

The Hammer

We received more than the usual number of phone calls this month regarding "red checks." Most of them conveyed the message: "I sent my renewal and yet I got a red check. What happened?"

What happened was we red-checked you on the 15th of the month, when we close The Board Talk pages and our mailing list. During the next 10 days, when we typeset the pages, get the issue printed and mailed, your renewal came in. Given the slow delivery of bulk mail, your renewal check had been processed long before you received that issue that contained the red check.

Not to worry! Just sit back and relax and don't get alarmed until you get a red check on the next issue. We like to sound tough because we need that revenue, but removing a faithful subscriber from the mailing list is an agonizing experience, one that we postpone as long as possible. Only when it becomes obvious to us that a subscriber is no longer interested in receiving The Board Talk do we eliminate their name from our shuffleboard network.

We also received a number of inquiries regarding The Shuffleboard Federation's ideas for Leagues. Despite our continued message that we are two separate entities, subscribers continue to believe we're one and the same. While we share common goals, let's make this clear once and for all: The Shuffleboard Federation, under a longterm commitment, **purchases** the center-page spread of The Board Talk. They pay money to share their ideas with you every month, year after year. Within that space, paid for with dollars that help us publish this newsletter, they send their message. Save your pennies: If you have a question about information in their paid-for column, call them. They have the answers.

As this is written, George is looking forward to participating in the Arbuckle Open and both of us are looking forward to seeing you in Del City, Oklahoma, over the 4th of July weekend. Please don't be shy about introducing yourselves. We truly want to be able to relate you with those names on our mailing list.

Tourney Talk East Coast Shufflers Welcome Spring at Harvey's Place

Hosts Harvey Comer and Darlyne Belcher welcomed shufflers to Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, for their annual spring tournament on April 2-4.



HAPPINESS IS....winning first place for the first time. That's what happened to Willis Long of Dublin, Maryland, who drew the legendary Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey to take first in the draw partner event.



Judy Gartland (left) of Philadephia, Pennsylvania, took first in the women's singles, with hostess Darlyne Belcher (center) in second, and Rita Yank of Philadelphia in third place.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Bobby V Has Fan on East Coast

We support your Board Talk and thank you for your time and endless hours of love and patience.

Jim and I have been playing shuffleboard for nearly seven years now. We've been up, in the middle and down. But through it all, we keep on playing simply because we love it! We get to meet so very many people -- a great big family!

My favorite player is Bobby -- you guessed it -- V, the one and only in my eyes! He's a great guy!

We haven't had the privilege of playing in a big national tournament yet; our own locals keep us busy enough. However, in about two years from now, we hope to visit Vegas, Texas, and all those neat places.

Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Maryland

Thanks for your encouraging words and for becoming our East Coast photographer. We think Bobby V is a pretty O.K. guy, too, even though we've had to ground him occasionally for staying out too late when he stayed with us during tournaments here in Lansing.

Like you, we have a goal of about two years to "hit the road" and travel our World of Shuffleboard. Hope we'll meet along the way!

Dick Gorman Thrilled to Win Event at Dick Gorman Tournament

It was nice to see Beef and Marge, as well as Bobby V, at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, the weekend of April 9-11. The shock was when I saw Bobby's jacket which said Dick Gorman Tournament on it. Of course, my first reaction was Dick Gorman Memorial and I had to check myself. Fortunately, I found myself alive and well enough to win first place on Friday night with Mark Grove, beating Mickey, Bobby, Len Dell, Beef and the likes, and then coming back Saturday

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in the bring partners with Bill Stoops to take third. I may have died sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning because I didn't have much left for Sunday.

Enough funning -- actually, they had given Bobby the jacket for last year's tournament before they (Chuck King, et el) named the tournament for me. So I guess I can always say I won the first event in the first Dick Gorman Tournament (maybe the last).

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

We certainly hope it's not the last, Dick. Congratulations! For all you've done for shuffleboard on the East Coast, you deserve a tournament named after you. Keep up the good work!

Glen's Indiana/Michigan Travel Diary

Madge and I headed north, mainly for the famous Bourbon Tournament. We arrived a few days early and stayed with Bud and Fritzi Broka (tournament director of the Bourbon tournamnt). We went to a tournament at the Port Side Lounge in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Fritzi and I won that tournament, but locals David Overhold and John Wagner shot real good and we were lucky to win it. There were a lot of up and coming young players there, plus the three Larry's -- Creakbaum, Summy, and Brown.

The next day, we went to Lucky's in North Webster, Indiana, where Carol Westerman was having a singles tournment. There was a good crowd there and everybody seemed to have a good time. She's a nice lady and runs a good bar. Carol said she'd like to have a two board tournament, and I told her maybe Bobby Voorhis could help her with a second board. With only one board, it's pretty hard on the players. So why not have two boards where they don't have to wait so long to play? I think, with a little encouragement from the players, the Portside Lounge would also get another board in.

Fritzi ran a good tournament at Bourbon. It was amazing that she (my partner) could do that and play as well as she did (we came in second). Bob Perry and Bud Broka were just too tough for us. It was good to play with Fritzi again. She played (and worked) straight through. A pretty strong gal! Congratulatins to Bud and Bob and all the other winners. It was good to see all my shuffleboard buddies down there in Indiana. It's always a pleasure to see them.

From Bourbon, Indiana, we travelled to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where we stayed with Doc and Megan Khan for three or four days. They have a beautiful home (continued on Page 10)

Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season 1993 Calendar of Events

JUNE 1993

June 12-13 4th Annual Balloon Open Balloon Inn Arvada, Colorado

June 19-20 20th Anniversary Doubles Pasquale's Bar Lansing, Michigan

June 19-20

7th Annual Nationals Acme Tavern Tacoma, Washington

June 26-27

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



<u>JULY 1993</u>

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 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

SEPTEMBER 1993

Sept. 3-5 Crazy Canucks Labor Day Weekend Tourney Canada

Sept. 3-6 Texas Open Texas Mist Austin, Texas

Sept. 4-6

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

Sept. 10-12

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

OCTOBER 1993

Oct. 2 26th Annual Fall Tournament American Legion Bourbon, Indiana

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Tourney Talk (continued from Page 1)



Winners of the bring your own partner event at Harvey's Place, April 2-4, were Jim Wallace of Port Deposit, Md., and Jim McDaniels of Darlington, Md.

Other winners in the bring partner tourney were: Don Casula and John Lucas, 2nd; Len Dell and Mickey Mickens, 3rd; Buddy Brammer and Dallas Hayman, 4th; Mark Grove and Dave Shrewbridge, 5th; and Tom Burnhart and Johnny Gardner, 6th.

In Sunday's mixed doubles, Jim Yank and Judy Gartland took top honors, with Darlyne Belcher and Will Long in second place. Chuck King and Brenda Cook took third place.



In a second round robin tournament, Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pa., and Brenda Wallace of Port Deposit were the winners.

Bobby V Wins Lucky's Singles

Bobby Voorhis was winner of a singles tournament at Lucky's Tavern in N. Webster, Indiana, on April 24. Players shot for a total purse of almost \$3,000. Jim Long took second place honors, with Buddy Broka in third, and another member of the Voorhis family, Debbie, in fourth place.

"It was an excellent tournament," reports hostess Carol Westerman. "I sure enjoy every one of them. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma was here with his camcorder and filmed the action."

7th Annual Acme Tavern Nationals, Tacoma, Washington, June 19-20

The Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington, will host its 7th Annual Nationals Tournament on June 19-20. It will be a doubles event, \$50 entry fee, double elimination, with a 52-24-12-6-3-3 payoff. Last year's winners were Jim Foran and Darrol Nelson. The sponsor sale will start at noon on Saturday.

The tournament will be directed by Jim Foran and Rick Gindt and there will be a complimentary tavern feed at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Suggested lodging is the Portage Inn, 3021 Pacific Hwy. E; phone 1-800-833-1800. For further information, call the Acme Tavern, 206-272-1892.

Shuffleboard and More at Jerry D's, June 26-27

The 6th Annual Jerry D Classic, sponsored by Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern in Dacono, Colorado, is scheduled for June 26-27. The big two-day event will include golf, horseshoes, bocci and, last but not least, shuffleboard. Entry fee of \$150 for a two-person team covers 18 holes of golf, golf cart, prize fund, dinner, a (very) few drinks, and lots of fun! The people to beat are Jerry D and Dar Stephens, who have won this event four out of five years.

The Classic is limited to the first 16 paid and the deadline is June 18. For more information, contact Jerry or Susan D at 303-833-3469.

You're Invited to an Anniversary Party at Pasquale's in Lansing, Michigan, June 19-20

Joe and Linda Coscarelli will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Pasquale's, 916 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, with a singles and doubles tournament on June 19-20. The four-day celebration will start with a Euchre tournament on Thursday and Friday, June 17-18, at 7 p.m. each evening.

Shuffleboard action will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, with the auction for the doubles, \$40 per team entry fee, limited to 24 teams, with play immediately following. The auction for the singles, \$25 entry fee, limited to 16 players, is scheduled for Sunday, June 20, 12:30 p.m., with play immediately following. Both events are single game, double elimination, played on two boards.

20th Anniversary specials will include complimentary coffee and donuts on Saturday and Sunday mornings (bar will open at 11 a.m. Sunday), \$1.50 bar drinks on Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m., and free hors d'oeuvres at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For information, contact tournament directors George Wilber, 517-371-2538; Dana Gray or Joe Cascarelli, 517-485-0741.

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4th Annual Balloon Open, June 12-13

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host its 4th Annual Balloon Open on June 12-13. It will be an open doubles, best 2 of 3, double elimination event, \$100 per team entry fee. The team sales are scheduled for June 11 at 8 p.m., with play starting at noon on Saturday.

Preregistration will be appreciated and must be in and paid for by June 11, 7 p.m. sharp.

Hosts Ron and Gwen Vogt invite shufflers to come in a day early and take a bus ride to Central City. You'll get a free \$50 fun book to use while you're there.

For information, contact Ron or Gwen at 303-425-9823.

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. Send to: The Board Talk 421 E. Sheridan Road Lansing, MI 48906

BZ's Scores a Big First in Seattle

Seattle, Washington, for the first time in more years than most players can remember, hosted one of, if not the best, tournaments in the Northwest on April 24-26 at BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive.

"This tournament had everything," reports Ron Wicks. "Great competition (from as far south as Los Angeles to as far north as British Columbia, Canada), great directing (where would the Northwest be without Jim Foran, and John Musgrave who was on duty at all times and gave up playing to make this tournament a success?), great service (thank you, Cheryl and staff!), and great boards (thanks to Dick Martell who makes the best tournament boards around)."

Twenty-four teams squared off vying for a pot of over \$5,000. And the winners were Jim Allis and Steve Wilson, with Joe Muniz and John Fisher, who came all the way from Los Angeles, California, to participate, in second place. Marv White of Spokane and Ron Wicks of Tacoma, teamed up to take third place honors. Rounding the bend in this run for six places were: Mike Thorpe of Spokane and Dan Hitt, Seattle, 4th; Gary George, Orchards, Washington, and Chuck Norris of Portland, Oregon; John Luhtala, Eatonville, Washington, and Carl Raush of Shelton, Wash., in 5th and 6th. (Welcome back, John and Carl, said Ron.)

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A hightlight of this great tournament weekend, reports Ron Wicks, was the win of two of the Northwest's best women players, Linda Steffenson and Michelle Foran, over Darrol Nelson ("the world's greatest player") and another shuffleboard legend, Doug Buhl, both of Oregon. "Taking the match down to the third game in a two out of three situation, keeping the game close and tight, Linda with her outstanding lagging and Michelle with her outstanding weight shooting, pulled it through," said Ron. "Ladies, you brought inspiration to everyone there, even Darrol and Doug (but mostly perspiration, huh, guys?)."

Broka/Davidson Win at Portside Lounge

The Portside Lounge in Fort Wayne, Indiana, held its second doubles tournament on April 24. Seven teams battled for the \$750 in prize money and the winners were Fritzi Broka of Bourbon, Indiana, and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma. Second place went to David Overhold and John Wagner of Fort Wayne, with third captured by Larry Summy and Larry Creakbaum, both from Indiana.

"We are newcomers to the shuffleboard world and I would like to say thanks to all the people involved in the game: Deb and Bobby Voorhis, Cheryl Collins, Hacksaw 'Big Guy,' Larry Summy, Larry Brown, Larry Creakbaum, Fritzi Broka and Glen Davidson, just to name a few I have met recently," said host Tony Bryant. "Thanks for your support and keep on shufflin'."

Oklahoma Women Play a "Marathon"

It was a "marathon" tournament for women shufflers who participated in a handicap, 2 out of 3, double elimination, event at Billy Poole's Our Gang Pub and Jimmy L's Lounge in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May.

Alice Paterson, in only her second year of playing, took top honors in the singles at Our Gang. Sandy Blade took second place with Carolyn Jones in third. "Our Gang has one terrific board," reports Lois Lambrecht.

The following weekend at Jimmy L's, Lois (winner of the Board Talk "Revival" slogan and didn't start playing seriously until she was 55) teamed up with the ever-tough Shirley Garrett to take first place. Taking second place honors were Sher Foust and Kathy White, with Shirla Porter and Carolyn Jones in third place.

Perry/Broka Champions at BIG Bourbon Tournament, May 1

Coming out on top of an always-tough field of competitors from across the USA, Bob Perry of Illinois and Buddy Broka of Indiana were winners of the 26th Annual Spring Tournament at the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, May 1. They earned championship honors, in this single elimination tourney, over a formidable field of 61 teams and took the largest share of the \$15,600 pot.

Taking second place honors were Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and tournament director Fritzi Broka of Indiana ("how did she do that?") with Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana in third place. Jim Stockmaster and Phil McGrew of Toledo, Ohio, captured fourth place, with Chris Passariello and Chuck Rickliefs of Saginaw, Michigan, in fifth spot and Larry Vance and Ricky Royal of Muncie, Indiana, in sixth place.

Tournament Director Fritzi Broka and host American Legion in Bourbon thank everyone who supported this tournament. "We fell three short of the 64-team limit (continued on next page)

MEMO To: All Shufflers From: George & Donna <u>RE:</u> AN INVITATION You are cordially invited to attend the annual Shufflers' Reunion onJune 29-July 4, 1993, at the American Legion Post 73, 5000 NE 24th St., Del City, Oklahoma. Fun, fellowship, great competition, prizes and more! See details in enclosed flyer. Make your reservations today. We look forward to seeing vou there!

but watch out for our 26th Annual Fall Tournament on October 2," said Fritzi. Tournament director Fritzi and the Bourbon American Legion thank everyone who supported this tournament. They also thank auctioneer Steve Hart, bracketeer Joyce Roberts, Terry Broka and everyone elso who waxed the boards all day and all night.

Also, Fritzi and The Board Talk editors apologize as billing this as the 41st annual tournament. After a great deal of research, Fritzi has discovered that the first tournament in Bourbon was held in 1961 instead of 1952. Watch next month's issue for what she discovered in her search for the "truth."

Lots of Winners at Fridley Family Hosted Tourney at Dew Drop Inn's Spring Tourney

The Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, hosted its National Tournament the weekend of March 19-21. The open singles on Friday night was a complete sell-out a week before with many out-of-towners coming to upstate New York to try their skills.

Players from Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and a large group of players from Sherburne, N.Y., vied for a share of the nearly \$2,000 singles pool. Local favorite Doug Fridley Jr. came out of the loser's bracket to avenge his only loss and turn back Milt Benedict from Sherburne to second place. Third went to the always-tough-with-the-draw player from Baldwinsville, N.Y., John Canino, with fourth going to "the big man," Dick Jeffries from Sherburne. Two of the tourney's top shooters, Dick Losee and Ed Galke, found the going tough and failed to cash.

Saturday morning brought the Dew Drop's best ever turnout in the mixed doubles, shooting for an \$800 pot, trophies and prizes. Coming out on top in their first-ever (and hopefully not the last) visit to Waterloo, were Al DiBella and Louise Freer from Pennsylvania. Earning second place was the very determined team of Penny Russ (her first cash ever in a national event) from Waterloo and Earl Durgan from Port Gibson, N.Y. The third and final spot went to the fine team of Jim Fowler from Wolcott, N.Y., and Amy Westfall from Amy's Checkered Flag in Waterloo.

Saturday afternoon brought 34 players to try their luck at catching a good draw in the draw partner event. Total prize monies topped \$1500 including jackets and trophies plus 50-50 giveaways. First place went to Tom Mierjewski from Pittsfield, Mass. (an excellent player who does most of his shooting at the Polish Falcons Club in Pittsfield, Mass.) and his partner, the always-steady Steve Bennett from Sherburne. Earning second place were Walt Vanzile (his first-ever tourney) from Sidney, N.Y., and Doug Fridley Jr. Taking third place earnings were Ken Vanzile Sr. (Walt's uncle) and Fred Truax from Norwich, N.Y. Fourth place went to John Canino and Howard (Howzer) Arndt from Waterloo.

On Sunday, the big bring partner event was held starting at noon. "There were a lot of thirsty people at the bar by then as we couldn't, by law, open the bar until noon," reports Doug Fridley Jr. "Jeanie Brewer, our bartender, had her hands full all weekend amd ran her tail off! Thanks, Jeanie, for doing a great job."

The tournament began with brothers Dave and Doug Fridley Jr. getting beat the very first match by Jim Fowler and Marv Smith, only to work their way through the loser's bracket all the way to the finals. There they met Dick Jeffries and Steve Bennett and lost a 15-14 decision. Dick and Steve took home over half of the \$1800 cash, jackets (continued on page 11)

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2nd Annual Southwest Open 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion June 29-July 4

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Wed., June 30	#1	(1) Pro (3) Am Team	\$200/Team	7:00 PM
Thurs., July 1	#2	Pro Singles	\$150.00	7:00 PM Wed.
Fri., July 2		Open Draws 1 & 2		
	#3	(1) Pros & Semi Pros	\$50.00	7:00 PM
	#4	(2) Amateurs	\$20.00	7:00 PM
Sat., July 3	#5	Semi Pro Singles	\$50.00	4:00 PM
	#6	Amateur Singles	\$20.00	4:00 PM
Sun., July 4	#7	Open Doubles	\$100/Team	4:00 PM
	#8	Board Talk 4 Person Team	\$80.00/Team	4:00 PM

*Event Notes

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- (4) Single game, double elimination
- (5) Single game, double elimination
- (6) Single game, double elimination
- (7) No two pro's partners single game, double elimination
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and a couple of nice boys who, if they want to, will be some great players. Doc taught them well and we played a game or two with them, and showed them some trick shots. Doc and Megan are a couple of hosts you won't forget! They extend th greatest hospitality you would ever want! Doc works a lot of hours, but we did get to go over to Mickey's Four Aces in Bay City and play a few games with the folks there.

From there, we went to Lansing, Michigan, home of George and Donna Wilber and The Board Talk newsletter. We enjoyed our stay with George and Donna. They're always interested in what's going on in shuffleboard across the country. They reminded me of our Oklahoma hospitality and we look forward to having them there for their 4th of July tournament. While we were in Lansing, George and I went to Pasquale's (916 W. Saginaw, Phone: 517-485-0741) and Stober's (812 E. Michigan Ave., Phone 517-487-4464) and played a few games. George got me the last game and I'm going to be after him; I'm going to get him good! I also had the pleasure one night of going to the horse races with Jerry Siebert. It wasn't a very profitable experience, but an enjoyable one. It's always good to see him and Sara.

During our last weekend in Michigan, we went to McCabe's in Saginaw (54 E. Moreley Drive; Phone 517-754-3621). Jim Long and Jerry Knox of Indiana came up and we played most of Friday, well into the night. If you're ever in Michigan, give them a call and they'll give you some action!

From there, we went to Dillinger's near Pontiac, and they all gave us some good action there. There was some tough competition there and we were lucky we finally got out of there with a little bit of money. We also stopped at the Wagon Wheel in Lake Orion. They had a band going and no shuffleboard action, but next time we're in Michigan, we'll stop by and play. They've got a nice place, two boards and plenty of room.

As this is written, we're on our way back to Oklahoma. We look forward to seeing many of you in Del City for the Arbuckle Open over the Memorial Weekend and the Southwest Open/Board Talk Tourney at that same place over the 4th of July weekend.

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

We're glad you put us on your Indiana/Michigan travel schedule, Glen and Madge. We enjoyed your visit very much, particularly seeing your video tapes of past tournaments and interviews. A special treat was the videotaped interview with Mr. Ramos, who wrote the rules of shuffleboard that we still follow and who blazed a trail for The World of Shuffleboard. We hope he realizes what he contributed to that World. We also thoroughly enjoyed seeing Glen's video of Doc and Megan Khan's awesome home, filled with treasures and obviously a lot of love for their family and The World of Shuffleboard.

Welcome Tom's Tapper Tavern

We have moved to Tom's Tapper Tavern, 4095 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, Oregon. The owner, Howard Smith, is looking forward to meeting other players from The World of Shuffleboard. Here is his subscription; please put him on the map!

Evie Wechter, Coburg, Oregon

We welcome Tom's Tapper Tavern to our shuffleboard network and encourage players to put this new location on their travel itineraries. Tom's Tapper Tavern will be listed on our next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." in August.

Welcome Anita!

Here is a new subscription for Anita Pullen of Westminster, California. She is the widow of an old-time shuffleboard player named Jack Pullen, known in the shuffleboard circle as "Glasses Jack." He passed away two or three years ago. She is and always has been a strong supporter of shuffleboard. She came to our ABC three-man team tournament at Amato's in April. We really enjoyed seeing her. Jack always gave so much to the game and taught so many people how to play.

We asked her if she took The Board Talk and she said no, so I asked her if she would like to have it and she said she would love to. So, it's with our compliments that we are sending this great newsletter to such a lovely lady.

Tony and Dottie Bastanchury, Garden Grove, California

We sincerely hope Anita will enjoy receiving The Board Talk and hope we get a chance to meet her someday. We're sure a lot of our readers will remember "Glasses Jack" with fondness.

Get Well, Sam Sech!

Attention Readers: Sam Sech, a well-known shuffleboard player on the East Coast, suffered a severe stroke several weeks ago and is having a real rough time recovering. He is now undergoing therapy in various hospitals, so it would be best to send get well and try hard wishes to his home address and his wife will get them to him: Sam Sech, P.O. Box 464, Bear, DE 19701. Your messages will bring him encouragement. Drop him a note today. -- George & Donna

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and trophies. Dave and Doug settled for second. Earning third place with some clutch shooting were the one and only Don Perry of Cortland, N.Y., and John Canino.

"Elsie Fridley again prepared superb buffets both Saturday and Sunday. There wasn't much of anything left over, yet everyone had plenty to eat. Thank you, again, Mom!" said Doug.

"The Fridley family would like to thank Pabst Blue Ribbon beer for sponsoring our national tournament and providing all the winners with trophies and jackets. Pabst has been very good to the Dew Drop with our tournaments and hope to continue this in the future," he said.

The next Dew Drop National Shuffleboard Open Tournament will be July 30-August 1. Four events will be played over three days. All events are one-day tourneys. Also, there will be round robins on Thursday, July 29, which the Dew Drop runs every Thursday. Use the enclosed flyer to ensure your spot. Entries are limited.

Houston Independence Tourney, July 1-5, at Time Out Sports Bar

The Time-Out Sports Bar, 10928 Fuqua, Houston, Texas, will host the Houston Independence Tournament on July 1-5. Events will include open draws, \$25 entry, single game, single elimination, on Thursday; a bring partner event, \$50 per person entry, single game, double elimination, on Friday; an open singles, \$50 entry, 2 out of 3, double elimination, on Saturday; a 4-member team event, \$25 per player, 2 out of 3, double elimination, on Sunday; with an amateur draw partner event, \$10 per person, single game, double elimination, on Monday. The tournament will be played on five boards. See the enclosed flyer for complete details or call tourney director Ken Strong (713-488-2902) or Time Out Sports Bar owner Randy Flucker (713-484-9911.

The Time Out Sports Bar will serve food daily at very reasonable prices and there are hotels nearby: LaQuinta Inn 7, 713-941-0900; Holiday Inn, 713-943-7979; Motel 6, 713-332-4581; and Super 8, 713-338-1526. The Hobby Airport is only 10 minutes away from the tourney site and there are other area attractions in the vicinity, including the dog track, Galveston Island, Astrodome and Astroworld, and Galleria.

2nd Annual Southwest Open/9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, June 29-July 4

The American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, will host the joint 2nd Annual Southwest Open and 9th Annual Shufflers' Reunion, June 29-July 4. The joining of these two shuffleboard traditions is expected to draw players from across the U.S.A. to participate in their choice of eight events. Ten Dynamo boards will be center stage, plus two a ction boards, ready for play by Tuesday noon. The American Legion has spacious facilities, as well as a 5-acre park, and they welcome self-contained RVs and campers. There are also many motels nearby. Recommended is the Coachman Inn (Phone 405-733-1339) with the Bristol Station Shuffleboard Club. Singles are normally \$36, doubles \$41, but if you tell them you are with the tournament, the rates will be \$29.95 single (king-size bed) and \$33.95 for double. There is also a Holiday Inn (Phone 405-737-4481) and Motel 6 (Phone: 405-737-6676).

Action will start with \$10 round robins on Tuesday, with the pro-am team event, \$200 per team, on Wednesday's agenda, and the pro singles, \$150, on Thursday. Open draws for pros and semi-pros, \$50, and amateurs, \$20, will be played on Saturday. The semi-pro singles, \$50, and amateur singles, \$20, are set for Saturday, with the 4th of July finale, open doubles, \$100 per team, and 4-person team event, \$80 per team, on Sunday. See enclosed flyer for more details.

For information, contact Ron or Sharon Huddleston, 405-843-1615; Dave Davidson or Don Crall at theAmerican Legion, 405-677-9393; Alan Primrose, 405-665-2566; or George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

Please usethe enclosed reservation form to save your spot. Don't get left sitting on the sidelines of this big event. Send it in today! Entries will be accepted up to event time, but advance registration will be appreciated. It sure does make the tough bookkeeping job easier!

Note: Even though we've changed locations for this anual affair, a couple traditions will remain in place. There will be a keepsake program that will give you not only the history of shuffleboard since its origin, but a "history" of past winners of the nine previous Board Talk tournaments. Another tradition that will be continued will be door prizes for players and their fans, courtesy of the support systems of The World of Shuffleboard.

An added incentive for those entering the open doubles: the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association will award a \$200 entry to the winners for participation in the open doubles at PCSA's 1994 Extravaganza in Las Vegas!

"Special thanks to Dynamo for the boards and Triple Crown for the wax and weights, and all the others who contributed toward making this a great tournament," said tournament director Ron Huddleston.

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The Hanger....



Last month, Doc Khan suggested a new column where shufflers could write in and ask questions about shuffleboard -- and receive some answers. He recognized that just because we publish a shuffleboard newsletter does not mean that the editors know all the answers, but that there are a lot of "experts" out there in The World of Shuffleboard who do. We thought it was an excellent idea, but as we go to press, we have yet to receive a response to Doc's question, which was:

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!

We received another inquiry from Dave Shuler of Houston, Texas, and we'd like to know the answer to his question, as well:

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?

If you have the answers to these questions, please send your responses to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. Also, if you have questions about anything involved in The World of Shuffleboard, send them to the same address. We need your responses, both from the question and answer side, to keep this column a viable source of information for players.

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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, has been added to 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).

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