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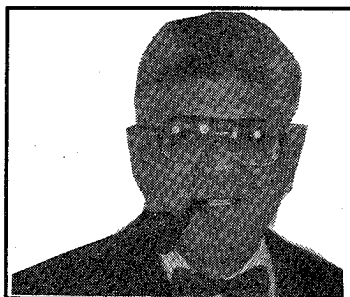
The Hammer



**First-Place "Trophies"
to our
Ambassadors
and Other
Special People**

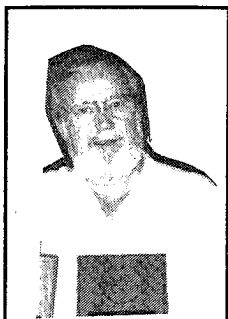
Even though they didn't collect any first-place trophies at the recent P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza in Las Vegas, we'd like to pass out a few to the World's Greatest in our book....

First, to Doc Khan of Michigan and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, for spearheading The Board Talk "revival." Their efforts netted us 150 new subscribers. Not only did they lead the list with 30 new subscribers for Doc and 25 for Glen, they both kept the enthusiasm going throughout the revival with their "Notebook" contributions, and Glen donated a board for the drawing.



Doc Khan

First-place "trophies" as well to each of the Ambassadors who signed up new subscribers, to the shufflers who joined our network during the revival, and to Sun-Glo, Triple Crown, and The Shuffleboard Federation for adding to the pot of incentives.



Glen Davidson

Special trophies, too, to Bellflower Bruce Hale and the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association for making it possible for us to attend the Extravaganza again. It was a great experience, as always, to see old friends and make new ones. Congratulations to Jolene Lembke of California. She won the board in the drawing. It was ironic the way that happened. Here were

Doc and Glen with their names in the drawing pot 30 and
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Tourney Talk

Allis/Cox Open New Year with Win at 99 Tavern, Winston, Oregon

Jimmy Allis of Washington and Don Cox of California teamed up to take top honors in the New Years Tournament at the 99 Tavern in Winston, Oregon. They handled the awesome Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl of Oregon in the opening round and then pretty much cruised through the winner's bracket to bring home the championship jackets for the second time in as many outings in "Rural America." Jimmy and Don won the 4th of July tourney in Winston last summer.

Don "Mitch" Mitchell from Springfield and "house player" Steve Fisher beat Chuck Norris of Portland and Gary George of Vancouver for second place, while Doug DeBoise and Kevin Larkin wrapped up fourth place finish. (Kevin and Doug had the honor of putting Darrol and Doug B. in the "jacket bracket.")

"I would like to thank those who made the extra effort to get to this tournament, especially Fred Thuman, Hal Perry and company from California. It seems they were caught up in some unfortunate snowy conditions that made a marathon drive even further," reports 99 Tavern owner Steve Fisher.

Blue/Brown Win at Deer Park Tavern

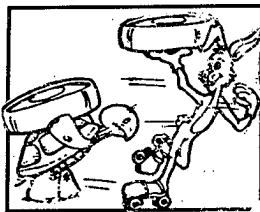
It's usually "black and blue," but this time it was Steve Blue and Larry Brown who came out on top in a double elimination tournament at the Deer Park Tavern in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Jan. 9. Coming in second was the always tough team of Gregg Massie and Scott Smith. Third place was claimed by the Royal Brothers -- Rick and Dave.

"Our next tournament will be on March 20," reports host Larry Brown. For details, call 219-432-8966.

Brammer/Shewbridge Winners at Rendezvous

"John Barrow, owner of the Rendezvous in Perryville, Maryland, has returned to the shuffleboard scene," reports Carol Hampton. "And what a splash it was -- a seafood and pit beef buffet all for the price of the entry fee. Ain't seen nothin' like this before! John, one of the

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Action in Florida

Things are going great here in South Daytona, Florida. I moved to the Atlantic side two years ago from New Port Richey. I get down here (from Detroit, Michigan) in early December for the season.

O'Malley's Bar on Broadway near the ocean is the shuffleboard bar in this area. The board went in last season and with a great manager, Jeff Dunn, promoting the game, it has really taken off. They got started having a Monday and Thursday night draw partner tourney. This season, they have added a Wednesday night singles tourney and the quality of play has improved.

Just before I got down this season, Don Valk of Austin, Texas, was in Orlando on business and made a visit to O'Malley's. Sorry I missed him. Was sure nice to see Mr. and Mrs. Jim DeWitt of Indiana one Monday night for the draw partner tourney as they were visiting nearby in Ocala, Florida.

Sam's Place in Titusville, Florida, about 40 miles south of here, has a match game set up with O'Malley's Bar. Sam's Place has a Saturday 1 p.m. draw partner tourney which has been a regular event for years.

Titusville has been active with shuffleboard for years. The only place with a regular league, smoothly run with no problems.

Hello to everyone and would appreciate a call from any players who may be down this way.

Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula, 2096 Oak Meadow Circle, South Daytona, FL 32119; phone 904-767-6445

We appreciate you, Jimmy, for being such a great good will ambassador no matter where you travel. We encourage readers to check the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing in the February issue and see how our network has expanded in Florida -- thanks to you. Missed it? Call us: 517-371-2538.

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A Eulogy for Pat Porter

On June 18, 1992, we were all saddened by the news of Pat Porter's untimely death. Many kind words have been said about Pat and he will be missed by all of us forever.

His ever-present smile, his great sense of humor, his sincere caring, his always kind and helpful ways, and his unending generosity were always there, no matter what. Just like that other famous humorist, Pat, too, never met a stranger he didn't try to like. In 1990, at the National Satellite Dealers Convention, Pat was honored as the Ambassador of the Year, probably the most prestigious award the SDC can bestow. Here is a quote from the president of the SDC: "In the year we have known Pat Porter, he's demonstrated a combination of qualities that are rarely seen in one of the players on the human stage: humility, good humor, broad-ranging intellect, courage, insight, eloquence, openness, graciousness and gentleness. When we think of Pat Porter, we can't help but compare him to Will Rogers. Pat is a first rate human being and we're blessed to have him in the industry."

Pat was my best pal for almost 40 years. We shared a lot of dreams and chased a lot of rainbows together, from the souped-up cars of the '50s to record-holding race cars (Moore Bros. & Porter Dragster, 1962) to go-cart racing to promoting pro shuffleboard for the last six or eight years. Travelling thousands of miles each year for these promotions, not counting his travel to cook-offs and of course, his regular job, too. He was a life member of the Aces Auto Club, a life member of the U.S. Shuffleboard Association. He probably promoted Big Spring, Texas, more than anything else. We never went to a convention, drag race, shuffleboard tourney, or any other event, that he didn't make sure everyone there knew we were from Big Spring, Texas. People would ask us if Big Spring was desert (flat land and no trees) and Pat always answered, "We can stand on a tuna fish can in my front yard and see South America."

May I suggest we pay tribute to him with a moment of silence or with a plaque or marker or to rename the downtown area "Pat Porter Plaza" or rename a street "Pat Porter Drive," or have Coy Joe do a bust of Pat.

Thank you for the memories, my old pal, and thank you, Big Spring, for letting me talk about him. I bid you peace now and forever.

Bill Moore, Granbury, Texas

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Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

1993 Calendar of Events

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

Mar. 20

Doubles Tournament
Deer Park Tavern
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mar. 20-21

Spring Singles Classic
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

APRIL 1993

April 2-4

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

April 2-4

Spring Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 9-11

Dick Gorman Spring Classic
Lafayette Inn
Rising Sun, Maryland

April 24-25

1st Annual Shuffleboard Classic
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill

MAY 1993

May 1

41st Annual Spring Tournament
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

May 28-31

7th Annual Arbuckle Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

May 29-31

3rd Memorial Day Classic
T.G.'s Place
Santa Clara, California

July 1992

July 2-5

2nd Annual Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 2-5

Houston Independence Tourney
Houston, Texas

SEPTEMBER 1993

Sept. 3-5

Crazy Canucks
Labor Day Weekend Tourney
Canada

Sept. 4-6

3rd Annual Labor Day Classic
T.G.'s Place
Santa Clara, California

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original tournament promoters on the East Coast, has been absent from the tournament scene for awhile because of other business pressures. All of the participants said they hope this return is permanent because it was a great day of draw partners on January 23."

Winners of the tournament were Buddy (Bummer) Brammer of Rising Sun, Maryland, and Dave Shewbridge of Baltimore. In second place were first time winner and newcomer to the tournament scene, Keith Leonard of Charlestown, Md., and Corky Blanchard of Perryville, Md. In third place were Carl Maffai of Havre de Grace, Maryland, and Carol Hampton of Charlestown.

Chiles/Bellflower Bruce Winners of Legends Event at Ted Z's Best Little Wherehouse

In what could be called his "last hurrah" at the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California, Ted Z hosted a Legends Tournament in January. (See Notebook for details.) This tourney was open to players 50 and over and Ted expected a good crowd -- except for the floods which caused a lot of players to stay away from the area.

Six teams participated in the event, with Billy Chiles and Bellflower Bruce Hale winning top honors. Porter White and Sparky Sparkman took second place. Other teams who participated were Karl Spickelmier and John McGinnis, Ted Z and Troy Tolbert, Dottie Bastanchury and Ted Curtice, George Lucas and Tony Bastanchury.



Ted Z. tells Dottie Bastanchury about his new bar in Temecula (see Notebook for details).

"The rains were so bad that one team forfeited and went home. Saturday evening, Sparky and Porter got stuck on the other side of the river bed and we had to postpone their match until Sunday. I had to evacuate everyone about 11:30 p.m. Saturday. We did finish Sunday afternoon around 5 p.m., closed the bar and couldn't open until Tuesday morning. It was horrible; Arlene and I couldn't get home for two nights," reports Ted Z.

Good Turnout at Harvey's Place in Maryland

January 15-17 marked the weekend tournament at the popular 4 in-house board Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland. "The best part of the weekend was that it appears the recession is coming to an end and the crowds are coming back," reports Dick Gorman. "It was a near sellout, like it was so common to see a year and a half ago. Thank God, those times are coming to an end!"

The Friday night draw partners event was full of surprises as new names went to the payoff table while old names watched. Harvey Comer, owner of Harvey's Place, teamed up with Bill Stoops of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to take first place. Second place went to Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md. Third place money went to Brenda Wallace of Port Deposit, Md., and Bob Morrell of Philadelphia, Pa., who incidentally took third place in the last draw partner event here last fall. Fourth place and final money spot was taken by Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pa., and first-time tournament money winner, Andy Ledford of Street.

The ladies' singles was scheduled for Saturday morning. Last-minute illness forced Rusti McCarty of Cumberland, Md., to cancel her 4-hour drive to the tourney site. "We missed her and hope she is on the way to recovery soon," said Dick. Taking first place without a loss was the talented Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Md., with second going to the highly-competitive Judy Gartland of Philadelphia. Third place was taken by Mary Wagner of Milford, Del., with fourth money spot going to newly-married Barbara Dardas, who is married to Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun. Congratulations to them!

"A real nice turnout for the bring partner event on Saturday afternoon brought some formidable teams for this area," Dick reports. "We missed the guys from upper New York state and Indiana and Ohio, due to some severe weather, but we know they'll be here next time."

The winners of this event were Len Dell, Belcamp, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, Del., with second place going to the "never say beat" team of Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, and Bob Morrell of Philadelphia. Third place was won by the Hagerstown, Md. duo of Sam Jones and Lonzo Knight, with fourth place going to Don Casula of Wilmington, Del., and John Lucas of Millington, Md. with final money spot going to Charlie Hawkins of Hagerstown and Alan Heur of Boonesboro.

Sunday's event was a mixed doubles with a round robin format (with four boards, it can be done!), which ended up Sunday night with a lot of tired feed. You play a lot of games! The money was split between four places, with (once again) Judy Iseman and Len Dell taking first place. Second place was taken by Brenda Wallace and Chuck King, with third going to the Philadelphia team of Judy Gartland and Jim Yank. Final money spot went to Wendy

Davis of Elsmere, Del. and Dick Gorman of Wilmington.

"Hats off to our hosts, Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer," said Dick. "They shared a busy schedule with us -- a big Karaoke event in their other place down the road a mile, getting ready for their trip to Mexico the following week, and taking care of Darlyne's invalid mother. We like your place and your hospitality. Harvey introduced a new, expanded payoff schedule this tournament, which means more payoff schedules in the future. We didn't exactly copy anyone else's schedule, but got a lot of ideas from reading The Board Talk, probably most from reading Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association reports. It helped and we extend our thanks to The Board Talk and our unseen friends from the Far West. As an attempt to make tournaments even more fun and competitive, Harvey is reviewing and massaging another idea that may be implemented before the year ends."

The next tournament at Harvey's will be April 2-4. Don't be disappointed. Call now to make your reservations: 410-836-8881.

Unique Tourney at Amato's, Huntington Beach

Amato's, Huntington Beach, California, held an interesting and exciting three-person team tournament on Jan. 22-23, under the direction of Rich "Bubba" Warren and John Fisher. Twenty-four players were divided into (A) pro/semi-pro, (B) experienced amateurs, and (C) beginners and least experienced amateurs. An overabundance of Bs and a shortage of Cs caused a few Bs to be

reclassified as Cs, but overall, the three groups were as balanced as possible, reports Tony Bastanchury.

Through a blind draw, eight teams were formed, with each player paying a \$25 entry fee to participate. A sponsor sale helped build a nice pot. All three played in rotation in each game and a toss of the coin determined the hammer. Loser of the toss was allowed to determine the order of players. A 15 point game, best of three game match, double elimination, was then held. The top three winners were paid.

First place, coming from the loser's bracket, were Chuck K. and Evelyn H. and Carol O. Second place went to Bubba W., Don H., and Marie C. Third place was taken by Sparky S., Bob B. and Sean M. "Sean, the newest and least experienced player, played outstanding shuffleboard and I predict he will be a player to watch in the future," said Tony.

A buffet was served by Joey Amato and a good time was had by all. Watch for future three-man team events in the near future at Amato's.

Long/Knox Win at Kimmell Inn

The Kimmell Inn in Kimmell, Indiana, was the site of one of several tournaments they will hold this spring. "This one was a little different," reports Larry Brown. "With 14 teams voting for double elimination, all games up to the final 4 were played to 15 points. However, each team started with four points. It worked real well."

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It will be Spring Time in the East!
Follow the crowd to Harvey's Place
April 2-4.....



Friday, April 2 -- Draw Partners, 6:30 sale, \$10 per person entry, limit first 30 paid.

(Note: Sale for Women's Singles at 10 p.m.)

Saturday, April 3 -- Women's Singles, 9:30 a.m., \$10 entry, limit first 16 paid.

Saturday, April 3 -- Bring Partners, 1 p.m. sale, \$25 per team, limit first 32 teams paid.

Sunday, April 4 -- Mixed Doubles, noon sale, \$25 per team, limit first 24 teams paid.

-Either double elimination or round robin if less than 10 teams-

NEW EXPANDED PRIZE SCHEDULE: 1-8 teams, 3 places; 9-12 teams, 4 places; 13-16 teams, 5 places; 17-24 teams, 6 places; 25-32 teams, 7 places.

Note: Advanced registration suggested. Send entry fees to: Harvey's, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, MD 21154

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PCSA's Extravaganza V "Best Yet" for Participants, Spectators!

It was a new location for the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza V -- the Alladin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Feb. 2-7. There were some new events on the schedule, like the exciting pro team event. And there were some new faces in the crowd of players and spectators -- the "new, young blood that the future of shuffleboard depends upon," as veteran Glen Davidson described them.

But some things hadn't changed from previous Extraganzas, like the same crew of hard-working supporters that invested so many long hours to make the event run smoothly, the big total pot of over \$80,000, and the hold-your-breath-and-pray drama of the Saturday night crap game that has become a tradition for this event.

From start to finish, it was an event that held the interest of the large gallery of spectators, most of who sat watching the action on the boards for more hours than they did sitting at the slot machines. For those who don't think shuffleboard is a spectator sport, you should have witnessed a row of "hustlers" from the past, like Al Stewart, Porter White, Leroy Waggoner, Balboa Ron and others, and listened to them comment on the action and reminisce about their incredible activities during the '50s.

Oklahoma Pro Team Shows Prowess

In a first-time event, six 6-member teams invested \$1200 each to prove that they were the best in the U.S.A. -- California, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, Oregon, and Nebraska. It was planned to be a "winner-take-all" event with no sponsor sale, but participants voted to award the second-place team their entry money back.

When the wax settled, it was Oklahoma -- Sam Summers, Glen Davidson, Bud Hillburn, Mark Foust, Bill Melton, and Frank Blade -- that claimed top honors. The second place Oregon team gave them a real run for their money. "We beat them by the skin of our teeth," said Glen Davidson. "It was a pleasure playing them and to beat them was even more of a pleasure!"

PCSA officials were pleased with the sign-up for this first pro team event and feel confident more will want to be in on the challenge next year.

Broka/Hendrix Tops in A/B Draw

There were 32 teams in the A/B Draw event, which was marked by outstanding performances. In fact, nobody looked like a "B," perhaps because there was such a caring sharing between the A's and B's. The A's willingly shared their expertise and experience with their

partners. The B's respectfully listened and followed through to the best of their abilities. It was a treat to watch. As George Wilber of Michigan remarked about his partner, Don Cox of California, "It was a great experience playing with Donny. He never once allowed me to get 'down' after a bad frame; it was always 'we can do it next time,' which is a characteristic of a professional."

In a tough finals match, it was Buddy Broka of Indiana and Tom Hendrix of Oklahoma against George Ostrom of Colorado and Mike Thorpe of Washington, with Buddy and Tom taking the hard-fought battle.



Buddy Broka and Tom Hendrix (center) received a well-earned round of applause, as did Mike Thorpe (left) and George Ostrom (right), for their performances in the A-B Draw event.

Keeping it "in the family," Fritz Broka of Indiana and Eric Waldman of Montana took third place honors, with Gregg McFarland of California and Gaiul Schultz of Michigan in fourth place. Sharing fifth and sixth places were David Williams of Texas and Shirley Geriets of Oklahoma, and Don Cox of California and George Wilber of Michigan. Placing seventh and eighth were Mark Foust and Sandy Swift of Oklahoma, and Fred Thuman of California and Rena Hendrix of Oklahoma.

Hagen Claims Women's Crown; Melton Earns Pro Singles Title

If it hadn't been for the big galleries the amateur teams always attract, the Alladin's big ballroom would have waned to one side, as the crowds gathered to watch the finals of the women's singles and pro singles finals. Some had to make the tough choice or travel back and forth between the two ends of the shuffleboard room.

An indication of how times have changed, fans were treated to a show featuring the men in pink and the women in black and white!

After a grueling six games, it was Diana Hagen of Texas who prevailed in the women's singles. She beat the

less experienced, but not-easily-intimidated Rena Hendrix of Oklahoma. The always-tough Debbie Voorhis of Indiana finished third, with last year's defending champion, Janet Weidner of Texas, in fourth place.



Diana Hagen (left) of Texas claims the first-place trophy while Rena Hendrix (center) of Oklahoma accepts second place honors, and Deb Voorhis (right) of Indiana displays her third-place ribbon.

If the amateurs hadn't been playing themselves on the team event, they would have taken heart in watching the finals between pros Bill Melton of Oklahoma and John McDermott of Michigan. There were some (gasp!) missed pucks and combos that went wrong, but they also illustrated that the difference between pro and amateur rankings is that the last frame is history and you go into the next one with confidence and determination. When it was all finished, this also grueling battle gave Bill Melton the 1993 crown. But before they got to that point, there was an obstacle to overcome -- Billy Chiles of California who showed that, after a heart attack suffered about a year ago, he could come back to be a threat in the professional ranks. What a gentleman warrior he is!



Bill Melton (right) claimed the pro singles crown; John McDermott (center) collected second place honors; and Billy Chiles scored a personal victory with third place.

Allis/Voorhis Capture Pro Doubles Crown; 50/50 Team Wins Amateur Team Event

It was Sunday and things were relatively quiet in the shuffleboard ballroom. While a faithful gallery of fans had stuck with their favorites in the pro doubles and amateur team event since Thursday night, many had to leave to go to work on Monday morning. Too bad, because the finals were worth watching!

In the pro doubles, it was Jim Allis of Washington and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana against Leroy Ledford of California and Steve Wilson of Oregon, who had fought their way to the top against 28 other impressive teams. The few remaining supporters saw Bobby V and Jim collect top honors over second-place finishers Leroy and Steve after their valiant try.

Finishing in third place was the formidable Texas team of Bob Shaw and Diana Hagen. David Williams of Texas and Bill Melton came in fourth, with Don Cox of California and Chuck Norris of Oregon, and Mark Foust of Oklahoma and Frank Blade of Texas, tied for fifth and sixth. Rick Gindt and Al Pease of Washington, and Gary George and Fred Thuman of California tied for seventh and eighth. (We heard rumors that Freddie finished first in dancing on top of the tables contest in the lounge.)



A happy Bobby Voorhis and Jim Allis collect first-place trophies in the pro doubles after a tough battle against Leroy Ledford and Steve Wilson.

There were 22 teams in the amateur team event (that's 176 shufflers!) and, as usual, they were not inhibited by the quiet seriousness of the professionals. They had a noisy good time, as did their fans, and when it came down to the finals on Sunday, it was the 50/50 team from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio against the Oklahoma friends -- and that made for an exciting match.

It was hard to tell which flowed the most freely -- the champagne or the joyful tears of the 50/50 team as they claimed top honors. Members of the winning team were: Kathy Broka, Bill Meyer, Bob Schultz, Gail Schultz,

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25 times respectively, Slick Parrish of Michigan with 13, Marg Okum of Canada and Roxanne Quigley of Nevada, each with 9, etc. etc., and P.C.S.A. Tournament Director Joe Muniz pulls out Jolene's name. Jolene had signed up one new subscriber, Ron Sweikert of Las Vegas. Some of you "oldies" may remember early articles by "Balboa Ron" who kept us on the edge of our seats with his tales of shuffleboard action. Ron had been off our mailing list for a number of years (as so often happens) so he qualified as a new subscriber, and Jolene did her usual good selling job. Even though her name only appeared once in the 150 names in the pot, she is deserving because she often, in the past, has drummed up support for The Board Talk without benefit of the incentive to win a shuffleboard. We hope she enjoys it for many years to come.

Our only regret about the time we spent at the P.C.S.A. Extravaganza is that we didn't have more time to spend with each and every one of you -- because you are so very important to us!

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

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If each of us exit this world to go on to the next with such a great tribute as you have given Pat, what more could we ask? Thanks for sharing it with us.

The Long Road to Vegas.....

Buddy Broka and I started to Vegas 10 days before the big event. On our way, we drove through sleet, snow, rain, fog, and along about Flagstaff, for the first time on the trip, the sun shone. Naturally, California would show us some more sunshine. We stopped at Amato's and Bubba, Kathleen, Evie, Bellflower Bruce, Jimmy Martin, John Fisher, David, they were all there and we all participated in a Wednesday night \$5 draw and a few \$10 draws.

We also visited the Edgewood. B.B., the owner of the Edgewood for about 12-14 years, sold it and now she participates in the round robins and on occasion walks a game or two. She says it's very hard to get out and stay out but she'll try. Joe Nino was there and played, at 67 years old, all night and beat Bud and me the last round robin. His partner, Curt, lagged out at 14-13 to send us home crying. The round robins there are Friday and Saturday and they play from 2-3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Great round robin action for a weekend! The people who bought the Edgewood welcome all shuffleboard players and they are Board Talk subscribers.

We also stopped at Visalia's Mr. G's and played Steve and Larry. We could not beat them! Larry and Buddy played nine hours Monday and Larry walked us Tuesday. I quit even, Bud then walked Larry again and said he broke about even for both nights. Larry and Steve will play anyone who comes there and, believe me, that's not easy action! We also played at TG's on Friday night.

I stayed with Nelson and Susan Jennings in San Jose and Buddy stayed with PeeWee and Judy Ramos. We watched the Super Bowl together and then it was off to Vegas.....

The tourney is over and all is calm. Jolene Lembke won the shuffleboard and as soon as I get home, it will be shipped. Doc, you son-of-a-gun, you beat me! I hope we can work together on another project. I enjoyed working with you and George and Donna. All together, we ended up with 150 new subscribers. Thanks again to all of you; don't forget to ask all your friends to sign up. I hope this shows Donna and George that someone cares!

Congratulations to all the winners at the P.C.S.A. tournament and to Buddy and Fritz Broka, who finally tied the knot!

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

And congratulations -- and thank you -- Glen, for a very successful Board Talk "revival." We're glad to have you on our team!

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Congratulations to Buddy and Fritz!



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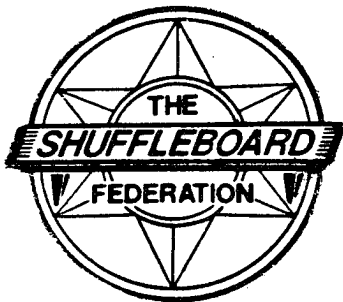
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RENO TOURNEY

After much discussion about whether we would promote any tournaments in 1993, we have decided to go ahead with the North American Championships. The Sands Regency Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada will once again host the Tournament. The dates for the North American Championships™ are November 8-14. We had hoped to move the tournament into the summer, but no such dates were available for 1993.

The tentative schedule of events include Draw Partner, Singles, and Doubles events for Divisions I, II, & III; Ladies Singles; Pro Singles & Doubles; Legends & Consolation Draws; and the main event, the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event.

One of the big highlights for last two North American Championships has been the added money from the Sands Regency, which totaled \$18,000 for the 1991 & 1992 tourneys. Details on the added money for the 1993 Tournament will be in the April or May issue of The Board Talk.

Congratulations to the P.C.S.A. on the 5th anniversary of their Shuffleboard Extravaganza, which was held last month at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. We have decided to follow their lead and will take 5% of the prize money to cover a portion of our expenses for the Reno Tournament.

This is not an idea we are totally comfortable with, but reality dictates our decision in this case. We pledge to our participants to continue to spare no effort in making sure that the tournament is well staffed and run as professionally as they have come to expect.

LEAGUES

Work continues on the revision of the National Amateur Shuffleboard League Program. While we are pleased with the amount of interest the N.A.S.L.™ has received over the last few months, we will have to ask those waiting on information to wait a little longer for specific details. Much of the information we provided in the past about the N.A.S.L.™ was used by people who chose to take our ideas and use them without joining the program. Consequently, no details about the new program will be made public until after we have secured copyright and other legal protection for our system.

As mentioned in previous articles, we have studied the national dart and pool league programs to learn from their successes. One of the most important elements in the surge in popularity of electronic darts has been the joint support of the National Dart Association (NDA) by the three main manufacturers of those games, Arachnid, Valley Recreation Products, and Merit Industries.

We are submitting proposals to the three major shuffleboard manufacturers, American International, Dynamo, and Playfair in an effort to try and secure the same type of support for the N.A.S.L.™. We are asking for their collective backing, which will include participation by all three companies in the North American Championships. Stay tuned to The Board Talk for the results of these efforts.

One of our goals for the N.A.S.L.™ is a national league championship for member leagues, hopefully for 1994. The Team Event at North American Championships will eventually become the League Championship Tournament.

The key for the continued growth of shuffleboard is leagues and team work. Support from the shuffleboard manufacturers is very important, but equally important is unity among the players in the shuffleboard community. There are enough shuffleboard players to attract sponsorship dollars to our sport, but only if we all work together.

Players tend to forget that the shuffleboard community is not limited to places that run tournaments and appear in The Board Talk. Shuffleboard is played in all fifty states as well as a number of foreign countries. According to an industry survey, shuffleboards and shuffle alleys, took in more than 17,000,000.00 (that's right 17 million dollars) in quarters last year. The shuffleboard community will find that they have a lot of clout if we can all work together.

Joining the N.A.S.L.™ gives you an opportunity to be part of the future. You need to decide if you are happy and/or satisfied that shuffleboard players sit on the side lines while other tavern games enjoy the benefits that sponsorship bring, or whether you are going to help secure that type of long overdue recognition for shuffleboard.

Articles we have recently written about leagues have mentioned the frames format for league play. This has not been a very popular idea as of yet, but we believe that it will grow in popularity as people become familiar with it and see some of the benefits.

It is important to mention once again that leagues which are members of the N.A.S.L.™ make their own decisions regarding what format they use. Although there are some leagues that like the idea of the frames, you do not have to use that format in order to join the N.A.S.L.™ family.

In fact, although the electronic darts manufacturers provide joint support of the NDA, each of them is also involved in their own tournaments and league programs. In other words, the shuffleboard community can take advantage of the benefits that team work will provide our sport, while still maintaining their individuality.

The bottom line is that the success of the N.A.S.L.™ will benefit everyone associated with the game - from the manufacturers right down to the average player - help us to help you. If you would like to be added to the N.A.S.L.™ mailing list, please call or write The Shuffleboard Federation.

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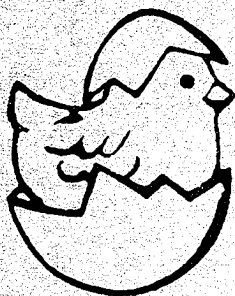
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Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 5)*

Winning the lion's share of the over \$1500 pot was the team of Jim Long and Jerry Knox. Second place was claimed by the boys from Peru, Indiana, Jim Yard and Richard Sellers. Larry Brown of Ft. Wayne and Steve Blue from Columbia City (there's that brown and blue team again) finished third, with another Columbia city player, John Cowan, and local toughie Brian Collins, in fourth place.

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.

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 starts on Friday, March 19, with the open singles, \$20 entry fee. Drawing and bidding at 6 p.m. with play immediately following. This event is limited to the first 16 paid signups and prizes will go to the first four places.

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.

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For further information, call Doug or Elsie Fridley at 315-539-9520, or Doug Fridley Jr. at 315-539-8326.

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

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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.

For information, contact Jerry or Susan, 303-833-3469 or 833-3959.

Jimmy L's Tourney, March 12-14, in Tulsa!

Jimmy L's Lounge, 9520 E. 11th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host its annual Spring Tournament on March 12-14. An open draw, \$25 entry, single game, double elimination, is scheduled for March 12. Sponsor sale begins at 6:30 p.m. with play immediately following. As soon as the open draw is completed on March 13, a bring partner event, \$100 per team entry, is on the schedule. That event will be best 2 out of 3 double elimination and according to the number of entries, the first half may be mark 4, play to 15.

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

Spring Singles Classic, Town Tavern, Sequim, Washington, March 20-21

The Town Tavern in beautiful Sequim, Washington, will host a spring singles shuffleboard classic on March 20-21. Entry fee is \$100 and payout will be based on the number of entries. Two out of three games in the winner's bracket; loser's bracket to be determined by the number of entries. The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. on March 20, with a \$20 minimum bid.

For information, call the Town Tavern, 206-683-1013, or Northwest Board Bits, 206-683-4799.

Four Events at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, April 2-4

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, will be the site of a big week-end of tournaments with a new expanded prize schedule.

Action will start on Friday night at 6:30 p.m., with a draw partner event, \$10 per person, limited to the first 30 paid sign-ups. There will be a break in the action for the women's singles sponsor sale at 10 p.m., with play for

that event beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Entry fee is \$10 per person, limited to the first 16 paid sign-ups.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., the popular bring partner event is on the agenda, starting with the sponsor sale. Entry fee is \$25 per team, limited to the first 32 teams paid.

A mixed doubles, \$25 per team entry fee, is scheduled for Sunday, beginning with sponsor sale at noon. This event is limited to the first 24 paid sign-ups.

Harvey's new, expanded prize schedule is: 1-8 teams, 3 places; 9-12 teams, 4 places; 13-16 teams, 5 places; 17-24 teams, 6 places, and 25 to 32 teams, 7 places.

For information, call hosts Harvey Comer or Darlyne Belcher, 410-836-8881. See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this fun week-end event.

BZ's 1st Annual Classic, April 24-25

BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive, Seattle, Washington, invites you to participate in their 1st Annual Shuffleboard Classic on April 24-25. It's a doubles event, \$50 per team entry fee, with a 52-24-12-6-3-3 payoff, double elimination, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket. Action will start with the sponsor sale at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Come early and enjoy the draw for partner tourney on Friday night, \$20 per person.

BZ's has three boards and will have dinner ready for you on Saturday night.

For information regarding the tournament and/or for lodging recommendations, call Cheryl at BZ's, 206-234-6018, or tournament director Jim Foran, 206-474-2724.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to help spread the word about this first!

41st Annual Spring Tourney, Bourbon, May 1

Can you believe it? 41 years? You can believe it and you can rest assured that after that length of time, those folks at the American Legion in Bourbon, Indiana, know how to stage a tournament. This one is a doubles, \$40 per team entry, single game, double elimination, limited to the first 64 paid entries. It's 100 percent payback, paying four places, and if over 40 teams, paying six places. Play on the four in-house boards will be first available board with no back-to-back games on the same board.

A chicken barbecue and raffles are also on the action-packed, fun-filled schedule.

For information about the tournament and/or lodging recommendations, contact Fritzi Broka, 219-858-2278. Anyone who enters this tournament will receive one free entry in her raffle for a new set of weights and a leather case, designed by Fritzi.

The total pot for the 25th Fall Tournament at Bourbon in October of 1992 was \$13,500, so get your entry in early. Send your entry to American Legion Post 424, 202 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504, Att.: Fritzi Broka.

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Farewell Best Little Wherehouse -- Hello E.T.'s Sports Lounge

The lease at the Best Little Wherehouse in Temecula, California, will be up in 15 months and no renewal. About a mile up the road, we have opened up a cocktail lounge called E.T.'s Sports Lounge, 27423 Jefferson St., Temecula, California 92590. It has only one board, but if any of the travelling shufflers would like to stop in and say "Hi," they'll be more than welcome.

I do want to thank all the players for their participation in all my tourneys the past seven years. And to Al Stewart and A.Z. Turnbo for getting the boards ready for play. And I thank you, George and Donna, for publishing The Board Talk, and my two friends, Karl Spickelmier and Joe Muniz.

Ted Z., Temecula, California

It's an end of one era and the beginning of another, Ted, and we know you'll always be a part of The World of Shuffleboard. We encourage our readers to stop in at E.T.'s and wish you well in your new venture.

Tourney Talk *(continued from page 13)*

7th Annual Arbuckle Open Moves to New Facilities, May 28-31

Touted as the fastest-growing tournament in the U.S.A., the Arbuckle Open, traditionally held at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, will move to the "REALLY BIG" facilities offered by the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma. Mark these dates -- May 28-31 -- for the 7th Annual Arbuckle Open, which will feature events for everyone in The World of Shuffleboard. It will have everything you could ask for: affordable entry fees, great competition, easy access to airports and lodging, good food, 12 boards, even answers to those people who prefer to travel in their RVs.

Watch upcoming issues of The Board Talk for details.

2nd Annual Southwest Open, July 2-5

Those same excellent facilities at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, will be the site of the 2nd Annual Southwest Open on July 2-5. Last year's event was a big success; expect an even bigger one this year.

Check the April issue of The Board Talk for more details on this tourney. There may be an unexpected announcement.

Reminder: The deadline for News, Views, and Advertising in The Board Talk is the 15th of each month.

Houston Independence Tourney, July 2-5

Mark your calendars for the Houston Independence Shuffleboard Tournament, Friday through Monday, July 2-5. Events and sales include a \$100 singles, 2 out of 3, double elimination; draw partners, double elimination; with other events in the planning stage.

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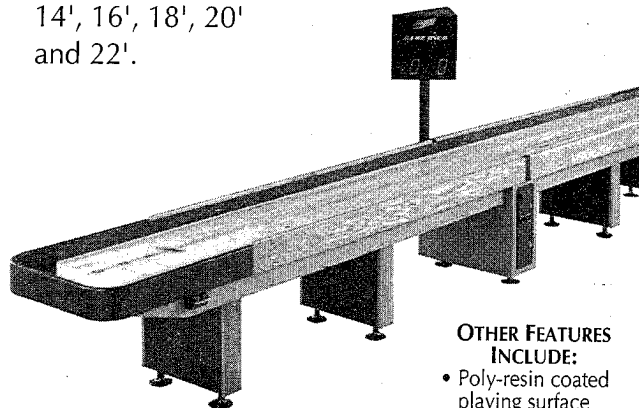
Out-of-townners may want to plan some vacation with their families and friends -- motels and Hobby Airport, five to 10 minutes, Galveston Beach 40 minutes, dog track 20 minutes, Astroworld and Astrodome 20 minutes, Galleria 30 minutes.

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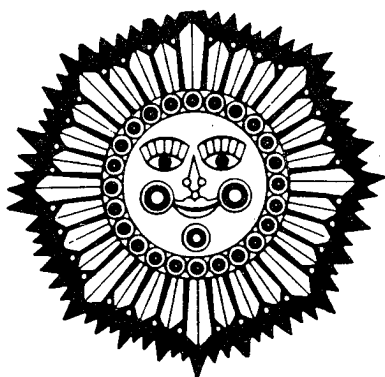


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Extravaganza V (continued from Page 7)

Bjerne Sunde, Diane Hofmann, Deb Voorhis, and Gene McCleod.

It was no easy task beating second-place finishers, the Oklahoma Friends, consisting of Rena Hendrix, Bill Holley, Fred Washington, Shirley Geriets, Tom Hendrix, Ken Sorck, Ron Blalock, and Dino Fleming.

Finishing third was the Southern California "Scream Team," with the Dunes of Arizona in fourth place.

A special salute to the Balloon Inn of Arvada, Colorado, for bringing two teams to participate in this event. They stood out with their classy black and white shirts and good sportsmanship. Gwen and Ron Vogt deserve the accolades they receive from the people who benefit from their support of shuffleboard.

Crap Game Shareholders Double Money

Tradition calls for a recess in the tournament action at midnight on Saturday night for Joe Muniz's crap table game. There's no way you can get the hundreds of people involved in the tournament around a single table that has been reserved for the PCSA. So you go to a nearby slot machine and listen for the cheers or the quiet, depending upon the roll of the dice. It seemed for awhile that the quiet prevailed, which meant our token investment was probably one of those "chalk it up to experience" situations. But then the effervescent Diane Hofmann took those illusive little black and white squares into her sweaty palms and rolled us, and a lot of others, back into the winner's circle. When the tradition ended in the early hours of the morning for 1993, investors had doubled their money. For some, that went a ways toward canceling out what they had lost in the slots and black jack tables!

A Tribute to Who "Made It Happen"

It takes a lot of people to make it happen in a major tournament such as this, and PCSA official Paul Weber has some thanks to extend to:

Bob and Anna Brunskill, Rick Curtice, Bubba Warren, Billy Chiles, Brian Seney, Fred Thuman, Lou Lusero, Kevin Larkin, Terry and Kathy Broka, Diane Hofmann, Jody Muniz, the Balloon Inn, George Ostrom, A.Z. Turnbo, Al Stewart, Karl Spickelmier, Chris Danke, Billy Maxwell, Denny Busch, and last, but certainly not least, Joe and Marvel Muniz, who invested so many hours in this endeavor. (Editor's Note: Marvel went almost directly from the tournament to the hospital. Send her your good wishes to: 13049 Semora Dr., Cerritos, CA 90701.)

(We apologize to the amateur team winners for our camera's dead batteries at an inopportune time. At press

time, we were still trying to locate another photographer who may have captured this moment. If at all possible, your photos will be in the next issue of The Board Talk.)

On the Sidelines....



We all know that football is a hazardous sport -- but shuffleboard? Just ask Gwen who injured her ankle at the Shuffleboard Federation's tourney in Reno, Board Talk Editor Donna Wilber, who broke her ankle and toe at the Michigan Championships and Terry Broka, who was presented with a helmet for his misfortune at the PCSA tournament in Las Vegas.

And where were the photographers when Bjerne Sunde fell through the wall of the shuffleboard room into a meeting to which he was not invited? Imagine their surprise -- and his! And where was our camera when Freddie and Mitch competed with paid talent in the lounge? Well, you just can't keep up with this crowd!

Who's this? We wouldn't recognize Madge Goff without her camera!

For those of you who liked the Vegas scene, watch next month's Board Talk for news about a tournament at the Brass Rail in April.



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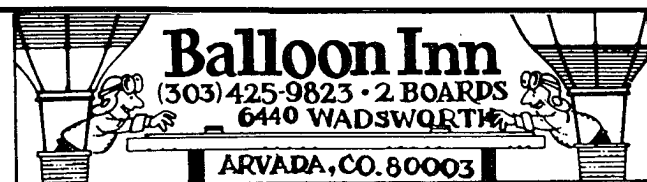
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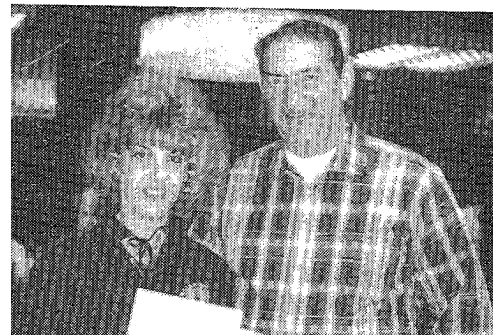
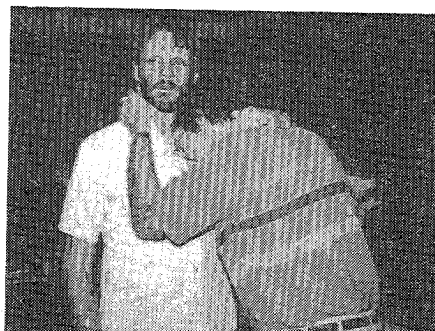
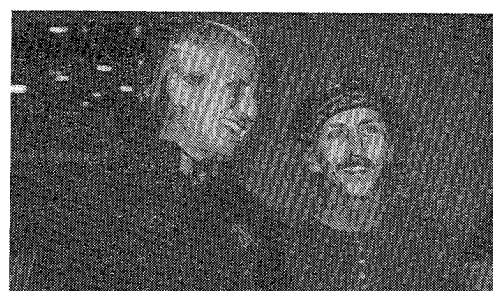
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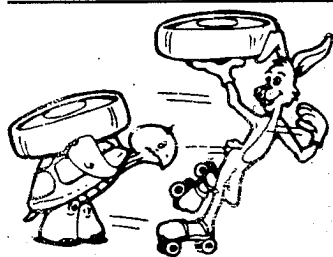
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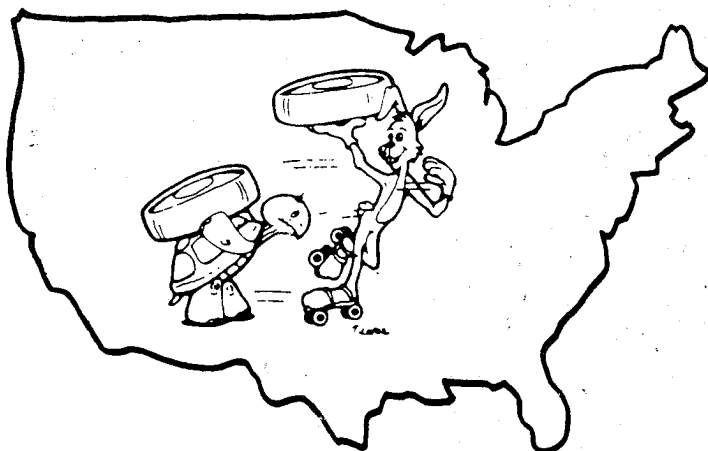
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