

The Board Talk

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A Joyous Holiday to All of You!

As we go to press with our Christmas issue, we have not yet celebrated Thanksgiving -- that's the way it goes in the world of publishing! We want you to know that at the top of our list of reasons to be thankful for this year is YOU. We're more grateful than we can adequately express for your continued support of our shuffleboard network.

Our Christmas message to you is that while we appreciate that support, what means more to us than that is your friendship. Some of you are long-time close friends; others we have not even met, but we consider you friends as well. We wish peace, happiness and good will to all.....

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

Coors Light Girls Make Appearance at Beef's Series of Five; Voorhis/Boaz in Lead

The 20 teams that entered the first in the series of five doubles tournaments at Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, Oct. 16, got more than they bargained for. Not only was the action on the boards hot, hot, hot, but there was an unexpected distraction of the Coors Light girls making an appearance to pass out hats and shirts!

While they may have given some sideline glances, the team of Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz didn't let that distraction from keeping them from winning the first in the series of five and earning four points toward the ultimate end. Larry Huffer and Steve Blue finished second, earning three points; the husband-wife team of Buddy and Fritz Broka took third to earn two points; and Rickie Royal and Larry Vance finished fourth, to take one point.

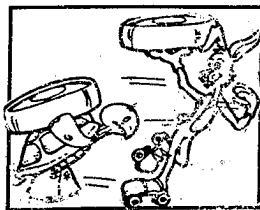
By the time this issue goes to press, there will be more winners in the second in the series of five played on Nov. 20. There's still three more to go: Jan. 22, Feb. 19, and March 19, still time to earn points for the \$2,000 added pot from Playfair Shuffleboard and Dale Gushman. Entry fee for each doubles is \$40 per team, played on two boards at Beef's, located at 550 S. Main in Kendallville. When more than 16 teams are entered, it will be mark 4, play to 15 until money games.

Your hosts, Beef and Marge, suggest that you stay at the Economy Inn, 219-347-3500, or Day's Inn, 219-347-5263. For information regarding the tournaments, call them at 219-347-9965. Beef and Marge will also host an open doubles tourney on New Year's Eve.

White/Arndt Take BZ's 1st Annual Mixed Tourney Title

BZ's Sports Bar & Grill in Seattle, Washington, hosted their 1st annual mixed doubles tournament on Oct. 16-17. Taking top honors were Rosa White of Spokane and Dave Arndt of Tacoma. Following close behind were Steve Wilson and Chris Danke. Rick Gindt from Tacoma and Joanie Millar from British Columbia finished third, with Ron Wicks, Tacoma, and Thais

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A.Z. Gets Support for His Way of Thinking..... From Texas:

I am in total agreement with A.Z. Turnbo's comments appearing in the November 1993 issue of *The Board Talk*, in particular changing shuffleboard games from the 15-point format to the 11-point format. I have always been an outspoken critic of the 11-point (or 9-point) format. In my opinion, these are hustler/cut-throat games that eventually turn away many players who were introduced to the 15-point game.

The 11-point format is played in a local establishment that has two fine boards, regardless of whether two or 20 players are involved. I understand there are instances where the 11-point game may be practical, for example, an establishment that has only one board and several players. But, even then, I have always contended that if a lesser point game is necessary, a 12-point format makes more sense.

Ken Strong, Houston, Texas

And From Canada:

We Canadians agree with A.Z. Inasmuch as we know you can only have so many entries and play so many games in a limited amount of time, we feel -- as always, it's first-come, first-serve. We play board for the challenge of the game as well as your U.S. players and we've had to learn to play a 15-point doubles match. We pay a lot of money to travel to the U.S. tournaments as well (and it costs us a bit more) and we, too, would like to see a 2 out of 3, double elimination. We like to get more than two games for our money.

By all means, raise the price of the games, but give us decent boards to play on. A.Z. is right about the playing surface. The worse the surface, the longer a game takes.

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Also, we agree with the length of time to deliver weights. Hurry it up, guys!

Also, we want to see the mixed doubles in Vegas be exactly that -- a "Mixed Doubles." There are plenty of open doubles tournaments around. We aren't worried about the prize money. It's just an added event that we can enjoy for our trip to Vegas. But, have it 2 out of 3, double elimination!

Please, as A.Z. says, "leave the game of shuffleboard alone and let us play it as we've always played it."

We need new people involved, so stop scaring them away.

If you end up with too many players for one tournament, have a second one for all the extras. Be fair.

Hope this little bit of input helps. See you in Vegas.

Diana Madsen, Vancouver, B.C. Canada

A Tribute to Don McCurry

I would like to personally commend Don McCurry, owner/manager of the Texas Mist in Austin, Texas. He promotes three or four weekly tournaments formatted for his growing number of players and, at the same time, accommodates out-of-town players.

Not to go unnoticed is Don's daily ritual of cleaning and maintaining his three boards to get them ready for the players. How many owners or managers do that? Don and his sidekick tournament director Ron Bowers have certainly put a lot of time and effort into promoting shuffleboard. Although not a player, Don has been around shuffleboard players for many years and personally knows many of the players from 30-plus years ago.

Ken Strong, Houston, Texas

We join in your tribute to Don, Ken. We've always said that an owner/manager of a shuffleboard site can "make or break" the game and, consequently, his or her business. Shuffleboard players are great consumers and the time and effort that Don invests to make playing conditions better for players will pay off in dividends for him. His commitment to the game, however, goes beyond personal gains. He truly believes in the sport and in the people involved in it. Consequently, the World of Shuffleboard benefits -- and he should, too. Some people give us undue credit for the "revival" of shuffleboard, when it is people like Don who have really made it happen!

Frisco Eddie's Revenge

*A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert
Las Vegas, Nevada*

(Editor's Note: Back in 1985, Balboa Ron delighted readers with a series of short stories about a shuffler named Frisco Eddie. After recovering from two major hip surgeries, Ron is back at his typewriter with a "Frisco Eddie....The Return" series. Because we have so many new subscribers since 1985 who missed the original "Revenge" series, we're going to publish those before we start "The Return" series. Last month, we published Part I; here's Part II. Enjoy!)

It was late Saturday night when Eddie completed his shift as bartender at the Blue Moon Lounge. He had graduated from his position as "swamper." The former bartender, Mike, had taught him all he knew about the job before he suddenly passed away.

Eddie had also graduated in shuffleboard. His constant practice and devotion to the game had earned him that right. Eddie's game had now improved beyond the scope of the local players, with few exceptions. There remained but two or three players that offered a challenge.

The prospect of beating the out-of-town "hustlers" preyed on his mind. However, Eddie saw the hustlers come and go occasionally. He felt his play was not improved enough that he had a chance against most of them.

One thing the hustlers all had in common was: "go for the juggler," "never wise up a chump or give a sucker a break." They shied away from the "beer games," preferring to go for the big bucks. Eddie had contemplated taking on the next big-time player who walked into the Blue Moon. Tonight he would get his chance; Big Al and Two-Hanger Fred strolled in the front door.

"We've been hearing a lot about you, Eddie....Starting to get good, huh?" said Big Al. "How about we see just how good you are."

Eddie hesitated for a moment; he knew this was the biggest challenge of his life. "O.K.," he replied, "but no walking the board against the two of you."

Big Al smiled knowingly and said, "Let's get our quarters in, kid. This is where you go to school."

The bar seemed to get a little quieter and darker on that Saturday night as Eddie approached the shuffleboard. Someday is here, thought Eddie.

(The conclusion of Frisco Eddie's Revenge next month.)

Reminder: To share your news and views with shufflers across the U.S.A. and Canada, send to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing MI 48906 -- before the 15th of each month.

The World of Shuffleboard Loses a Gentleman and a Friend....

By Judith Iseman

I'm writing on behalf of my very good friend, JoAnn Ware of Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland.

JoAnn would like to say thank you to all those shufflers from near and far who visited or sent cards and flowers during Art's illness and stay in the hospital. She sends a very special thank you to the Bay Country Moose of Queenstown, Maryland, for their sentiments to Art in the July issue of *The Board Talk*.

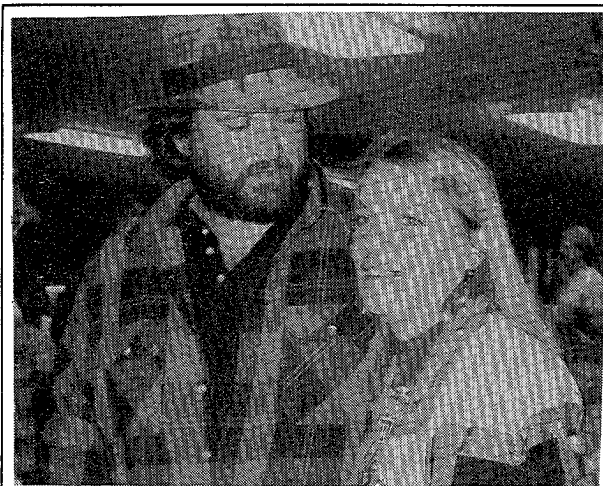
On Oct. 29, 1993, Art passed away.

To everyone who sent cards and flowers of sympathy or made donations to Caroline Hospice Foundation in Art's name, JoAnn thanks you.

JoAnn was overwhelmed at the more than capacity attendance of family, friends and shufflers from at least four states who took their time to be with her that cold, wintry November day of Art's funeral.

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Congratulations!



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love, laughter, and lots of
good fortune!***

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The Board Talk***

1993-94 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

DECEMBER 1993

Dec. 11-12

4th Annual Santa Classic
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 18

Open Doubles
Port Side Sports Lounge
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

JANUARY 1994

Jan. 14-16

Winter Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

Jan. 14-16

"Las Vegas or Bust Warm-Up"
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

Jan. 14-16

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Jan. 22

3rd of 5 Doubles Series
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

FEBRUARY 1994

Feb. 1-6

PCSA Extravaganza VI
Alladin Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Feb. 12

Open Doubles
Port Side Sports Lounge
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Feb. 19

4th of 5-Series Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

MARCH 1994

March 19

5th and Last 5-Series Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

MAY 1994

May 13-15

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

May 20-22

Spring Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

JUNE 1994

June 10-12

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

JULY 1994

July 1-4

3rd Annual Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

AUGUST 1994

Aug. 12-14

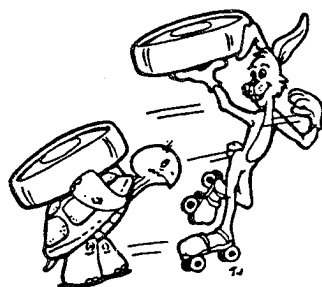
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Bay Country Moose 831
Queenstown, Maryland

OCTOBER 1994

Oct. 26-28

Fall Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

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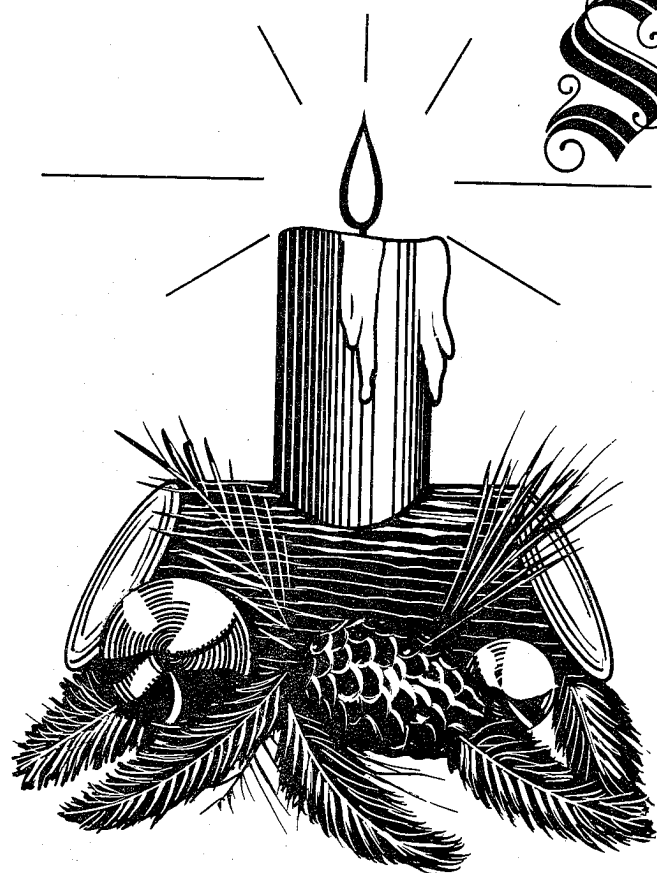
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Svetich from Quilcene. In fifth and sixth place were Linda Steffenson, Tacoma, and Tommy Campbell, Seattle, and John Luhtala from Eatonville and Nancy Johanson from Port Orchard.

Action on the three fast boards started with a draw partners on Friday night with 30 players participating, and 15 teams in the mixed doubles.

"Cheryl Sherwood and her band of top-notch bartenders more than satisfied players over a splendid weekend of fun, friendship and great shuffleboard," reports Ron Wicks. "Thanks, Cheryl, for the prime rib. It was an unexpected treat!"

Lonzo Knight Scores Triple at Glenn's

Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, hosted a 3-day tournament on a pretty fall weekend, Oct. 15-17, among the changing of the leaves in this tiny Western Maryland town.

Friday night's draw partner was won by local favorite, Lonzo Knight of Dargan and Dick Smedberg of Long Island, New York. Second place went to Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Maryland, and Paul Maccarone, Citrus Springs, Florida. Charlie Hawkins, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Doug Fridley Jr. from the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, finished in third place.

Local favorites also took top honors in Saturday's bring partner event. Winners were Lonzo Knight and Jim Snyder of Williamsport. Second place went to Harvey Comer from Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, and Jim McDaniel of Darlington. Doug Fridley Jr. and Paul Maccarone took third place.

Lonzo Knight (again!) took first in Sunday's singles, with Sam Jones, Boonsboro, Maryland, in second place.



Lonzo Knight (right) and Jim Snyder were winners of the bring partner. Lonzo also finished first in the draw partner and singles.

"Once again, Linda Jones came up with a feast, this time a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A good job with a lot of hard work," reports Donna Snyder. "Thanks



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go to John Thomas, host and owner of Glenn's Tavern; Linda Jones for food preparation and Lonzo Knight, tournament director. We saw some new faces and met some new shufflers and we look forward to their return."

4th Annual Santa Classic at Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, Dec. 11-12

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host their 4th Annual Santa Classic Open Doubles on Dec. 11-12. Entry fee for the best 2 out of 3, double elimination event is \$100 per team. Sponsor sale will be Friday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. (you must submit your entry by 7 p.m.).

For information, call the Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823. See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this fun event.

Two Winter Open Doubles Events at Sport Side Sports Lounge, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Post the enclosed flyer on your bulletin board, refrigerator, or favorite shuffleboard site, as a reminder not to miss two big winter events at the Famous Fish of Stroh Port Side Sports Lounge in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Open doubles tournaments will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 12, \$30 entry fee (over 14 teams, mark 4). The bar opens at 9 a.m. and sponsor sales for each event will start at 11:30 a.m.

Portside is located at 1571 Goshen Road in Ft. Wayne with lots of lodging nearby. Another shuffleboard site, the Deer Park Tavern, is also in the neighborhood.

For information on the tournaments and/or lodging recommendations, call Tony Bryant at 219-484-8602.

All Aboard for PCSA's Extravaganza VI, Las Vegas, Feb. 1-6

Wondering what to get that special person in your life for Christmas? How about a ticket to Las Vegas and entry into the many events on the schedule of the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Shuffleboard Extravaganza VI at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Feb. 1-6? What a great idea! Use the enclosed reservation form to save your spots.

There are six events on the schedule: a six-person pro team, \$1200 entry fee; mixed doubles, \$100 per team; pro singles, \$300; pro doubles, \$200 per team; women's singles, \$100; and amateur team, \$300. Check the flyer for details.

The 100 rooms reserved in the tower are on sale now and are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your reservations now! All participating players must be registered through the PCSA at the Aladdin Hotel in order to be eligible to participate in the tournament.

For information, call PCSA at 310-926-2152.

Creakbaum/Blue Win at Lucky's Tavern

Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis and Steve Blue of Columbia City teamed up to take first place in a doubles tournament held at Lucky's Tavern in North Webster, Indiana, on Oct. 30. Jim Long of Osceola and Larry Vance of Muncie took second place in the field of 13 teams in this double elimination event. Third place went to John Cowen of Columbia City and Lasca Dowell of Claypool, with Denny Kinsey of Bourbon and Carol Westerman of North Webster in fourth place.

Welcome O'Connor's Park Pub & Grill, Warsaw, Indiana, to the Shuffleboard Scene

Ever wonder what happened to that shuffleboard hotspot, D.J.'s in Warsaw, Indiana? Well, it's now O'Connor's Park Pub & Grill; check it out! They held a doubles tournament on Nov. 6 and the winners were Terry Dowell of Claypool and Ray Miller of Shipshewana. Larry Creakbaum of Indianapolis and Steve Blue of Columbia City took second place. Dennis Kinsey of Bourbon and Larry Huffer of Leesburg finished in third place, with Jr. Bucher of Milford and Lasca Dowell of Claypool in fourth place.

Browns Win Over Larrys at Deer Park, Oct. 9

With almost \$2,000 on the line, the 13 teams that participated in the doubles tournament at Deer Park Tavern, Fort Wayne, Indiana, played tough! Bob Brown Sr. "carried" son Bobby by lagging a 4 on the final shot of the game. The tough loss gave the team of Larrys -- Vance and Creakbaum -- second place. Rounding out the top three were Larry Brown and Doc Deventer.

"Thanks a lot to all who showed. Hope to see you all real soon," said host Larry Brown.

"Las Vegas or Bust Warm-Up" at American Legion, Del City, Oklahoma, Jan. 14-16

The American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, site of the annual Southwest Open, will host a "Las Vegas or Bust Warm-Up" tournament on Jan. 14-16. Events will include a draw partner and bring partner. Watch for a flyer in next month's *Board Talk*. In the meantime, for information about the tournament, contact director Ron Huddleston, 405-843-1615, or American Legion host Don Crall, 405-677-9393.

Plan now to go to the PCSA's Extravaganza VI in Las Vegas, Feb. 1-6, via Del City, Oklahoma.

Merry Christmas!



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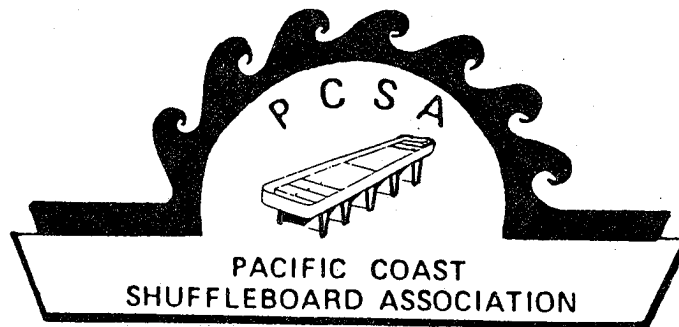
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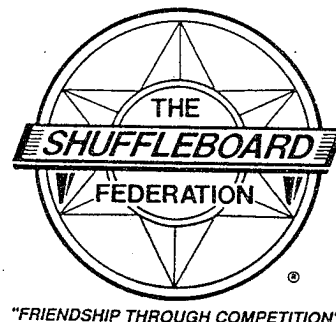
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The World of Shuffleboard Loses

Friend (continued from Page 3)

JoAnn realizes Art was not loved by her alone. He was loved by all of us and we, too, share in her grief and loss. JoAnn, again, says thank you to friends near and far.

I know that shufflers everywhere join with me in telling JoAnn that we've lost a good friend who will be missed by all. I know, too, that Art's brother, John Ware, thanks all his shuffler friends for remembering Art.

As Art and JoAnn's good friend, I too wish to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness toward Art and JoAnn.

Editor's Note: And we thank you, Judy, for this beautiful tribute to our friend, Art Ware. We urge all of our readers, whether they knew Art or not, to remember JoAnn during what will be a difficult holiday season for her, the first in 22 years without her husband. Send your best wishes and messages of support to JoAnn Ware, Ours & Your Place, Rt. 300, Sudslerville, MD 21668. If you would like to make a contribution, in Art's name, to the hospice foundation, send to: Caroline Hospice Foundation, Box 362, Denton, MD.



JoAnn and Art Ware, great supporters of The World of Shuffleboard and The Board Talk, at a tournament in Sherburne, New York, a few years ago during happier times for the couple who had been partners for 22 years.

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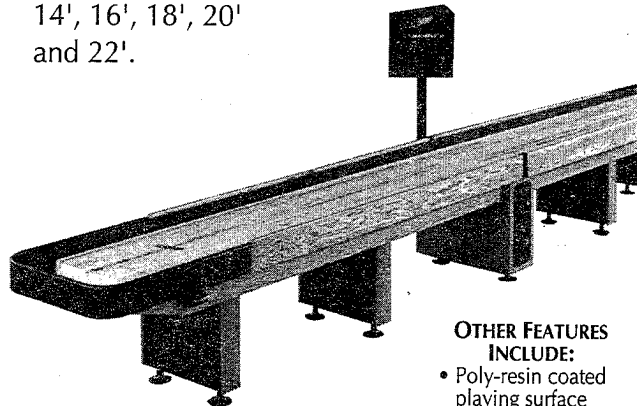
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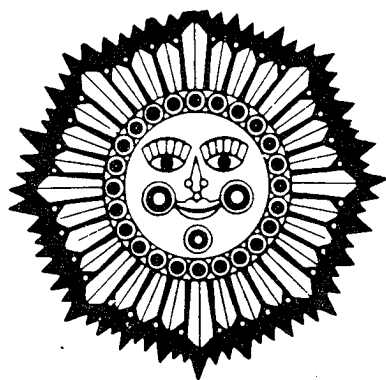
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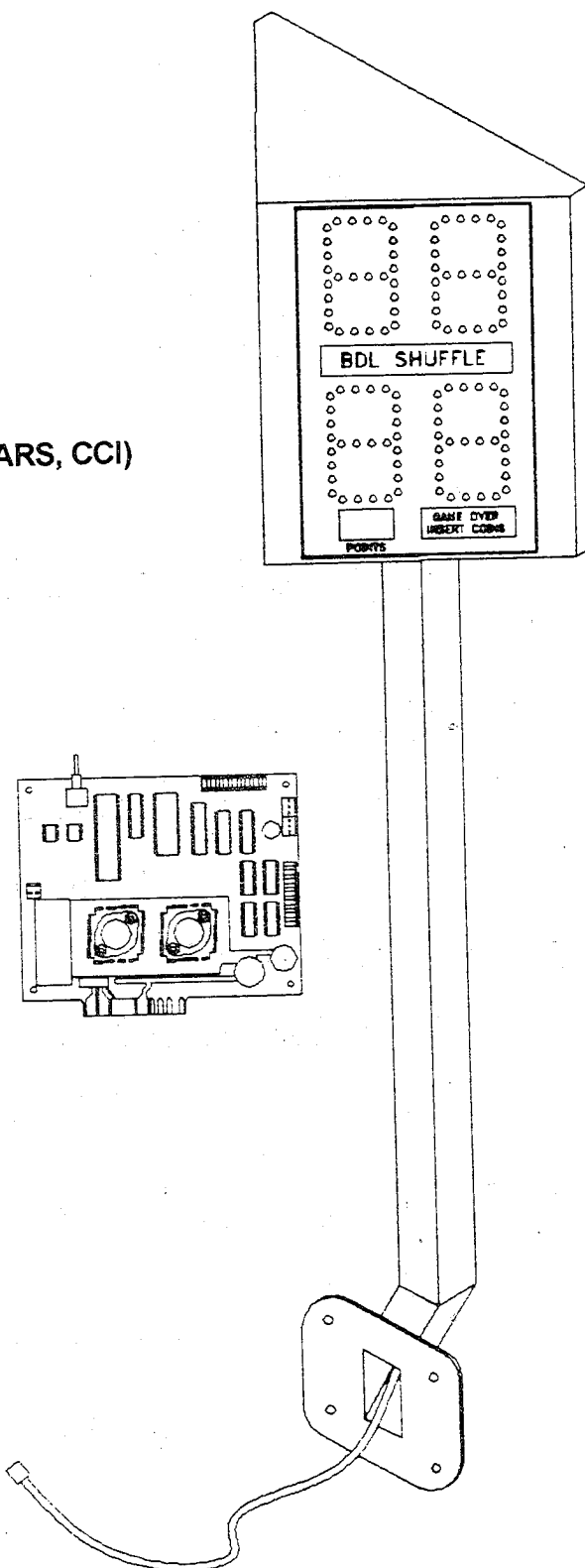
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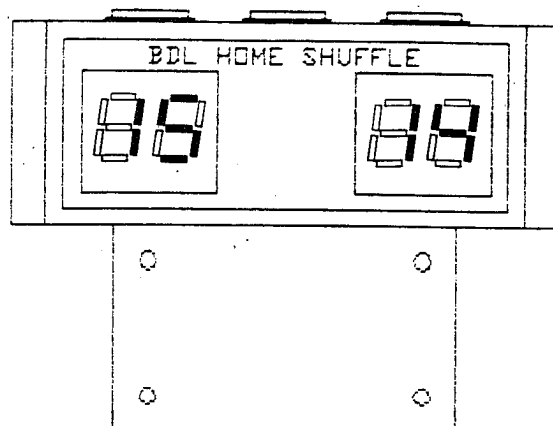
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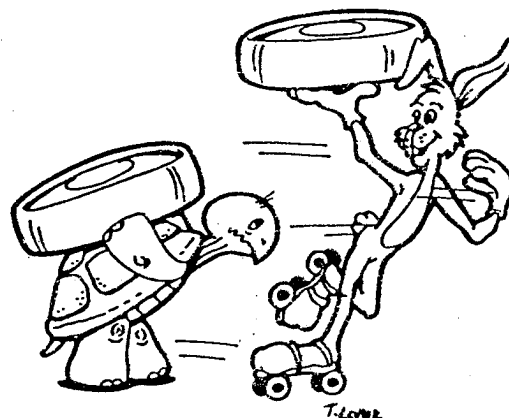
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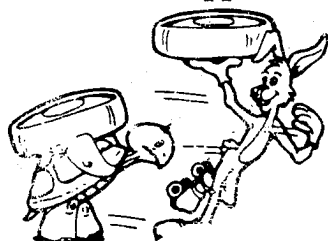
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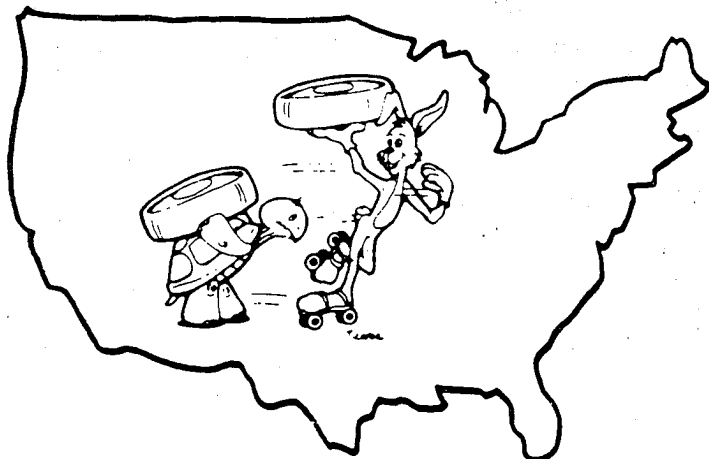
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