

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

Congratulations to the state of Washington! You have nosed out Indiana to become the No. 5 state in the shuffleboard network as far as number of subscribers are concerned. And, somebody out in California is working hard to expand the network. For many months, California and Michigan have been within single digits of each other and now California is way out in front to claim the No. 1 spot! Whoever is responsible for that growth, we thank you! Other contenders for the top six are also close. Oklahoma and Texas are within 3 subscribers of claiming 3rd and 4th spots.

Where's your state? At this point, there are no other states that are even close contenders for the Top 6. You could change that!

Last month, we paid tribute to Bill Melton's mentor, Pete Polk. This month, Mike Roach of Nebraska calls our attention to another legend, Harold "Gramps" Moores. (See Notebook, page 2). Jim Landers of Washington pays tribute to Jim Foran (See Notebook, Page 12). We salute not only Pete and "Gramps" and Jim, but also Bill and Mike and Jim (and the participants in the Whistling Oyster 4th Annual Tournament) for recognizing and sharing with The World of Shuffleboard, that this sport does have a proud heritage and we ought to honor those trailblazers. While everyone today appreciates a rebirth of the sport, let us not forget those teachers who left their mark on the players of today and those who carry on their tradition.

We received an unusual number of calls this month from subscribers who didn't receive their Board Talk. We're beginning to sound like a broken record, but here it goes again. With our bulk permit, the Post Office will not deliver -- nor return to us -- any issues of The Board Talk that do not have a **complete and accurate** address. If you have an apartment number or space number that you neglected to give us, if we've got the wrong zip code, if you've moved and didn't use the coupon on the back panel, we're paying postage for something that was not delivered. We're both losers! The only winner is the Post Office. Please help!

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Tourney Talk

5th Annual Tournament at Full House, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Sept. 3-6

Don and Pat Kinard invite you to participate in their 5th Annual Shuffleboard Tournament at the Full House, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr St., Wynnewood, Oklahoma, on September 3-6. Events include a ladies draw doubles on Friday night, \$10 entry fee; men's singles on Saturday morning, \$10 entry; Sweetheart draw on Saturday afternoon, \$20 entry; open draw Sunday morning, \$20 entry; scotch doubles Sunday evening, \$60 for 4-person team; and a bring your own partner on Monday, \$50 entry.

See full details on the enclosed flyer. For more information, call the Full House, 405-665-2275. Spread the word about this fun Labor Day weekend event.

Labor Day Texas Open, Texas Mist, Austin, Texas, Sept. 3-7

Another reminder of the big event at Texas Mist, Sept. 3-6, with seven tournaments on the schedule, starting with a mixed doubles, \$30 per person, and open draw, \$50 per person, on Friday. There are four events on Saturday: pros and semi-pros singles, \$100 entry; amateur singles, \$50; pros and semi-pros doubles, \$100 per person; and amateur doubles, \$50 per person. The 6-member team event, \$50 per person, will be played on Sunday.

Refer to the flyer in the July issue for a detailed schedule or call tournament director Ron Bowers to see if there are still spots open, 512-835-7070 or 459-1264.

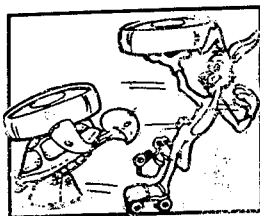
1st Annual Mixed Doubles Extravaganza at BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, Seattle, Oct. 16-17

BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 Des Moines Memorial Drive in Seattle, Washington, will host their 1st Annual Mixed Doubles Extravaganza on Oct. 16-17.

Entry fee is \$40 per team, double elimination, with 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket. Sponsor sale is 11 a.m. Saturday featuring Jim Foran as auctioneer. Payout will be 52-24-12-6-3-3.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and plan to participate in this fun event!

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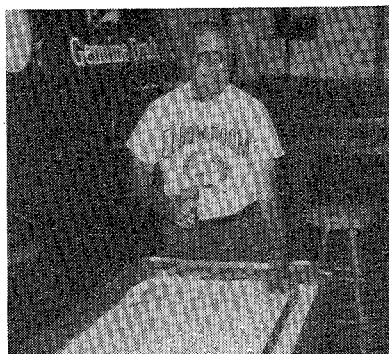
Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Is Gramps the Oldest Player in the U.S.A.?

We believe that Harold "Gramps" Moores might be the oldest active player in America! We also feel that the team he plays on might be the oldest active team in America. (Does any team out there in The World of Shuffleboard challenge that?)

"Gramps" is 88 years old, born on May 29, 1905, in Woodbine, Iowa. He and his wife, Viola, had two children, four grandchildren and seven great- great grandchildren. Harold started playing in the Omaha Metro Shuffleboard League in 1948 for the Classic Bar at 43rd and Leavenworth. He started playing at the Elbow Room, 50th and Center, in 1981, and has played there since.



Harold "Gramps" Moores, 88 years young, still plays on the Elbow Room Mixed League Team in Omaha, Nebraska. He and his team have played together for the last five years.

Other members of "Gramps" team are: Judy Gerzeski, 68; Chuck Putney, 67; John Sandel, 63; Betty Mactier, 60; and the "baby" of the team, "Larry Morrow, 53.

This team has played together for the last five years and they finished third in the league twice, in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

I enjoyed so much meeting both of you at the Elbow Room in Omaha and at the 9th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion in Oklahoma. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Mike Roach, Omaha, Nebraska

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Thanks for sharing this wonderful tribute to "Gramps," Larry. We're sorry we didn't have the opportunity to to meet him when we stopped at the Elbow Room on our recent trip to Oklahoma. We hope others will respond to your challenge regarding if this is the oldest active team in America. (If Larry is the "baby," that makes us pretty old!) It was a pleasure meeting you and Larry and the other nice people at the Elbow Room in Omaha, and we're glad you made your mark at the big tourney in Del City, Oklahoma. The hospitality you and Gwynette Orsi and Denny Busch, Joanne and Floyd Stein, and others showed us on our way to Oklahoma, made us anxious to make a return trip. Thank you!

A Salute to Glenn's Tavern

While the entire East Coast sweltered like a tropical steam bath, the shuffleboard circuit was heated up down at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown, Maryland, June 9-11, but in the luxurious comfort of air conditioning.

About five states were represented at this great tournament near Hagerstown, an historic place in Civil War history. Reenactment of this historical moment took place at the nearby national park. The parade marched past Glenn's on Main St., a real treat for a camera buff like me!

Back in Glen's Tavern, out of the 102 degree heat, many lovely things are happening. It was our first visit there and Harvey Comer was trailing us down. Linda Jones was the chef and baker for Saturday's massive table of fried chicken, salads, hot casseroles, homemade rolls, etc. The two-tier cake was for Sam Jones with a picture of a shuffleboard on it. Many more, Sam! And thanks, Linda!

The trip was well worth the while and we expect to return next year. The new people were very hospitable, loving and caring. No bad losers, no behind the wall talk down there!

Jim and I were privileged to be at this tournament. A reminder to all players: the season shouldn't stop in June. Keep playing! Somewhere, anywhere! We want it to stay alive!

Brenda and Jim Wallace, Port Deposit, Maryland

Thanks for your tribute to Glenn's Tavern, Brenda. We like to see those who go the "second mile" for shufflers get the recognition they deserve. (Readers: Check Tourney Talk for results of this tournament.) Thanks, too, for the great photos you have been supplying for East Coast reports. Wish we could use all of them, but unfortunately, reproducing those photos is one of our biggest expenses, so we have to be selective.

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Shuffleboard — The Sport for Every Season

1993-94 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 1993

August 31-Sept. 5

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

Sept. 3-5

Crazy Canucks
Labor Day Weekend Tourney
A.N. & A.F. Unit 68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Sept. 3-6

Texas Open
Texas Mist
Austin, Texas

Sept. 3-6

5th Annual Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 10-12

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

Sept. 10-12

3-Day Tournament
American Legion
Sherburne, New York

Sept. 17-19

1st A-B-C Draw Tourney
CC's Sports Bar
Anaheim, California

Sept. 18-19

3rd Annual Draw Partners
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

OCTOBER 1993

Oct. 2

26th Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

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. 22-24

Another Tournament
Brass Rail Saloon
Las Vegas, Nevada

NOVEMBER 1993

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

FEBRUARY 1994

Feb. 1-6

PCSA Extravaganza VI
Alladin Hotel/Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

APRIL 1994

April 29-May 1

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

AUGUST 1994

Aug. 12-14

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

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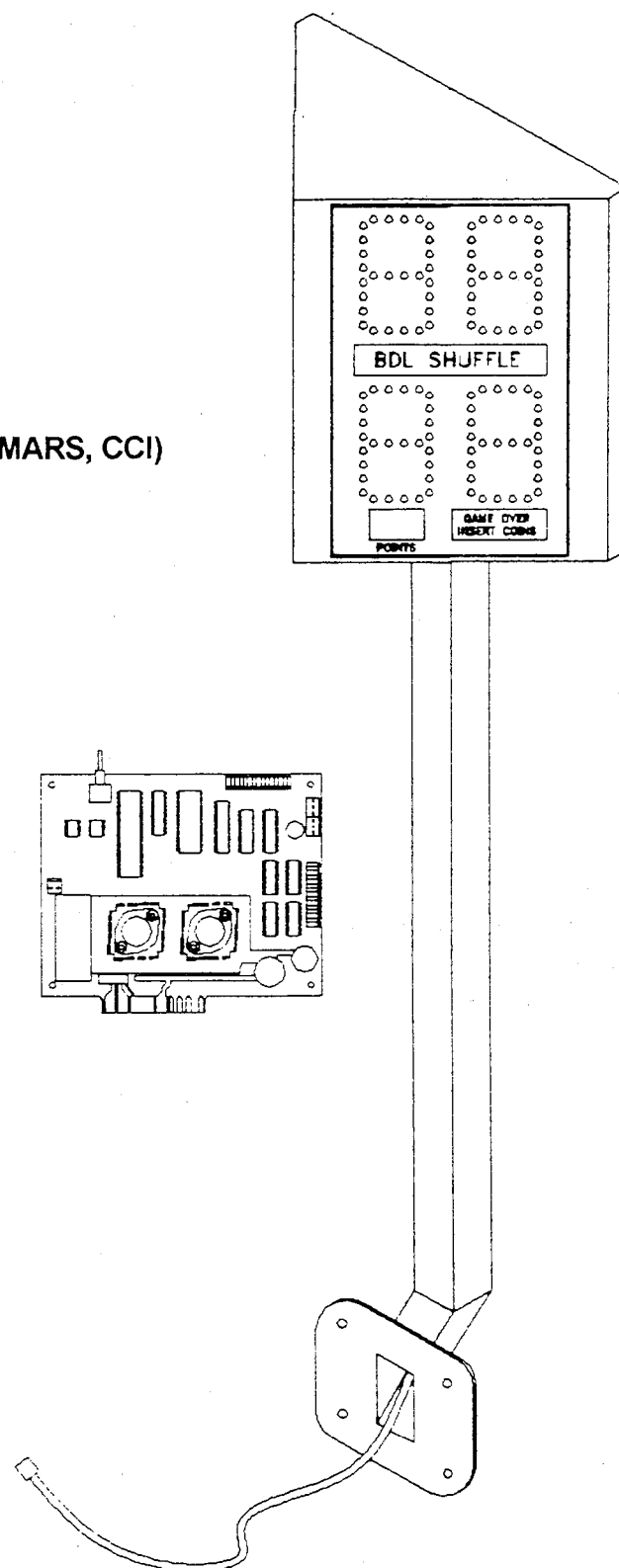
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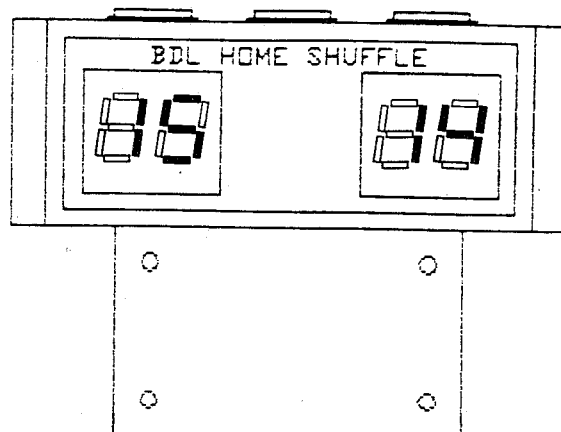
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3rd Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tourney at Houghton Lake, Michigan, Sept. 10-12

From the start of the annual Skip's/Board Talk Tourney at Houghton Lake back in 1991, the objective has been to introduce new people to tournament action and give them an opportunity to play with some of the "biggies" of our sport.

As we prepare for the 3rd annual tournament at Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, known as "Michigan's Vacation Wonderland," that objective has not changed. We still want to make this event a blending of beginners, "just pretty goods," (we borrowed that from Ron Huddleston when he found out that some were not comfortable with the semi-pro title), and the A+ and pros.

In the first event, on Saturday, Sept. 11, the beginners and "just pretty goods" will draw a pro or an A-rated player. Entry fee is \$20 per player. Sponsor sale will start at noon with play immediately following on three boards.

Recognizing the fact that it takes more than an acceptance by some A+ players and pros that they have an obligation to help promote the sport -- and give back to it as much as they have taken from it -- we have raised the entry fee of the singles on Sunday, Sept. 13, from \$25 to \$40 per player to make it worth their while to participate. Sponsor sale will start at noon with play immediately following.

Please note that entries are limited. Depending upon the number of entries, events may go to the mark 4, play to 15, format. Save your spot now by sending your entry to The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing, MI 48906; or call George, 517-371-2538. For lodging recommendations, call Skip at 517-422-5631.

Plan to come early. Sail, fish, swim, camp, and play in the round robins that will be going on Thursday and Friday nights, Sept. 9-10.

1st A-B-C Draw at CC's Sports Bar, Anaheim, California, Sept. 17-19

Join us in welcoming a new site to our shuffleboard network: CC's Sports Bar, Anaheim Ramada Inn, 1331 E. Katella Avenue, in Anaheim, California. Their first A-B-C Blind Draw Tournament will be held on Sept. 17-19, \$20 per person, best 2 out of 3, double elimination.

The sponsor sale is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, with play starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday (depending upon the number of entries, play may start Friday night). A \$3 per plate banquet is featured on Saturday at 3 p.m.

For information, call tournament director Bob

Brunskill, 714-528-7304. He, along with tourney directors Vern Booth and Bob Lukens, will determine the player rankings.

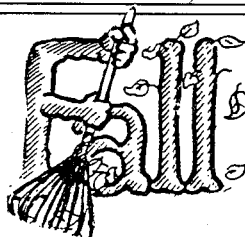
Rooms at the Ramada Inn are \$40 plus tax (up to four people - two queen size beds). Call 1-800-228-0586 or 714-978-8088 for reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the shuffleboard tournament.

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

3rd Annual Draw Partners, Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, Sept. 18-19

The Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington, will host a draw partner tournament on September 18-19. Entry fee for the 3rd annual event is \$25 per person. The sponsor sale will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, with the double elimination, 2 out of 3, 15 point games in the winner's bracket, 17-point single games in the loser's bracket tournament immediately following. Payout will be 60-30-10 for 16 teams or less; more payouts will be made if more than 16 teams compete.

Tournament Director Phil DePree says there is space available for RVs, but no hookups (some power will be



*in the East is beautiful
and the shufflin' action
is hot! Join us*

October 15-17

- Friday, Oct. 15: Draw Partner, 6 p.m., \$10 entry fee
- Saturday, Oct. 16, Bring Partner, 11 a.m., \$25 entry fee
- Sunday, Oct. 17, Open singles, 12 noon, \$20 entry fee

*Single game, double elimination
Pays three places*

For information, call:

**Glenn's Tavern, 301-739-5025
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available on a first come basis). There will be a complimentary feed on Saturday, door prizes all weekend, a super breakfast Sunday morning, and music Sunday night after the tourney.

Last year's winners were Sherm Anderson and Joanie Millar, followed by Mark Sullivan and Billy Powell in second place, with Dave Arndt and Al Kantor in third.

Further information is available from Phil at the Edison, 206-766-6266, or at his home, 766-5301.

26th Annual Fall Tournament at Bourbon, Indiana, Oct. 2

It's time to do it again in Bourbon, Indiana! October 2 is the date for the American Legion Post 424 to hold their 26th Annual Fall Doubles. The last tournament in May 1993 totaled over \$15,000 for the one-day event.

For those of you not yet familiar with Bourbon, it is a one-day doubles. Anyone can play and nobody is rated. And the pros don't always win! The format is single game, double elimination, first available board with no back-to-back games on the same board. The Legion has five in-house boards. There is a 64 team limit (that's first 64 PAID entries). There were 61 teams participating in the May tournament. Some teams are already signed up, so get your entry in now. Since this one will probably fill up, the sale of teams will be held on Friday night, Oct. 1, at 9:30. The draw for the brackets will be completed immediately following the sale. Play will start at 9 a.m.

Saturday. Entry fee is \$40 per team.

"There is one rule that we have at this tournament that we would like to let everyone know about," says tournament director Fritzi Broka. "If you are using your own weights, you do not have to let the opposing team use your other four weights. Bowlers, pool players, golfers, tennis players, etc., don't have to let others use their equipment, so neither should we. You paid for your weights, so why would you want to let someone else wear them out?"

On Friday, there will be one round robin starting at 6:30 p.m., using all five boards. Entry will be \$10. After the sale, the boards will be open for games.

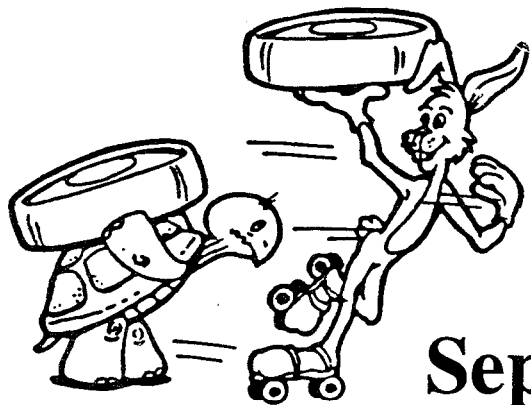
For further information, contact Fritzi at 219-858-2278 evenings. Make entry checks payable to Fritzi Broka and mail to: American Legion Post 424, Bourbon IN 46504, Att.: Fritzi Broka.

Suggested lodging: Plymouth Motel 6, 219-935-5911; Super 8 Motel Plymouth, 1-800-800-8000; Motel 6 Warsaw, 219-267-3900; or Dollar Inn Warsaw, 219-267-3344.

3-Day Tourney at Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, Oct. 15-17

Glenn's Tavern, 2 W. Baltimore St., Funkstown, Maryland, will host three one-day tournaments on Oct. 15-17. Events will include a draw partner on Friday, 6 p.m., \$10 entry; bring partner on Saturday, 11 a.m., \$25 entry; and an open singles on Sunday, 12 noon, \$20 entry fee.

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3rd Annual Skip's Board Talk Fall Tournament

September 12-13

Draw Partners: \$20 per player

Open Singles: \$40 per player

For tournament information, contact: George Wilber, 517-371-3538; For lodging recommendations, contact: Skip Sliwa, 517-422-5422

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Single game, double elimination, pays three places. For information, call Glenn's Tavern, 301-739-5025, or tournament director Lonzo Knight, 301-432-2434. See ad in this issue and be sure to participate.

Round Robin Tourney at Jerry D's, Dacono, Colorado, Oct. 24

Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern in Dacono, Colorado, will host a round robin tournament on Sunday, Oct. 24. This is a woman/man tourney costing \$50 per team. Each team will play all other teams entered. Entries are limited to 10 teams.

For information, call Jerry or Susan at 303-833-3469.

All Aboard for Reno!

The air fare war is on now -- so take advantage of it! There are some two-for-one offers that will get you to Reno at a big savings for the 1993 North American Championships, Nov. 9-14. Call your travel agent today.

There's something for every shuffler on the 12-event agenda -- plus an exciting \$5,000 East vs. West match. Use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations for the tournament and for your room at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino. Between \$7,000 and \$17,500 will be added to the pot, and play will be on 16 new American boards.

For information, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 313-380-9300.

3-Day Tourney at Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, Queenstown, Maryland, Nov. 12-14

The Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, 6154 Main St., Queenstown, Maryland, will host three one-day tournaments on Nov. 12-14. Events will include a draw partner on Friday night, 6:30, \$10 per person entry, limited to the first 30 paid sign-ups; a bring partner event on Saturday, 11 a.m., \$25 per team entry, limited to the first 30 teams paid; and a mixed doubles on Sunday, 12 noon, \$25 per team, limited to the first 20 teams paid.

The Bay Country Moose has three boards. All games will be 15 points, straight, single game, double elimination. Tournaments at this popular spot fill up fast, so be sure to get your registrations in early. Send your paid entries to: Bay Country Moose Lodge #831, 6154 Main St., Queenstown, Maryland 21658. For more information, call the Moose Lodge, 410-827-9832.

Post the enclosed flyer on your refrigerator or bulletin board. It contains not only information about this upcoming tourney, but also reminders about two other events coming up in 1994.

"The Moose is Loose" and they love shufflers at this location. Try it; you'll like it!

PCSA's Extravaganza VI "On Deck" -- Set for Vegas, Feb. 1-6, 1994

Mark your calendars now for the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza VI, scheduled for Feb. 1-6, 1994, at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. There will be six big events, played on 12 boards, with a possibility of six more team boards. Watch the next issue of The Board Talk for more details. In the meantime, post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

For more information, call the PCSA at 310-926-2152.

First "Biggie" at Brass Rail is Success: More to Follow!

The 1st Annual Southwest Shuffleboard Tournament, held at the Brass Rail Saloon, 1000 N. Nellis in Las Vegas, was a good one! Good enough to schedule another one on Oct. 22-24.

Brass Rail owner Orie Munson reports: "We had a great tournament and we all had a good time. Now everyone is excited about having another one. We had about 30 people turn out just from Las Vegas. Mike Jewett from Arizona was the only 'outsider' but he ended up in the winner's circle, so I was glad. I am recovering from a triple bypass and the three days of shuffleboard wore me out. But I wouldn't have missed it for a minute."

Winner of the open singles went to local Danny Leach. Taking second place honors was owner Orie Munson, with Jim Golden in third and Rick Quigley in fourth place.

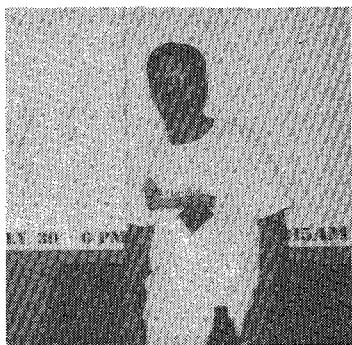
In the mixed doubles event, the husband and wife team of Frank and Connie Zavala (long-time Board Talk subscribers) took top honors. Jim Golden and Carol Fitch finished second, with another husband-wife team, Rick and Roxie Quigley (Board Talk ambassadors), in third place.

Roxie and her partner, Bill Schooley, beat out Rick and his partner, Frank Dumala, in the draw partner event. Taking third were Orie Munson and Connie Zavala, with Frank Zavala and Bob Wade taking fourth place.

In the bring your partner event, Jim Golden and Floyd Martinez teamed up to take first place. Second went to Mike Jewett of Arizona and local Frank Dumala.

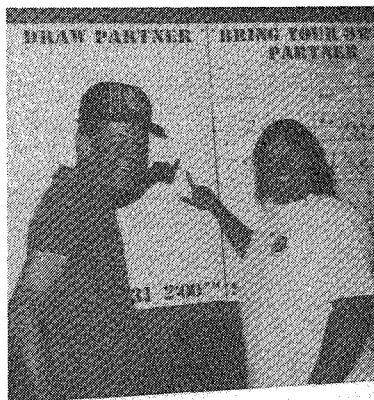
"A great time was had by all," said Orie. "All in all, it was a great turnout for the first time. We hope to have a lot bigger turnout next year and we hope to have more participation from California and Arizona. Everyone at the Brass Rail was very excited about the way things went."

(Editor's Note: Readers, we encourage you to visit the Brass Rail while you're in Vegas for the PCSA's Extravaganza VI. Tell them you appreciate their support of our World of Shuffleboard. If at all possible, don't wait until then. Participate in their October 22-23 tourney)



Winner of the open singles at the Brass Rail's 1st Annual Southwest Open was Danny Leach of Las Vegas. He'll be there to meet challengers in the Oct. 22-24 tournament.

Frank and Connie Zavala were winners of the Mixed Doubles. Jim Golden and Carol Fitch were second, and Rick and Roxie Quigley took 3rd place.



Bill Schooley and Roxie Quigley point with pride to the bracket board that shows them the winners of the mixed doubles event.

Jim Golden and Floyd Martinez were winners of the Bring Partner event. Mike Jewett and Frank Dumala finished second.



Another New Shuffleboard Site Scores Big: Dixie Belle, Downey, California

The Dixie Belle in Downey, California, ran their first tournament over the 4th of July weekend. Total prize money between the two events was \$7800.

The first event played was the new and ever-so-popular A-B-C Draw. First place honors went to the team

of Karl Spickelmeir, Joanie Swenson, and BB Boik. Second went to the team of Joe Muniz, Louis Lusero, and Dodie Alford. Taking third place honors were Billy Chiles, Dot Bastanchury and Marie Coulter.

The second event was the open singles and again first place honors went to Karl Spickelmier. Second place honors went to Loren Maxham, third to Rich "Bubba" Warren, and fourth to Al Salazar.

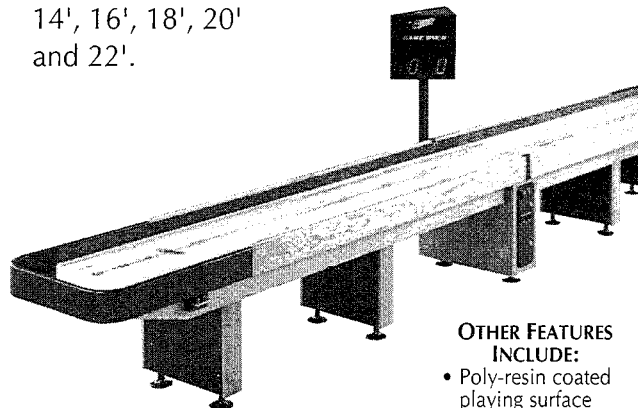
"Is this the first time Karl has won two events in one tournament?" asked Joanie Swenson. "His reply: the girls gave me that extra spunk I needed to win the singles. Good times were shared by all and thanks to all the out-of-towners from Northern California -- Steve Perry, Pat Bayless, Bob Patton, Paul Parks, and Rick Thomas, just to name a few.

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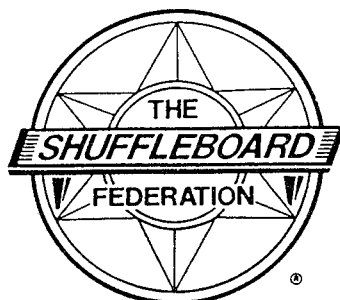


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RENO NEWS:

AN UPDATE ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS™

With thirteen events on the schedule, there has been some confusion as to who is eligible for what. Here's a breakdown:

There are singles and doubles events for amateurs and pros.

All players are given a rating between "-1" & "5", which determines what events they are eligible for. Pros are rated -1 and amateurs are rated "0" through "5".

Division I is for players with a rating of "0" or "1", no pros allowed.

Division II/III is for players with a rating of "2" through "5", no pros or Division I players allowed.

Amateur players are rated as follows:

- THE TOP 5% OF ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS ARE RATED "0"
- THE NEXT 15% OF ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS ARE RATED "1"
- THE NEXT 20% OF ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS ARE RATED "2"
- THE NEXT 20% OF ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS ARE RATED "3"
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- THE BOTTOM 20% OF ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS ARE RATED "5"

Pro players are eligible for: A - B Draw, Pro Singles, Pro Doubles and DEUCES WILD™ Draw.

Division I players are eligible for: A - B Draw, Division I Singles, Division I Doubles, DEUCES WILD™ Draw, and the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event.

Division II/III players are eligible for: A - B Draw, Division II/III Singles, Division II/III Doubles, DEUCES WILD™ Draw, and the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event.

By popular demand, because our tournament participants feel strongly that they should have the chance to play against better competition if they so desire, we are going to make a change in policy for our upcoming tournament in Reno.

This year, for the first time, players can to jump to a higher division for singles events. For doubles events, Division I and Division II/III players can play together but would have to play in Division I. Pros can partner up with Division I players in the Pro Doubles.

DEUCES WILD™

Our new game makes it's debut in Reno, and we are very happy with the response so far. Although details on how to play DEUCES WILD™ have not yet been released, every registration form we have received so far has included a DEUCES WILD™ entry.

Our original plan was to wait until the tournament to tell everybody how the game is played. Upon further consideration we have decided to release that information early.

When a player sends in a registration form, we send them a written confirmation of the events they are entered in. Beginning August 13, all confirmation letters will include an explanation of how to play DEUCES WILD™. People who were sent confirmation letters prior to that date will be mailed the DEUCES WILD™ information separately. That information will also appear in the next issue of The Board Talk.

\$5,000 PRO TEAM CHALLENGE

We have been informed that a team from west of the Rockies has accepted the challenge from a team east of the Rockies to play a best five out of nine match for \$5,000 (see enclosed flyer). The match takes place on Wednesday, November 10. Many of the people who call to ask questions about the Reno tourney have asked about this match so it should be a real crowd pleaser.

Joe Muniz, of the P.C.S.A., told us that they are going to give the losers a chance to challenge the winners in a rematch to be played at their 1994 tournament. They feel as we do, that this is good for the game. We hope everyone reading this goes to both tournaments to watch the action.

GOING FOR A SELLOUT

Based on the way entries are coming in, we are very optimistic about our chances of filling up the tournament. Although we are used to selling out the singles, doubles and draw partner events, the record for the N.A.S.L.™ Team Event is twenty four teams. This year our goal is to surpass that number and fill the Team Event with thirty two teams.

As you probably know, the Sands Regency, which is hosting the tournament for the third year in a row, is adding \$7,500 to the prize money, guaranteed. If we fill the Team Event, they will add an additional \$10,000, for a total of \$17,500. Here's a breakdown of the added money if that happens:

N.A.S.L.™ Team Event	\$7,500	Division II/III Doubles	\$1,000
DEUCES WILD™ Draw	\$2,000	Division II/III Singles	\$1,000
Pro Singles	\$2,000	Division I Doubles	\$1,000
Division I Singles	\$1,000	Legends Draw	\$1,000
Ladies Singles	\$1,000		

It's going to be a great tournament, hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call or write us at 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, Michigan, 48167, (313) 380-9300.

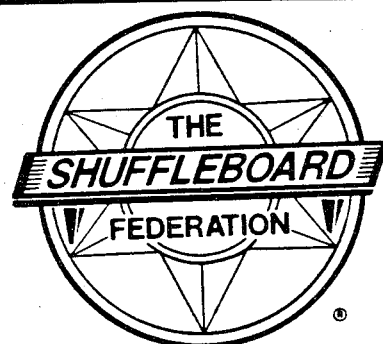
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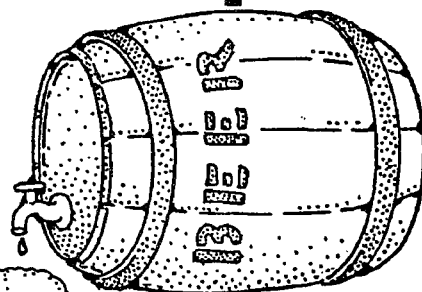
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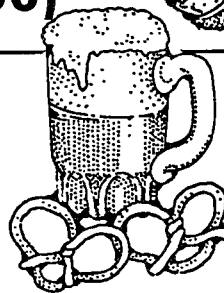
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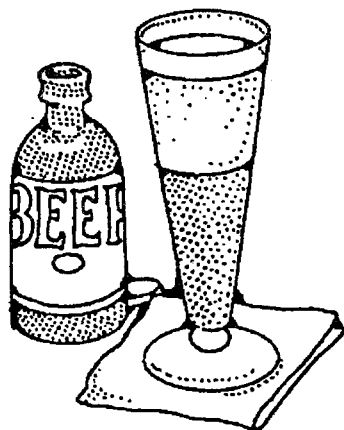
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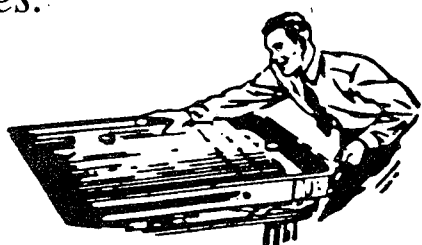
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Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 9)*

"If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have such great tournaments. Special thanks to Rich (Bubba) Warren, who celebrates a birthday this time of year. Oops! Sorry, Bubba! Didn't mean to let it out of the bag, but Happy Birthday again anyway!

"Dixie Belle has taken over where Stagger Inn left off," said Joanie. "We have three boards at all times and possibly four for major tournaments. The owners, Eilene and Wes, have done a great job in making everyone feel welcome. It looks like shuffleboard is on the rise again in L.A. County. With shuffleboard players support, you'll be hearing more from California."

(Editor's Note: We hope shufflers from across the World of Shuffleboard noted that the Dixie Belle was a new addition to our national network in last month's "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing, thanks to Al Stewart. We encourage all travelling shufflers to stop in at Dixie Belle and thank them for their support of our sport.)

Another Big One at Glenn's Tavern

It was another great turnout of shufflers at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown, Maryland, June 9-11.

There were 14 teams in Friday night's draw partner, with Allen Heuer and Lonzo Knight taking first place honors. Harvey Comer and Charlie Hawkins finished second, with Len Dell and Wanda Farris in third.



Allen Heuer and Lonzo Knight were winners of the Draw Partner event at Glenn's Tavern.

Johnny Gardner and Terry Gertz teamed up to take top honors in Saturday's bring partner event, which drew 14 teams. Doug Fridley Jr. and Earl Durgan took second place honors, with Allen Heuer and Charlie Hawkins in third.

Lonzo Knight took another first on Sunday when he drew Judy Iseman in another draw partner tournament. Charlie Hawkins and Doug Fridley finished second.

(See Notebook for more details on this tournament.)



Harvey Comer, host of Harvey's Place in Street, Md., and Charlie Hawkins took second in the Draw Partner tournament at Glenn's Tavern.

It was "Darrol, Darrol, and Darrol" at Whistling Oyster's 4th Annual

It was Darrol Nelson of Oregon all the way in the Whistling Oyster's 4th annual tournament in Quilcene, Washington, July 28-31. Thanks to generous donations from proprietor Bill Bailey to each of the three pots (including \$1,000 in the Masters), the total pot for the big weekend was \$11,000!

Darrol came out ahead of a field of 20 entries in the singles. "Darrol was one of the many players to camp out at the Whistling Oyster for six days and sing those great old tunes around the campfire almost every night," reports Ron Wicks. "Darrol is the troubadour of shuffleboard, always on the road in his travelling home, either playing shuffleboard or visiting shuffleboard friends. Darrol is a gentleman, a true shuffleboard professional, never out of line, boisterous or proud, humble to the bone. Yet, with total concentration, determination, and self-assurance, Darrol beats them all."

Taking second place honors was Mike Thorpe of Spokane. "Not a stranger to the money bracket, Mike's entry into shuffleboard events the last couple years assure him of total respect," said Ron.

Third place went to the "Grand Master" of Pacific Northwest shuffleboard, Jim Foran. To show their high regard, respect and appreciation to Jim for his many contributions to the sport, players presented him with a gold chain with a pendant in the shape of an American shuffleboard weight with a diamond in the center. (See Notebook for more details.) Mike Pond of Spokane rounded out the winner's circle in fourth place.

There were 54 players in the draw partner event. And again, it was Darrol, with a very appreciative partner, reporter Ron Wicks of Tacoma. "Darrol held me up the

whole way, and I wouldn't trade the memory for a million dollars," said Ron.

Taking second place honors "with fire in their eyes" were Jim Foran and John Hyatt, Tri-Cities, Wash. Rosa White and Ron Graff finished in third place, with Rick Gindt of Tacoma and Ed Olson of Edison in fourth place.

There were 28 teams in the Masters vying for a share of the \$3800 pot. "Action began about 2 p.m. on Saturday, but the food came out at 5 p.m.," reports Ron. "This is something no one should miss, especially if you're a seafood fan. Shrimp salad, enough salmon to feed an army, shrimp, fresh oysters, crab legs, clam chowder, and much more. This was a true treat! Nowhere have I seen such an array of seafood free just because you're there participating in your favorite pasttime. What a deal!"

If you haven't figured it out yet, it was Darrol again, this time with one of his favorite "partners in crime," Jim Allis. Finishing undefeated, the performance of this pair truly emulated the beauty of the sport, said Ron.

Finishing in second place were shuffleboard patriarch Dave Arndt of Tacoma and Rosa White of Spokane, who gave Darrol and Jim a good match, bringing it down to the third game in the first match out of the loser's bracket.

Bob Shirley and Earl Cole of Spokane settled for third, with Loren Lamplly and Carl Roush from Shelton in fourth place.

"You would think after all that had gone on, Bill Bailey would have sat back and let the tournament just finish, but instead he again treated the players on Sunday to another seafood delight, to make sure we were all keeping up our strength," said Ron. "Thank you, Bill Bailey, Sandee, Kris, Thais, Frank, and all the people at the Whistling Oyster."

(Editor's Note: Ron is the proud Dad to daughter Shawnna Renee, who arrived on July 24 weighing in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. Congratulations!)

Whistling Oyster owners Bill Bailey and Sandee Van Wagener also had some appreciation bouquets to pass out. "We would like to say thank you to John McDermott and The Shuffleboard Federation for the generous contribution of the wax for this year's events," they said. "Last, but not least, I would like to say thanks to all our employees and volunteers who helped us stage another successful tournament -- Kris, Thais, Lori, Frank, Debbie and Diane, and a special thanks to Jim Foran, Marv and Rosa White, Russ and Sandee. If I missed anybody, my sincere apologies," said Bill.

A Message of Thanks from Jim Foran:

"I would like to thank all of you for the presentation of the beautiful gold and diamond shuffleboard weight necklace, and also for the recognition. It was a very emotional time for me as I know it came from your hearts. I don't know how it was kept a secret with all who were involved, but I was truly surprised. What a great

group of people shuffleboard players are! Thank you from my heart," Jim said.

WHOOOPS!



While we were in Oklahoma for the Southwest Open/ Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, Karen Storck gave us this photo of Ken Storck and Bill Melton receiving their Pro-Am Draw Partner trophies from Arbuckle Open tournament director Al Primrose. We promised to put it in the August issue but it got lost in the "shuffle" (pardon the pun) of meeting our deadlines. Our sincere apologies to the winners and to photographer Karen.

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Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

THANKS, JIM!

There are a lot of people who do a lot of good things for shuffleboard in the Pacific Northwest, people who spend a lot of time -- and money -- helping to make our sport better.

But, there is one person whose name is synonymous with shuffleboard in the Pacific Northwest. And that person is Jim Foran of Tacoma.

You can't talk about shuffleboard in Washington and Oregon without Jim Foran's name being part of the conversation, whether as one of the really good players or as a benefactor of the game. No one person has done as much for shuffleboard as Jim Foran, period!

I remember when we decided to run our first tournament in Sequim. We didn't have a clue about what big-time tournament shuffleboard was all about. We sent out flyers and our first response was from Jim Foran. He told us he would give us a hand with setting things up and making sure we had a field.

Come tournament weekend, Jim Foran was there to help make sure the boards were playable, and talked to us about what to expect. And then he ran the calcutta for us and that was the really big thing. Of course, he helped us to have 27 teams in a first-time tournament and that was almost unheard of. It wasn't because Sequim was such a hotbed of shuffleboard, but because Jim Foran convinced a lot of people to take a chance on going there.

Ever since then, I've been watching Jim Foran help run tournaments all over the Pacific Northwest. Of course, his strong suit is running the calcutta and he seems to know about everyone who's in the field -- even if they're locals that he's never met before.

When someone's looking for a partner for a tournament -- or a game -- it's Jim Foran's phone that rings. And he is usually able to point you in the right direction.

Glowing words. Nobody says them better than Jim Foran's longtime friend, Mike Waters.

"I've never heard him say no to anyone," Mike commented recently. "Whether it's loaning someone a buck, running a tournament or calcutta, the answer is always the same."

Even when he's not directly involved with running the tournament -- there are seldom occasions when he's not -- if someone has a question about something, he's the one they seek out to get the answer.

So, thanks, Jim Foran, for making shuffleboard more enjoyable for all of us in the Pacific Northwest.

Jim Manders, Editor
Northwest Board Bits
Sequim, Washington

Jim Foran's name and reputation as a "giver" to the game is not restricted to the Pacific Northwest. He is nationally respected for being an example of good sportsmanship and for investing his time and talents to making shuffleboard better. We salute you for making Jim your front-page feature and the people at Whistling Oyster for the great tribute paid to him. As you can see from his letter of thanks on Page 11, it was a memorable experience for him. Much too often, we take for granted the contributions of others to make shuffleboard grow. Someday, we will have a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and we're certain there will be a place there for Jim Foran. And, speaking of contributions to The World of Shuffleboard, here's an editorial salute to you!

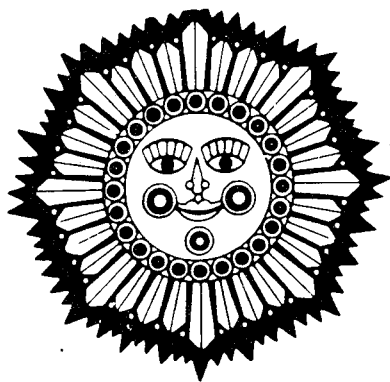
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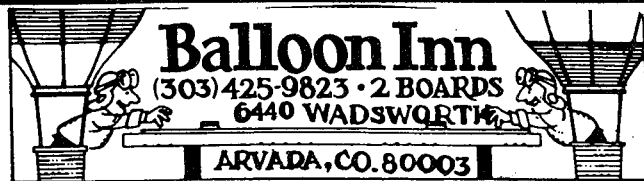
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