

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

### Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.

Our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing is in this issue. We welcome the many new shuffleboard establishments that have joined our network. Please use this listing during your travels and when you stop by for a game or two, please tell the host that you appreciate their support of shuffleboard and The Board Talk.

If your favorite shuffleboard site is not on the list, encourage them to join our network. For only \$15 a year subscription fee, they get a free listing each quarter: February, May, August and November. It's well worth the investment because shufflers use it!

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The best way to show your appreciation to our shuffleboard location Board Talk subscribers is to tell others about them. Several years ago, in response to an inquiry from Mike Jacoby of Canada, we started a column called "Best Place in the U.S. for Shuffleboard Action." We invited shufflers to tell us about their favorite place to play and why -- the action, the facilities, the hosts, what special menu items they might offer, any area attractions that might make it attractive to vacationers. We ran out of "nominations" so the column was discontinued.

With your help, we'd like to start it again. We'll change the title to World instead of the U.S., so we don't leave our Canadian friends out. After we retire in a couple years, we hope to travel across the U.S.A. to visit our subscriber locations and then we can do the articles ourselves. But, until that time, we depend on you to send us that information -- and be sure to include photos.

Send your nominations to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. We'll feature one each month, as long as we have the information.

### Another State Added to the Network

Board Talk Ambassadors Doc Khan and Glen Davidson got some help from Jolene Lembke toward their goal of expanding our network to every state in the union. The "virgin" territory of Utah was added when Jolene signed up Phil Short of Pleasant Grove. Thanks, Jolene, and welcome, Phil!

*George & Donna Wilber, Publishers*

## Tourney Talk

### Long/Knox Winners at Kimmell Inn

Jim Long and Jerry Knox came out on top of a field of 17 teams competing for a pot of over \$2500 at the Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Indiana, on March 13. Mike Grimes and Lasca Dowell took second place honors, with Ray Miller and Charles "Pee Wee" Fleshman in third, and Larry Creakbaum and Larry Summy in fourth place.

### 3rd Annual Memorial Weekend Tourney at Blinky's, Santa Clara, California

Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will host the 3rd Annual Memorial Weekend Shuffleboard Touranment on May 29-31. Action will start with the sponsor sale on Friday, May 28, 8 p.m. A doubles event, \$200 per team, is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, and a singles tourney, \$100 per person, will be held on Sunday. All games will be 2 out of 3, double elimination, played on four boards.

For information about the tournament and/or nearby lodging recommendations, call Nelson Jennings, 408-259-7742, or Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822.

There was a flyer in last month's Board Talk. Did you remember to post it in your favorite shuffleboard establishment? If not, please do so to help spread the word.

### Spring Tourney at Bay Country Moose Lodge, Queenstown, Maryland, May 7-9

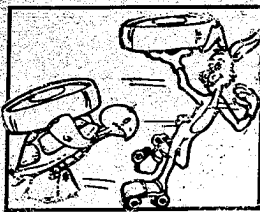
If you haven't signed up for this tournament (reservation flyer in last month's Board Talk), better call ahead to see if there are still spots open: Tournament Director Terry Gertz, 410-827-6755, or the Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, 410-827-9832.

Events include a draw partner on Friday, May 7, \$10 per person; bring your partner on Saturday, \$25 per team; and a mixed doubles on Sunday, \$25 per team. All games will be 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination, on three boards.

### 12th Annual Memorial Weekend Tourney at Litz's Tavern, Spokane, Washington

Litz's Tavern, E. 204 Ermina, Spokane, Washington, will host its 12th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Bernie Says: Where is Philly?

I look forward to receiving The Board Talk every month, but am a little disappointed with Philadelphia's lack of participation, especially the Bridesburgh crowd. With the exception of Mickey and Judy, hardly any of the familiar names show up. Bobby Morrell, a relative newcomer, seems to have the old spirit. I used to admire Ed Galke from Long Island, New York, travelling over 100 miles one way to drop in, rain or snow, any place where there might be a game. How about it? You, Mickey, Schaffer, Stosh, Al, Joe, Harry, Meatball, Childs, and, of course, Bobby, along with all the other young upstarts. And, don't forget, Judge (we've got a secret), remember our boast. I still think you're all the greatest!

Enclosed is a new subscription for the VFW Post #3963, 301 41st St., Sea Isle City, New Jersey. I was at a high school reunion in the vicinity and stopped at their post. They were very hospitable, knowledgeable and friendly. There's two nice boards and am sure they'll welcome anyone with a common interest -- shuffleboard and friendship.

Bernie Martin, Villas, New Jersey

*You'll find a few of the names you mentioned in this issue, Bernie. But what about the rest? Have they retired or are they just not telling us what they're doing? We had the pleasure of meeting Bobby Morrell at our last year's Board Talk Reunion Tourney and, as you say, he is one of the up and coming stars of the future. If any of your friends are listening, we'd like to encourage them to participate in our next reunion at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma. We've talked to host Don Crall and he assures us that anyone who comes will be the recipient of Southwest hospitality like you've never seen before! You'll be glad you came! See the enclosed flyer and encourage the East Coast*

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*players to be a part of that reunion, as they have since it first started and which we appreciate..*

*We welcome VFW Post 3963 to our network. They are listed in this month's "Play Your Way Across the USA" and encourage readers to stop in and welcome them to The World of Shuffleboard. Thanks, Bernie, for expanding our network!*

## Doc Suggest New Column

Once in awhile, like many shuffleboard players and shuffleboard owners, I have a question -- the answer to which no one seems to know. At such a time, I feel I have no place to turn to but The Board Talk. As the Board Talk editors, you have your own expertise besides having access to many knowledgeable players in this field.

Most of the magazines about sports (golf, tennis, etc.) have a column where questions from readers can be answered. I suggest we should have such a column in The Board Talk where one to five questions can be answered depending upon the wide appeal of the issue to the general player. The questions should be selected by the editors based on their appropriateness. The number of questions answered will depend upon the space available and the length of the answer.

At one time, you had started something titled "Ask the Pros." This could be a variation of the same since I am sure sometimes different pros may be consulted to arrive at the best answer. Since questions arise out of problems which are puzzling, leaving the player confused, indecisive and hanging in mid-air, I am suggesting that the column be titled "The Hanger." We already have "The Hammer" on the front page. We could have "The Hanger" on the back page or near the end somewhere.

Readers should be able to send a question and get an answer in a subsequent issue (not necessarily the very next one, since it may take time to procure the very best answer). At the end of the column, or somewhere else on the same page, next month's questions can be posed so that others may write in their solutions from which the editors can pick and choose.

Now here's my question, which prompted the whole idea in the first place:

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 (Playfair, Dynamo) are using it nowadays. Well, it looks beautiful. A clear, plastic surface, but it ain't wood. The

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# Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

## 1993 Calendar of Events

### MAY 1993

#### May 1

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

#### May 7-9

Spring Weekend Tournament  
Bay Country Moose Lodge 831  
Queenstown, Maryland

#### May 14-16

Weekend Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

#### May 15

Doubles Tourney  
Fisasco Lounge  
San Antonio, Texas

#### May 28-31

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

#### May 28-31

Memorial Weekend Tourney  
Tolo Tavern  
Central Point, Oregon

#### May 29-31

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

#### May 29-30

12th Annual Memorial Tourney  
Litz's Tavern  
Spokane, Washington

### JUNE 1993

#### June 12-13

4th Annual Balloon Open  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

#### June 19-20

20th Anniversary Doubles  
Pasquale's Bar  
Lansing, Michigan

### JULY 1993

#### July 2-5

2nd Annual Southwest Open &  
9th Annual Board Talk  
Shufflers Reunion  
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. 3-6

Texas Open  
Texas Mist  
Houston, Texas

#### Sept. 4-6

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

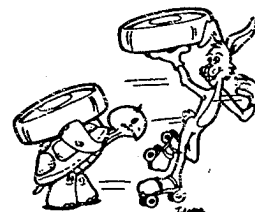
#### Sept. 10-12

3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk  
Tournament  
Skip's Lounge  
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### NOVEMBER 1993

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

on May 29-30. It will be a doubles event, \$50 per team, best 2 of 3, double elimination, paying six places. To welcome players to his new and larger facility, owner Gary will add \$500 to the tournament, and a third board.

The sponsor sale is scheduled for Friday night at 10 p.m. with play starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. There will be a big tavern feed on Saturday night and there is lots of R.V. parking available.

For more information, call Litz's Tavern, 509-326-9690, or 509-233-2719.

### **Lots of Winners at Harvey's Spring Tourney**

Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, hosted a spring tournament on April 2-4, with an impressive line-up of winners in the four events.

Willis Long, Dublin, Maryland, and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, were winners of Friday night's draw partner event, taking the biggest share of the nearly \$1,000 pot. Second place went to Len Dell, Belcamp, Maryland, and Al Ryan of Brooklyn, New York. Dave McManus of Street and Bob Morrell of Philadelphia took third place with fourth and final money going to Butch Kelly of Springfield, Pennsylvania, and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Maryland.

Saturday morning, the lady shufflers played a round robin singles tournament with everybody playing everybody else. It was a very close tournament with less than nine points separating the top four players. Judy Gartland of Philadelphia prevailed without losing a game and took first place money. Second place went to hostess Darlyne Belcher with Rita Yank of Philadelphia one point behind in third place.

Six teams paraded to the payoff table and took a nice pile of cash home for the bring partner event. First place went to the local team of Jim McDaniel, nearby Darlington, Md., and Jim Wallace of Port Deposit, Md. Second place went to the eternal team of Don Casula, Wilmington, Del., and John Lukas, Millington, Md. Third place was taken by Len Dell, Belcamp, Md., and Mickey Mickens, Mt. Laurel, N.J., with Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, Md., and Dallas Hayman of Dover, Del., in fourth. Mark Grove, Millington, Md., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md., finished in fifth place, with Tom Bernhard, Milford, Del., and Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Md., in sixth.

Daylight savings time arrived on Sunday morning, so those who arrived on time shot and those who took the extra hour didn't play in the mixed doubles event. The winners were Judy Gartland and Jim Yank of Philadelphia. In a close second were Darlyne Belcher and Willis Long. In third place was first time winner Brenda Cook of Sudlersville, Md., and Chuck King, Dover, Del. In

fourth place was Wendy Davis, Elsmere, Del. and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.

During the weekend, a raffle was held to sell two tickets to the benefit sponsored by the Philadelphia Southwest Shuffleboard Association for the benefit of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Almost \$100 was raised and sent to the association to add to their efforts held at the Polish American Club on April 17 at their Elmwood Ave. address in Philly. The money raised goes to a local hospital.

Hosts Darlyne and Harvey provided the usual welcome and a buffet both Saturday and Sunday, which was appreciated by all, reports Dick Gorman. The next tournament will be on May 14-16. For reservations, call Darlyne or Harvey at 410-836-8881.

### **More Indiana Action**

The Deer Park Tavern in Fort Wayne, Indiana, hosted a doubles tourney on March 20, with 12 teams going for a total prize fund of \$1500. Winners were Jim Long and Jerry Knox, edging out a good team from Muncie, Rick Royal and Danny Lowe. Bobby Brown and Milt VanUlzen took third place honors.

On April 3, hostess Carol Westerman held a doubles tourney at Lucky's Bar in North Webster. Steve Blue and Larry Brown took first place money out of the \$1400 pot by winning the final game against Pee Wee Fleshman and Jr. Bucher. Third place was claimed by Larry Huffer and Brian Collins. Doc Deventer from Hometown and Terry "Hacksaw" Wolford from Ohio took forth place.

### **No Fools at April Fool's Event, Corner Tavern**

The 18th Annual Corner Tavern April Fool's Open Doubles Shuffleboard Tournament in Bow, Washington, once again drew a great crowd and a very tough, competitive bunch of players.

A draw partner event was held Friday night with Larry Sawyer of Anacortes and Chris Danke of California taking top honors. Marv Wilbur of Anacortes and Russ Miller of Mount Vernon took second. Teaming for third place was Richard Larson of Mount Vernon and Dee Hicinbotham of Anacortes.

Total prize money of \$3540 was distributed over the weekend with Chris Danke and Rosa White of Spokane beating all the guys in the open doubles. Doug Adkins and Russ Miller finished a very strong runner-up. Larry Sawyer and Marv Wilbur came in third, with the Spokane team of Mike Thorp and Steve Kalamarski in fourth.

"Everyone's favorite mascot, Steve Wilson, was his usual self, which resulted in him being put on the dog leash and anchored to the front porch -- twice," reports Sherm Anderson. "Chris, visiting from California, learned a lot about the Northwest. We play board, we don't sleep

much, and we love our moonshine. She fit in real good, even when it came to sleeping on the pool table. You couldn't have separated her from the locals until it came to eating the possum steaks!"

New owners, Nancy and Steve Hudson, put on one of the best feeds ever and even sprung for everyone's breakfast. Great folks, Sherm said.

"Our next tournament is in late September and we hope a lot of you will take the time this summer on your vacations to stop in and spend a day or two with us. You'll enjoy the country atmosphere. We're located 70 miles north of Seattle and we're in a laid-back farm area of friendly people and local board enthusiasts. There are absolutely no hustlers here! Well, maybe a few," he said.

#### 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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#### Shufflers Shoot for \$10,000 at Jimmy L's

There were 22 players in the draw partner event and 15 teams in the bring partner at Jimmy L's Spring Tournament, March 12-14 at Jimmy L's Lounge in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shooting at over \$10,000 in prize money.

First place in the draw event went to young Billy Melton and Danny Hirshum. Second was Mike Bruza and Rick Yingst. with Carolyn Jones and Denny Busch in third, and Alan Primrose and David Williams in fourth place.

In the bring partner event, Sam Summers and Ron Huddleston took top honors, with Frank Blade and David Williams in second place. Bill and Mike Melton finished third, and Denny Busch and Sam Sweatt took fourth place.

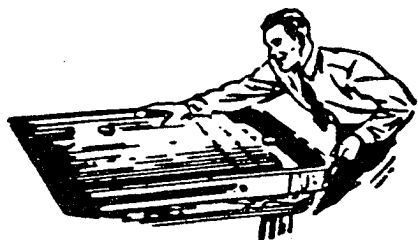
"It was nice to see a super guy like Ron win against such a tough field," said tournament director Cliff Goff.

"Thanks to all the participants who made Jimmy L's Spring Tournament a big success. A big thank you to Jimmy L for being such a great host. Thanks to Kathy White, Carolyn Jones, and Keith Oyler for all the help. And a special thanks to Bill Stoops, who came all the way from the East Coast to play and run a great auction."

#### Gettys/Mainer Win Houston, Missouri, Event

The first Texas County bring your partner tournament to be held annually at the FOE 3911 Club in Houston, Missouri, on March 19-20, was won by Dale Gettys and

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## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 5)*

Keith Mainer. Second place honors went to Julie Hartman and Gene McLeod, with Carol Tyler and Pat Johnson of Springfield, Missouri, in third place.

"This tournament was a great success due to the careful planning under the direction of Ricky Pittman," reports FOE 3911 Secretary Mike Sparks.

### 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 Coscarelli, 517-485-0741. Because entries are limited, please use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations in advance.

### Another Biggie at Texas Mist

It was another great tournament in Austin, Texas, on March 19-21. The Texas Mist Open, directed by Ron Bowers, generated \$12,150 in prize money. "Ron did a magnificent job as 46 players shuffled for top honors," reports host Don McCurry.

The tournament opened on Friday night as contestants watched Billy Mays of Dallas and Casey Milligan of Austin defeat Billy Melton, Davis, Oklahoma, and Danny Hersom, Amarillo, Texas, in the finals of the draw partner event. Jimmy Kumpula of Michigan/Florida, and Dale Williams of Fort Worth finished in third place, with Mike Baker of Houston and Ken Manacle of Fort Worth in fourth.

Winners in the Saturday Bring Partner event were Brenda Moore, San Antonio, and Mike Melton, Davis, Oklahoma. Finishing second were John Wiggs and Dale Williams, both of Houston. Third place went to Bob

Shaw, Fort Worth, and Sherriff, Houston. Another Houston pair, Howard Mouton and Tony Howard, came in fourth.



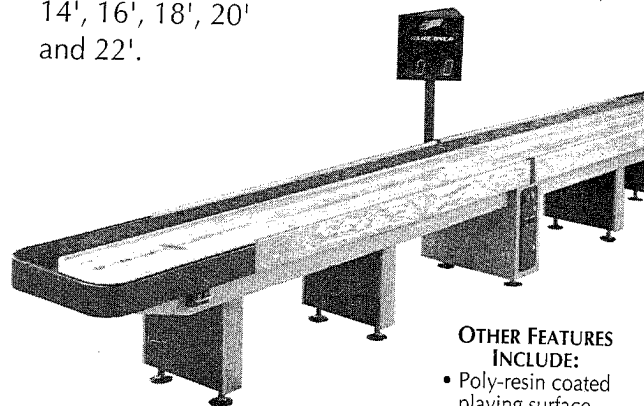
*Billy Mays and Casey Milligan (right) beat out Danny Hersom and Billy Melton (left) in the draw partner.*

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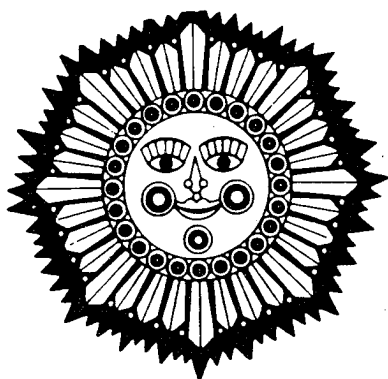


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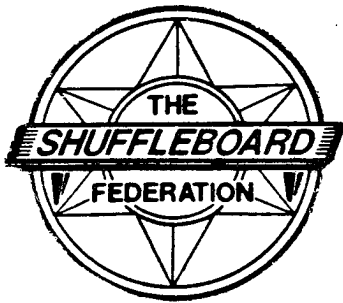
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## HONOR ROLL

Thanks to the efforts of the many people who signed up new subscribers, The Board Talk is now going to a lot of people who may not be familiar with names and faces responsible for the resurgence that shuffleboard has experienced over the last ten years.

We would like to recognize the contributions of some of those people who have distinguished themselves by giving back to the game more than they have received. They are not listed in any particular order because we feel that what each of them has given is equally important.

The danger in doing something like this is inadvertently leaving someone out. Therefore first on the list is all of those people who run the local leagues and tournaments whose efforts too often go unnoticed.

Doc Kahn and Glen Davidson for leading the Board Talk subscription drive.

"Bellflower Bruce" Hale who supports the game in many ways, from his ad in The Board Talk's directory section to flying George and Donna Wilber to the P.C.S.A. tourney every year.

The Player Policy Board, Bill Melton, Chairman; Tony Howard; Bob Lewis; Brenda Moore; Howard Mouton; Hal Perry; Gail Schultz; Jody Slack; Karl Spickelmier; and Bobby Voorhis. The excellence of the work they did in developing the rules we use for tournament play is obvious. Many of the ideas they had are now standard in local tournaments that are not affiliated with The Shuffleboard Federation.

Leonard "Pee Wee" Ramos, who laid the foundation for the Policy Board by writing the first generally accepted rules for tournament play. His work, which came to be known simply as the "Ramos Rules", was one of the first steps that led the game to where it is today.

Don Valk, through his U.S. Open Tournament, set new standards for excellence and dedication. Sad to say, Don is not doing the U.S. Open this year. One of the primary reasons is the lack of necessary volunteers the last couple of years. The entire shuffleboard community needs to do some soul searching and ask themselves if they are an asset to those people in their area who make things happen. People like Don are the backbone of our sport and deserve a lot more help and support than what they usually receive.

Alan Primrose has done fantastic work on developing amateur shuffleboard in his part of the country through his annual Arbuckle Open which is held on Memorial Day Weekend. This year's tourney will be in a big new facility with ten boards and will also be hosting the 10th annual Board Talk Shufflers Reunion Tourney. The game needs more people like Alan and Don Valk.

Dick Gorman has revitalized shuffleboard on the East Coast, where the game began in this country. Before he began his promotional efforts most people were completely unaware of how many players there are in that part of the country. Many establishments on the East Coast now run their tournaments without Dick's help, but they all owe him a big thank you for getting it started.

The P.C.S.A. took a gamble that is hard to appreciate unless you have been in their shoes (which we have). Putting on an event hundreds or thousands of miles from home, with a truck load of boards is an unbelievable personal and financial commitment. It's hard to believe, but we overheard a conversation between two pros who were talking about how much money is made running this event. This was based on all the quarters they saw going into the shuffleboards. We can say from first hand experience that those quarters barely cover the cost of trophies and flyers. Putting on an event of this magnitude represents a 5,000.00 - 10,000.00 commitment which is followed by a lot of sweat and worrying about trying to get back to even. For the record, if they manage to turn a profit, they certainly should not have to apologize for it.

The self proclaimed "Crazy Canucks" who have become well acquainted with the headaches of running a major tournament through their annual "Crazy Canucks" Labor Day tourney. When it comes to sportsmanship, our northern neighbors are at the top of the list. They are a living, breathing example of our motto, "Friendship Through Competition".

The shuffleboard manufacturers, American International, Dynamo Home Products and the Playfair Group have all sponsored tournaments in recent years. We are currently working with these companies on a historic agreement that will involve joint promotional support, both league and tournament.

George and Donna Wilber. None of the advances shuffleboard has made in the last ten years would be possible without the commitment they made to publish The Board Talk. They deserve the thanks and support of every player in the game, not just for starting The Board Talk, but also for continuing their commitment through many years of being in the red. When most people would have quit, George and Donna stuck it out, because they love this game and the friends they have made through it. Their dream was and is to be able to supplement their retirement income through The Board Talk. They have never let down the shuffleboard community, let's hope that the shuffleboard community does not let them down either. If you are one of those people who reads someone else's copy of The Board Talk, you're not doing your part.

There is a growing realization within the shuffleboard community that we must all work together. We challenge each of you to do as the people mentioned in this article have done and give something back to the game, even if it is something as simple as letting those people that work hard to promote the game in your area that you appreciate their efforts.

One final note, we intended to have a flyer and entry form for the Reno tourney in this issue but we are still working out some of the details. Just a reminder, the dates for this year's North American Championships are November 9 - 14. Complete details in the June issue of The Board Talk.

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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 paste 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? My wood plank seems to be perfect, except it is covered with this 1/10th inch acrylic top. Please help!

This may be the start of THE HANGER!

Doc Khan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

*We think it's a great idea, Doc! We were sorry to have to discontinue the "Ask the Pros" column and this could be a good alternative. Hopefully, we'll have lots of answers to your question and be able to launch "The Hanger" in our next issue.*

*On another subject, the last time we talked with you, you lamented the fact that many shuffleboard tavern owners don't promote The Board Talk by posting it on their bulletin boards or on their counters, but kept it to themselves in their offices. There was a time when we discouraged the practice of sharing the tavern's copy of The Board Talk because, let's face it, there are some "freeloaders" out there in Shuffleboard Land who prefer to get their information from the tavern's copy rather than subscribing themselves. We've changed our outlook on that and believe it is important to spread the word that there does exist a publication devoted exclusively to table shuffleboard. And we thought you'd like to know that at least one new subscriber (check the map!), the Sports Plaza Tavern in Everett, Washington, requested some back issues so they could post them and get some interest stimulated. We appreciate that and hope travelers will stop in at the Sports Plaza Tavern to let them know their support is not going unnoticed by The World of Shuffleboard.*

**Okies Looking Forward to Two Big Events**

After all the excitement of the "Revival," I've been kinda on a downer, but things are looking up. Doc and I have a few ideas that we're going to implement shortly, and I do support Doc on this up and coming venture all the way. It is a pleasure to work with Doc always!

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**Applause to all the "stars"  
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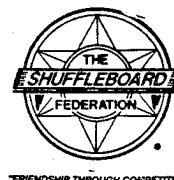
## 7th Annual Arbuckle Open May 25-31 American Legion 73 Del City, Oklahoma

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sales</u>
Tues, May 25	Pro Event	\$300 per team	No Sales Start 8 p.m.
Wed., May 26	Pro Singles	\$100 per	6:30 p.m.
	Am. Ladies' Singles	\$ 25.00 per	6:30 p.m.
	Am. Open Singles	\$ 50 per	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 17	Sweetheart Draw	\$ 25.00 per	6:30 p.m.
	Pro-Am Draw	\$ 50.00 per	6:30 p.m.
Fri. May 28	Am. Open Draw	\$ 25.00 per	6:30 p.m.
Satu. May 29	Pro Doubles	\$100 per team	1:00 p.m.
	Am. Doubles	\$ 50 per team	1:00 p.m.
Sun., May 30	Team Event	\$150 team	8:00 p.m. Sat.

Times are subject to change.

There will be a \$10 registration fee to cover expenses.

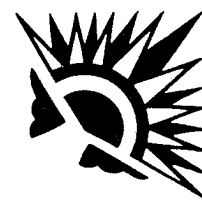
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## 2nd Annual Southwest Open 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion June 29-July 4

Date	Event Number*	Event	Entry Fee	Sales Time
Tues., June 29		Round Robins	\$10.00	
Wed., June 30	#1	(1) Pro (3) Am Team	\$200/Team	7:00 PM
Thurs., July 1	#2	Pro Singles	\$150/Team	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	\$50.00	4:00 PM
	#8	Board Talk 4 Person Team	\$80.00	4:00 PM

### \*Event Notes

- (1) Choose your own team — 2/3 double elimination
- (2) Semipro pros will be allowed in to fill 32 player bracket for half price
- (3) No two pros — single game, double elimination
- (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
- (8) Alternate shots — single game, double elimination

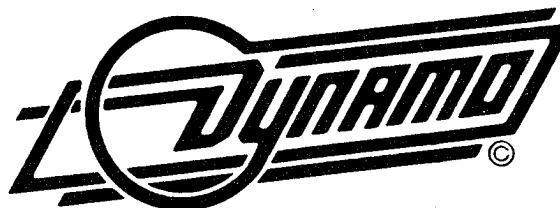


Depending upon the number of entries per event, some events may be Mark 4, play to 11 until final four.  
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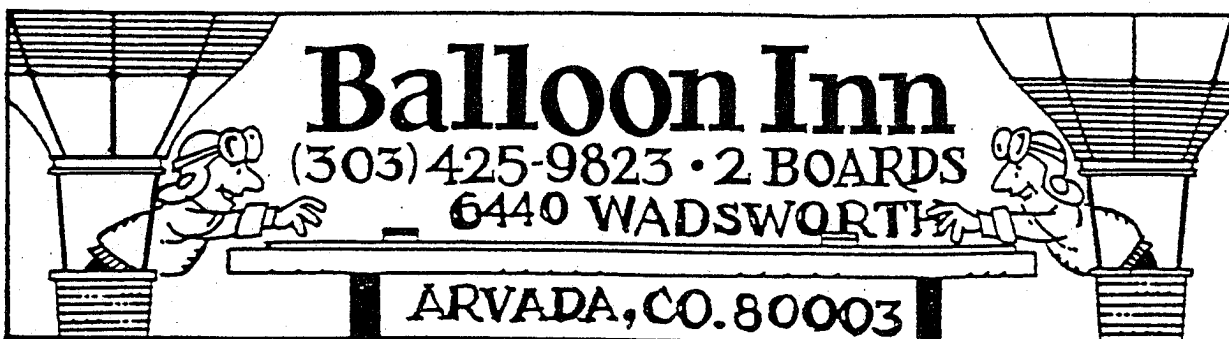
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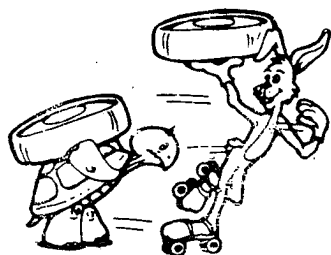
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**4th Annual Balloon Open**

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I'm interested in the bus trip to Central City, June 10, 6 p.m.



## AS THE PUCK TURNS.....

### Oklahoma, Here We Come!

We're just too darn old for this! That's what the publishers of The Board Talk decided after the 8th Annual Board Talk Shufflers Reunion last year. Only those of you who have sponsored tournaments know the work and hassles involved, the time invested, the lost vacations with your family. We just don't need it! But, then, we got an offer we just couldn't refuse -- joining the 2nd Annual Southwest Open in Oklahoma. The adrenalin started flowing again and we were hooked! A phone call from Don Crall, host at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, assured us we had made the right decision. In that unmistakable Southwestern hospitality drawl, he said: "You're going to be glad you came!" and we believed him. We hope all of you who have been so faithful in following the annual shufflers' reunion will follow us to Oklahoma!

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One of our good friends, Marie Sweeney, reports that The Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Michigan, is holding round robins every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. and adding \$100 to the pot! Now, that's commitment! Check it out and tell the hosts you appreciate their support.

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Two other good friends, Al Stewart of A & M Amusement Service in El Monte, California, and Dick Gorman, Triple Crown distributor for the East Coast, didn't participate in the Board Talk "revival." What would they do with one more board, one more set of weights? But that doesn't mean they weren't out there hustling Board Talk subscribers. They've sent in a steady flow of new subscribers since the contest was over and we hope every one of their "converts" will be glad they joined our ranks.

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You think your little "keep up the good work" notes aren't important? Think again! They do and we appreciate them more than you'll ever know. Special thanks to Doc Khan, who noted his pleasure at meeting Donna's 90-year-old Mom. His words of tribute gave her a new lease on life and we appreciate that! What a wonderful gift to deliver, even greater than the tulip plant we gave her for Easter. It only takes a minute....Have you made somebody "feel good" today?

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In year's past, tournaments on the East Coast have been sold out well in advance -- until the recession hit. Then, sold-out tourneys became uncommon. But one East Coast shuffleboard site -- Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, is meeting that challenge head-on. With the help of shuffleboard promoter Dick Gorman, hosts Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer introduced a new idea to provide some monetary reward for the less experienced shooters who finish further back in the tournament than conventional payoffs provide.

Harvey's Place recently won the 16-team Cecil-Harford County Shuffleboard League Championship, their first.

If you are ever in the area, 45 minutes from Baltimore and one hour from Philadelphia, Harvey's Place has open draw partners tournaments on their four in-house boards every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

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While we are ever so grateful when tournament sponsors advertise their events in The Board Talk, we are overwhelmed when those same sponsors buy space to thank players for participating! What a class act! Skip's Lounge in Houghton Lake, Michigan, has done it ever since they started sponsoring a tournament; the Southwest Open sponsors did it last year. The Shuffleboard Federation does it every year in their paid space. And in this issue, Don McCurry of the Texas Mist does it. It's not something these sponsors HAVE to do, but it sure is something NICE to do. We hope you let them know you appreciate this added dimension of caring about the people they serve.

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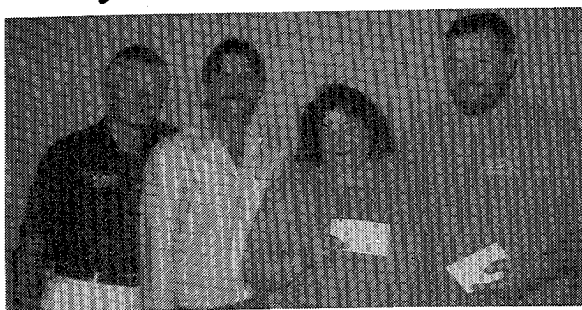
As much as the previous makes us feel good, the thing that really makes us feel bad is to receive a flyer about an upcoming tournament after our deadline date, too late for us to help promote it. Please plan ahead and make sure we receive your information before we close the pages of The Board Talk on the 15th of each month.

And, speaking of those flyers, some of them are pretty pathetic! We understand if you've made the decision not to invest \$90 of your profits to buy a flyer in The Board Talk, or if you're aiming only for local participation. But how about investing just \$25 to make your event look professional? We'll provide the design, typesetting, artwork, and send you the final product so you can go to your local speed printer and mail them yourself (which might just come close to the \$90 you decided to "save"). Just send the information about your tournament to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906, and we'll set your copy promptly.

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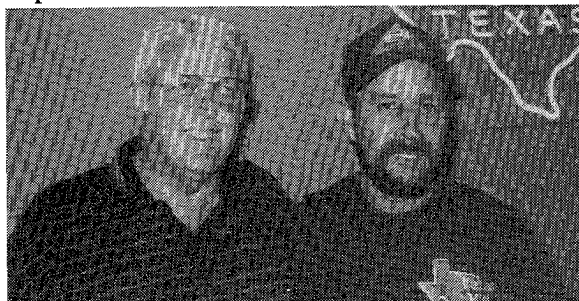
Our top shuffleboard states (see back panel) remain the same again this month, but it could change. Only one subscriber separates #5 Indiana and #6 Washington!

## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 6)*



*Brenda Moore and Mike Melton (right) teamed up to take first place in the Bring Partner event, beating John Wiggs and Dale Williams (right).*

The Sunday singles event, which lasted until the wee hours of the morning, yielded Bill Melton, Davis, Oklahoma, the first place pot. Bill defeated Alfred Suarez of Austin, Texas, in the grand finale. Brenda Moore, San Antonio, finished third, with Janet Weidner of Amarillo in fourth place.



*Bill Melton (left) was the winner over Alfred Suarez to take top honors in the singles event at the Texas Mist.*

The Texas Mist congratulates the winners and extends a special thanks to all participants and everyone who helped make the tournament a success, said Don McCurry. *(See ad in this issue congratulating participants and a salute to Texas Mist in "As the Puck Turns" column.)*

### **Pease/White Team Win Old Edison Inn Mixed Doubles Title**

Rosa White of Spokane, Washington, and Al Pease of Hoquiam, Washington, were the winners of the 8th Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament at the Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, on March 13-14. The pair, from extreme opposite sides of the state of Washington, travelled many combined miles to team up in the northwest corner of the state, going away with the greater share of a tournament record \$2720 pot by prevailing over a tough field of 19 teams.

Local shooters Ever Anderson of Bow and Paul Major of Lynnwood were impressive with a strong second place performane, edging out the talented team of Chris Danke

finals, giving that duo third place.

The event took on an international flavor with the participation of five teams from Canada and two other "half Canadian" teams. Al Kantor and Flo Goodall of British Columbia received fourth place money. Tying for fifth, just out of the money, were Don Hudson and Marg Brice of B.C. and Pat Preymak (B.C.) and Les Zahn, Bayview, Wash.

Players and guests were served a delicious spaghetti dinner on Saturday and everyone seemed to enjoy the various door prizes, especially the several quarts of raw shucked oysters generously donated by the Blau Oyster Company of nearby Samish Island. The "city slickers" were treated to the beautiful weather and mellow atmosphere of the rural Skagit River Valley.

Hosts Jim and Rox DePree, who added \$200 to the entry pot, join tournament director Phil DePree in thanking all the participants from near and far who helped make this the most successful tournament at the Old Edison Inn to date. "Special thanks to our old buddy Sherm "Whitey" Anderson, who conducted the auction, and Les (Pass the Mason Jar) Zahn, who was a big help in getting the boards ready and keeping the tourney flowing smoothly," said Phil.

The Old Edison Inn will hold its third annual draw partner money tourney in mid-September, after a summer-long session of Saturday draw partner meat shoots commencing in May.

### **Memorial Weekend Tourney at Tolo Tavern, Central Point, Oregon, May 28-31**

The Tolo Tavern, 7878 Blackwell Rd., Central Point, Oregon, will host a Memorial Weekend tournament on May 28-31. Events will include a \$20 draw partner on Friday night at 7 p.m. sharp; a singles, \$25 entry fee, single game, double elimination, immediately following the sponsor sale at 8 a.m. Saturday; and a doubles on Sunday, \$50 per team, 2 of 3 in the winners bracket, and one game of 17 in the losers bracket, play commencing immediately following the sponsor sale at 8 a.m. Pays 55-30-10-5.

The Tolo has three of the best boards in the Northwest, and two acres of RV parking, and will serve a buffet on Saturday night. For information, call the Tolo Tavern, 503-664-2656.

### **May 15 Tourney at Fiasco Lounge, San Antonio**

The Fiasco Lounge, 2250 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, Texas, will host a tournament on May 15 and add money to the pot. Events will include a blind draw and a bring your partner tournament.

For information, call Penny at 210-490-2651.

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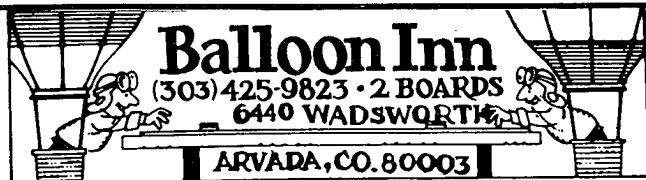
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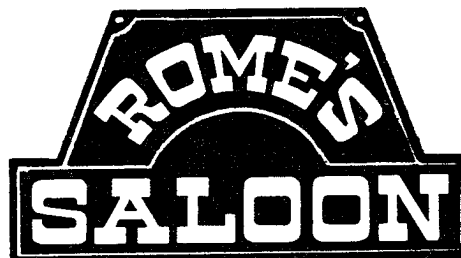
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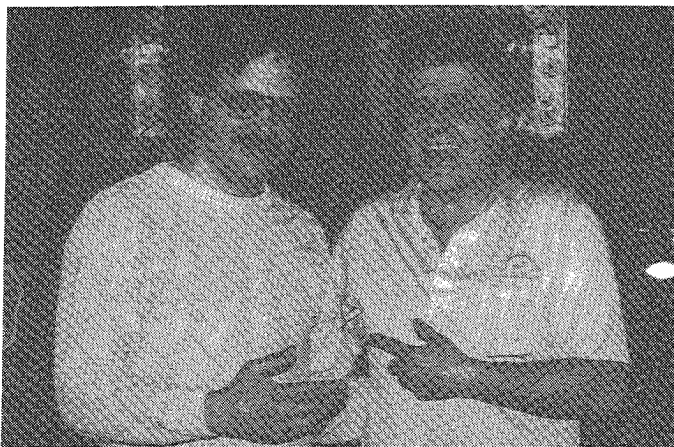
*Your Host: Bud Hillburn*

## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 12)*

### **Voorhis/Dowell Big Winners at Kimmell Inn**

The Kimmell Inn, Kimmell, Indiana, hosted its annual \$100 shootout singles on March 27. In the Friday night draw partner event, Terry Dowell and Bobby Voorhis beat Buddy Broka and Deb Voorhis for top honors.

On Saturday, 16 players paid a \$100 entry fee to play in the double elimination tournament, vying for a pot of over \$4,000. The winner was Terry Dowell of Claypool, Indiana, with second place going to Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana. Buddy Broka of Bourbon came in third, with Jim Long of Osceola in fourth place.



*Terry Dowell (right) beat the "big guy," Bobby Voorhis, in the Kimmell Inn's annual \$100 Shoot-Out. The two drew each other earlier to take top honors in the draw partner event.*

### **Oyler/Jones/White Winners at Down Under**

A handicap tournament was held at the Down Under in Tulsa recently. "The Down Under is a new bar which the management says they're going all out to make this a shuffleboard bar and there are three boards to back it up," reports Glen Davidson. "The bar is big enough to have four boards if needed."

Keith Oyler and Carolyn Jones (alias C.J.) downed Mark Foust and Terry G. to win the bring partner. "The game was going pretty bad for C.J. and Keith, down 8-12, then C.J. hits with a big 4. Mark came back and lags a 1, 14-12, then C.J. hits a 3 to go out and the shouting began," reports Glen. Keith came back and won the draw partner with Kathy White.

"Keith and Kathy ran the tournament, did a great job, and Keith got rewarded by winning two events," said Glen.

### **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. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and/or use it to make your reservation.

The Balloon Inn hosted their 3rd Annual Santa Classic in December and had visiting teams from California and Nebraska. Eight teams shot for a pot of over \$5,500. Winners were Gwynette Orsi and Denny Busch of Nebraska, with Dennis Bird and George Ostrum of Colorado in second place, and Travis Anderson and Grady McGovern of Colorado finishing third.

Their 2nd Annual Sweetheart Open (ladies only) was held in February. "We accommodated the girls with all male bartenders and waiters and a good time was had by all," said Ron and Gwen. Eight teams shot for a total purse of \$1850, with Grethren Duncan and Gwen Vogt taking the biggest share. Teri Dignan and Susie DeNovellis (from Jerry D's in Dacono, Col.) took second place honors, and Shar Waugamana and Lynette Hurley finished in third place.

### **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 action 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; reduced group rate information will be in next month's issue.

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, \$50, and 4-person team event, \$80, on Sunday. See enclosed flyer for more details.

For information, contact Ron or Sharon Huddleston, 405-843-1615; Dave Davidson or Don Crall at the

American Legion, 405-677-9393; Alan Primrose, 405-665-2566; or George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

### 7th Annual Arbuckle Open, American Legion 73, Del City, Oklahoma, May 25-31

Here's the news you've been waiting for! There 10 (yes, read our lips, 10) events on the schedule for the popular 7th Annual Arbuckle Open at the American Legion 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, May 25-31.

First on the agenda is the pro event, \$300, on Tuesday. Wednesday is a big day, with the pro singles, \$100 entry, the amateur ladies's singles, \$25, and the amateur open singles, \$50. The sweetheart draw, \$25 per person, and the pro-am draw, \$50 per person, are scheduled for Thursday, with the amateur open draw, \$25 per person, on Friday. On Saturday's agenda are the pro doubles, \$100 per team, and the amateur doubles, \$50 per team. Winding up the "something for everyone" schedule is the team event, \$150 per team, on Saturday. Full details are on the enclosed flyer.

Suggested lodging includes the Motel 6, 405-737-8851; Holiday Inn, 405-737-4481; and Coachman, 405-733-1339. The American Legion also has a 5-acre park for RVs and campers. Boards will be furnished by Dynamo Home Products, and wax by The Shuffleboard Federation.

This "fastest growing tournament in the USA" will fill up fast so send your reservations today to Al Primrose, Box 332, Davis, OK 73030. If you have questions, contact Al Primrose, 405-665-2566. He looks forward to seeing you there.

## Hammer II

Because we "practice what we preach," The Hammer column is written well before the 15th of each month deadline. Therefore, we don't often have the luxury of time and space to respond to contributions that arrive on deadline. We've got this little, bitty space and a few minutes of time, so we will.

The Shuffleboard Federation's ad this month is a classic and we urge you to read it and think about it, and take the action they suggest. They have spent precious advertising dollars to salute those people who have given something to the game to keep it going and growing. We second their "motion" with great enthusiasm! But, they left somebody off their list of salutes: The Shuffleboard Federation.

They talk about The Board Talk continuing to operate after years of being in the "red," simply because of love of the game and the people involved in it. We know we are not alone. We know that many times The Shuffleboard Federation wondered whether their years of investment of money and time and just plain sweat and tears were really worth it. Wasn't it just time to step back,

recoup and let somebody else do it? Thankfully, they didn't do that and, consequently, the leagues are going to get organized to give us some "clout" in sports.

Editorially, we hope all they have listed, plus themselves, will benefit in the long run.

*George & Donna Wilber, Publishers  
The Board Talk*

## Notebook (continued from page 10)

I think you all will be hearing "grass roots" a lot and National even more. Keep it on your mind and send us a name and address of any of the states where The Board Talk is not and we will do the rest. To start, there will be a record of all the people who sign up subscribers and a grand award will follow in Vegas as before, only this time the stakes will be better, I think.

The Arbuckle Open, as everyone knows by now, will be staged at the American Legion in Del City and The Board Talk tourney will join the Southwest Open for the first time in that location. I'm sure all the folks here feel as I do in welcoming George and Donna to this area. We'll have a great time in the ole town that week and earlier at the Arbuckle Open.

### A Tribute to Jimmy

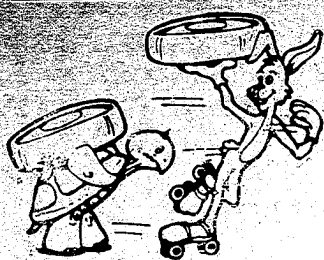
Jimmy Cypress has been around Tulsa for quite a few years and a jam-up player in anybody's language. Jimmy has always supported shuffleboard and even went to Reno to play. A while back, Jimmy was put on dialysis and he still plays at all the tourneys. He got to feeling bad and had to cancel out of the recent Down Under tournament, but he still has a great sense of humor and a great right hand lag.

We salute you, Jimmy Cypress, for being one of the family for so many years, as well as being a supporter of the game we love. We all wish you well. A person with courage and the will to win is a hard person to beat, and Jim Cypress is that person. We all love you, old buddy. Good luck at the next tourney.

Glen Davidson, Tupelo, Oklahoma

*You'll note in The Hammer, Glen, that Jolene Lembke has added a new state (Utah) to the network, and with this letter, you've added another new one (Wisconsin). We welcome Ron Wheelers Lanes of Delavon, Wisconsin, to our Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. listing in this month's issue.*

*We both are looking forward to being in your area for the 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. It's been a pleasure already working with the great people involved in the Southwest Open. George is planning on being at the Arbuckle Open and will enjoy a "sneak preview" of what's in store for us.*



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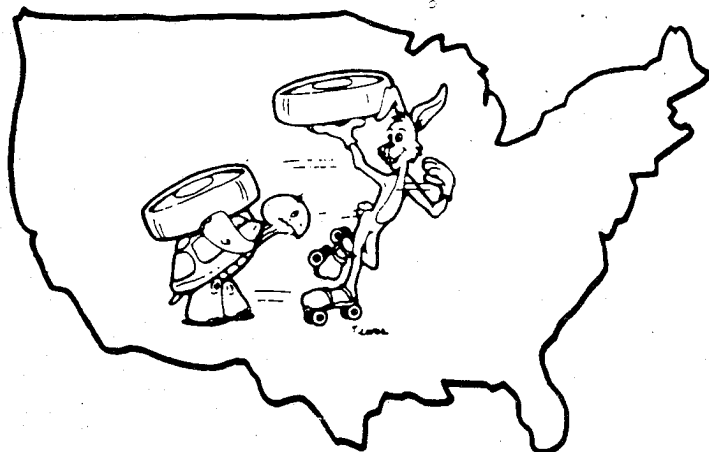
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