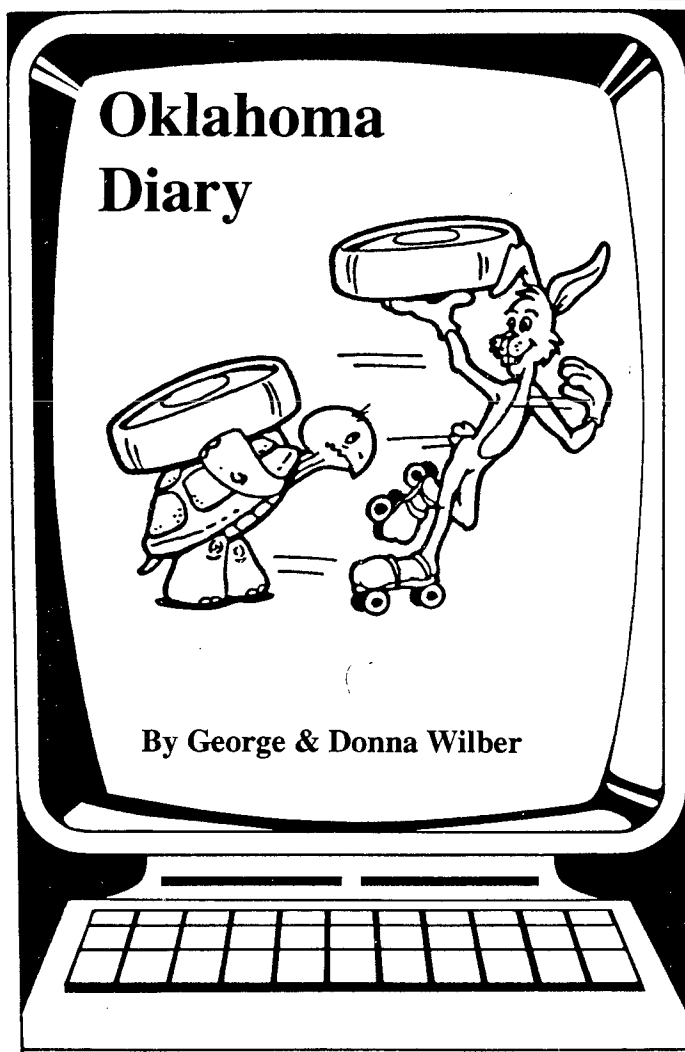
Diana Hagen of Houston, took top honors in the singles event at the Houston Independence Tourney over the 4th of July weekend at the Time Out Sports Bar #1.



Diana and her partner, Rod Cameron, took first in the doubles.

"Turnout for the tournament was larger than expected (55 paid registrants) and many thanks go to William (Sheriff) Hallberg, Brian Walker, Jim Grove, Rost Kaune, Tina Wade, Ron Bowers, Don Valk, and Howard Mouton for pitching in and helping to keep the tournament running," said Ken Strong. "A very special thanks

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Saturday, June 26:

Left Lansing at 7 a.m., drove straight through to Omaha, Nebraska. Saw flooded fields in Iowa -- poor farmers, victims of Mother Nature! Checked in at Budgetel Inn in Omaha -- nice, clean place at reasonable rates, shufflers -- showered and went in search of Board Talk "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." shuffleboard sites.

Had a nice visit with Joe Spielman at Joe's Duck Inn, not too far from our motel. His shuffleboard was torn down and lying against the wall as he made room for a well-attended pool tournament. Right next door was Tim Piccolo's bar with two boards and a bartender who was a talented card trickster. It was there that we met our friends, Denny Busch and Gwynette Orsi. Joe, Tim, and Gwyn are coming to Del City, Oklahoma, for our tournament. Denny is in his busy season (air conditioning) so he can't be there. It's been a very long day....

Sunday, June 27:

JoAnne and Floyd Stein from Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies in Omaha stopped after church to take us for a tour of their facilities. We learned that they had

started their venture much as we did, operating from their kitchen table responding to the opportunities the World of Shuffleboard offered them, and growing from there. These really great people would also be coming to Oklahoma for the tournament. They were furnishing the wax and weights that would be used at the American Legion tournament site.



"If I leave Donna, can I come and live with you, Floyd?" asks George. Floyd agreed, but JoAnne had some reservations.

As JoAnne and Floyd dropped us off back at the motel, Denny and Gwynette were there waiting to take us to the horse races. It was a terrific afternoon spent in the beautiful clubhouse with great company. Not only did we have the opportunity to meet Denny's handsome dad, Chuck, we also (unknown to each other) collected some cash on an exacta race!



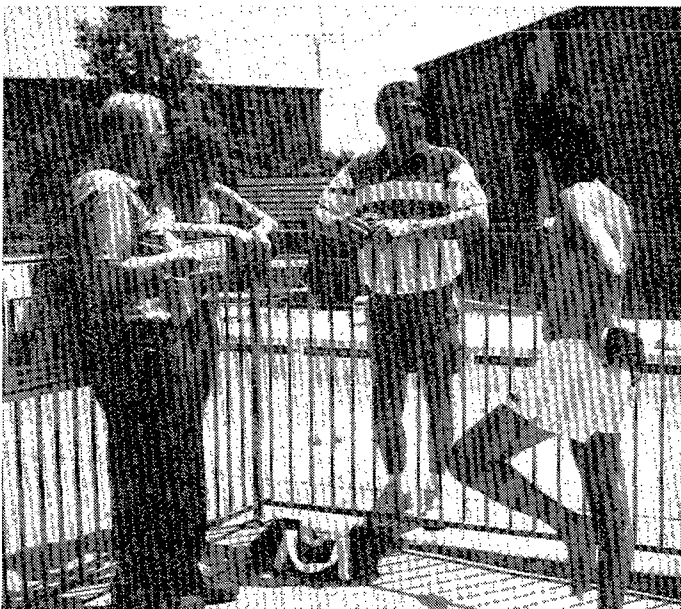
George liked the overhead lights at the Elbow Room and other shuffleboard locations in Nebraska.

That evening, we visited another "Play Your Way" bar -- the Elbow Room -- where we met owner Larry Morrow, Mike Roach and some other nice people. Larry and Mike would also be coming to Del City. The two boards at the Elbow Room get lots of action during league season and round robins the rest of the year.

Monday, June 28:

On the road again, with a stop in Lincoln at another subscriber bar, Arnold's. Owner Steve wasn't in and Maggie Worley was playing in a golf tournament. Steve has recently remodeled his tavern and it is beautiful. The board that is its centerpiece looks good, too.

From there, we drove straight through to Del City, where we checked in at the Coachman Inn. Tournament participants got a special rate and it was a nice, clean motel with friendly staff.



George visits with Louise Freer, Bobby Voorhis, and Al DiBella. The pool was often the scene of late-night parties where shufflers reviewed daily tournament happenings. Louise and Al won the \$20 round robin the first night.

After unpacking, we went next door to the Bristol Station, another subscriber shuffleboard location. Ordered one drink and got two, along with live entertainment. This is a neat place and it was always packed in the evenings. Owner Pete is a great shuffleboard supporter and adds to the pot of twice a week tournaments.

It was getting late, but we decided to check in at the American Legion Post 73, scene of the 2nd Annual Southwest Open/9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. What a facility -- spacious and clean and surrounded by a park where some shufflers stayed in their RVs and the braver ones in tents, undaunted by the intense heat and mosquitos. The 10 Dynamo boards were set up, ready for tournament play, with two in-house boards in the bar. Our congenial host, Don Crall, was there to welcome us.

Don takes great pride in the facility he manages -- as well he should. After his retirement as an executive in a major corporation, not being a potato couch person, he volunteered to take over management of the then struggling Post 73. Since then, he has built it into one of the

richest posts in the country, highly respected for its generous community services -- street flags, an American Legion baseball team, a home for orphaned or abandoned children, just to name a few. Don is supported in his efforts by his friend, Beni.



Don (right) takes a brief break to visit with tournament officials Dave Davidson (left) and Al Primrose.

Don has also built a strong corp of volunteer staff to help make the many activities that are held at the post run smoothly.

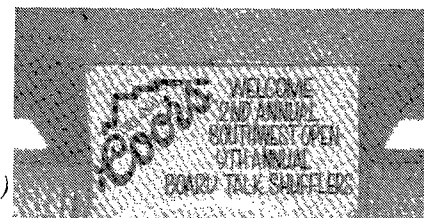


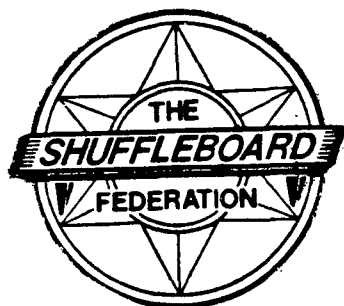
Jan (left), Eileen and Berda were part of the staff who kept shufflers well-served throughout the tournament.

Tuesday, June 29:

After a good night's rest and a hearty \$1.99 breakfast at Bristol Station, we returned to the American Legion. Tournament Director Ron Huddleston gave us a warm welcome. He hung the welcome banners that Coors had provided, along with the trophies, while we set up our display of door prizes.

*Coors provided welcome signs and trophies for the tournament.
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MORE ABOUT DEUCES WILD™

It has certainly been a pleasant surprise to have received so many phone calls about our new game in the few weeks since the July issue of The Board Talk came out. As we mentioned in our article from that issue, DEUCES WILD™ will be introduced in a draw partner format at the 1993 North American Championships™. To make it even more interesting, \$2,000.00 is being added to the pot for this event. Everyone who attends the North American Championships™ is eligible for the DEUCES WILD™ event.

If you have been reading our articles in the last few issues, then you already know that DEUCES WILD™ Leagues will be run by independent league operators, either a vending company directly, or someone they hire for that purpose.

There have been inquiries from people who are interested in the possibility of starting a DEUCES WILD™ league in their area. It has been very difficult to tell them that at this time we are running DEUCES WILD™ Leagues only in cooperation with selected vending companies. We are however still encouraging leagues that want to use their own format to join and be sanctioned by the N.A.S.L.™.

We have some very important reasons for following the course of action we have chosen for the development of DEUCES WILD™ Leagues. As you probably know, it has always been our goal to secure a major national sponsor for shuffleboard. This has certainly been a frustrating process at times. The good part is that we have learned a lot about the coin operated game industry and, most important, what kind of things are attractive to the most likely potential sponsors.

DEUCES WILD™ is a fast, easy to learn game, that is tailor made for league play. We believe that a national sponsor is possible for DEUCES WILD™ in the not too distant future. Because of our sponsorship goals, we are proceeding very deliberately.

The most important thing to us is to retain as many of the players as possible that join the DEUCES WILD™ League in the first year. A decade long survey of the bowling industry in the 1980's revealed that 80% of first year bowlers do not return for a second season. The survey also gave an in depth picture of why this happens. We have made every effort to take those factors which can also be applied to shuffleboard into consideration in the course of developing the DEUCES WILD™ format.

Therefore, the vending companies that are being approached to start DEUCES WILD™ Leagues are companies which are very experienced in operating leagues. Most of these companies have a person whose job it is to handle their league operations. The experience these people have gives us an excellent chance to get DEUCES WILD™ off to a big start and establish momentum for the 1994 season.

Another very important part of our marketing strategy is to expand the shuffleboard community in order to make our sport more attractive to potential national sponsors. That is why we are targeting states which are not widely known to have a lot of organized shuffleboard activity. Among the states we are either already active in, or expect to be are: Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In order to keep you up to date on the progress of the DEUCES WILD™ League Program and our sponsorship efforts, we will continue to include information in our monthly article in The Board Talk.

RENO NEWS

The 1993 North American Championships™ is expected to be the biggest ever in both attendance and prize money. The Sands Regency Hotel Casino, our host/sponsor is adding at least \$7,000.00 to the tournament. Of course our goal is to fill the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event with 32 teams. If that happens, the added money jumps to \$17,500.00, with at least \$1,000.00 added to nine different events. In other words, it is in the best interests of everyone who attends the tournament to get involved in promoting the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event.

We appreciate the interest from people who have not attended this tournament in the past, particularly from the West Coast players. If you have not been to the North American Championships™ before and are thinking about coming, we want you to be aware that the singles and doubles events for Division I and Division II/III will probably be sold out well before the entry deadline so don't wait too long.

One of the main reasons why this is becoming such a popular tournament is our host/sponsor, the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. In addition to their generous contributions to the prize money, the Sands has a lot of other things to offer.

The rooms, all of which are located in one of three towers, are clean, large and well kept. The Sands also has a very intimate atmosphere that is seldom found in big hotels. The tournament area has a bar and cocktail waitresses. Located within fifty feet of the tournament area are: rest rooms, elevators, cocktail lounge, slot machines, Keno, 24 hour coffee shop, and the main casino. See the updated flyer in this issue of The Board Talk for full details. Hope to see you there.

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Oklahoma Diary

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We appreciated the support of those who advertised in our traditional Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion printed program, which contained the tournament events, rules, history of shuffleboard, winners of the eight previous tournaments, and a place to record this year's winners. A portion of the ad revenue was used to purchase door prizes. Winners of those prizes were:

*Bud Hillburn, a watch from Al and Von Stewart, A & M Amusement Service, El Monte, California

*Rick Yingst, a radio searchlight from Bud Hillburn, Action Lounge, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

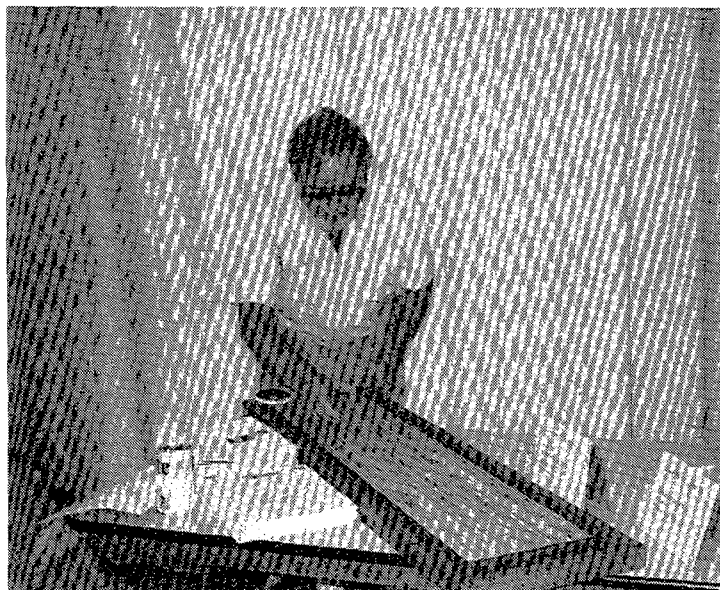
*Zane Porter, a radio searchlight from Don Crall, American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma

*Sharon Summers, a radio headset from JoAnne and Floyd Stein, Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Omaha, Nebraska

*Cindy Sweatt, a cooler from Pat Kinard, Full House, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

*Bob Lewis, a set of glasses from Pete, Bristol Station, Midwest City, Oklahoma

*Glen Davidson, a miniature shuffleboard and pucks from George and Donna Wilber, The Board Talk



Glen Davidson tests his skills on the mini-shuffleboard he won in a door prize drawing. It was an unexpected birthday present!

If you weren't at the tournament and would like a copy of the program, send \$1 to cover postage to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906, and we'll mail you one.

Before this day was over, shufflers started arriving and round robins were underway. It appeared that it would be a great "reunion," with opportunities to see old friends and make new friends. We were glad we decided to be here!

Wednesday, June 30:

After an enjoyable breakfast at the Bristol Station with Glen Davidson and Madge Goff, we returned to the American Legion. Everything was under control (we couldn't get used to the fact that this was one tournament where we could relax and enjoy and not work!) so we went back "home" to the Coachman. Later we went next door for one of those "two-fors" and visited with our old, old friends from Indiana, Bobby V and Jim Long, and met a new one -- Steve Blue (half of the Brown and Blue team that's been winning so often in the Hoosier state. Steve told us that alphabetically he should be listed first, so we will remember to do that). They had just checked in at the Coachman and would have a team in the Pro-Am event that would be auctioned tonight along with the pro singles.

Keeping track of nearly \$40,000 in prize monies during the eight tourney events was the responsibility of Sharon Huddleston, shown here with one of her helpers, Rena Hendrix. Tournament Director Ron Huddleston says he couldn't have done it without her!



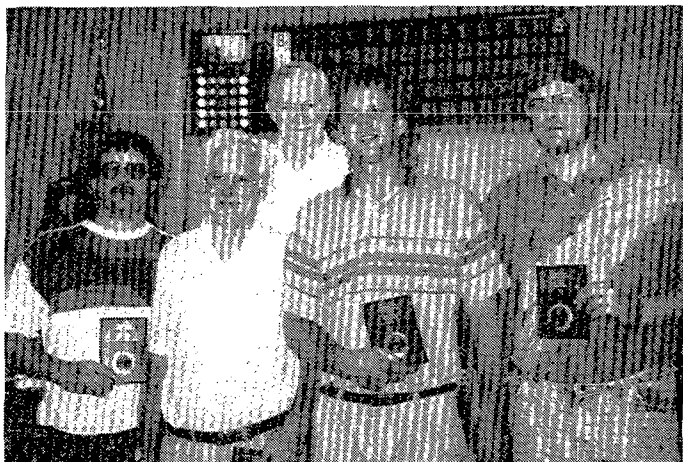
We were a bit choked up after the great introduction by Tournament Director Ron Huddleston prior to the sales, but recovered our emotions enough to enjoy the brisk bidding. If you've never had the experience of taking in entries, registration fees, and sponsor sales, you can't really appreciate what a job it is to keep thousands of dollars all balanced and placed in the right envelopes. Sharon had good help for this complicated process and one thing we've noticed is that two women -- no matter where they are, at home or away -- Madge Goff of Oklahoma and Judy Iseman of Maryland are always there to volunteer their time and expertise. We salute them for that!

There were nine four-person teams in the pro-am event, one pro and three non-pros, and 20 entries in the pro singles, which was open to non-pros at a lesser entry fee. Total collected tonight was already over \$10,000!

Thursday, July 1:

George pried Donna's eyelids open at 7:30 a.m., anxious to get to the American Legion to watch the finals of the pro-am team event. At breakfast at Bristol Station, we met our new friend, Larry Morrow of the Elbow Room in Omaha.

Winner of the pro-am event was pro Bobby V's team, composed of Bobby, Jim Long, Steve Blue, all of Indiana, and Sam Sweatt of Oklahoma. Taking second place honors was Mark Foust's team that included Mark, John Cason and Ron Huddleston of Oklahoma, and Bob Lewis of Arizona. In third place was Bill Melton's team of Bill, son Billy, daughter Lisa, and Janet Weidner of Texas.



Winners of the pro-am team event were Bobby V, Jim Long, Steve Blue of Indiana, and Sam Sweatt of Oklahoma. Tournament Director Ron Huddleston gave George the honor of presenting the Coors trophies.



Tourney directors Dave Davidson and Al Primrose present trophies to winners of the pro singles: Bill Melton (center), 1st; Rick Boyer (second from right), 2nd; and Frank Blade (second from left), 3rd. Mark Foust (who says "losing sucks!") finished in 4th place.

Friday, July 2:

While there were a number of non-pros who were brave enough to jump into the pro singles, it was the pros who prevailed. When the wax settled after the finals, it was four pros that accepted top honors: Bill Melton, Oklahoma, 1st (see accompanying story); Rick Boyer, Colorado, 2nd; Frank Blade, Texas, 3rd; and Mark Foust,

Oklahoma, 4th. Following that exciting event, we went back to the motel, where we were visited by Louise (who brought us a gift of some delicious home-baked and healthy cookies), Al, Bobby, Glen, Madge, and Judy. What a wonderful thing is this coast-to-coast shuffleboard network! We all went to the American Legion for the sales of the pro-am draw and beginner and just pretty good events. Proving his expertise as a tournament director, Ron soon found out that many players were not comfortable with the label of "semi-pros," so he changed that to Beginners and Just Pretty Good categories.

There were 25 teams in the pro-am draw and 9 teams in the beginners-just pretty good teams event. And, once again, sales were brisk.

The sales were over, the boards were prepped, players were ready to play. All of a sudden, the lights went out, except for one focussed on the American flag on stage. Whitney Houston sang the Star Spangled Banner as goose-bumps popped up all over the expansive American Legion. Players and spectators cheered our nation's birthday before resuming play. What a class act!

Saturday, July 3:

The field of competitors in the pro-am draw and in the beginner-just pretty good draw narrowed. And the winners were: (pro-am draw) Mark Foust, Oklahoma, and Mike Roach, Nebraska, 1st; Frank Blade, Texas, and Ron Blalock, Oklahoma, 2nd; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Chuck Deweese, Florida, 3rd; Mike Melton and Sam Sweatt, Oklahoma, 4th; Bud Hillburn and Dino Fleming, Oklahoma, and Alan Primrose, Oklahoma, and Larry Creakbaum of Indiana, 5th and 6th.

In the beginners/just pretty good draw, it was Oklahoma all the way with Jeff Simco and Cindy Sweatt in first; Ken Carter and Sharon Huddleston in second; and Ron Snellgrove and Pat Kinard in third place.

Sponsor sales for the 43 enties in the amateur singles and 14 in the beginner/just pretty good singles brought the total pot for these two events to over \$10,000 tonight.

Sunday, July 4:

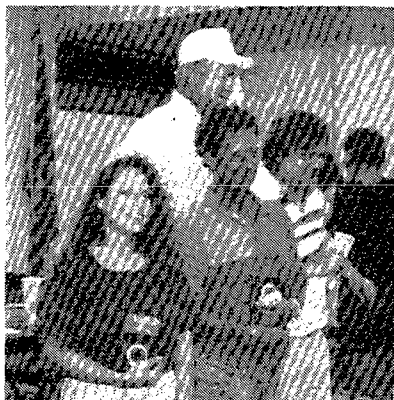
This is Independence Day, and some people are celebrating more than others. Steve Burkett of Oklahoma is one of those. "People take this game too seriously," he said. "You gotta have fun!" While someone at the bar suggested he needed to be sent to a shuffleboard rehab center, Steve maintained, playing nine of the 10 boards to get to the finals. "I guess I got time for one more," he said. He gave it a good try, but he just couldn't beat the tough Bobby Williams of Texas. Because of Bobby's first place finish in this tournament, he will be classified as a pro in next year's Southwest Open Tournament. Finish-

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ing third was Rena Hendrix of Oklahoma.



Bobby Williams of Texas (center) was the winner of the amateur singles. Steve Burkett (right), propped up by tournament official Dave Davidson, was second, with Rena Hendrix (left) in third place.

Jim Long of Indiana finished fourth, with Tom Hendrix of Oklahoma in fifth place and Mike Roach of Nebraska in sixth. Ken Hawks of Colorado and Cliff Goff of Oklahoma finished 7th and 8th.

People who didn't think they had a chance in the world ended up in the winner's circle, thanks to Ron Huddleston's beginner/pretty good player category. Winners of this event were: Eddie Woods, Texas, 1st; Betty Brantly, Oklahoma, 2nd; and Alan Cobb, Oklahoma, 3rd.



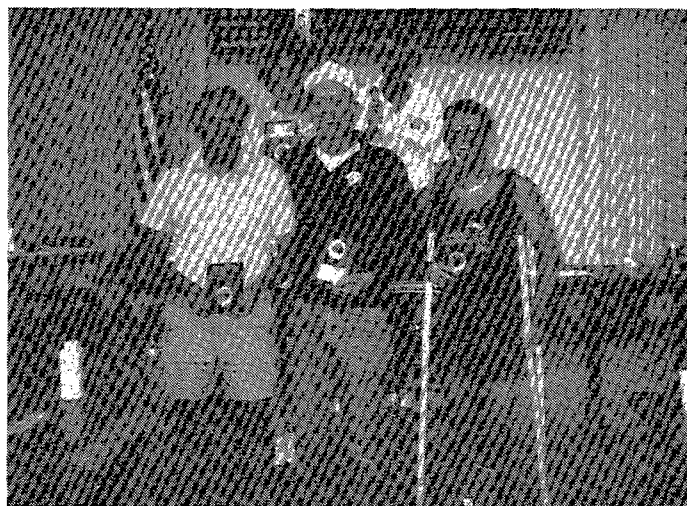
Tournament Director Ron Huddleston presents trophies to Eddie Woods, Betty Brantley and Alan Cobb, winners of the beginners/just pretty good singles event.

Sales for George's "fun" event, the 4-person team, and the open doubles was on the agenda this afternoon. The nine teams in the 4-person team and 13 teams in the open doubles netted over \$7600, bringing the total pot for the tournament to nearly \$40,000 and participants from 12 states: Arizona, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Florida, and Illinois.

We went back to the motel that night fully confident

that it would be the next day before the results of those two events would be known. But, thanks to the smooth-running tournament direction of Ron Huddleston, it was all over on July 4, allowing travelling shufflers to use Monday to journey home.

Winner of the Board Talk 4-person team event was the Elbow Room, Omaha, Nebraska: Larry Morrow, Gwynette Orsi, Mike Roach, and Ken Hawks. Taking second place honors was Prim's Wagon Wheel of Wynnewood, Oklahoma: Al Primrose, Brenda Watts, Bill Holly and Tom Hendrix. The Buckhorn Tavern, Cushing, Oklahoma, took third place: Steve Walker, Rick Yingst, Betty Brantley, and Pam Croft.



Winner of the Board Talk 4-person team event was the Elbow Room, Omaha, Nebraska: Gwynette Orsi, Mike Roach, Larry Morrow, and Ken Hawks (with crutches).

It was the famous father-son team of Bill and Billy Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, that took top honors in the open doubles. Sam Sweatt and John Cason, also of Oklahoma, took second, with Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Dudley Hutcherson of California in third place.

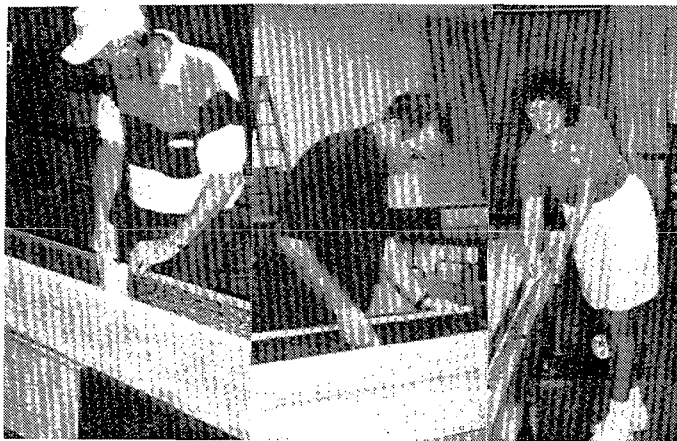


Dudley Hutcherson (left) and Glen Davidson shared 3rd place honors and their birthdays.

Monday, July 5:

Packed up, checked out and headed for the American Legion to bid farewell to our hosts and the people who had gathered to clean up and/or watch the Bobby V/Dave

Williams "big bucks" match. While the tournament was over for us and the other players, there still remained the task of cleaning up the boards, tearing them down, and returning them to Dynamo.



Tournament Director Ron Huddleston's job is not yet finished, but he's aided by volunteers Larry Barthel and Judy Iseman, waiting for her plane to take her back to Maryland, and others.

Our destination was St. Louis, Missouri. There was a subscriber bar on our map: Dave Geisler's Pub. It was dark and rainy. We finally found the address but it was called "The Other Place." Unknown to us, Dave had sold his bar and the new owner had changed its name. We're glad we didn't give up the search.....



At "The Other Place," we met friendly bartender Vivian and local shuffleboard promoter Bill.

We introduced ourselves to bartender Vivian Jackson and she introduced us to Bill Hill, captain of That Other Place's shuffleboard team. Bill told us about the league there and proudly showed off the trophies they had won. He hopes to convince the new owner to replace the current 18-foot board with a regulation size. He said a couple guys known as Jack the King and Pruneface were frequent winners. We were disappointed to hear that we had just missed seeing our old friend, Paul Casula, by about 30 minutes.

We left some Board Talks with Bill so he could spread the word about our publication in St. Louis and

were just climbing into our car to head for a motel when we were hailed by a young man. He introduced himself as Dan Kelly, who has been a subscriber for a number of years and an occasional contributing writer. We were pleased to meet him and had a pleasant visit.

Tuesday, July 6:

Fortified with McDonald's coffee and a shared Egg McMuffin, we continued our journey home. We arrived back in Lansing at 7 p.m., road weary, laden with bags of dirty laundry, and filled with lots of great memories! One of fondest memories was the opportunity to meet Pete Polk.....

"Pete -- This One's For You!"

What greater tribute can you pay a man than to award him your first-place trophy? That's exactly what Bill Melton did at the 2nd Annual Southwest Open/9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. He had decided as he met some fierce competitors in the pro singles that this one would be for Pete -- his idol, his mentor.

On July 3, Bill travelled from Del City to Tecumseh to pick up 76-year-old Pete Polk, brought him to the American Legion to see what a "really big" tournament looked like (in Pete's heyday, two boards were a big deal and he couldn't imagine 10 boards, said Bill), and to award him his first-place trophy. Why?

Pete may be small in stature, but to Bill Melton, he is 10 feet tall and we learned why.... When Bill was 12 years old, Dewey's Tavern in Pearson, Oklahoma, allowed him and some of his friends in to watch wrestling on a tiny set of a new communication medium -- television. It was there that Bill saw his first shuffleboard and it was there that he met Pete Polk.

Bill was intrigued by that board and Pete must have recognized an eager student. He took the time and care to teach him not to shoot free-handed, but to shoot from the rail. Bill got so he could beat anyone in the house -- until Pete came to town on Friday and Saturday nights. "He would agree to play me for a quarter," remembers Bill. "He'd beat me, of course, but not only would he refuse to take my quarter, he'd take me out to eat!"

It was Pete who taught Bill to "play for show, lag for dough" and he hasn't forgotten that lesson. His respect for his mentor goes beyond the basics of the game; it's evident that Pete taught him some basics about things like good sportsmanship and teaching others what he has learned (look at that line-up of winners in the Melton family!).

When Pete arrived at the American Legion, he was treated like the celebrity he is. Glen was there with his camcorder to record the moment; Madge was there with her ever-ready camera; The Board Talk editors hung on

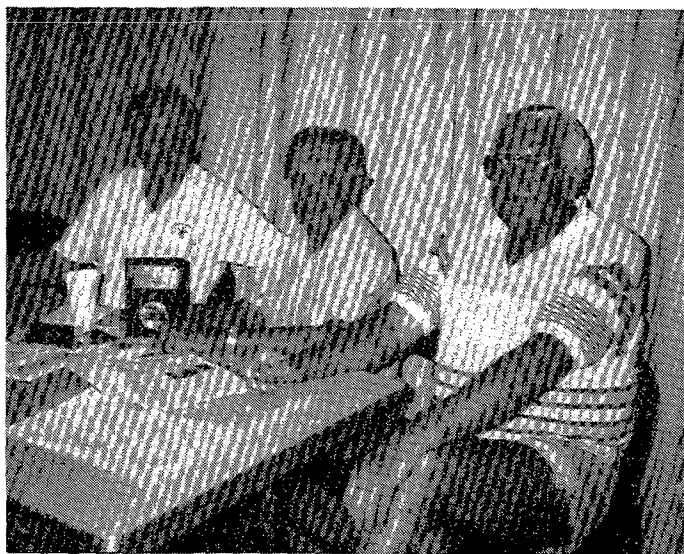
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every word; Louise and Al presented him with a Philly cup; Tournament Director Ron Huddleston recognized him from the podium. It was a night we'll always remember and we thank Bill Melton for the opportunity to meet this legend of shuffleboard.

We hope it will also be a night remembered by a great gentleman -- Pete Polk!



Rivalled only by the awesome salute to our country's birth was this illustration of respect and honor to a mentor -- when Bill Melton presented his first-place trophy to Pete Polk. Thanks to Bill and Pete for this very special memory!

Plaudits from the Tournament Director

"It was a pleasure working with George and Donna and for the Southwest Open to host their 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion," said tournament director Ron Huddleston. "After reviewing the brackets for the eight different events, it strikes me that the real winner was the sport of shuffleboard itself -- the most obvious point being that out of 43 plaques given out for good play, they were distributed to 37 different players. A plaque in this tournament places you in some pretty good company."

"Receiving corporate assistance from Dynamo, Triple Crown, and Coors also helped make it a more pleasant tournament. We hope everyone had a good time and sincerely look forward to seeing everybody again soon."

"Sharon and I are planning on playing in the Bourbon Tournament in October, so hopefully we will see most of you then."

"Thank you everyone for your participation, sportsmanship, and help in making a good tournament into a great tournament," Ron concluded.

We say "Amen" to that, Ron!

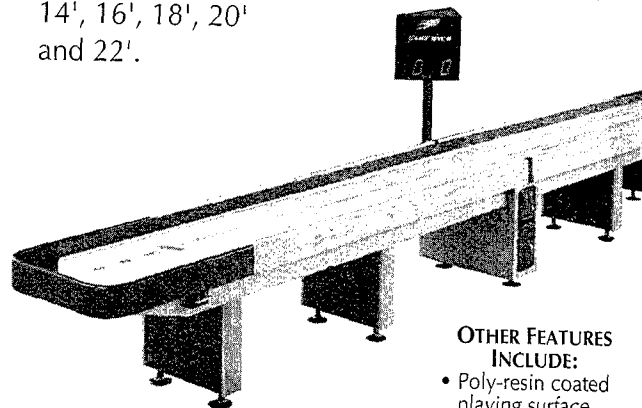


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go to Brian Walker, Dale Williams, Joe Petty and Time Out's own Nick Westerturp for their help in hauling boards. Warren Faulk of the Sports Arena and Ty Migliore of the Nite Cap are to be commended for lending their boards for the tournament. The shuffleboard people also wish to thank owner Randy Flucker for his hospitality and allowing us to use his place for the tournament."

On a down note, Lee Brady was hospitalized for a collapsed lung on the opening day of the tournament, Ken reports. He is recovering satisfactorily. Linda Valk took up a collection at the tournament for Lee. Board Talk editors, along with all members of the shuffleboard network, wish him a speedy recovery.



Diana Hagen (again!), with her team Mike Baker, Sharon Finch, and Flynt Preston, took top honors in the team event.



Tournament Director Ken Strong with Linda Valk, who took up a collection for the ailing Lee Brady.



Billy Mays and Debbie Bowers took second in the doubles event at Time Out Sports Bar.



Johnny Ballard (right) and Tony Howard took second place honors in the doubles event.



Taking second place honors in the team event were (left to right): Ken Strong, Casey (K.C.) Jacoby, Brian Walker and Tina Wade.

1993 North American Championships, Nov. 9-14, Reno, Nevada

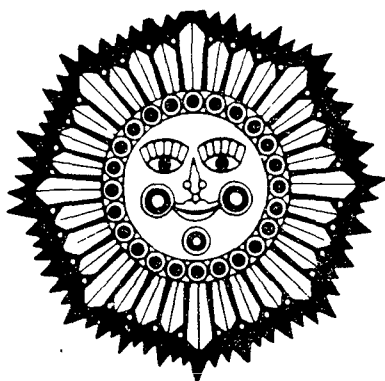
It's only August, but November will be here sooner than you think and it's time NOW to plan for your participation in the 1993 North American Championships at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada, on Nov. 9-14. Check the enclosed flyer for details on 12 (yes! 12!) events. Then contact your local travel agent for air fares (in Michigan, we suggest shuffler Sue Spack, who has been working on a package: 313-227-1934 or 313-522-6051).

Note that between \$7,000 and \$17,500 will be added to the pot, and play will be on 16 new American boards.

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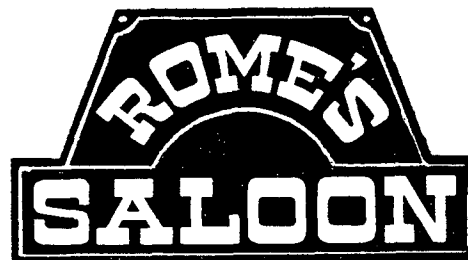
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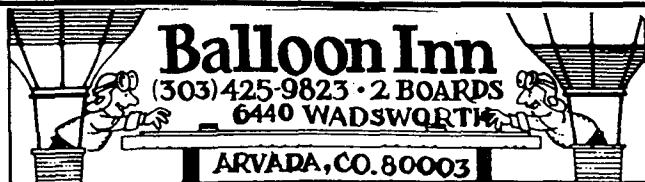
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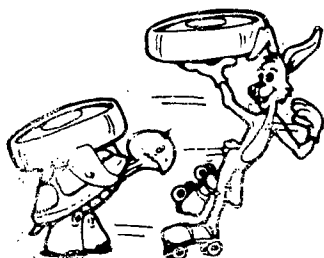
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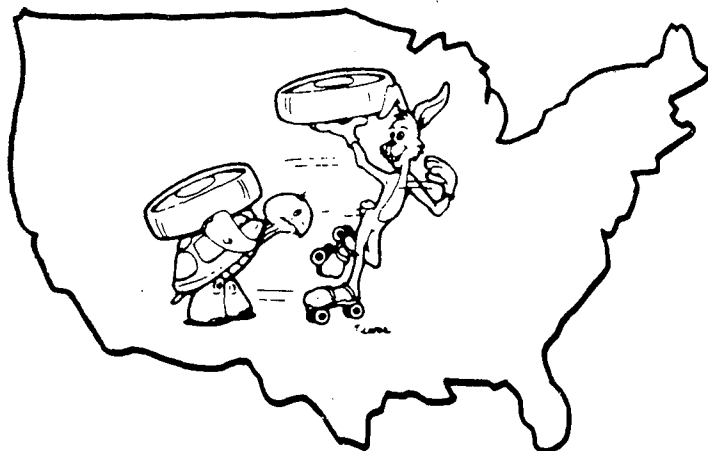
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