

The Board Talk

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Tourney Talk

DeBois/Wilson Winners at Shamrock Tavern in Washington

With \$500 added to the pot for the 4th annual draw partner tournament at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, 34 shufflers from Canada, Washington and Oregon turned out on May 8-9 to vie for total prize monies of nearly \$3400.

First place was taken by Doug DeBois of St. Helen, Oregon, and Rich Wilson of Longview, Washington. Second place honors went to Joe (come from behind) Lavin and Dick (boy wonder) Handley of Kelso, Washington. Finishing third were Frank Hepler of Kelso and Dick Heflin of Rainer, Oregon, with John Luk and Ken Wocknick of Portland, Oregon, in fourth place.

"It was a well-run tournament," reports Ralph Duarte. "A good chili feed was served on Saturday and they ate it all!"

Bobby and Deb Voorhis Win at Food Harbor Tavern in Indiana

Eleven teams vied for a pot of \$1660 at the Food Harbor Tavern in Peru, Indiana, on April 10. Coming out of the double elimination tournament's winners bracket were Bobby and Deb Voorhis of Fairmount. They were met in the finals by the winners of the losers bracket, locals Jim Yard and Richard Sellers. Jim and Richard won the first game, but Bobby and Deb were able to come back and win the second game and the tournament.

Coming in third were Terry Dowell and Brian Collins, with fourth going to Larry Brown and Steve Blue.

Hosts Dean and Joyce thank all who participated.

Len Dell Scores Big at Harvey's Spring Tourney in Street, Maryland

Flowering bushes, fruit trees in blossom, the smell of fresh soil as farmers prepared their fields for spring planting, and warm temperatures greeted shufflers participating in the May 14-16 tournament at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland. If that wasn't enough, proud host Harvey Comer gladly showed the 24 piglets that were born during the week!

But the miracle of agriculture in Maryland wasn't all

that was going on that weekend. In the Friday draw partner event, first place went to Len Dell of Belcamp, Md., and Wayne Nichols of Conowingo, Md. They came out of the losers bracket to win two and gave second place to Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pennsylvania, and the legendary Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Third place went to Wendy Davis of Elsmere, Delaware, and Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana. Fourth and final money went to host Harvey Comer and Al DiBella of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.



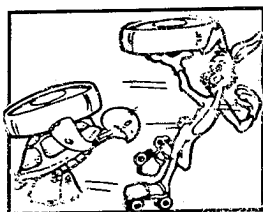
Len Dell (left) and Wayne Nichols, winners of the draw.

The bring partner event on Saturday was won by Len Dell and Mickey Mickens. They came out of the winners bracket but had to play two games with second place finishers Al DiBella and Bobby Voorhis. In third place were Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Delaware, and Bob Morrel of Philadelphia.

Sunday's event was the popular mixed doubles with the forever-strong team of Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Maryland, and Len Dell, who bested the second place team of Rusti McCarty of Cumberland, Maryland, and Chuck King of Dover, Delaware. Third place was taken by Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and Bobby "V" Voorhis.

"As usual, hosts Darlyene Belcher and Harvey Comer were on hand to ensure that everyone had a good time," reports Dick Gorman. "Harvey announced and distributed write-ups on the new format that will be used at the next tournament. It is a format that will allow less-seasoned players to play against the seasoned, accomplished players, but competing for their own prizes. It appears that the program is generally accepted as a positive step to introduce new competitors."

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

A Salute to Berlin Courtney

I have been reading in The Board Talk about the promoters of shuffleboard. I think another man should be added to the list. I am referring to Berlin Courtney, a man who lived and breathed shuffleboard.

I opened my business as "The Bad Bar" in 1986. Berlin tried from the beginning to get me to buy a shuffleboard. He offered to loan me the money. No one knew how to play and it was a large investment. In 1987 he found a board from Glen Davidson and convinced me to buy it. He came with Glen and Madge to deliver it and either he or Glen subscribed me to The Board Talk.

He introduced Don and me to other bar owners and got us into the Arbuckle League. He urged all my customers to play and showed them the basics of the game. In February of 1988, he promoted my first tournament. He had flyers printed at his own expense and contacted all the bar owners. He solicited the help of Mike Melton and Alan Primrose of Davis to help run the tournament, and also James Seely of Wynnewood.

Still not satisfied, he found me another board and made all the arrangements to have it delivered. He then talked me into having an annual Labor Day tournament.

We have 25 to 30 regular players whose interest in the game was stimulated by Berlin. He started us playing round robins every Friday and Saturday night. He never let us lose interest and kept us playing year around.

We lost him in March of this year to stomach cancer. He was a great little man and we will all miss him.

Pat Kinard, Full House, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

We are saddened to hear about the loss of Berlin, Pat. We had the pleasure of meeting him at our annual Shufflers' Reunion in Pennsylvania and he was a delight! Thank you for your tribute to his memory and relating how he promoted shuffleboard in your place of business. It's his kind of persistence and dedication that

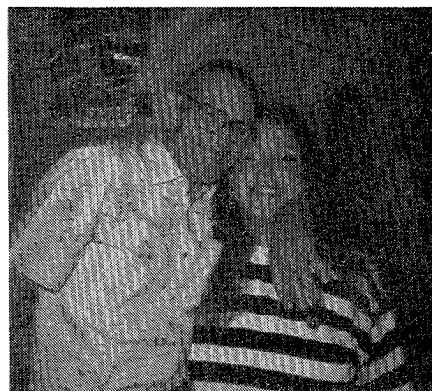
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make our sport grow. We need more Berlin Courtneys in our World of Shuffleboard. We wish we had the opportunity to tell him so!



Berlin Courtney and Rena Hendrix took second place in the Sweetheart Draw in 1991.

Berlin was a dedicated promoter of shuffleboard.

Jack Czerwonka Saluted by Philly Shufflers

I would like to pay a little tribute to a really great guy, who put in a lot of time and heart into running our shuffleboard league for nearly 26 years. His name is Jack Czerwonka and a nicer person you could not ever meet. He's quiet, courteous, humble, kind, thoughtful, respectful, and helpful in every way. And "fairness" is his middle name. The shufflers in our area would like to say: "Thanks, Jack, for all your patience over the years. No one, but NO one, could have done a better job. Thanks again, and we love you!"

Also, here is a subscription for Jack from me so he can keep up with what is going on in The World of Shuffleboard.

Love you, Jack!

Judy Gartland and Philly Shufflers

There's nothing "little" about that tribute, Judy, and we're sure Jack will appreciate your sincere expression of thanks for all he's contributed to The World of Shuffleboard. We add a special Board Talk salute to him and hope he'll enjoy your gift.

Indiana Shufflers Pulling for John Modglin

John Modglin, long-time Delaware County (Indiana) shuffleboard player, is doing fine after open heart surgery. John plays mainly at the Red Dog Saloon (1600 W. 23rd, Muncie) and has helped many novice players start their careers.

On May 22, Sportsman's Lounge had a calcutta. The winners were Deb and Bob Voorhis over Bob and Bobby Brown. The players collected money to send John flowers and a subscription to The Board Talk.

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Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

1993 Calendar of Events

JULY 1993

July 2-5

2nd Annual Southwest Open &
9th Annual Board Talk
Shufflers Reunion
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 1-5

Houston Independence Tourney
Time Out Sports Bar
Houston, Texas

July 3-5

4th of July Doubles
Rumpus Room
Portland, Oregon

July 17-18

The Shuffleboard Affair
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

July 29-August 1

4th Annual Grand Masters Plus
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

July 30-August 1

National Open Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

July 30-August 1

Southwest Tournament
Brass Rail Saloon
Las Vegas, Nevada

AUGUST 1993

August 13-15

Summer Tournament
Bay Country Moose Lodge 831
Queenstown, Maryland

SEPTEMBER 1993

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. 4-6

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

Sept. 10-12

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

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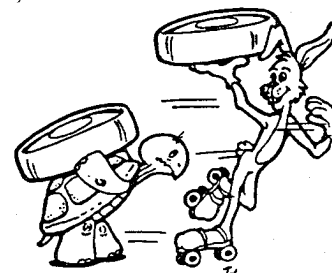
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American Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

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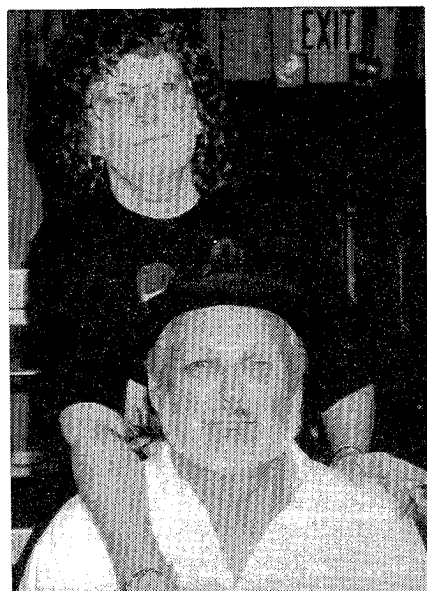
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Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 1)*



Len Dell and Mickey Mickens were winners of the bring partner event at Harvey's Spring Tournament.



Len Dell (again!) and Judith Iseman took top honors in the mixed doubles. The previous weekend, Lennie got a triple win at the Bay Country Moose Lodge in Queenstown, Maryland.

(Photos courtesy of Brenda Wallace)

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 enclosed flyer to make your paid reservation.

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

Kibler/Clendaniel Win at Ours & Your Place

Eddie Kibler and George Clendaniel were winners of a bring your partner tournament at Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, Maryland, on May 1. Taking second place honors were JoAnn Ware and Wayne Tribbett. Judith Iseman and Butch Kelly finished third, with John Gardner and Tom Bernhardt in fourth place.

Other competitors were Scratch Todd and Cliff Imbert, Len Dell and Chuck King, Brenda Cook and Steph McNeill, and Art Ware and Buck Wallace.

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. See enclosed flyer 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.

Len Dell Scores Triple at Bay Country Moose

It was a good weekend of shuffling for superstar Len Dell at the Bay Country Moose Lodge #831 spring tournament in Queenstown, Maryland, May 7-9. Lennie of Belcamp, Md., scored firsts in all three events.

He and his partner, John Lukas of Millington, Md., won the biggest chunk of the \$1,670 pot in Friday night's draw. Second place went to Lonzo Knight of Sharpsburg, Md., and Gene Curry of Harrington, Del., with third going to Eddie Kibler of Henderson, Md., and Buck Wallace of Sudlersville, Md.

Sixteen teams signed up for Saturday's bring partner event, vying for a jackpot of \$1,800. Len Dell and Eddie Kibler took top honors, with second place captured by Scratch Todd, Denton, Md., and Wayne Tribbett of Greensboro, Md. Arlow and Jane Johnson of Jordan, New York, finished in third place.

On Sunday, there were eight teams competing in the mixed doubles, with (once again) Len Dell and his partner, Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Md., the top winners. JoAnne Ware of Ours & Your Place, Sudlersville, teamed up with Johnny Gardner of Greensboro, Md., to take second place.

"Everyone seemed to have a really good time and, as always, there was a very nice buffet put out for all to enjoy," reports coordinator Terry Gertz. "We all would like to thank Bay Country Moose Lodge #831 for their hospitality and a great job done by B.J. and Faye Clrod for prearing the food on Saturday and also Sunday (Mother's Day).

"We hope our next tournament coming up on Aug. 13-15 (see enclosed flyer) will be as big and maybe bigger. Thanks to all who participated and we hope to see you all next time around for some good times and a lot of good food. Jane and Arlow -- we will have the tomatoes ready

for you by then. Also, we thank Scratch Todd for being our auctioneer. We appreciated it a whole lot. Good job, as usual, Scratch," said Terry.

Jim Wallace Winner of Lafayette Inn's Invitational Singles



Jim Wallace (left) of Port Deposit, Maryland, beat the "unbeatable" Bobby Voohis of Fairmount, Indiana, in the invitational singles at the Lafayette Inn in Rising Sun, Maryland, on April 14-16.



Mark Grove of Millington, Maryland, took third place honors at the Lafayette Inn's Invitational Singles.

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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



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Foran/Taylor Tops at Litz's (New!) Tavern

Spokane's 12th Annual Memorial Day Doubles at Litz's Tavern, E. 204 Ermina, proved to be another success as 18 teams played for a \$3,980 pot.

Last year's winners won the winner's bracket, only to be aced by the power team of Jim Foran of Tacoma and Doug Taylor of Spokane, who came all the way through the loser's bracket to take top honors. Second went to Marv White of Spokane and Al Pease of Pacific Beach. Mike Pond, Spokane, and Loren Lampley, Shelton, took third, with Earl Cole and Rosa White of Spokane, in fourth place. Fifth spot was taken by Dick Handley and Kevin Larkin of Longview, and the husband and wife team of Gene and Vera, Port Orchard, took sixth.

Owner Gary put on an outside barbecue both days and everybody got plenty to eat.

"It was a real treat to play in a brand new tavern which, by the way, got its final inspection at 4 p.m. Friday," reports Marv White. "Boy, talk about cutting it close! Owner Gary and his crew did a great job getting the place ready and providing us with two super Rock-Ola boards, which are permanent fixtures.

"We would like to thank all those who came from afar (especially Canada), who helped make this tourney a success, although we missed Michelle (French Fry) Foran, Rick (Lefty) Gindt, and a few others. Hope to see you all at the Acme Nationals.

"I would also like to mention that The Federation products -- cleaner, wax and polish, and super slick silicone spray, which was donated (thank you so much!) and we are using exclusively -- have really taken the guesswork out of making a good board play great. Keep up the good work," said Marv.

Grand Masters Plus at Whistling Oyster, Quilcene, Washington, July 29-Aug. 1

The Whistling Oyster Tavern, 20243 Hiway 101, Quilcene, Washington, will host its 4th annual shuffleboard tournament on July 29-August 1. An added event, an open singles, is on the agenda this year. It's scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2 p.m., \$150 entry fee.

On Friday night, July 30, there will be a draw partner event, \$25 per player entry. Anyone competing in the Grand Masters on Saturday and Sunday are welcome to play.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Grand Masters doubles will be played, \$100 per team entry. The sale will be Saturday afternoon for the Grand Masters only with games starting immediately following.

"We have just had our fourth board refinished by Al

Stewart of A & M Amusement Service," said host Bill Bailey. "Now all four boards are brand-new with plenty of speed and personality." New American house weights will be used in all of the events.

The tavern will remain open 24 hours through all of the events, serving only from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. A great free seafood buffet will be served to players and guests on Saturday and Sunday, and a breakfast will be served on Sunday morning from 6:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. at a minimal charge. The Whistling Oyster has plenty of free RV parking for campers, motor homes and tenters. There is also a small R.V. park a half-block away with reasonable rates. The local motel, Maple Grove Motel, is just a block away. Last year, this event filled up the motel one month prior to the tournament, so early reservations are highly suggested. Call 206-765-3410.

If all that's not enough enticement, here's more: \$1500 cash will be added to the events this year.

"Last year, the total money paid out exceeded \$10,000 and I believe we will far exceed that in this year's events," Bill said. "So I encourage everyone to get their entries and reservations in early."

For further information, contact tournament directors Bill Bailey (206-765-9508 or 206-765-3436), Jim Foran (206-474-2724), or Marv White (509-233-2719).

Shuffleboard Affair at Town Tavern, Sequim, Washington, July 17-18

The "Shuffleboard Affair" doubles, \$50 per team entry fee, will be held at the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington, July 17-18. \$200 (Rex's poker winnings from the last year) will be added to the pot. The sale will start at 11 a.m. on July 17. The "Affair" will be hosted by Joanne Kidd and her grumpy old man, Rex, and will feature Rex's special E Coli recipe on Saturday.

For more information, call tournament director Jin Manders, 206-683-4799. He'll make some suggestions for lodging. "We've still got those two old crooked logger's boards, so come early and learn the planks while helping some of the locals -- Buddy, Kathy and Jim (especially Jim) -- and earn your entry fee," said Jim.

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

Those "Crazy Canucks" will present their 3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend Tournament, Sept. 3-5, at the Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans' Association, Unit 68, 837 Main St. (3rd and 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.

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**WHO? The Eastern Team of John
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Summers, Bobby Voorhis, and David
Williams, challenge the West Coast Team
of ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, and ?**

WHY? For fame and fortune -- what else?

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By the time this issue is printed and mailed, John should be back on his feet and sliding the weights again.

Sheryl Cockerill, Muncie, Indiana

We salute you, Sheryl, and your fellow shufflers for rallying around John to let him know you care. Let our prejudice show: flowers will fade, but The Board Talk will not! We welcome John to our network and wish him a speedy recovery!

Kimmel Inn Red (Indiana) Finishes First in Tri-County League

The 1992-93 Tri-County Shuffleboard League has come to an end. This year, we started with 13 teams and finished with 11. The area teams are: Barney's Cozy Corner, Duck Inn - Blue & Red, Friendly Inn, Lee's Bar & Grill, Kimmel Inn - Blue & Red, Wolf Lake VFW, Legonier Elks, Beef's, and Lucky's Tavern. Each team can have up to 12 players with two changes per year and no changes the last four weeks of regular season play. We play each team twice -- once on home board and once on an away board.

The regular season ended with Kimmel Inn Red, 1st; Lucky's Tavern, 2nd; Kimmel Inn Blue, 3rd; Friendly Inn, 4th. The tournament winners were Lucky's Tavern, 1st, and Kimmel Inn Blue, 2nd.

Liz Kimmel, Secretary-Treasurer, Tri-County Shuffleboard League, Kimmel, Indiana

We're happy to publish the results of your league play, Liz. We agonize over how to serve those who play, week after week, when our main focus is on tournament play -- even though we recognize that it is the league players who keep the sport healthy. We've yet to come up with that answer and your report comes closer to a solution than any we've received so far. Evidence that we have failed to serve that particular audience is that many of the establishments you've mentioned are not currently a part of our shuffleboard network. If you or other league players have a suggestion, please let us know. After 10 years, we still don't have an economically feasible answer.

P.S.: You might mention to those who are not now currently listed on the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." four times a year (just for the cost of a year's subscription) that they will double, triple, and more, that investment through visits from travelling shufflers who use that listing.

Louise Salutes Shuffleboard's "Givers"

I received The Board Talk recently after returning home after a long Memorial Day weekend at the shore. Suitcases sat as I dropped everything and read it cover to cover. Your publication does a great job to unite the World of Shuffleboard, and I appreciate your hard work and efforts.

It's exciting to read of (and participate in) recent efforts to promote The Board Talk and shuffleboard. Glen Davidson and Doc Khan are "givers" in that World, as are the many people who take the time to report the results of the tournament happenings all over the USA and Canada. No matter how small, I enjoy reading about them!

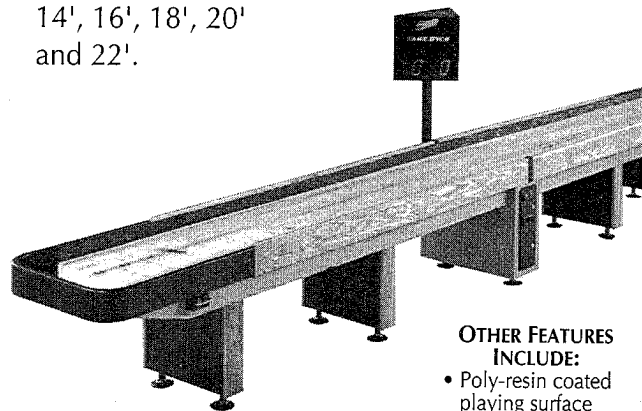
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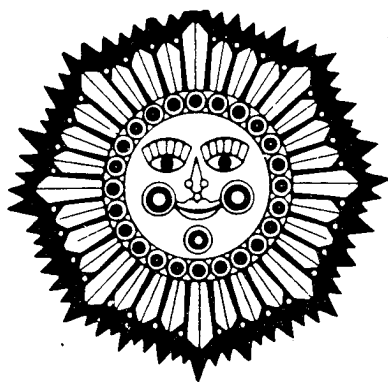
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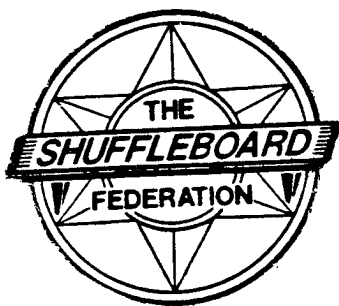
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RENO UPDATE - TWO NEW EVENTS

The 1993 North American Championships™ will once again feature events for players of all skill levels and at least \$7,000 in added money, plus a couple of exciting new events. A flyer and registration form are included in this issue, if you are a member of The Shuffleboard Federation or a past participant, you should have already received this information.

In order to spice things up a little for the pros, we have added a \$5,000 East/West Pro Team Challenge (see enclosed flyer). A six person team from east of the Rockies has issued a challenge to the West Coast Pros to play a best five out of nine \$5,000 match prior to the pro singles and doubles events. This should be a real crowd pleaser. We think it would be great if the P.C.S.A. gives the loser of this match a chance for a rematch at the 1994 P.C.S.A. Extravaganza VI.

INTRODUCING DEUCES WILD™

For the past few months, we have been gradually releasing information about our new game and it's accompanying league program. The game is called DEUCES WILD™ and you will have a chance to see what an exciting game it is at the DEUCES WILD™ Draw Partner team event at the North American Championships™. To make it even more interesting, \$2,000 is being added to the prize money for this event.

DEUCES WILD™ a fast, easy to learn game that is played with four person teams. DEUCES WILD™ Leagues, run by local vending companies are being organized and we expect to meet our goal of being active in fifteen states before the end of the year.

DEUCES WILD™ Leagues incorporate many of the same principals that have made the national dart and pool leagues so successful, including a copyrighted format and handicap system that gives every team a chance to win.

As we announced in the last issue, American International Shuffleboard Corporation has signed a multi year contract to sponsor the DEUCES WILD™ league program and the North American Championships.

Although they are just getting started, and the sponsorship agreement is a major commitment, company President, Dick Delfino feels that "this was an opportunity that we could not afford to pass up." We at The Shuffleboard Federation are happy to be working with American. Their name is instantly recognized in the industry and has been a major asset in attracting vending companies to the league program.

A few months ago, we wrote an article titled "WHY LEAGUES FAIL", and received more feedback from it than any article we have ever written. Many leagues fold because of the type of problems mentioned in that article. DEUCES WILD™ puts the fun back in league play by eliminating three things that have ruined many leagues; same team always wins, politics, poor administration.

The majority of all the shuffleboard tables you see in bars in this country are not owned by the bar owner. More than eighty percent of them are owned by vending companies. Getting these vending companies involved is very important for several reasons. When they run a league, each bar in the league is a customer of theirs. This goes a long way towards making sure that every team is treated equally and fairly. You get much less politics and better administration both as a result.

Shuffleboard has been hurt by the fact that many bars do not take good care of their shuffleboard tables. Poorly maintained boards aren't much fun to play and are very unlikely to attract new players, or any players at all.

Something that pool players who are national pool league members will tell you is that the playing conditions in the places they play have improved significantly because of league play. The reason is simple. When a vending company makes more money from the pool table because of the league, they are willing to replace the rails and recover the playing surface more often.

DEUCES WILD™ Leagues make shuffleboard tables more profitable for the vending companies who own them. This will lead to shuffleboards that are better maintained, more fun to play, and more likely to be fun for a new player. Everybody wins.

Making the competition fair so the average and novice players don't get discouraged and quit is very important. Traditional shuffleboard leagues are hard to handicap because you usually play doubles, which makes it hard to properly rate the league members. You would have to keep track of things like points scored with and without the hammer and a host of other statistics in order to do a good job.

DEUCES WILD™ is a straight offense game similar to horseshollar. Every player has an average, making it easy to establish ratings and handicaps. Sometimes there are problems with this type of format because the better players score only as many points as they need to win. A simple solution is built into the league format. A portion of league dues go into a fund to sponsor players from each league in the national league championships. We call this the "Win A Trip™" program. You earn Win A Trip™ points based on your league performance. This provides plenty of incentive for players to play their best at all times.

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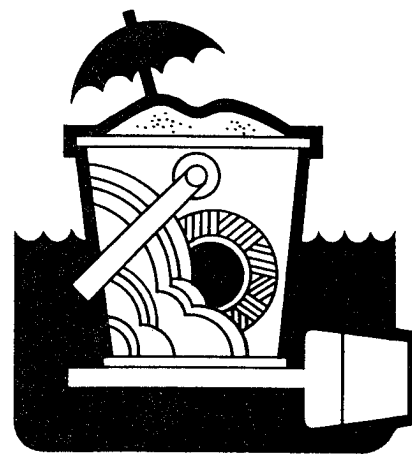
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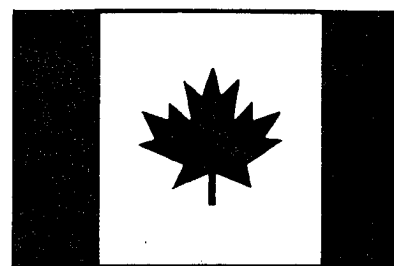
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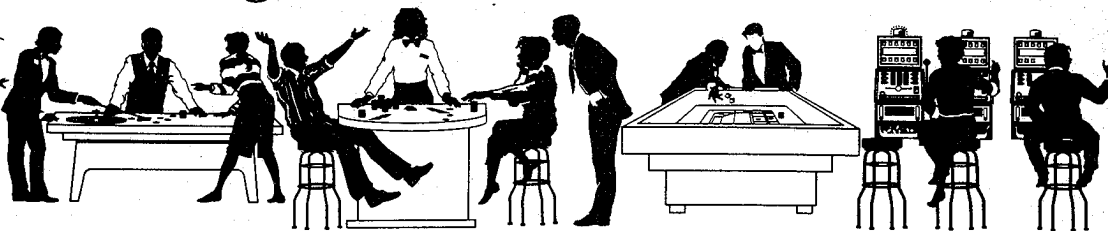
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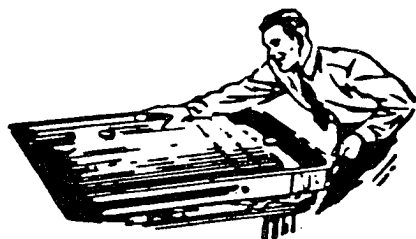
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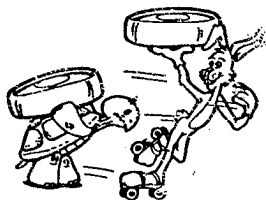


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The Hanger.....



Boy, are we excited! We got some responses to Doc Khan's question which introduced this new column a couple months ago. Let's keep it going, readers! Send your questions or answers to The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

Q.: I just bought a shuffleboard, regulation size, which has that acrylic top which, for want of any other name, I will call "The Bill Melton top," or more accurately, the current prevailing top, since more and more companies (i.e., Playfair, Dynamo) are using it nowadays. Well, it looks beautiful. A clear, plastic surface, but it ain't wood. The problem is this: It makes noise when the puck slides on top of it -- a low, rumbling gurgle as metal slides over plastic. I never did hear that sound on the old, well-polished wood boards. Is this normal? Can this noise be stopped? Also, should we spray this plastic surface with silicone spray? What is the best way to clean this surface? Should we use liquid or past wax? Someone said use "car wax." Somebody else said "use vinegar." Please tell me the correct way to maintain such a surface in top shape. And, finally, if push comes to shove, can one get rid of it? Can it be dissolved into some material and get the old wood back? Please help!

Doc Khan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

A.: We love our acrylic top after having wood for 20-some years. Unlike yours, our top makes no noise compared to my previous wood boards. My "care" process is as follows:

1. Clean off all powdered wax.
 2. Spray non-scented Pledge wax over entire surface. Using a t-shirt material, wipe surface, turning cloth frequently.
 3. Use Sun-Glo shuffle alley wax sparingly over surface.
 4. Spray over powdered wax with silicone spray.
- Be sure to wipe your board daily, sprinkle wax, and spray silicone wax over powder. Use Pledge weekly, if necessary.

Jack & Joan, The J's Pub
1500 N. 10th St.
Reading, PA 19604

Thanks, Jack and Joan!

And here's another response to Doc Khan's question...

A.: It may not be the plastic top that is causing the noise. I, too, have noticed the "rumbling" noise when playing on the shuffleboard table in my basement. But, unlike Doc, I have a Playfair with the traditional finish.

Perhaps Doc's weights are crowned. I have both American and Federation weights that have been milled by Emmet Wilcox of Indiana. I believe the crown causes the weight to "rock" as it travels the length of the board, and it could very well be the source of the rumbling noise. When visitors use their flat-bottomed weights, the rumbling diminishes considerably.

As another alternative, perhaps it's too quiet. In a bar, there are typical, bar-like noises -- jukebox, television, people talking, etc. At home, peace and quiet! I've noticed the rumbling noise mysteriously disappears when I turn on the stereo or the TV. In other words, perhaps the rumbling noise is not unique to your plastic-topped board -- you just can't hear it in other places!

The only other reason I can come up with would be the rumbling is caused by the specific characteristics of the wood used to construct the board.

Hope my suggestions are helpful to Doc, and anyone else who has heard that noise. Al and I are looking forward to seeing you in Oklahoma at the end of the month.

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

We and Doc Khan thank you, too, Louise, for your constructive observations. And here's yet another response to Doc.....

A.: I did two boards for Bob Lewis (Phoenix, Arizona) that he couldn't level. I took masking tape and put it all around the board and poured on one gallon of paint remover on it. I did it three times at \$20 per gallon. Or you could take it to a lumber mill that has a planer and go below the finish and cut it off. Maybe the people who put it on know more about how to get it off!

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

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Are you keeping a secret?

**Not everybody knows about
The Board Talk!**

**Please share the news with a
shuffler who doesn't know.**

The Hanger (continued from Page 12)

And one last one for Doc.... You'd probably given up already and look what happened!

A.: We believe that Doc's idea for a question and answer column is a great idea and would like to see it continue.

You are right about one thing -- the rumbling sound you are experiencing would not have happened on the old well-polished boards, but the reason is not the plastic playing surface. We do not know what type of wax you are using, but today's players like fast boards and the "speed regulator" products that are present in most waxes is what causes that sound.

Furthermore, you will hear it whether you are playing on a plastic surface or the good old-fashioned lacquer surfaces that you learned to play on. The reason you hear it on your board at home but not when you are playing at the local bar is the difference in background noise. Maybe you need a jukebox to go with your shuffleboard table.

For the record, although the finishes used by Dynamo and Playfair both belong to the plastic family, there are substantial differences between the two. We know of no way to remove the finish on your board, but if you are looking for the feel of "good old-fashioned wood," we suggest you contact American International Shuffleboard Corp. at 1-800-598-2881.

If you want to eliminate the rumbling sound, you could go to a straight yellow type of powdered wax. This will eliminate the noise, but will also reduce the speed 200 percent to 300 percent, so you have to determine what is most important.

This situation brings to mind a conversation several years ago with Al Stewart, A & M Amusement Company, who is one of the most knowledgeable shuffleboard people in the country. He was relating stories of customers who wanted perfectly straight boards, but also wanted them lightning fast. The problem is that on a fast board, every curve is more noticeable. The faster the board, the harder it is going to be to get the board perfectly level.

As far as the rest of your question goes, every board, regardless of what type of finish it has, should be cleaned, polished, and sprayed with silicone on a regular basis. Many people go to the hardware store and buy the cheapest silicone they can find. This stuff might be great for lubricating doors, but it is a poor choice for a shuffleboard table (remember the old saying that you get what you pay for). The hardware store variety is generally either very oily or breaks down and/or evaporates after just a couple of games. The ironic thing is that if you compare the price per ounce

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The Shuffleboard Federation, Northville, Michigan

We know Doc uses your wax, and we're sure he'll appreciate your other suggestions as well.

Q.: I understand American is starting to make weights again. People would like to know if this is true. Also, is the quality going to be the same and what about price and availability?

Dave Shuler, Houston, Texas

A.: This is another as yet unanswered question from last month. While we don't have all the answers, we'll share what we do know. You'll note from The Shuffleboard Federation's "News Flash" in the June issue and their flyer in this issue that the American International Shuffleboard Corporation is the new sponsor of the North American Shuffleboard Championships, which means they are alive and well! We're delighted with that news and extend a hearty welcome back to American to The World of Shuffleboard. In a New Year's greeting in the January issue, President Dick Delfino and Vice President John Dunn said: "We are using and will continue to use, the finest available materials and maintain the highest standards of manufacturing excellence." To find out about the weights, we suggest you write American International Shuffleboard Corp., 308 Railroad Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07602; or call 1-800-598-2881.

And here's a new question we're betting will get some responses! In fact, we couldn't resist giving it a try....

Q.: I have a question regarding one of the more subtle aspects of the shuffleboard rules: distractions -- (a) How much is your opponent allowed to distract you? and (b) How much distraction is allowable from outside forces before "interference" can be called?

Case in point: My buddy and I were playing one for a beer at our favorite pub, and I had him 12-10 with the hammer. He slid a three into the right-hand corner and I was just about to release my weight when a woman down at the other end of the table pulls her top off. My throw? Quite the gutter ball, I can assure you. My pal just smiled

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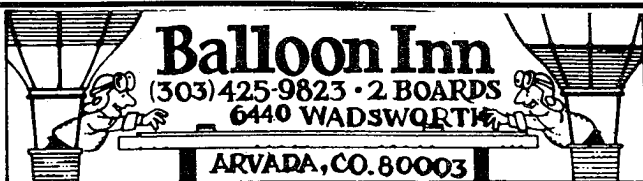
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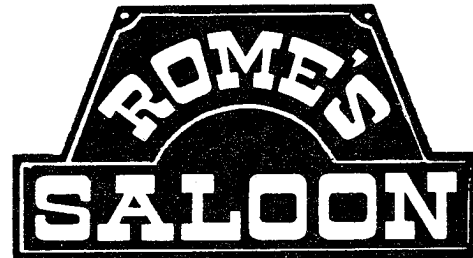


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organizers as well as the bars and clubs where the events are held, shuffleboard would be an isolated sport. Without these great people, the expression: "All dressed up and no place to go" takes on new meaning!

I'd like to mention and commend another type of "giver" -- the people who make the effort to travel to other parts of the country to participate in tournaments. They are truly the "ambassadors" of the game. Even though I realize there is financial gain as a motive for these travelers, we all benefit and learn from these people.

Sadly, here on the East Coast, we don't get many visitors from other parts of the country. And, while the game is alive, well, and thriving in this area, I feel that we are the worse for it.

That's why I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to the shufflers who travel East, especially Bobby Voorhis. I believe that he does a great deal to promote the game of shuffleboard, in several ways.

He's a terrific role model, both on the board, because of his exceptional playing skills, and off. Win or lose (and, believe me, we rarely see him lose!), he is equally gracious. No temper tantrums here! And, if you ask him a question about shuffleboard, he's helpful and his answers are thoughtful.

Here on the East, there is a tendency towards the traditional. Slow boards, slow wax, and games to 21, are often the accepted standard. Bobby's tops are consistent and fast, and are helping to bring the East in line with the rest of the country.

Thanks again to Bobby, Glen, Doc, and all the other "givers" in The World of Shuffleboard. Looking forward to seeing you all in Oklahoma City!

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

You'll note there's no Hammer column on Page 1 of this issue, Louise, because you've said it better than we ever could and with more credibility. All we can say is "Amen" to your salutes to the "givers" of our game. We love you players on the East Coast. You have supported our annual Shufflers' Reunion from No. 1 and now you're coming to No. 9. Bless you all for your continued support.

Particularly this last year, you and Al DiBella, Judy Iseman, and Arlow and Jane Johnson, are commended for getting out of your "home territory" to test your skills against shufflers from other areas -- and you have proven those skills! Our few trips to your area have been enjoyable -- and we shall return!

We, like you, admire Bobby V's contributions to The World of Shuffleboard. He and his lovely wife, Deb, are what all shufflers should strive to be as "role models."

However, as this is written, we expect him to take advantage of our "Shuffleboard Bed & Breakfast" facilities during Pasquale's 20th Anniversary Tournament. And, if he doesn't behave himself "off the boards" and misses his curfew, he's going to be in big trouble!

From an Expert: Leveling and Un-leveling Shuffleboards

I would like to share a couple things that Von has taught me about shuffleboards with the readers of The Board Talk and shuffleboard players.

Leveling or unleveling shuffleboards: Pushing the adjusters up on the inside to make the board drift to the center, you have to put so much pressure on the adjusters to get the board to come in between the adjusters that when you throw a weight cross-board and that weight hits on top of any of those adjusters, it cuts back so much more to the center of the board than it does in between the adjusters. If your board is concaved or goes to the center and you want to flatten it out, then you put the pressure on the outside. Then you have to pull the adjusters down past level to get the space between the adjusters flat.

Now, when you shoot cross-board and you hit on top of the adjusters, it is going to dump off the board.

In both cases, it will show up much more with the spin weight. The faster the wax, the more it drifts. There is no way in the world that you can get a board like some of the players want them....like come in 3 to 4 inches all the way down without putting about 10 adjusters on and have them every 2 feet.

Luther Olney of shuffleboard sales and service that I bought out in 1978 put eight on some boards if the people wanted to spend the extra money. But very few will do that. The American Shuffleboard's adjusters are from 3-1/2 feet to less than 4-1/2 feet apart. The Playfair boards are from 2-1/2 apart on each end to 5'2" apart in the middle. There is no way I can get them right. All the ones I have refinished I saw out the frame and reset the adjusters. Dynamo boards I know nothing about. The only ones I worked on I didn't check the distance.

Some of my customers want the boards faster and straighter, but you can't have it both ways, so pick one. The complaint or "bitch" is that the wax is spotty after about 3 or 4 frames. It has fast and slow places in it. The faster the wax, the more this is going to happen. You shoot so slow that when the weight is on the wax, it's going to glide, but when it goes into a place where there is less wax or no wax, like a track that another weight has made, it's going to stop. It does not have enough speed to get through the dry spot.

Example: When we had our boat, I was pulling my daughter Judy on the skis and she took a big swing across the stern of the boat and hit the beach too fast and went up on the sand and rocks.

If she had been going real slow, she would have stopped as soon as the ski touched the sand and her behind would not have been sore and she could have walked a lot better the next day.

Maybe when we can make a tire that won't leave a track in the snow, we will be able to make weights that won't leave a track in the shuffleboard wax. I hope this is right. Anyway, this is how Von explained it to me.

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

It's a darn good thing that you have Von to set you straight, Al. This is the first letter we have received from you in a VERY long time, and we are pleased to have your expert opinion on a subject that is of vital interest to shufflers throughout our World of Shuffleboard.

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at me and tossed a perfect blocking two.

Well, I figured if he could do it, so could I, and I'm just about to release my weight when she unsnaps her bra and shakes them out! I threw a 50-foot weight on a 26-foot board, didn't hit a thing. "Palsy" smiled broadly and threw a perfect block as the "lady" put her things back on and walked away. I bought the beer.

A little later, I saw my "friend" slip her a buck. I accused him of setting the deal up, but he denied it and we haven't spoken since. No big deal; it's only been about 20 minutes, but I thought it represented a fine opportunity to write to you and tell you how much we like your newsletter here and to seek your sage opinion on the "Distraction" issue. Does my ex-buddy owe me a beer if he contrived this whole thing to win unfairly? Or should we have taken the round over because of "interference"?

"Easyrider Bill," O'Malley's Pub, Daytona Beach, Florida

A.: George says, "It may be an age thing because there isn't a boob big enough to distract me from my appointed goal of hitting a weight. However, I'm a leg man (Donna says it's a good thing!) so perhaps you should consult a boob man in relation to why you missed the weight."

Seriously, we've never had to call such a decision before (George thinks the "lady" was underpaid; Donna thinks she was paid just about what she was worth) and can't imagine such an exhibition happening in a bar here in Michigan. Maybe the rules are different in Florida. We think you may have a concentration problem. How come it didn't distract your opponent? If you can't control your eyeballs or your hearing aid while you're playing, you've got a problem. If a player's eyes

wander off that playing surface while shooting or allows "rabbit ears" to pick up crowd static, the weight's not going to hit its target. Focus on the board!

In a bar game with a beer at stake, such as your situation, we think the owner, manager, or bartender on duty should have ejected the "lady" immediately (before she got paid and before your concentration was broken for the second time). They should exercise some control over the games being played in their establishment.

In a tournament situation, where players are competing for much more than a beer, it's an entirely different ball game. In our official tournament rules, it clearly states: "No physical or verbal harrassment of players while shooting; no warning, two point penalty." In most tournaments, participants may call time if there is something happening on the sidelines that is causing a distraction and ask the tournament director or official to remove that distraction from their view (i.e., a young woman innocently swinging her bare legs back and forth at the other end of the board) before they make a shot that might have several thousand dollars riding on it. There are some players, like Darrol Nelson of Oregon, whose concentration is so intense that a provocative belly dancer at the other end of the board wouldn't distract him! That's why he's one of the top players in the nation.

The bottom line: whether it's a bar game or a tournament, good sportsmanship should be the rule. We think your opponent should be fined 30 lashes with a dirty board wipe for his lack of good sportsmanship! As for you, stack that beer up to experience. When we get down to Florida, we'll buy you one for your kind words about The Board Talk.

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Approximately 300 people attended the tournament. Next Year's event, which could be the last, will be held in Reading, Pennsylvania.

(Editor's Note: We'd be interested to know why it might be the last. Seems a shame to end a 40-year tradition that attracts that many people.)

Lots of Winners at Arbuckle Open

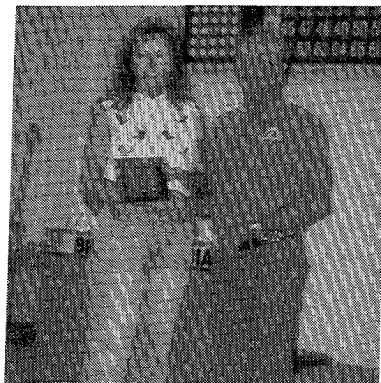
The American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, hosted the 7th Annual Arbuckle Open over the Memorial Day weekend and, as usual, it was another "biggie."

In the women's singles, Brenda Watts of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, was the top winner, with Lisa Melton of Davis, Okla., taking second place honors, and Carolyn Jones of Tulsa in third place. Two visitors from Neb-

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raska, Gwen Orsi and Maggie Worley, took fourth and fifth respectively.



Tournament Director Alan Primrose presents the Women's Singles first-place trophy to Brenda Watts of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

In the Amateur Open Singles, Billy Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, took home the biggest share of the pot. Another Nebraska visitor, Tim Piccolo, finished in second place. Billy's "little" brother, Mike Melton, took third place, with the lone woman in the winner's circle of this event, Janet Weidner of Amarillo, Texas, earning fourth place. Putting another Nebraska participant in the winner's column was Billy Loos in fifth place, with Gregg Tedford of Sonora, Texas, in sixth.

Billy Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, accepts the amateur singles first-place trophy from Al Primrose.



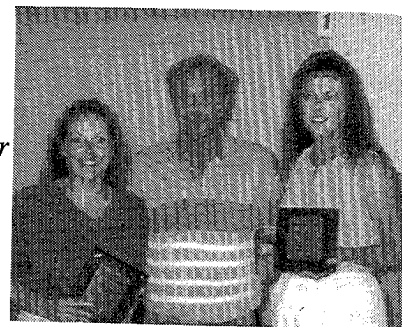
Frank Blade of Tulsa beat Mark Foust, also from Tulsa, to take top honors in the Pro Singles. Bob Shaw of Dallas took third place, with Sam Summers of Yukon, Oklahoma, in fourth place. Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana, and Rick Boyer of Colorado tied for fifth and sixth places.

Yet another Nebraskan, Ron Campbell, and his partner Debbie Bowers of Texas, were winners of the Sweetheart Draw. Larry Barthel of Tulsa and Dienise Addison of Amarillo took second place honors, with Zane Porter of Tulsa and Gwen Orsi in third place. Janet Weidner drew Ron Bowers of Austin, Texas, to take fourth place. Lisa Melton and her partner, Alfred Suarez of Austin, finished fifth with Maggie Worley and Ron Snelgroves of Wynnewood, Okla., in sixth place.

Two women dominated the winner's circle in the amateur open draw -- Shirley Gierdes and Shari Foust of Tulsa. They beat out second place finishers Bill Stoops of Tulsa and Ron Campbell of Nebraska. Billy Loos of

Nebraska and Cissy Carter of Wynnewood took third place, with Brenda Watts and Brady Jones of Amarillo in fourth place. Johnny Crawford of Texas and Bobby Voorhis finished fifth, with Bill Carter of Wynnewood and Keith Finley of Oklahoma City in sixth place.

A "Thorn between two roses?" Al Primrose congratulates the winners of the Amateur Open Draw, Shirley Gierdes and Shari Foust.



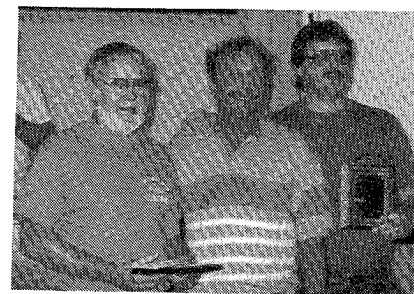
And, once again, it was a women's team that reigned supreme in the amateur doubles! Brenda Watts and Rena Hendrix of Oklahoma City teamed up to take top honors, with Carolyn Jones and John Cason of Tulsa in second place. Brothers Mike and Billy Melton joined forces to take third place, with Ron Huddleston, Oklahoma City, and Shirley Gierdes in fourth place. Alan Primrose of Wynnewood and Steve Walker of Cushing, Oklahoma, took fifth place, with the Nebraska team of Ron Campbell and Billy Loos in sixth.



Rena Hendrix and Brenda Watts were winners of the Amateur Doubles event.

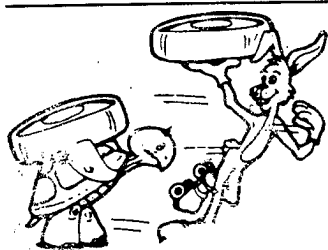
Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana teamed up to take top honors in the Pro Doubles, beating out Sam Sweatt of Tulsa and Sam Summers.

Aren't they happy? Glen Davidson and Bobby Voorhis collect their first place trophies in the Pro Doubles.



The Nebraska team of Gwen Orsi, Maggie Worley, Ron Campbell, Billy Loos, and Janet Weidner, won the Amateur Team Event. Prim's Wagon Wheel -- Brenda Watts, Ron Grove, Betteye Brantley, Ron Gamble, Bill Stoops, and Keith Finley, took second place.

The Oklahoma City team of Sam Summers, Rena Hendrix, Jim Griggs, Ken Stork and Billy Holly, won the Pro Team Event. Melton Shuffleboard -- Steve Walker, Al Primrose, Bill-Lisa-Mike-Billy Melton took second.



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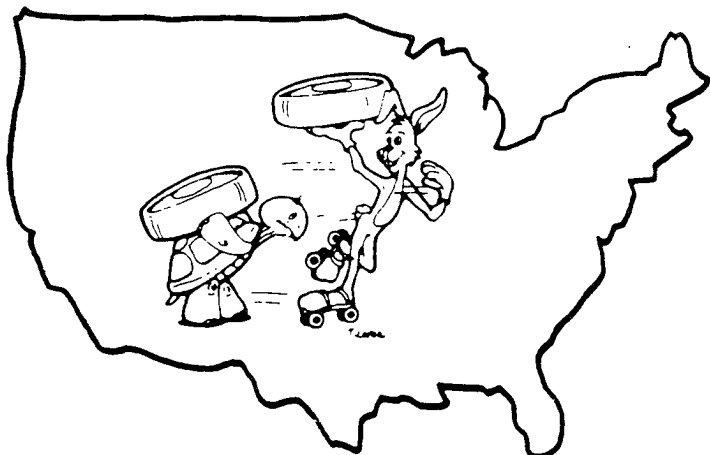
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