

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

Due to circumstances beyond our control -- we again start this column with a warm welcome to our new subscribers and a hearty "thank you" to our Goodwill Ambassadors for signing them up! When we say "circumstances beyond our control," we mean it in a very positive way. It simply means that the fact that we have those new subscribers to welcome is due to the untiring, volunteer efforts of shufflers who care about the future of our sport and of this newsletter. The only "pay" they received for those efforts was a little recognition and a lot of gratefulness from the publishers (and hopefully from the shufflers they signed up). We venture there are few publications that can boast of that kind of support!

The latest count of this subscription drive, led by Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Doc Khan of Michigan, is included in this issue. By the time you receive it, those figures will have changed because the contest is open until the P.C.S.A. tournament starts on Feb. 2. Then, during that big event in Las Vegas, the winners will be drawn. We'll publish those results in the March issue, but we hope to see many of you there on the scene.

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Again, we hate to sound like a broken record, but we've got a problem -- and only you can help. Every month, we receive complaints from subscribers who did not receive their latest issue of The Board Talk. Sending out second copies of the publication at first class rates has become a major expense in our limited budget, particularly as the publication grows because the postage is determined by its weight. A very large majority of those who do not receive their newsletter are those who moved and failed to let us know, or those who did not give us an accurate or complete address when they subscribed. With our bulk permit, the Post Office does not either forward your Board Talk or return it to us so we know your address has changed, is inaccurate, or incomplete.

Please, if you know of someone who has not received their Board Talk, ask them if they are "guilty of these charges" and tell them to notify us. And, if you sign up a new subscriber, make sure their addresses are correct and complete. Thanks!

*George and Donna Wilber, Publishers*

## Tourney Talk

### McDaniel/Brammer Win at Lafayette Inn

The Lafayette Inn in Rising, Maryland, was host to a tournament involving only Cecil and Harford County shuffleboard league players. "Since the league is divided into East and West Divisions, players do not know each other, and Nelson thought this would be a good way to become acquainted prior to the playoffs," reports Carol Hampton.

The winners of the Dec. 20th draw partner were: Jim McDaniel of Darlington and Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, first; Mike Renzo of Conowingo and Brenda Wallace of Port Deposit, second; and Dallas Hayman of Harrington, Del., and John Sinclair of Rising Sun in third place.

"All of the participants believe Pat and Nelson Renzo deserve special thanks for continuing to support and promote shuffleboard on the East Coast," said Carol. "We would especially like to thank them for the fabulous soup, salad and seafood buffet. A great time was had by all."

### Funkstown: Try It; You'll Like It!

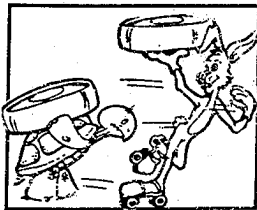
Have you ever been to a place called Funkstown? Strange name, isn't it? It's just a small town in Maryland, but there you will find a place called Glenn's Tavern and it has four shuffleboards and it's a place where East Coast players gather for fun and competition. Add it to your schedule of events this coming March. They will hold a "Goodbye to Winter" tournament on March 5-7 that will include a draw partners, bring partners and singles events, all very affordable, with a guaranteed good time. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

For information, contact Glenn at 301-739-2559. Glenn's is located at 2 W. Baltimore in Funkstown.

### Jimmy L's Spring Tourney, March 12-14

It's Tulsa time! Mark your calendars now for this big money-maker: Jimmy L's 1993 Spring Tournament, March 12-14, at Jimmy L's Lounge, 9520 E. 11th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma. On March 12, there will be an open draw, \$25 entry, single game double elimination, with the

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Friendly Competition Nets Big Rewards for The Board Talk

By the time this comes out, we should all be in Vegas having a great time and winning all that money, as well as some lucky soul winning a shuffleboard. The last count I had, there were 80 new subscribers and hopefully, we will reach that 100-mark so one of them can win the big prize.

I have enjoyed chairing this event and trying to beat my co-chair Doc on the count of new blood in our family, as well as keeping us all intact.

Congratulations to Lois Lambrecht on her motto, which will run in the Board Talk for many a moon to come. I'm sure she will be looking for the new set of weights in Vegas. They will be there and I'll keep guard on them, Lois.

Our next project will be getting The Board Talk nationwide. Doc has persuaded me to go full blast on a national grassroots network of shuffleboard subscribers. So all of you put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas. To start, all of us together should know one person in another state. If George and Donna could give us the states where we don't have any subscribers, then we can go to Step II.

Thank you all for participating in this revival and keep reading The Board Talk and tell a friend to tell a friend to tell a friend..... "I'm still gonna beat you, Doc!"

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

*As you see by our Goodwill Ambassador list, Glen, we have exceeded your goal of 100 new subscribers. You'll also see that you and Doc still lead the pack, with Doc a nose ahead going into the last lap. Your friendly rivalry has netted us and The World of Shuffleboard big dividends and we thank you both, and everyone on the list for their efforts in this "revival."*

## — ATTENTION —

If you have a red check below, it means your subscription has expired. To receive the next issue, you must renew by the 15th of this month.

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Check

(Use the form on enclosed flyer to renew.)

*We like your idea of current subscribers telling a shuffler in another state about The Board Talk so they, in turn, can tell someone else. At this point in time, we have 19 states that are "virgin territory" where we'd be delighted to expand The World of Shuffleboard. Here are a list of the states where we DO have subscribers: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wyoming -- and, of course, we can't forget Canada where the support has been great.*

*It should be recognized that in some of those 31 states, there may be only one subscriber or just a handful, so if those shufflers would share the message with friends in their own state, that would help a great deal. It's possible that our failure to expand the network in those states where there are so few subscribers is because they never get to read their names in the newsletter and that's pretty important. That may be because there is no shuffleboard action there, or that they are not aware that the pages of The Board Talk are open to their news, no matter how limited their action may be.*

*It would help, too, if shuffleboard's servicers and suppliers would help spread the word, either themselves or by furnishing us with names and addresses of their customers. It would be to their benefit to do so because it expands their target audiences. The Shuffleboard Federation and Al Stewart have recognized that and we appreciate it.*

*You and Doc and our other faithful supporters have been carrying this "revival" load largely on your own, but we are serving notice that as we work into retirement from our full-time jobs, we will become a lot more aggressive in expanding The World of Shuffleboard, not only by simply expanding our mailing list and our advertising support, but by incorporating a lot of the ideas subscribers have given us to give added value to this publication, ideas which we have not had time to pursue. We're keeping a file of those ideas, so keep them coming!*

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# Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

## 1993 Calendar of Events

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### **FEBRUARY 1993**

**Feb. 2-7**

P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard  
Extravaganza V  
Alladin Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Feb. 12-14**

Winter Board Talk Tournament  
Lafayette Inn  
Rising Sun, Maryland

**Feb. 27-28**

12 Annual Northwest Masters  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

### **MARCH 1993**

**Mar. 5-7**

Goodbye Winter Tournament  
Glen's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

**Mar. 12-15**

Invitational Singles Tournament  
Lafayette Inn  
Rising Sun, Maryland

**Mar. 12-14**

Jimmy L's Spring Tournament  
Jimmy L's Lounge  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Mar. 12-14**

6th Annual Beaver Bowl  
Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern  
Dacono, Colorado

**Mar. 13-14**

8th Annual Mixed Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

**Mar. 19-21**

Texas Mist Open  
Texas Mist  
Austin, Texas

### **APRIL 1993**

**April 2-4**

King of the Hill Tourney  
Jerry D's  
Dacono, Colorado

**April 9-11**

Dick Gorman Spring Classic  
Lafayette Inn  
Rising Sun, Maryland

**April 25**

Mixed Doubles Tournament  
Lafayette Inn  
Rising Sun, Maryland

### **JULY 1993**

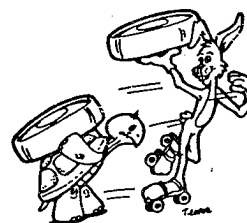
**July 2-5**

Houston Independent Open  
Houston, Texas

### **SEPTEMBER 1993**

**September 3-5**

Crazy Canucks  
Labor Day Weekend Tourney  
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## MARCH 19-21



### FRIDAY, MARCH 19 -- OPEN SINGLES

Entry fee, \$20 per person, drawing and bidding at 6 p.m., with play immediately following; limited to first 16 paid sign-ups, prizes to first four places.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20 -- MIXED DOUBLES

Entry fee, \$20 per team, drawing and bidding at 9:15 a.m., with play immediately following; limited to first 16 paid sign-ups, prizes to first three places.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20 -- DRAW PARTNERS

Entry fee, \$10 per person, drawing and bidding at 2 p.m., with play immediately following; limited to first 40 paid entries, prizes to first four places.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21 -- BRING PARTNER

Entry fee, \$30 per team, drawing and bidding at 12 noon, with play immediately following, limited to first 24 paid teams, payouts 1 in 4.

All games 15 points straight, single game, double elimination. Open buffet to all participants. Advance registration suggested and must be accompanied with entry fees. Last tournament payout was over \$6,000! Tournament hosts: Doug and Elsie Fridley, 315-539-9520; Doug Fridley Jr., 315-539-8326. All play is on four boards. Buffet served in Shuffleboard Banquet Room.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Open Singles \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ Draw Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Bring Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Doubles Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6th Annual Beaver Bowl "Queen of the Hill" MARCH 12-14

\$25 entry fee - Sale at 7 p.m. Friday night  
(For Women Only -- but fellas can buy!)

2 of 3 in winner's bracket, single in loser's bracket  
(Winner for past three years: Grethren Duncan)



## 3rd Annual King of the Hill APRIL 2-4

\$100 entry fee - Sale at 7 p.m. Friday night  
(For Men Only -- but women can buy!)

Winner-take-all (2nd place money back)

1-2-3 payback in sale

2 out of 3 in winner's bracket, single in loser's bracket  
(may be 11 in loser's bracket depending on time)

Defending "King of the Hill" -- Denny Busch



**16 Player Limit in Both Events**

**Play immediately following sponsor sale (cash only, please!)**

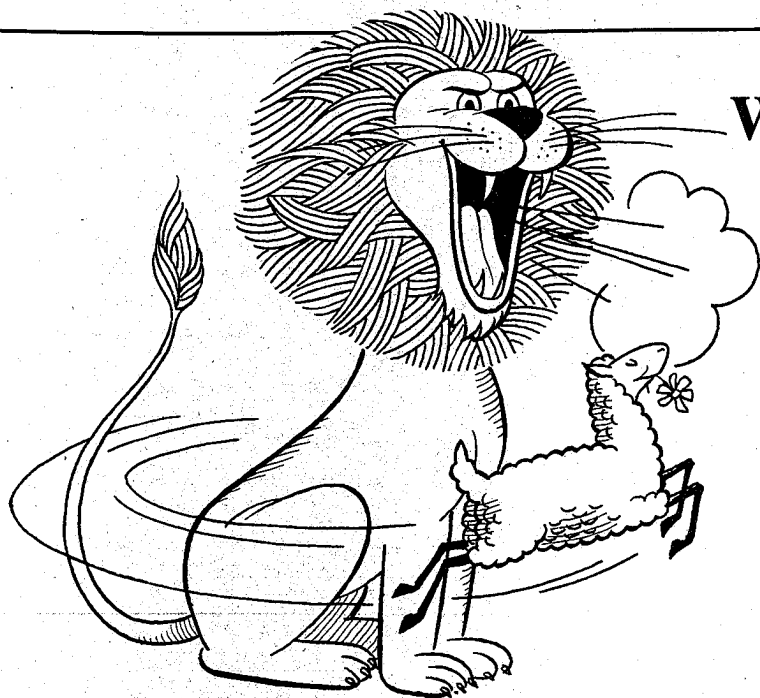
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### **MARCH 12 -- OPEN DRAW - \$25 EACH**

Single game, double elimination

Sale starts at 6:30 p.m., games immediately following

### **MARCH 13-14 - BRING PARTNER - \$100 PER TEAM**

Sale starts at conclusion of Open Draw on March 13 with games immediately following

Best 2 out of 3 double elimination

(No changes. According to number of entries, first half may be  
mark 4, play to 15)

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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Carolyn Jones, 1-918-299-8174

Jimmy L's, 1-918-834-7544

# **JIMMY L'S LOUNGE**

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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 1)*

sponsor sale starting at 6:30 p.m. and games beginning immediately following. As soon as the open draw is completed on March 13, a bring partner event, \$100 per team, is on the agenda. That best 2 out of 3 double elimination tournament will start immediately following the sponsor sale. According to the number of entries, the first half may be mark 4, play to 15.

Jimmy L's has four boards and there are four motels within one mile.

For further information, contact: Director Cliff Goff, 918-664-9573; Carolyn Jones, 918-299-8174; or Jimmy L's, 918-834-7544.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffle-board site to help spread the word about this big event.

### **Lafayette Inn Winter Board Talk Tournament, Feb. 12-13**

There will be four events on the schedule of the Lafayette Inn's annual Winter Board Talk Tournament in Rising Sun, Maryland, Feb. 12-13. All are one-day tournaments played on the Lafayette Inn's four in-house boards.

The first tournament will be a draw partner event on Friday night, \$20 per person, limited to the first 32 signups and paying three places. Drawing and bidding is at 6:30 p.m.

The women's singles, \$20 entry fee, will start on Saturday morning at 9:30. Limited to the first 16 paid signups, the event will pay three places.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., the bring your own partner event will begin. Entry fee is \$40 per team, limited to the first 32 teams paid, and paying six places.

The open singles is on Sunday's agenda beginning at noon. Entry fee is \$35, limited to the first 24 paid signups and paying four places.

All games are 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination, and all events start immediately after sponsor sales and finish the same day.

This is a popular tournament, so be sure to have your reservations made in advance. Send your entry fee checks, payable to Lafayette Inn, to: Nelson Renzo, Lafayette Inn, 1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, MD 21911. For further information, call Pat or Nelson at 410-658-9075.

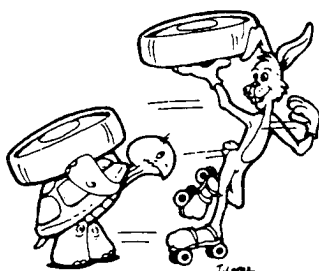
The Lafayette Inn invites you to participate in their first Saturday of every month tournaments beginning at 1 p.m. Other upcoming events include the invitational singles on March 13-15 and a mixed doubles on April 25.

### **Action at Stagger Inn**

The Stagger Inn, Bellflower, California, hosted its first annual Thanksgiving weekend tournament in November. The first event was an open doubles with total prize money about \$2700. First place went to Rick Boyer and Billy

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## **LAFAYETTE INN WINTER BOARD TALK TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 12-14**



**FRIDAY, FEB. 12 -- DRAW PARTNERS - \$20 PER PERSON**

**Limited to first 32 paid signups, pays 3 places**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 13 -- WOMEN'S SINGLES - \$20 PER PERSON**

**Limited to first 16 paid signups, pays 3 places**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 13 -- BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER - \$40 PER TEAM**

**Limited to first 32 teams paid, pays 6 places**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 14 -- OPEN SINGLES - \$35 PER PERSON**

**Limited to first 24 paid signups, pays 4 places**

**To ensure yourself a spot, send paid entries to:**

# **LAFAYETTE INN**

**1524 Conowingo Rd., Rising Sun, MD 21911**

**Phone: 410-658-9075**

## Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

### So Who Are Our Competitors?

I have a suggestion: On your last page, where you list the Top Shuffleboard States, why don't you also include the number of subscribers after the state name so we know how close we are? This could be an added incentive to sign up new subscribers in order to see our state move up in the rankings (or to keep it from slipping in the rankings).

Keep up the great work!

Paul Elliott, Warsaw, Indiana

*We appreciate your continued support, Paul. Thank you! We'll try to answer your question as diplomately as possible. We haven't been doing what you suggested because we thought it would be an embarrassment, in some cases, to the leading states and to us. To be perfectly frank, to be rated 4 through 6 did not mean that they had a whole bunch of subscribers. When you consider that some of those states have hundreds and hundreds of shuffleboard players and less than 50 of them were subscribers to the only national communications system they have, that's nothing to really be proud of, either for them or us.*

*That situation has changed, to some extent, because of the recent "revival." But this month, because it's still changing from day to day, we might print figures that would be wrong tomorrow. So, we're going to wait awhile before we follow through on your suggestion.*

*It's really disappointing when we match those numbers against the Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. listing in this issue. It's pretty obvious how many shufflers are "freeloading" with their bar's copy of The Board Talk each month.*

*Another thing to consider in those rankings: Included in those numbers are many who will be removed from the list next month because they didn't renew. We've kept our subscription price (and our advertising rates) the same for the past eight years, while other publications have raised theirs. Granted, the economy is bad, but how many shufflers spend much more than \$15 every night they pursue their sport and have nothing to show for it the next day except maybe a headache? 'Nuff said!*

### What About That Rule?

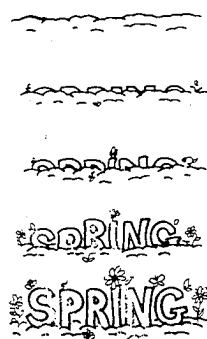
Just a note to get something off my chest.... A year ago was our first eight-member amateur team to attend the Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Los Vegas. We would love to attend again this year, but many of us who own RVs

feel we are spending money on hotel room unnecessarily. Rules are that everyone participating in the tournament is required to stay at the hotel (except locals). It seems unfair that locals are privileged.

Ella S. Brown for the "Desert Shufflers," 29 Palms, California

*There's really no easy answer to this dilemma, Ella. If participants don't pay for rooms at the tournament site, then the hotel would charge for the shuffleboard room rental. That would make the cost of holding the tournament prohibitive for the sponsors. Yet, if they required people who live in the same town to stay at the hotel, they would call that unfair, too. Maybe until a sponsor is found who would pick up the tab for the cost of holding a tournament, RV owners should save their pennies for the really big ones (which do have many advantages including the opportunity to win bigger bucks, plus the other perks we take for granted in a hotel atmosphere) once or twice a year, and then enjoy the smaller tavern tournaments that often offer R.V. parking, with your remaining shuffleboard and travel budget. If you're like us, that budget is limited, so sometimes we have to make tough choices. If anyone has ideas on how to address this challenge, share them with Board Talk readers.*

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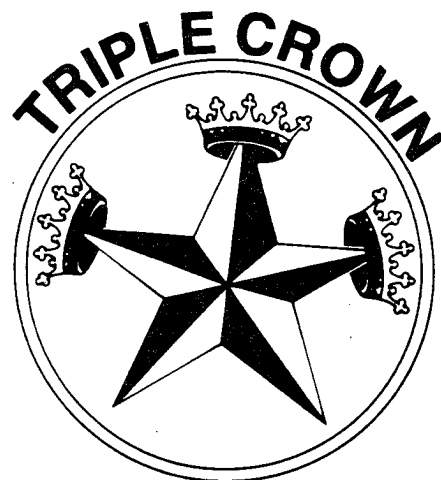
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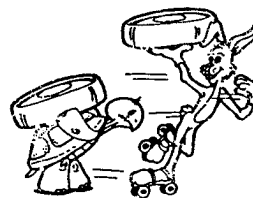
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# *The Board Talk's Ambassadors Honor Roll.....*



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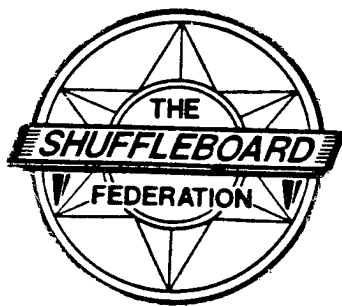
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2. Glen Davidson, Oklahoma	21
3. Slick Parrish, Michigan	12
4. Marg Okum, Vancouver, Canada	9
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6. Rob Kern, Michigan	6
7. Phil DePree, Washington	5
8. Marie Sweeney	2
9. Michelle Foran, Washington	1
10. Joanie Millar, Canada	1
11. Jim Filkins, Nebraska	1
12. Bill Lally, Pennsylvania	1
13. Al Ryan, New York	1
14. Don Cox, California	1
15. Loren Lampley, Washington	1
16. Cheryl Collins, Michigan	1
17. Rich Warren, California	1
18. Paul Panholzer, California	1
19. Larry Brown, Indiana	1
20. Emmett Wilcox, Indiana	1
21. Dan Kelly, Missouri	1
22. Daniel Mourgos, California	1
23. Richard Barrington, California	1
24. Diana Hagen, Texas	1
25. Ken Strong, Texas	1
26. Chris Passariello, Michigan	1
27. Chuck Ricklefs, Michigan	1
28. Rick Gindt, Washington	1

**TOTAL:**

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**A HEARTY "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF YOU FOR  
EXPANDING OUR WORLD OF SHUFFLEBOARD!**

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The Board Talk**



## LEAGUES, LEAGUES, LEAGUES

As we mentioned last month, our tournament activities are being scaled back to allow us to dedicate more time to the development of our new league program. The reality of tournament promotion is that it is just too expensive to continue. We have also come to realize that if our sport is ever going to reap the benefits of national sponsorship, that leagues not tournaments will be the catalyst.

There is a growing enthusiasm for amateur shuffleboard which is not just limited to league play. Tournaments and round robins geared towards the average player are generating major interest and participation. An example of this is T.G.'s Place, one of northern California's most active shuffleboard establishments. They have recently added some of these type of events to their promotional efforts and have been rewarded with capacity crowds. Rick Thomas reports that he and Nelson Jennings will be running a major amateur event at T.G.'s in February. They have also made a commitment to starting a league in their area.

Over the next few months we will continue to write about leagues. The focus of these articles will be to promote the changes in our new N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> program as well as bring the shuffleboard community up to date on the great success of national pool and dart league programs and what they have done to achieve this success.

Our excitement about the changes being made in the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> has been boosted by the feedback our last couple of articles generated. Calls from people who are excited about the changes we are making have come from many places. It seems as though the articles we have written about why leagues fail have hit home and many people recognize the symptoms in their own leagues.

Because there are a lot of misconceptions about the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> we will continue to address that topic. It is important to emphasize that we have no desire to dictate policy to leagues that join the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> family.

The N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> is a group of leagues, all of which elect their own officers, make their own rules, and are responsible for their own finances. What these leagues share in common is a desire to see shuffleboard grow and prosper and realize that they are stronger as a group than they are individually.

One of the great things about leagues is that unlike tournaments we can study successful programs that are already in place in pool, dart and pinball leagues. This means that unlike our tournament promotion which has been enormously expensive, we can learn from organizations that have already spent the development money.

We will continue to promote the ideas that these other sports have proven to be successful, the most important of which is that the best formula for growth is to give every team a chance to win. As we mentioned last month, major changes have been made in our league handicap system. Although leagues do not have to adapt this handicap system in order to join the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup>, we believe that most of them will want to because of the simplicity and effectiveness of the concept.

Another idea that we believe will become very popular for league play in the next few years is the frames format. Under this format, you play a specific number of frames, 8, 10, 12, etc. instead of playing to a particular score. One issue that seems to be very important to league players is the amount of time it takes to play a match. Nobody enjoys getting up in the morning to go to work when they were out until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning playing shuffleboard. The frames format gives a league control over the time factor.

As we have stated previously, the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> is a group of individual leagues with common goals, and everyone is welcome. Whether your league format is singles or doubles, 15 points or 11, frames, regular shuffleboard, horse collar, or crazy eights, we would like to add your name to the growing list of N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> member leagues.

One of our primary goals for the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> is to attract a national sponsor. Studying some of the very successful pool and dart leagues has given us new ideas on how to make this happen.

Most of the coin operated equipment found in the average tavern is owned by a local vending company. In recent years, these vending companies have become very involved in league sponsorship, primarily through their association, the AMOA. Getting some of these vending companies involved in the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> will open doors for shuffleboard that will help us to attain our goal of national sponsorship. We have some ideas on this topic which we will discuss in the March issue of The Board Talk.

The new N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> program begins next fall. Between now and then we would like to devote some of this space to questions and answers about the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> and therefore encourage you to write us and give us an opportunity to respond to any questions or concerns you may have. The success of this program will benefit the entire shuffleboard community so we ask you to have an open mind and consider joining the N.A.S.L.<sup>™</sup> family.

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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 4)*

Chiles. Fred Thuman and Karl Spickelmier took second place, with Jim Martin and Don Watt in third place. The second event was an A-B draw with 22 teams vying for a pot of approximately \$3500. First place honors went to Rich "Bubba" Warren and Arlo Johnson. A.Z. Turnbo and Jerry Gray were second, with Leonard Dominick and John McGinnis in third place. Bill Maxwell and Tony Bastanchury were fourth, with fifth and sixth places taken by Jim Martin and George Lucas, Robert Perry and Dot Bastanchury.

The Stagger Inn also held a tournament the last weekend of July. First place went to Gregg McFarland and Dave Hanson, second to Tony Soza and Frank Monarrez, third to Jim Alford and Jay Wilson. Fifth and sixth places went to Jim Kennedy and Vern Booth, and Chris Danke and Georgine Monarrez.

"Both tournaments were a success and thanks to everyone for their support," reports Joanie Swenson. "I apologize for the delay in getting the results out."

### **8th Annual Mixed Doubles at Old Edison Inn, March 13-14, Edison, Washington**

The Old Edison Inn, 583 Cain's Ct., Edison, Washington, will host its 8th Annual Mixed Doubles Tourney on March 13-14. The sponsor sale is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday, with play immediately following. Entry is \$50 per team; 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, single game to 17 in the loser's bracket. Added money will depend on the number of entries. Payout will be 60-30-10 if 16 teams or less enter; more places paid if over 16 teams.

Continental breakfasts will be available on both days, with a complimentary feed on Saturday. The usual door prizes and Board Talk subscriptions will be doled out to lucky drawing winners.

The Old Edison Inn has two fast boards and some RV parking available. Call 206-766-6266 for more information and lodging advice. Your tournament director will be Phil DePree and Friends. Last year's winners of this annual event were Larry Sawyer and Cindy Mehler.

### **Who will be Queen and King at Jerry D's?**

Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern, 604 8th St., Hwy. 52, Dacona, Colorado, will host two fun events in March and April. The first is the 6th Annual Beaver Bowl (Queen of the Hill) on March 12-14. \$25 entry fee, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, single in the loser's bracket. The sponsor sale will be at 7 p.m. on Friday night (cash only please) with play immediately following.

Grethren Duncan will be defending her title after three consecutive years of being "Queen" of this annual event. There is a 16 player limit, so get your reservation in

early. Call 303-833-3469 or 833-3959 and ask for Jerry or Susan.

The second event is the popular and highly competitive "King of the Hill" tournament (sorry, ladies; men only!) on April 2-4. \$100 entry fee, winner-take-all, with second place finisher getting his entry back. The sponsor sale payoff will be 1-2-3, and that sale is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 2 with play immediately following (again, cash only, please). It will be a 2 of 3 format in the winners bracket with single in the loser's bracket (there may be 11 point games in the loser's bracket depending upon entries and time). Sixteen player limit, so sign up now.

The reigning "King" is Denny Busch of Nebraska, so he's the man to beat.

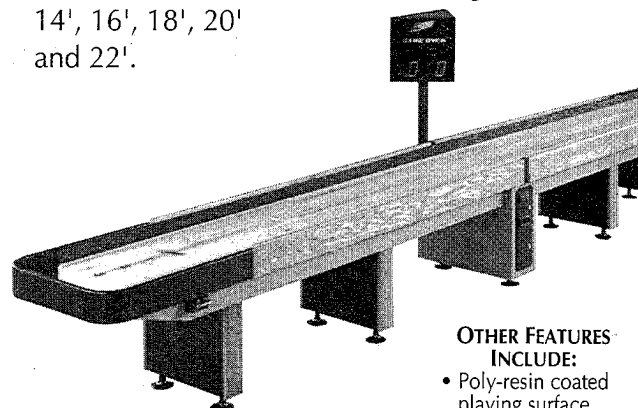
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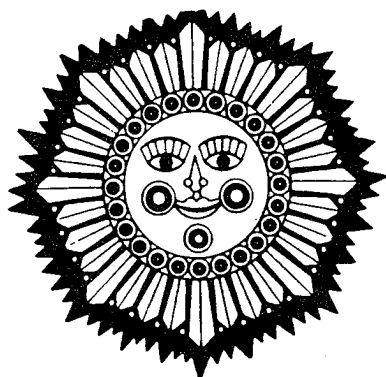
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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 10)*

### **Texas Mist Open, March 19-21**

The Texas Mist, 9063 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas, will host the Texas Mist Open for pros and divisions I/II/III on March 19-21. There are three big events on the schedule:

On Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., will be an open draw partners, single game, single elimination, \$30 entry fee. On Saturday, March 20, 3:15 p.m., a bring your partner tournament, single game, double elimination, \$100 per team entry fee (pros and "0" rated players cannot be partners; maximum of 32 teams). On Sunday, March 21, a \$50 singles event at 12:15 p.m., single game, double elimination (no handicaps, maximum of 32 players).

All events will be played on three boards and payoffs will be 55-30-10-5.

Recommended lodging is right next door to the Texas Mist -- The Quarters, corner of Hwy. 183 and Burnet Road. Call 512-835-7070 and be sure to tell them you are with the tournament because players will receive reduced rates. If that's not enough, check this out: FREE FOOD at the Texas Mist during the tournament!

For further information, contact Ron Bowers, 512-835-7256 or 512-459-1264.

### **Biggest Ever National at Dew Drop Inn**

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Friday night's open singles event proved again why Dick Losee of Poolville, N.Y. is considered the "man to beat" on the East Coast. He came out of the loser's bracket to avenge his only loss and turn back John Canino of Baldwinsville, N.Y., second place finisher. John beat local favorite Doug Fridley Jr., coming from a 10-4 deficit with some super lags to get to the finals. Cashing in fourth spot was Sherburne, New York's Milt Benedict.

Saturday morning saw 16 players vie for top spot in the mixed doubles tourney. It was the defending champs, Dave and Sammi Fridley from MacDougal, N.Y., earning first place over a determined Marv Smith and Pam Draheim, both from Waterloo. Third spot went to Theresa Gibson and Doug Fridley Jr., from Waterloo.

The draw partner event on Saturday afternoon went over big as 32 players put their names in the hat and took aim at over \$1500 in cash. Coming out on top were tourney favorites Marv Smith of Waterloo and Jim Fowler of Wolcott, New York. Second place went to Ken

Vanzile Jr. from Sidney, N.Y. and Roy Schreiber from Baldwinsville. Third place went to Don Perry of Cortland, N.Y. and Lyle Haney of Baldwinsville. Jan Kramer of Baldwinsville and Doug Fridley Sr. of Waterloo finished in fourth place.

Sunday's bring partner event brought the top players on the East Coast, shuffling for over \$2,000 in cash and prizes. The very tough team of Milt Benedict and Dick Losee, in his second win of the weekend, took out second place finishers Earl Durgan of Port Gibson, N.Y. and Doug Fridley Jr. Third place went to Bob Daldry (Darby) of Waterloo and Bill Stoops from Pennsylvania. Fourth spot was earned by Don Perry and Tony Carter from Geneva, New York.

A sidenote: Jimmy "the cop" Kumpula of Detroit bought first place winners in the open singles and the draw partners. He says he has "the eye" for winners!

Special thanks to Elsie Fridley for her grand buffets and hard work, Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer for sponsoring the tournament, and to all out-of-town players for participating, said the Fridley Family.

### **Another National at Dew Drop Inn, March 19-21**

The Dew Drop Inn in Waterloo, New York, will host another National Tournament on March 19-21. Action

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A mixed doubles, \$20 per team, is on the agenda for Saturday, drawing and bidding at 9:15 a.m. with play immediately following. Limited to the first 16 paid signups, this event will pay three places.

The draw partners event, \$10 per person entry, will be played on Saturday afternoon, drawing and bidding at 2 p.m. with play immediately following. This event is limited to the first 40 paid signups, with prizes to the first four places.

On Sunday, March 21, there will be a bring partner tourney, \$30 per team, limited to the first 24 paid teams. Drawing and bidding starts at noon with play immediately following. Payouts in in 4.

For further information, call Doug or Elsie Fridley at 315-539-9520, or Doug Fridley Jr. at 315-539-8326. Use the enclosed flyer to save your spot in this big tourney.

#### Northwest Masters at Fir Cone, Feb. 27-28

The Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota St., Shelton, Washington, will host the 12th Annual Northwest Masters on Feb. 27-28.

Entry fee is \$40 per team and will pay 60-30-10, with fourth place getting their entry fee back. The sponsor sale will begin at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday (minimum opening bid of \$10). There will be a door prize to the "Sherlock Holmes" who solves B.Y.O.W.T.P.

Tournament director will be Bill Shanahan, assisted by Vern Gonzales.

Recommended lodging is at the Hallmark Motel, 206-426-4468; City Center Motel, 206-426-3397, or Super 8 Motel, 206-426-1654.

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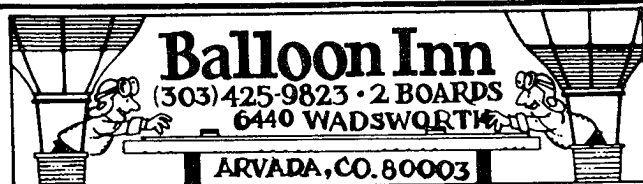
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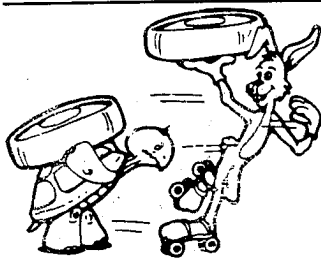
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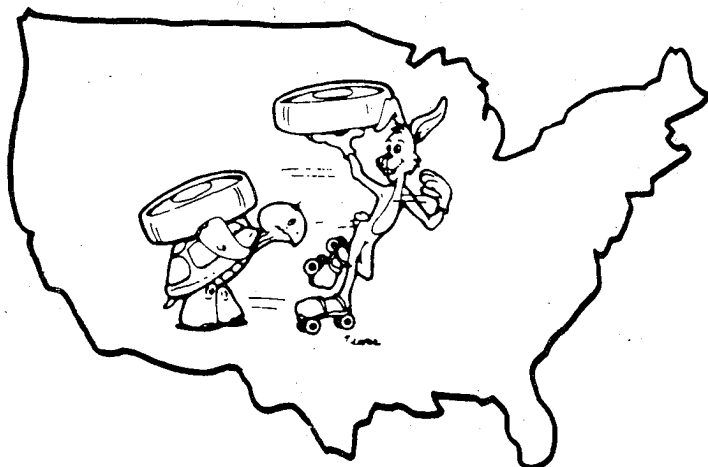
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