

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

One of our goals, when we started this publication a decade ago, was to serve as a "clearing house" so tournament sponsors wouldn't be competing against each other. Then, we learned, there were enough shufflers out there to support nearly every tournament that was scheduled, except if they were right "next door" to each other. We tried in vain this month to squeeze all the upcoming events on our usual one-page Calendar and finally had to expand it to a second page.

We'd like to give a big editorial salute to those who have placed their events on our calendar -- well into the 1994 year. Nothing creates more agony for us than to get an advertisement of a tournament that's going to happen, maybe before our slow mail delivers the message. Do we accept the check that we need to pay for the next issue and pray that it gets there in time? Or do we return it and say -- sorry, it's too late for us to help spread the word?

We strongly encourage you to place your information/advertisements well in advance of your scheduled tournaments. The earlier you start promoting your event, the more successful your tournament will be.

And speaking of advertisements: we don't discriminate against those who choose not to invest advertising dollars to spread the word about their tournaments. We still put their events on the calendar and in *Tourney Talk*. But we sure do advertise appreciate those who purchase space to have their message delivered to *The World of Shuffleboard* through *The Board Talk*. It's the only way we are able to deliver this communication to you each month. PLEASE let those who do know that you appreciate their support. That includes not only tournament sponsors, but those who serve the game through products and services. If it were not for their advertising support, your subscription fee would be at least double what it is today!

Thanks to all of you who participated in our 3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament at Houghton Lake. We were particularly pleased to have a delegation of new faces there from the Kaleva Tavern and look forward to seeing them again up upcoming tournaments. In the meantime, they're on the Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. map, so stop in and see them.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

Tourney Talk

2nd Amateur Southwest Tourney, Brass Rail Saloon, Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 22-24

On the heels of a successful first, the Brass Rail Saloon, 1000 North Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, will host their second amateur Southwest shuffleboard tournament on Oct. 22-24. Action starts on Friday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., with an open singles, \$20 entry fee, limited to the first 16 paid sign-ups. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places.

On Saturday, a draw partners is on the agenda, \$10 per person entry fee, drawing at 2 p.m., with play immediately following. This event will be limited to the first 40 paid sign-ups and will pay three places.

The draw partner event is scheduled for Sunday, \$30 per team entry, with play beginning at noon. Limited to the first 24 paid signups with prizes to first and second places.

All games are 15 points straight, single game, double elimination. A barbecue will be served to all participants. Please use the enclosed flyer to make your advanced registration. No sign-ups will be accepted after 12 noon on Thursday, Oct. 21. Don't miss out; send your entry in today!

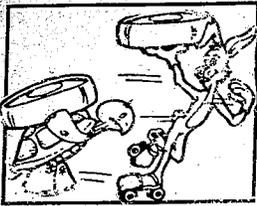
Something New and Exciting at Beef's, Kendallville, Indiana, Oct. 16-March 19

Hey, shufflers, try this one on for size! Beef's, 550 S. Main, Kendallville, Indiana, will sponsor a series of five open doubles, double elimination, tournaments in which you can earn points toward an added \$2,000 entry pot, compliments of Playfair Shuffleboard, Inc. and Dale Gushmann. Entry fee for each of the tournaments is \$40 per team.

The first shootout is scheduled for Oct. 16, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. and play immediately following on two boards. If there are over 16 teams, play will be mark 4, play to 15.

The first four teams to place highest in the series of five matches will have a chance for that added \$2,000, plus "Poor Beef" will award jackets for the first place finishers. Payback will be: 1st, 50 percent, 4 points; 2nd, 30 percent, 3 points; 3rd, 15 percent, 2 points; 4th,

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Broken Arm Doesn't Stop This Shuffler!

I have a regular player who recently broke his right arm and it will be in a cast for a couple of months. His name is Robert Hurst Sr. He has not missed any of our weekly tournaments since his accident, playing only with his left hand (he's right-handed). The remarkable thing is that Robert won the first two tournaments he participated in while playing one-handed.



A little inconvenience like a broken arm hasn't stopped Robert Hurst Sr. from winning tournaments.

In addition to that, he won a third tournament and also won a berth in the Texas Open while competing in a qualifier hosted by Sticks Billiards in Austin.

Don McCurry, Texas Mist, Austin, Texas

Thanks for sharing this story about Robert. We join in your salute to his perseverance. Think how good he's going to be when he regains the use of his right arm!

California Visitors Like Whistling Oyster

On our recent vacation to Oregon and Washington, we had the pleasure of visiting Quilcene, Washington, and participating in the Whistling Oyster Tavern's shuffleboard tournament. Even though we didn't win, we had a wonderful time! The new people we met and the hospitality of our old friends, and the hosts, Bill Bailey and Sandee Van Waggener, were truly a delight!

The seafood buffet, which was served on Saturday, was unbelievable. Oysters on the half shells, shrimp, crab, smoked salmon and seafood salad, not to mention the bouillabaisse, which was excellent.

Bill Bailey is such an enthusiastic shuffleboard promoter and keeps his boards in super condition and also keeps good control of all the action.

Again, may we thank the Whistling Oyster Tavern and all the crew there for making the Quilcene visit the highlight of our vacation.

Tony and Dottie Bastanchury, Garden Grove, California

Bill Bailey told us he enjoyed having you there, too, Tony and Dottie. That seafood buffet in itself, let alone all the great action and hospitality, sounds worth travelling across the U.S.A. to get there for the next one. From all the enthusiastic reports, doing just that moved a few notches up on our wish list! And wasn't it nice that Jim Foran received well-deserved recognition for all the effort he has invested in the game for so many years?

That word "bouillabaisse" had us racing for Webster's! We knew it was something good (it had to be with a name like that!), but didn't know exactly what it was. For those of you who are as "common" as we, it means (according to Webster) a chowder made of several varieties of fish, flavored with wine and saffron. Impress your date: order it next time you go out to eat. It's pronounced boo-ya-base and if they don't have it, maybe you're in the wrong restaurant. At Whistling Oyster, they know what you're ordering, even if you pronounce it wrong.

Thanks from Don and Donna Cox

We would like to say THANK YOU once again to everyone who was there for us when our home burned last year. We would like to let everyone know we are now in our new home and it is wonderful.

Thanks, everyone!

Don and Donna Cox, Rio Linda, California

We know there are a lot of people out there in The World of Shuffleboard who rejoice with you, Don and Donna, and wish you much happiness in your new home. The way shufflers responded to your tragedy made us very proud to be a part of that world!

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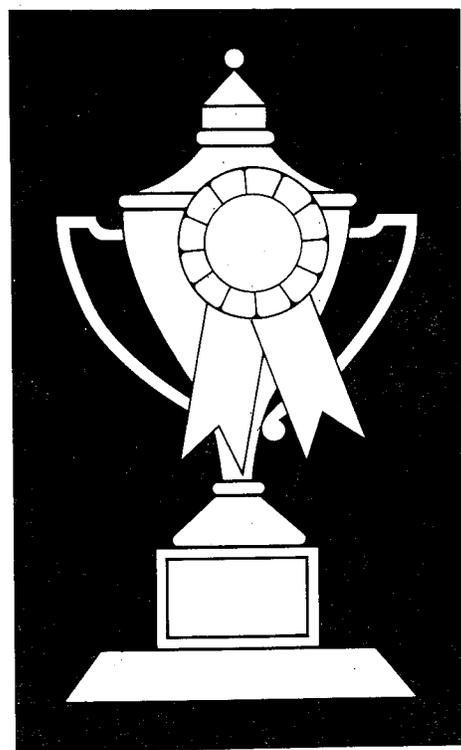
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5 percent, 1 point. The other scheduled dates for the series of five are Nov. 20, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, and March 19. Recommended lodging: Economy Inn, 219-347-3500, or Days Inn, 219-347-5263.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to help spread the word about this opportunity. For more information, call Beef or Marge at 219-347-9965. And -- if you're filling up your New Year's Eve program, enter an open doubles tournament at Beef's, Dec. 31, double elimination, entry \$40 per team, sponsor sale at 11 a.m.

Fall Tournament, Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, Oct. 15-17

A last minute reminder that Glenn's Tavern, 2 W. Baltimore St., Funkstown, Maryland, will host a 3-day, 3-event tournament on Oct. 15-17. Events include a draw partner on Friday night, \$10 entry; bring partner on Saturday, \$25 entry; and open singles on Sunday, \$20 entry fee. All are single game, double elimination, paying three places. If you haven't saved your spot yet, call Glenn's Tavern at 301-739-5025, or tournament director Lonzo Knight, 301-432-2434.

Gobble-Gobble Tourney at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, Nov. 19-21

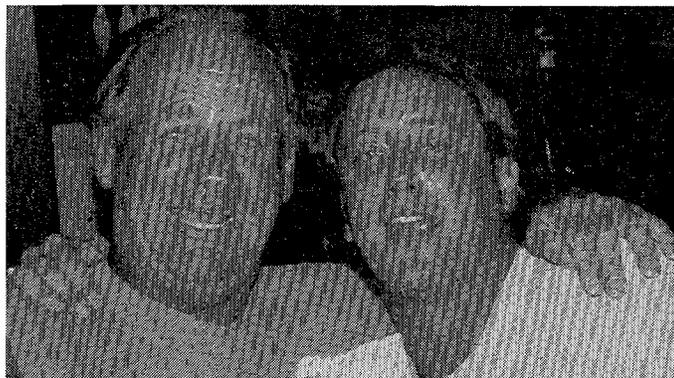
Are we thankful for places like Harvey's that cater to shufflers? You bet! So let's celebrate at a tournament there on Nov. 19-21. There are four events scheduled for this big week-end: a draw partner on Friday night, \$10 entry; a women's singles on Saturday morning, \$10 entry; a bring partner on Saturday afternoon, \$25 per team; and a mixed doubles on Sunday, \$25 per team. For information, call Harvey's, 301-836-8881; or tournament director Dick Gorman, 302-994-0004.

Harvey's will also host a Winter Tournament on Jan. 14-16. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to help spread the word about this four in-house board shuffleboard host.

Another Successful Tourney at Bay Country Moose, Queenstown, Maryland

The Summer Tournament at Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, Queenstown, Maryland, was held on Aug. 13-15. Action started on Friday night with a draw partner event. Winners were Lennie Dell, Bellcamp, Maryland, and Scratch Todd, Denton, Maryland. Second place went to Tom Bernhardt, Milford, Delaware, and Charlie Hawkins from Glenn's Tavern. Taking third place were Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Maryland, and John Arndt of New York. The Saturday night bring partner event

attracted several new faces. First place winners were Bunky Gertz of Queenstown and Mark Grove of Millington, Md. Second place was won by Lennie Dell and Eddie Kibler, Henderson, Md., with third going to Judy Iseman and Dave Short of Hagerstown, Md.



Bunky Gertz and Mark Grove were winners of the bring partner event at Bay Country Moose.

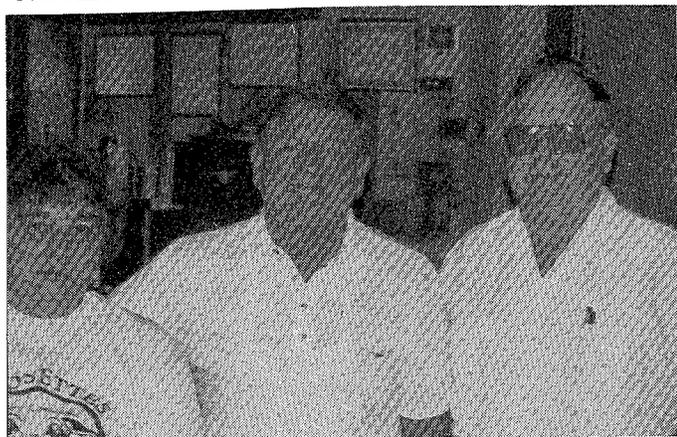


2nd place finishers Eddie Kibler and Len Dell congratulate each other on their second place finish. An onlooker wonders about this strange World of Shuffleboard.

Sunday's mixed doubles saw JoAnn Ware and Johnny Gardner of Templeville, Md., taking first place honors. Second place went to Chuckie King of Dover, Del., and Louise Freer of Pennsylvania. Third place was taken by Bunky Gertz and Steph McNeil of Millington, Md. Two boards were used for the mixed doubles, with the third board used for a money game for singles players.

"We would like to thank Chuck King and Scratch Todd for being our auctioneers," said Bunky Gertz. "Also, a thank you to Rosalie Kaufman and Judy Iseman for taking care of the money. A big thank you to Faye and B.J. Elrod for preparing the food on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Arlow and Jane Johnson of New York for helping prepare the boards each morning and helping husk the corn for the crab feast on Sunday. Special thanks to Harvey from Harvey's Place, Conowingo, for attending; and Jimmy "the cop" from Detroit; and John Arndt of New York, and anyone we may have missed. Pete Seling helped during the week getting the boards

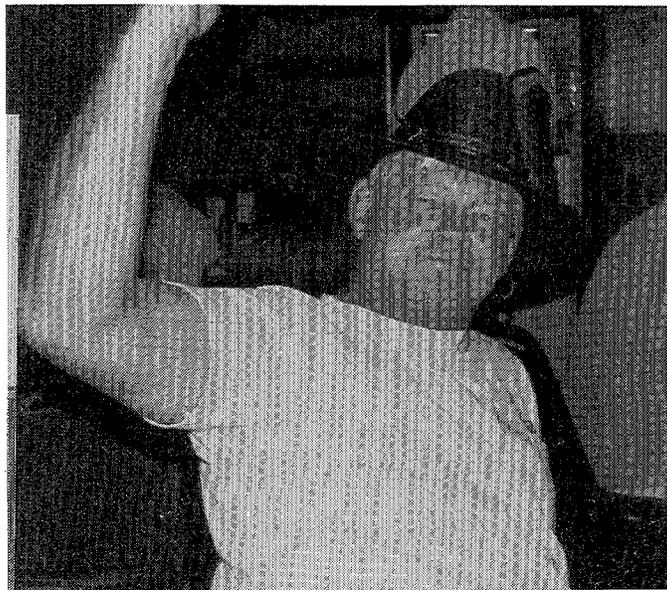
waxed and ready to go. Thanks, Pete! To each and all who attended, thanks and we hope to see you the next go-round in November."



Faye and B.J. Elrod and Reds Fields, chefs at the Bay Country Moose, kept shufflers well-fed during the recent tournament.

(Editor's Note: We encourage you to post the flyer that was in last month's Board Talk on your bulletin board or refrigerator. It promoted three big tourneys on the Bay Country Moose's tournament schedule. The first is Nov. 12-14, featuring a draw partner on Friday night, a bring partner on Saturday, and a mixed doubles on Sunday.

Looking ahead (bless their hearts!) are the same schedules on April 29-May 1, 1994 and August 12-14, 1994. See Hammer on Page 1 for a salute to their forward-thinking.



John Lukas, the true "John Wayne" of East Coast shuffleboard, says: "You come on out to the Bay Country Moose for a real good time!"

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NOTEBOOK *(continued from page 2)*

Welcome, One Nostalgia!

I have enjoyed The Board Talk for over three years now and assumed that the non-subscribers were so by choice, not because they had never seen your newsletter. Imagine my surprise when Alma King, the owner of One Nostalgia Place, said she had never seen a copy. I took my latest copy of The Board Talk to One Nostalgia Place so that Alma and her manager, Kirk Rudd, could read it. It didn't take much convincing to get them to subscribe, especially after everyone in the club had to read it!

One Nostalgia Place sponsors two of the 24 teams in the U.S.S.A. League of Dallas, which plays on Tuesday nights. Our league just completed its 13th season. Our year-end banquet was Sept. 26 and our payback to the various teams involved was \$12,485.

One Nostalgia Place has round robins on Fridays starting at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until closing.

Come join us the next time you're in Dallas.

Joyce Holmes, Dallas, Texas

We wish we had more Joyces out there in The World of Shuffleboard to help spread the word about The Board Talk. Even though we've been publishing for 10 years now, there are thousands and thousands of shufflers and shuffleboard establishments that don't know we exist. We're still a two-person part-time staff until we retire from our paying jobs in a couple of years, so we don't have what you could call a Marketing Department. Consequently, we've had to depend on people like you to let others know that we're the only national publication devoted exclusively to the sport of table shuffleboard.

We extend a hearty welcome to One Nostalgia Place! They will be listed in our next quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing which will be in the November issue. Travelling shufflers use that listing, so One Nostalgia Place can look for some out-of-towners in the days ahead.

We also salute you for such a "healthy" shuffleboard league. That's where the future of our sport lies. Keep up the good work!

Where's Steeville? What's A Board Talk?

Chances are not more than three or four readers of The Board Talk ever heard of Steeville, Missouri. Well, that's O.K.; not more than three or four of the entire population of Steeville ever heard of The Board Talk. So, let me introduce the two.

Steeville, Missouri, has a marker stating that it sits in the center of the U.S.A. population. Not only does it have as many people to the east as it does the the west, it has a country club. Now, I suppose you are expecting me to tell you that it has some well-known celebrity or golf pro. Not true!

This country club has a tee-off time once a month at 5 p.m. with 18 to 32, members only, shuffleboard players. The town only has a population of 1,500 people. Other than the major tournaments I have attended, I have not seen that many shuffleboard players playing out of one bar since the late '50s.

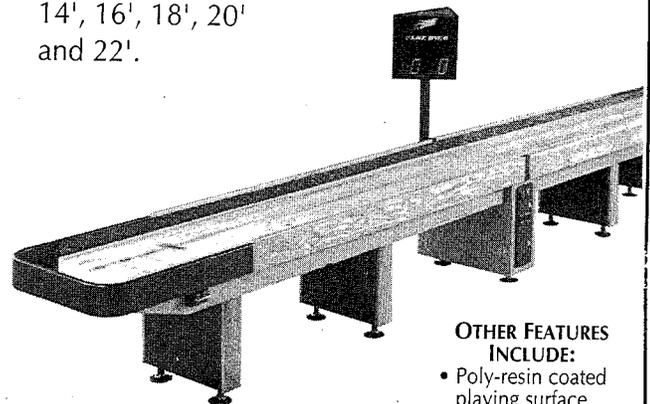
The pros have Jimmy the Cop; Steeville has Lydell the Cop. He is a person to be reckoned with either in his town

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or on the shuffleboard table. Using my version of John McDermott's handicap system, I would rate Lydell a 3. His wife Kay Davis has only been playing three months and I would rate her a hard 4. She tells me there are several lady players who are better than she is.

They have only had their well-kept shuffleboard one year. The following could not only be playing in, but taking some of the top spots in major tournaments by 1995. Earl and Carla Wear, Jerry and Donna Beasley, Dave and Marge Boldt, Monroe and Sherry Pitts, Henry and Georgia Williams, and there are many others there that I do not have their names.

Woodie Cockrum, Cuba, Missouri

Good to hear from you again, Woodie! Thanks for letting us know about Steeville. We would love to get Jimmy the Cop and Lydell the Cop together for a match. If the players you mentioned are going to be ready for the "big time" by 1995, surely they would like to know where the action is. We'll send you a batch of copies of this issue so you can share with them. There's great team competition coming up in Reno and Vegas that would be a great introduction opportunity for them.

The Origin of Table Shuffleboard

Maybe you could help resolve a little difference of opinion that some of the people down at O'Malley's Pub in Daytona Beach, Florida, have had recently concerning the origin of tabletop shufflin'. One group says that it is a genteel Olde English game with some modifications. This makes another group "get their Irish up," as most of them think that anything worthwhile had to have come from Ireland.

Yet another group insists that the game was invented by "Jimmy the Cop" Kumpula from Detroit sometime in the last century. Not only that, they are erecting a 16-foot bust of his head in the vacant lot across the street.

Could you please help us clear this up? The neighbors are already starting to complain.

Easyrider Bill, Daytona Beach, Florida

Yes, we can! According to the American Shuffleboard Company, which did extensive research a number of years ago:

Back in jolly old 15th Century England, they played a game of sliding a "groat" down a table -- a groat being a rather large British coin of the day worth about four pence. Later, a silver penny was used, and the name of the game became shove-penny and/or shovel penny.

The game never died. It was played by the young and old, rich and poor. It was a favorite pastime in the great country houses of Staffordshire, Winchester, and Wiltshire. There exists today a painting by John Nash, a famous English artist, done in 1839, showing the Great Hall at Littlecotes, Wiltshire, England in 1740. It is a typical scene of a gathering of the wealthy people of the day, and it shows shuffleboard being played on a massive table in the center of the hall. (Reproduction of this painting is in the 1993 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament/2nd Annual Southwest Open Tournament program -- yours for the cost of postage only.)

The game shed its rude beginnings when American cabinetmakers like Hepplewhite and Duncan Phyfe turned out some of their finest inlaid cabinet work on shuffleboard game tables for the wealthy homes of New York City.

By 1897, table shuffleboard rated as much newspaper space as prizefighting and baseball in all the New York City newspapers. Highly publicized tournaments played by such colorful characters as "Big Ed" Morris, Dave Wiley, Alex Scott, Ed Garland and George Lavender drew hordes of fans. The fans faithfully followed the players to tournaments in New York City, Newark, Paterson, Hoboken, Jersey City, Bloomfield, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. The fans included important figures of business, theatrical, and political worlds.

Shuffleboard made its way across the country. In 1904, Gentleman Jim Corbett, an avid player, had a tavern owner named Croll install a table in his Alameda, California, pub. "Doc" Cross, his son, claims it was the first table shuffleboard in that part of the country.

World War II opened the "Swinging Forties," and shuffleboard really came into its own. The intrinsic appeal of the game -- skill, diversity, competitiveness, availability to young and old, strong and disabled, the serious game, the fun game, offered the kind of release needed in those turbulent years.

In the '40s, Hollywood climbed on the bandwagon and took it up, at first as a source of good publicity. Then when the pin-up girls and bandleaders discovered they really liked the game, shuffleboards found their way into the studios and homes of the stars. People like Betty Grable, Harry James, Merv Griffin and Alan Ladd all had their own shuffleboards.

Shuffleboard is not just a barroom game. It is a game that can be played in a bar, but it can also be played at the Pentagon, the White House, hospitals, and Army, Navy and Air Force bases throughout the world. You will also find the game on college campuses, hotels, motels, and recreation centers, Boys Clubs of America

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With hundreds of tournaments and thousands of round robins a year, there's no shortage of shuffleboard action these days. In fact many bars and clubs have built their business around shuffleboard.

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How many round robins will you play in this year? Probably quite a few. How much time is wasted waiting for someone to draw a bracket every time you play one.

Often times the bracket is drawn on a small piece of paper, chalkboard, or cocktail napkin. How many times have you witnessed an argument about how it was drawn, who got the byes, etc.; not to mention all the times someone wants to get in after the bracket is already done, or someone was left out by mistake it has to be re-drawn.

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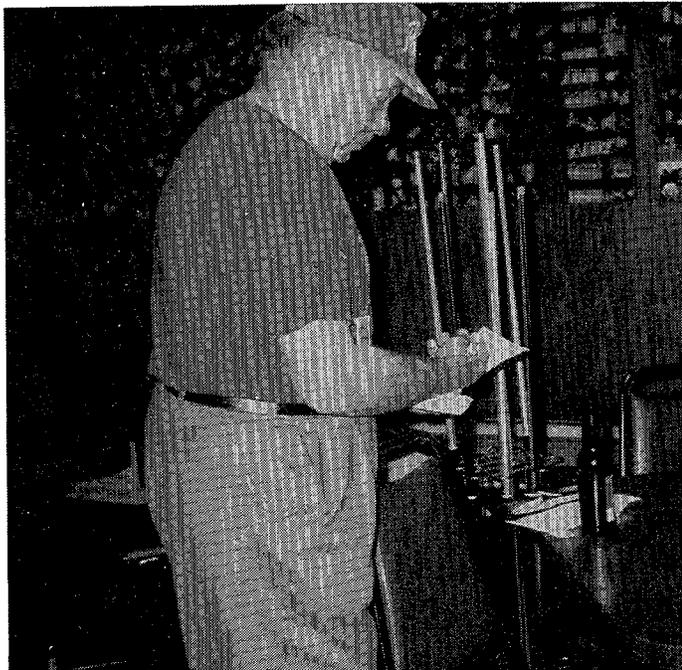
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and even churches. And you will find it in many American homes, from modest to affluent.

Table shuffleboard is no flash-in-the-pan game. It is an integral part of American industry in the field of recreation. It is not a game of the past, and though its history is a colorful one, it is not a museum piece. It is a game for the future, as recreation and leisure become more and more a way of life.

So much for the history of shuffleboard....Now, let's talk about that bust of Jimmy. If you'll allow us some input, we think it ought to be "typical" of our dear friend. Here is a photo of him, taken at our recent annual Skip's Lounge/Board Talk Tournament in Houghton Lake, Michigan, counting his winnings in the sponsor sales. Whoever will be the sculptor of his bust on that vacant lot across from O'Malley's Pub is welcome to use this as a model -- at no charge, of course.



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Nelson/Buhl Tops at Costigan's Tavern

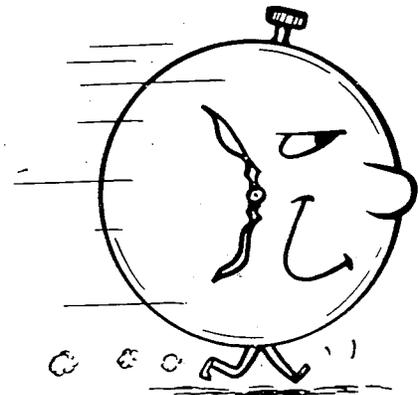
Costigan's Tavern in Kelso, Washington, held its 2nd Annual Tournament on August 14-15. Top honors went to Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl. Second place went to the team of Jim Allis and Dick Handley. Kevin Larkin and Dick Heflin finished third, with fourth spot going to Ken Wochnick and Joe Summer.

"Owners Tina Olson and Dru Ellsworth put on a fine feed Saturday and were among the more active sale bidders," reports Kevin Larkin. "Special thanks to the owners and staff at Costigan's for helping things run smoothly."

"Best Ever" National at Dew Drop Inn

The Dew Drop Inn in Waterloo, New York, hosted its best ever National Shuffleboard Tournament on July 29-August 1. Over \$9,500 was paid out for four events and players from nine different states came to compete in this super tournament.

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Starting things off on Thursday night were \$10 round robins played on the four American shuffleboards. Thirty-six players signed up for these single elimination games. Cashing in first place were Doug Fridley Sr. from the Dew Drop Inn and Paul Maccarone from Citrus Springs, Florida. Second place went to two local players, Bob Daldry and Dave Fridley, with third place going to Lyle Haney of Baldwinsville, N.Y., and Gary Young from Detroit, Michigan.

The second round robin saw Steve Bennett from Sherburne, N.Y. team up with Buddy Broka of Bourbon, Indiana, to take it all! Second spot went to John Myles from Livonia, Michigan and Fritz Broka from Bourbon, Indiana. Third place went to Dave Fridley and Andy Pado from Johnson City, N.Y.

On Friday night, the open singles event was held. It was sold out over a month in advance and the turnout was so good that this event was opened from 16 players to 32 players. In addition to the four boards at the Dew Drop, the shuffleboards from the American Legion and the VFW in Waterloo were used.

Competition was challenging as players shot for a record high of \$3,660. Coming in first place, winning by a 15-12 score, was Buddy Broka over second place shooter Dick Losee from Poolville, N.Y. Third spot went to Tom Mierzejewski from Pittsfield, Mass. Terry Smith from Illinois shot very well to take fourth. Cashing in fifth and sixth place were Don Perry from Cortland, N.Y., and John Myles.

Even with six boards, the event didn't finish until 5:30 the next morning, shooting straight through the night! Snacks and munchies were available for all.

Saturday morning, ten teams took aim at just under \$1,000 in prize money for the mixed doubles event. Coming out on top was the surprise team of two Waterloo players, Doug Fridley Jr. and his cousin Penny Weber. Turned back to second were Steve Bennett and Pam Draheim of Waterloo. Earning third place was the always tough team of Arlow ("I'm the best!") and his wife Jane (she's better!) Johnson.

On Saturday afternoon, the draw partner tournament was held and was another sell-out. Over 40 players shot for \$2,100 in prize money with some interesting results. Earning top spot with some tough shooting were Marv Smith of Waterloo and Sam Jones of Boonesboro, Maryland. Cashing in second place were Roy Schreiber from Baldwinsville and Don Parkhurst of Michigan. Third went to the always-steady John Canino of Baldwinsville and Jane Johnson, with fourth place earnings to Greg (Rumpleschnapps) Broka of Ohio and Steve Bennett.

Elsie Fridley prepared a ham and turkey buffet with all the trimmings, served in the shuffleboard banquet room on Saturday afternoon. "If you haven't tried Elsie's fine

cooking yet, you are missing out on something," said Doug Fridley Jr.

Before the start of Sunday's bring partner event, which attracted some of the finest teams on the East Coast, Doug Fridley Jr. announced all the winners that weekend and presented the first place finishers with their trophies and shirts, courtesy of Milwaukee Beer. Videotapes were made of this presentation as well as candid shots taken during the tourney. This tape will be shown during the next Dew Drop Inn Nationals on Nov. 4-7.

There were 32 players vying for a share of the \$2,800 bring partner event and taking the biggest share, with two-clutch, three-draws, were John Canino and Roy Schreiber of Baldwinsville over Paul Maccarone and Doug Fridley Jr. Earning third spot was the super team of Lonzo Knight and Sam Jones, both of Maryland. Cashing in fourth were the Broka Brothers, Buddy and Greg.

"Many thanks go out to so many different people for making this tournament a success," said Doug. "To all those who helped run the 50-50 raffles for our cash prizes and special giveaways; to Jeanie Brewer, the bartender, who single-handedly took care of the thirsty crowd of players Saturday and Sunday; to Penny Russ and Ken Gross, who bartended Friday and Saturday nights; to John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for donating two buckets of wax; to Elsie Fridley and her homemade cooking served Saturday and Sunday; and to Milwaukee Beer for the banners, trophies and shirts. Special thanks go out to the American Legion and VFW for allowing the use of their fine shuffleboards on Friday night.

"It was a great weekend for shuffleboard and we hope our next tournament will be even better. It will be held on November 4-7. Hope to see you there," said Doug.

This tournament will include round robins on Thursday night, open singles on Friday, mixed doubles and draw partners on Saturday, and bring partners on Sunday. See the enclosed flyer for details and use it to sign up for this fun weekend in Waterloo, New York. For information, call Doug at 315-539-1346.

Blue/Huffer Winners at Stober's Lounge

Steve Blue and Larry Huffer made their trip from Indiana worthwhile by taking top honors in the doubles tournament, Aug. 21-22, at Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Michigan. Locals J.R. Lopez and Dana Gray finished in second place, with another Hoosier team, Jim Long and Jerry Knox, in third.

Players enjoyed another great buffet courtesy of Rudy and Heidi Stober. Tournament directors J.R. Lopez and George Wilber thank all who participated. Rudy, Heidi and Linda Stober invite you to come see their newly-decorated lounge. You gotta see it to believe it!

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1993-94 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

OCTOBER 1993

Oct. 15-17

3-Day/3-Event Tourney
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

Oct. 16-17

1st Annual Mixed Doubles
Extravaganza
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill
Seattle, Washington

Oct. 16

1st of 5 Series Open Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

Oct. 22-24

2nd Amateur Southwest Open
Brass Rail Saloon
Las Vegas, Nevada

NOVEMBER 1993

Nov. 4-7

Shuffleboard Nationals
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Nov. 8-14

North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

Nov. 12-14

3-Day/3-Event Tourney
Bay Country Moose Lodge 831
Queenstown, Maryland

Nov. 13

Constant Action Tourney
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 19-21

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Nov. 20

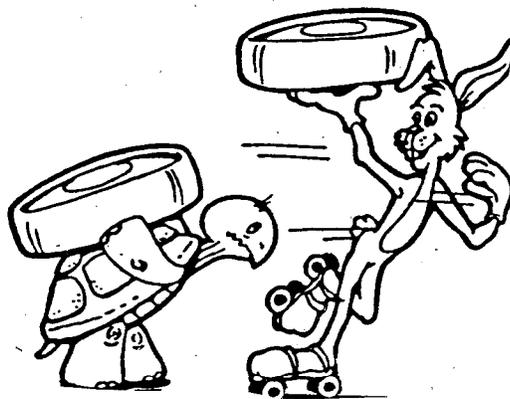
2nd of 5-Series Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

Nov. 25-28

5th Annual Thanksgiving Classic
Corporate Image
Fort Worth, Texas

Nov. 26-28

5th Annual Indiana State
Championships (Indiana
residents only)
Chance's R
Muncie, Indiana



DECEMBER 1993

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

JANUARY 1994

Jan. 14-16

Winter Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

Jan. 14-16

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Jan. 22

3rd of 5 Doubles Series
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

FEBRUARY 1994

Feb. 1-6

PCSA Extravaganza VI
Alladin Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Feb. 19

4th of 5-Series Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

MARCH 1994

March 19

5th and Last 5-Series Doubles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

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APRIL 1994

April 8-10

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 29-May 1

3-Day/3-Event Tourney
Bay Country Moose 831
Queenstown, Maryland

MAY 1994

May 13-15

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

May 20-22

Spring Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

JUNE 1994

June 10-12

4-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

AUGUST 1994

Aug. 12-14

3 Day/3-Event Tourney
Bay Country Moose 831
Queenstown, Maryland

OCTOBER 1994

Oct. 26-28

Fall Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

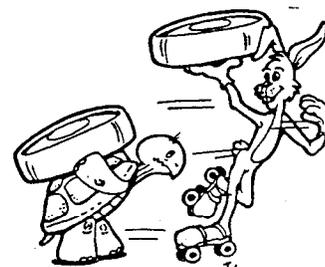
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More Tourney Talk:

5th Annual Indiana State Championships, Nov. 26-28

Chance's R, 3421 S. Walnut, Muncie, Indiana, will be the scene of the 5th Annual Indiana State Championships on Nov. 26-28. This tourney is open only to Indiana residents. Events include an open doubles on Friday, \$50 entry fee; mixed doubles, on Saturday, \$30 entry; open singles on Sunday, \$20 entry and women's singles on Sunday, \$15 entry. Sales for all events is 11 a.m. on Nov. 26. Four boards, double elimination. For information, call hosts Bob and Karen Schounce, 317-284-0855, or tournament director Steve Hart, 317-485-4368.

North American Champion- ships, Reno, Nov. 9-14

A reminder that Oct. 15 is the deadline for signing up for this exciting event to be held at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino.

There are 12 events on the schedule with something for everyone, no matter what your level of playing skill. Spots for all 12 events are getting filled up fast, so be sure to call The Shuffleboard Federation to see if you can still get in: 313-380-9300.

A highlight of this year's event will be the East vs. West pro team \$5,000 challenge.

PCSA Extravaganza VI, Aladdin, Las Vegas, Feb. 1-6

Check the enclosed flyer for information about the PCSA's Extravaganza VI, scheduled for Feb. 1-6 at the Alladin Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas. Events include a 6-member pro team event, an A/B draw or mixed doubles (depending on player response), a pro singles and women's singles, a pro doubles, and amateur team event.

To participate, you must be a guest at the Aladdin. For information, call the PCSA, 310-926-2152. More details in the next issue.

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A REALLY Big One at Texas Mist!

And they used to say Austin was not a shuffleboard town....

Hah!

A message was sent out to the nation Labor Day weekend. For five days and nights, the Texas Mist rocked with everything you'd expect from any big tournament -- foul-ups, a bit of controversy, comedy, super-stars and many memorable events.

Like bees on a hive, 83 competitive and spirited shufflers swarmed in town for the Texas Open. Nine boards were eagerly attacked in pursuit of \$31,045 generated in prize money. "The tournament proved to be just what everybody wanted and Steve Burkett didn't have to be propped up even once," reports host Don McCurry.

The big showdown started rolling on Friday afternoon with an open draw and mixed doubles. Open draw winners were Bobby Williams and Bill Melton. Coming in second were Dale Williams and Tammy Denson, with Billy Mays and Johnny Ballard in third. Finishing fourth were Diana Hagen and John Wiggs.



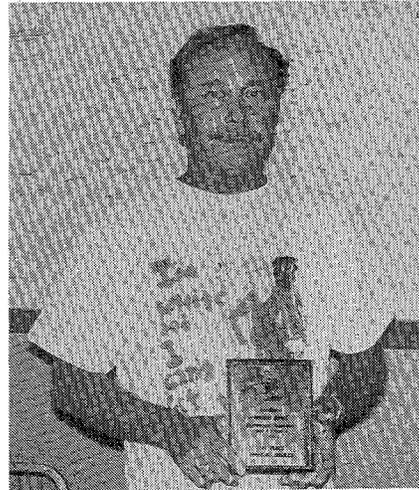
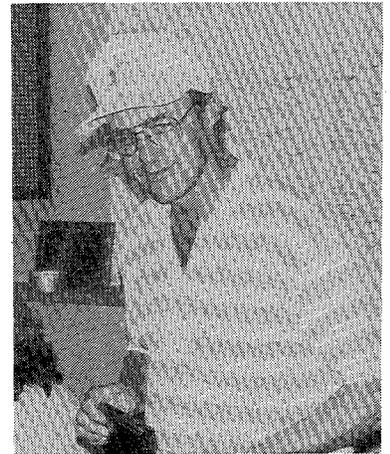
Bobby Williams (left) and Bill Melton took top honors in the open draw.

In the mixed doubles, it was David Williams and Tammy Denson in first, Billy Mays and Sylvia Martinez in second, Rick Boyer and Sharon Finch in third, and Bill Melton and Betty Brantley in fourth place.



David Williams and Tammy Denson teamed up to take first place in the mixed doubles event.

In the pro and semi-pro singles event, an excited crowd watched Rick Boyer (right) nose out David Williams in the finals.



The amateur singles yielded Alan Primrose (left) as the winner. Lonnie Pfof took second place, with Gary Kennedy in third, and Alfred Suarez in fourth place.

Diana Hagen kept her current winning streak alive as she and veteran Billy Mays defeated Bill and Billy Melton in a great finale match-up for the pro and semi-pro doubles title.



Lonnie Pfof and Gwyn Orsi battled their way to victory in the amateur doubles. They won out over determined Alfred Suarez and Alan Primrose who took second place. Greg Tedford and Mike Baker were third and Rusty Center and Hal St. Ledger fourth.



After several days of digesting beer, nachos, hot dogs, and many hours of play, the tournament wined down. With 10 teams entering, the six-member team event finally got underway. A powerhouse group from San Antonio won top honors.



Winners of the six-member team event were this San Antonio team consisting of Brenda Moore, Hal St. Ledger, Rusty Center, Pam Hardin, Ray Marshburn and Steve Creasy. The jubilant gang celebrated heartily when all was done.

The Texas Mist is proud to announce that three pre-tournament qualifiers were conducted by friendly establishments. Sticks Billiards in Austin, and Fiasco and Sportsman's Ice House in San Antonio were hosts. "We thank you very much," said Don.

"No tournament can be successful without a great leader and director. Austin, Texas, feels it has one of the best -- Mr. Ron Bowers," Don said. "As he has done over and over again, the Texas Open was no exception. As always, Ron performed a spectacular task. We are deeply grateful for his hard work and achievements. For more information and thank yous, please find our two-sided flyer in this issue of The Board Talk. If we overlooked anyone, please accept our apologies." (Editor's Note: Thank YOU, Don McCurry!)

Skip's/Board Talk Tourney Just Keeps Growing and Growing and Growing!

Skip's Lounge at Houghton Lake, Michigan, was bursting at the seams as shufflers turned out en masse for the 3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament on September 11-12. They didn't wait until the tourney officially started on Saturday but tested their skills on the three boards during "hot" round robins on Friday night.

Elly Gohsman of Oxford, Michigan, beamed with pride as her husband, Bob, was a big round robin winner. While Elly has been a highly-respected player in

shuffleboard circles for a number of years, Bob is a relative newcomer to the scene. In a role reversal from the traditional "he teaches her," Elly has proved herself a top-notch instructor and Bob showed, during this weekend of tough competition, that he is an A student.

Proud teacher Elly Gohsman with her "student," husband Bob, enjoyed the great competition and fellowship at the 3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament.



The "registration desk" at Skip's Lounge on Saturday morning did a brisk business as 74 (that's not a typo!) shufflers signed up for the draw partner event. That meant it would be mark 4/play to 15 for the 37 teams and eight of those teams would take a share of the \$6,575 pot. Drawings were according to player ability, with the pros and A-rated players drawing players of lesser ability/experience. The field had narrowed by closing time Saturday night and thanks to the expertise of bracketman/director Rob Kern, the marathon event finished early Sunday afternoon.

When it was finally over, it was the Dean of Shuffleboard, Jim Long of Indiana, and Norm Brown of Gabby's Bar in Redford, Mich., who proudly accepted the first-place trophies and bright red Budweiser jackets, courtesy of Budweiser and Skip's Lounge, plus the fattest envelope.

Giving them a real run for their money were second-place finishers Ken Gay of Waterford and Jim Rodgers of Houghton Lake. Gene McLeod of Licking, Missouri, and Bert Lowe of Warren, Michigan, took third place, with Mark Holland of Lansing and Chuck Marsh of Houghton Lake in fourth.

Jimmy Kumpula of Detroit and Bill Kuebler of Saginaw, and Jr. Bucher of Indiana and Betsy Wentz of Waterford, tied for fifth and sixth. Elly and Bob Gohsman of Oxford, John Myles of Livonia and Kerwin Booher of Kaleva, tied for seventh and eighth.

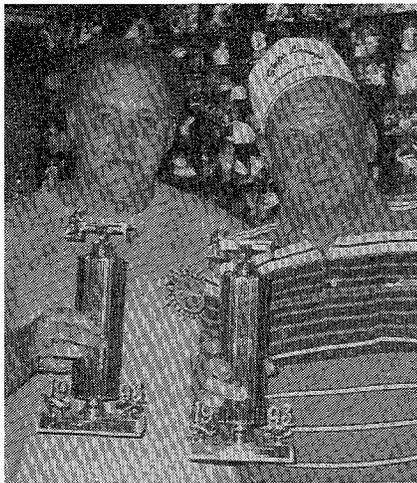
"I salute those pros who turned out to participate in this tournament," said Board Talk publisher George Wilber. "I hope they realize what a great experience it is for those players with lesser ability to shoot with the 'biggies.' It's good for the game and I appreciate it."

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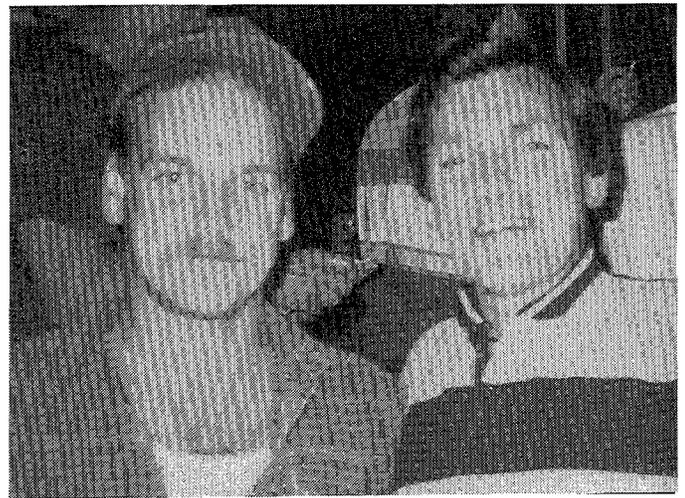
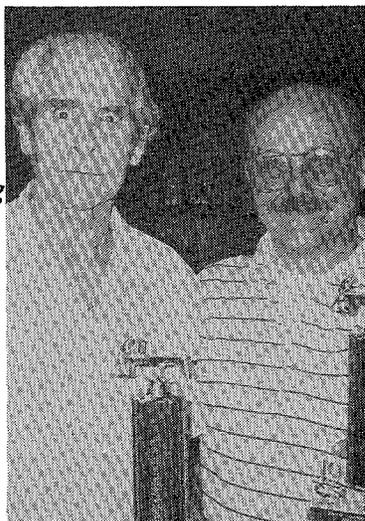


It was difficult to determine who was happier with this win: Norm Brown (left) or Jim Long. Sure, he needed the jacket, but "I really wanted this win for Norm," said Jim, a real professional and a great story-teller (ask him about calling a weight in a crucial tournament).



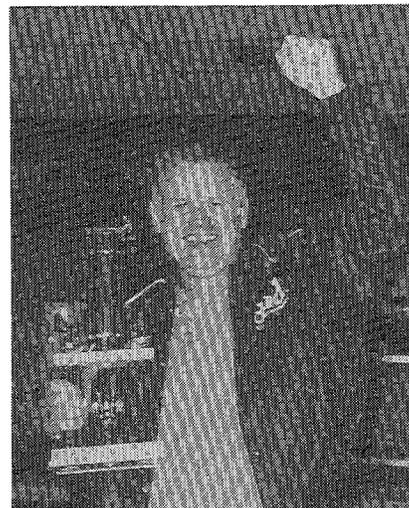
Second place in a field of 37 teams, with nice trophies and a not-so-skinny envelope, is worth smiling about! Ken Gay (left) and pride of Houghton Lake Jim Rodgers do just that.

For Eugene McLeod (left) of Missouri, still recovering from a serious accident, winning third place with partner Bert Lowe was a big personal achievement. Bert, as usual, helped keep the sponsor sales active.



Adding to the pride of Houghton Lakers was Chuck Marsh (right), who drew Lansing's Mark Holland to take fourth in the draw partner event.

Out of the blue skies of Indiana into the Great Lakes State flew the mighty Red Baron, Larry Creakbaum, to defend his crown in the Skip's/Board Talk singles tournament, bringing with him a plane full of ferocious warriors who would make their mark on this gathering of shuffleboarders. Flying with the Hoosier flag around his neck, the Red Baron came to Houghton Lake for a repeat performance and he didn't disappoint himself nor his local sponsor Mary Cooley. Yep! He did it again! With 24 entries in the event vying for a total pot of \$3,647 (ask Jim Long about that uneven amount), Larry gave that repeat performance.

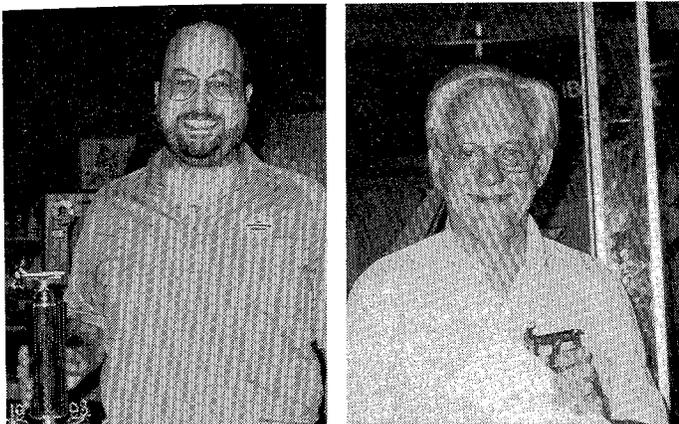


Larry Creakbaum of Indiana gives the same victory salute he did at last year's Skip's/Board Talk Singles Tournament, as he collects his first-place trophy and (appropriately) his Red Baron/Budweiser jacket.

Anyone who says that shuffleboard is not a spectator sport should have been at this event. Crowds of spectators vied for a spot along the three boards to watch the semi-finals (we suggested that Skip install ceiling mirrors for those who were on the outside of that select circle). At one point in time, there were three tie games on three boards, 11-up: John McDermott vs. Steve Blue, Jim Long vs. Larry Creakbaum; Jeff Cottrell vs. Dave Boaz. (Note

that four of the Final 6 came in the same plane!)

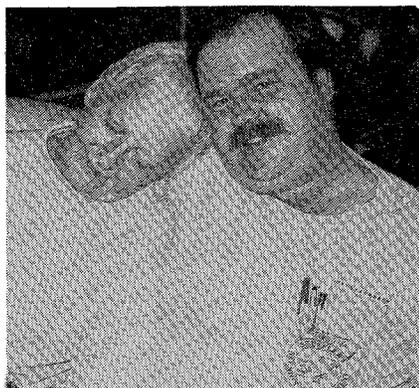
When The Shuffleboard Federation was finally settled, it was John McDermott, one of the most formidable players in the U.S.A., who took second place honors. Jim Long, a passenger on the Red Baron plane, took his second trophy of the weekend by winning third place.



John McDermott (left) collects his second place trophy and Jim Long brings back to Indiana his second win of the long week-end.

Finishing fourth was Jeff Cottrell of Gladwin, with Steve Blue and Dave Boaz, also in that same plane load of Indiana victors, tied for fifth and sixth spot.

Tournament hosts Skip and Carole Sliwa and George and Donna Wilber extend special thanks to Rob Kern, who once again proved himself the best tournament director/bracketman in the U.S.A.; to Betty Parrish who is always there to help keep the money straight; to Jeff and Penny Cottrell who were there every minute to keep the boards ready for play; to Reggie Surfus, Dana Gray, Gene Gach (and Betty who auctioned off auctioneer Dana) for coming to the rescue when George's cold led to the loss of his voice; to the great staff of Skip's Lounge (Rita: where's my chicken?); all the great bidders who made the sponsor sale exciting; to the volunteer officials and everyone who pitched in to help; to Jerry Davis who loaned his van to George to transport the necessities and provided us with a laughter-filled weekend; to Diana Hoffman as a great spotter; and all the participants of this beyond-our-spectation tournament -- a hearty THANK YOU!



Next time, do you think we could play mark 12-play to 15? Tired book-keeper Donna agrees with director/bracketeer Rob Kern that this would be a great idea!

Sherburne, New York, is Back!

Several years ago, Eastern (and some mid-western) players journeyed several times a year to Benedict's in Sherburne, New York, for great tournaments. But, alas, Betty and Milt sold their place and it looked like it was over. Obviously, Milt Benedict couldn't stand it and American Legion Post 876 in Sherburne said, let's have it here. Well, it didn't take long for the support to gather and two more boards were brought in to join their three in-house boards for a total of five, and they needed them for this first event directed by Milt, reports Dick Gorman.

The tournament began on Friday afternoon as the Post Commander was presented a traditional hat from the Rising Sun, Maryland, American Legion Post by Buddy Brammer. "That was being done while Dallas Hayman was unhooking a Blazer from the back of Harvey Comer's (Harvey's Place) travel bus. Dallas then backed the Blazer over the top of a 4 by 8 foot lawn sign, much to the surprise of the participants of the ceremony. Dallas said he was watching Buddy for signals but couldn't see him on the other side of the sign because it was four feet high. Buddy said that is the 'short of it,'" said Dick.

Friday night was the traditional East Coast draw partner -- 54 entries, 27 teams and \$2900 in the pot. Players were from far and near and watched Doug Fridley Jr., Waterloo, N.Y. and Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, Maryland, take away the first place money. Second was taken by local Steve Bennett and John Lukas, Millington, Md., Third place went to Len Dell, Baltimore, Md., and Arlo Johnson, Jordan, N.Y. Final money spot went to Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun and Bob White of Sherburne.

While most of the male gender munched down a great breakfast on Saturday morning, the women's singles went into action. Judy Iseman of Chestertown, Maryland, showed her class and took first place. Second went to the always-tough competitor, Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Third and final money spot went to Rita Truax of Sherburne.

Saturday afternoon, 29 bring partner teams were ready to play and backed it up with a \$4,000 pot. Out came the food again and players filled up on a free buffet while playing on the five in-house boards. The early morning hours of Sunday saw tournament director Milt Benedict and his partner, Bobby Voorhis of Fairmount, Indiana, take first place and a nice pot. Second place went to the local team of Dick Losee, Poolville, and Russ Reynolds, Sherburne. Third place went to brothers Dave and Doug Fridley Jr. (Dew Drop Inn), Waterloo, New York. Fourth place went to first time tournament players, Jeff Davis and Dale Law, both of Sherburne. "This team really deserves a lot of credit against some very experienced teams," said Dick Gorman.

Sunday's event was an open singles and Doug Fridley
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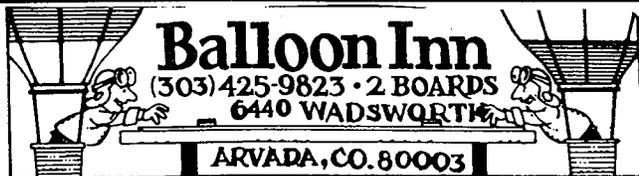
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Jr. proved to be the best that day as he took first place, followed by Len Dell of Baltimore and Chuck King of Dover, Delaware, in third.

"The combination of Milt Benedict and Sherburne American Legion proved to be great hosts. They have pledged to have more tournaments. Watch The Board Talk for future announcements and you guys from the Midwest -- come on back; it's great!" said Dick Gorman. *(Editor's Note: We welcome Milt and Betty back to The World of Shuffleboard. We've enjoyed their hospitality before and they're just too good not to be involved in providing shufflers opportunities for great tournaments.)*

"Crazy Canucks" Mark Up Another Success

It was four days of shuffleboard comradarie and competition with American friends from Washington, Oregon, and California, joining the Canadians for their 3rd Annual Crazy Canuck Tournament on Sept. 4-5. The tournament was once again held at the Army, Navy and Airforce Unit #68, 3rd and Main, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Players thank Unit 68 for the generous donation of \$1500 to the overall pot of some \$8,000 for the two events.

There were 16 teams in Thursday night's draw partners, giving players some practice on the boards. Doug Buhl and Chris Danke took first place with Al Pease and Lou Lusero in second, and Vancouver's Joanie Millar and Gordie Smith, Brian Burchynsky and Dan Hitt in third and fourth places.

Friday's singles event drew 27 entries, with Canadian supporters very proud of their own Nick Billings for taking first place. Last year's winner of both events, Chuck Norris, earned second place. Third place went to Doug Buhl, followed by Don Mitchell in fourth, John McGinnis in fifth and Al Pease, sixth.

Saturday rolled around with the start of the open doubles event with 22 teams for some tough competition. Play continued during the day, followed by players and their spouses enjoying the delicious baron of beef and salmon dinner supplied by the tournament committee. With play still continuing, many players, spectators and club members danced the night away, especially Billy Powell, who swirled the Canadian ladies around the dance floor. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Casey Orth's presentation with the band of The Unicorn.

"One of the conversation items for the weekend was Chris Danke's pierced earring in her belly button, with a comment from one of the plays that a clip-on would have been less painful," reports Lorraine Burchynsky on behalf of Marg Okum.

On Sunday, the finish of the doubles landed Doug Buhl

and Don Mitchell in first place, coming up the hard way from the B level and beating Al Pease and Dave Arndt who placed second. Third place winners were Dan Hitt and Mike Thorpe, with Chuck Norris and Gary George finishing fourth. Chris Danke and Kevin Larkin were fifth, with Rick Gindt and Jim Foran in sixth place.

There was more entertainment on the way with Sunday night being Karaoke night. Casey Orth took the microphone once again, singing "King of the Road." Other brave souls were Crazy Canuck Joanie Millar, Mitch (Don Mitchell) and unforgettable Gary George, who gave the song, "Wild Thing," a whole new meaning.

"Our thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation for supplying the wax and laminated bracket boards. Many thanks to Jim Foran for once again running the calcutta. Lastly, a special thanks to all the employees of Unit #68 and volunteers who helped make this a successful tournament, especially Marg Okum, Bill Wonnacott, Brian Burchynsky and Gordie Smith. Hope to see everyone back, along with many new faces, at the next annual Crazy Canuck Tournament," said Lorraine.

Constant Action Tourney at Bourbon American Legion, November 13

The American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, will host a Constant Action Doubles and Singles Tournament on November 13. Entry fees are \$50 per team for the doubles (limited to 24 teams) and \$50 for the singles. The sponsor sale will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday. For information, contact tournament director Fritzi Broka, 219-858-2278. See ad in this issue and make your reservations early. This one will fill up fast.

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For information, call David Williams at 817-451-9583, or Roz at the Corporate Image, 817-451-0607. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to help spread the word about this tourney.

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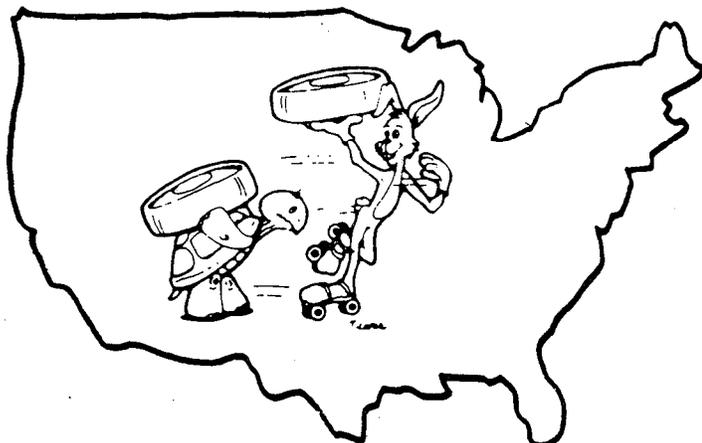
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