

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

Vol. 11, No. 12 -- How times flies when you're having fun! As we review our 11th full year in this endeavor, there were certainly some highlights for us, personally, as we're sure there were for you as well. While they may not be the same, certainly a common demoninator has to be the fellowship of kindred souls.....

For us, the highlights were the PCSA Extravaganza in Las Vegas, where we always have, for the past seven years, had the opportunity to renew old relationships and establish new ones; our trip to The Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington, for our 10th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion and the chance to meet so many great folks who had, until that time, been only names on our mailing list; and our 4th Annual Skip/s/Board Talk event in Houghton Lake, Michigan, where fun is the name of the game!

It was also a year during which we suffered some great losses -- Scratch Todd of Maryland, Bob and Vicki Hunt's grandson Franco of California, John McDermott's dad of Michigan, Frank Hepler of Washington, Sue Spack of Michigan, and Mickey Mickens of New Jersey. Those losses drew the shuffleboard community closer together. We reached out and touched each other -- and that's what it's all about!

It has also been a year of progress: a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is in the making; our Calendar of Shuffleboard Events shows that action is increasing and the sport is in "good health"; pros are recognizing they must "nurture" the amateurs if the sport is to continue; support systems that are benefitting from the growth of the sport and, consequently, will support the game.

Yes, it's been a good year, but the next one will be even better! Together, we will make good things happen for The World of Shuffleboard.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

## Tourney Talk

### Harris/Henson/Hendrix/Huitt/Denson/Melton Top Winners at Full House

The Full House in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, held its 6th Annual Labor Day Tournament Sept. 2-5. A lot of familiar faces, and several new ones, were there to participate.

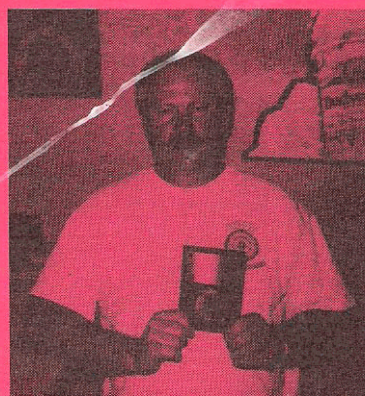
Action kicked off on Friday night with the women's singles, with first place going to Evelyn Harris of Dallas, Texas.

*Evelyn Harris of Dallas, Texas, was winner of the women's singles at the Full House Labor Day Tourney.*



Second place in this event went to Joy Huitt, also of Dallas, with hostess Pat Kinard in third place.

The men's singles attracted 21 entries with Jerry Henson of Oklahoma City finishing in first place. Ken Storck of Oklahoma City took second place honors with Tom Hendrix of Moore in third place.

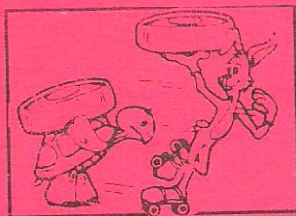


*Tom Hendrix took 3rd in the men's singles, 1st in the sweetheart draw with partner Joy Huitt, and 1st in the open draw with partner Jerry Henson, who took top honors in the men's singles.*

The Texas crowd (with the exception of Tom Hendrix) dominated the sweetheart draw, with Tom, who teamed up with Joy Huitt, taking first place.

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## A Royal Remembrance of Our "King": Mickey Mickens

The first tourney I ever watched was over 20 years ago. The place -- Summerdale Bar in New Jersey. Good shufflers from all over, but the name Mickey Mickens was on everyone's lips. Fairly new to the game, it was the first time I ever saw Mick shoot. His skill of the game was amazing (to say the least)! His showmanship and sportsmanship were really something to behold. The weight was barely out of his hand, when he would dance down the board to the other end, hollering "Havlicek to the baseline." No sooner were the words out of his mouth when the weight would stop for a color (2-3-4).

In 1976, the highlight at a weekend tourney at the 211 Post in Philly was a shootout between Mickey and Billy Mays. "Spectacular" and "awesome" are the words that come to mind! I never remember seeing such great shuffling from all of the participants as that weekend.

Over the years, we would run into each other at different matches and in leagues and his most avid and loving fan was always by his side -- his wife Claire. As time went by, Claire and I became friends. I believe it was through her that I was fortunate enough to play with the "great" Mickey Mickens. I still remember that feeling of awe standing at the opposite end of the board, as his partner, when he shot. Mickey's dream was to shoot against Darrol Nelson and Diana Hagen in a mixed doubles tourney. He considered them the best.

Anyone who ever mick Mick will never forget him. We all know that he is "Up There" with Art (Ware) and Scratch (Todd) playing shuffleboard with the "Big Man," yelling, "'Father, Son and Holy Spirit to the baseline."

Mickey Mickens was and always will be the "King of Shuffleboard." You're in the Big One now, Mick!

## — ATTENTION —

If you have a red check below, it means your subscription has expired. To receive the next issue, you must renew by the 15th of this month.

 Red Check

(Use the enclosed form to renew.)

We love you and miss you a lot! God bless you, always!

An admirer forever,

Judy Gartland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*We're sure Claire and all of Mickey's other fans will appreciate your "royal remembrance," Judy. We are pleased to announce that it's now official: the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion will also be the Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament. How appropriate that it will be held in his beloved East Coast area: Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, on June 12-18.*

## Brenda Salutes Philly Area Neighbors

At our October tournament at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, we were grateful to have so many players from the Philadelphia area participate. Jerry Herrmann, an awesome player, was a very nice addition to our countryside. He is always helping in ways that many choose not to. Come back, Jerry; we've missed you and your brothers.

I'd like to pay special tribute to Butch Kelly, Joe Williams, and Bob Morrell for all their years of support in helping shuffleboard in our area. They've come through snow, rain, and all the bad elements of weather, just to join a \$5 draw. Thanks, fellows; you would be missed if you didn't come!

Brenda Wallace, Port Deposit, Maryland (Harvey's Place photographer)

*We add our salute to the Philly area players who face the elements of weather to support "\$5 draws" in other areas. That's what it's going to take to make our sport grow. All the people you mention are no strangers to us, and we're glad to see them recognized. Thanks to you, we are able to show, through your great photos, the rest of The World of Shuffleboard, what they look like, so next time they see those Philly players, they can say "thanks -- we believe in what you are doing." (See Tourney Talk.)*

## Welcome, Hawaii Subscribers!

I'm dropping you a note to tell you about Al Green and Al Jensen, who live in Hawaii. They were great players when they played over here; in fact, they even went "on the road" together across the U.S.A.

When my wife and I were in Hawaii, we visited them and they wanted to subscribe to The Board Talk to keep up with what is going on in shuffleboard.

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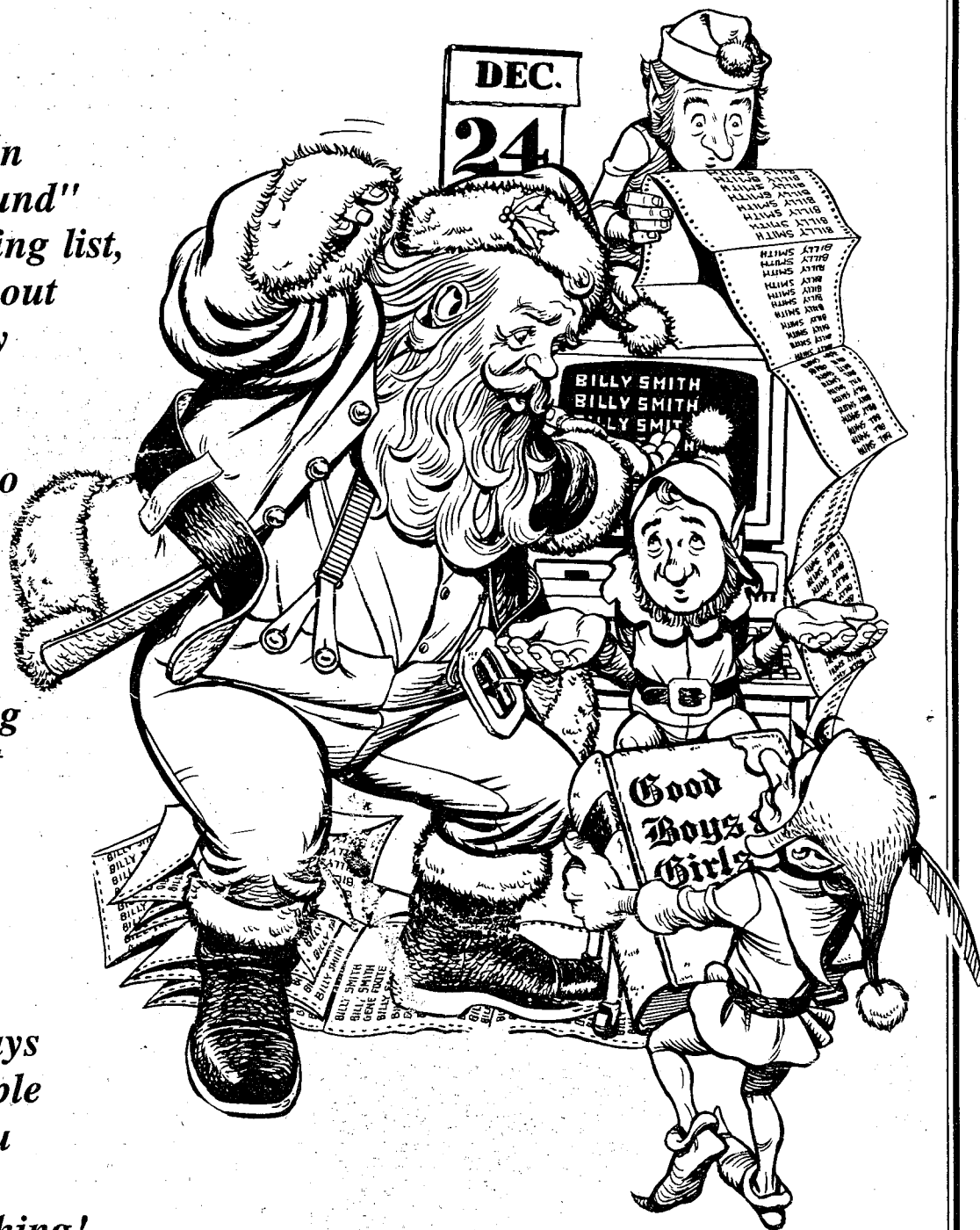


# *The Magic of Christmas....*

*Santa has been  
"messaging around"  
with our mailing list,  
trying to find out  
who's naughty  
and nice!*

*We're trying to  
convince him  
that all the  
"good boys  
and girls"  
on our mailing  
list should get  
everything  
on their  
Christmas  
wish list!*

*Happy Holidays  
from two people  
who think you  
deserve the  
best of everything!*



*George & Donna Wilber*

## *THE BOARD TALK*

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

Lee Duncan and Evelyn Harris placed second, with Dee Ross and Bill Holloway in third.

The open draw title went to Jerry Henson and Tom Hendrix, with Ken Storck and Kenny Brewer of Wynnewood taking second place honors. Lisa Melton of Davis and Euell Jensen of Oklahoma City, finished third.

The bring your own partner event was a tough one with Tammy Denso of Dallas and Billy Melton of Davis taking the top spot. Rick Jones and Dino Fleming, Oklahoma City, took second, with Keith Findley, Oklahoma City, and Dave Davidson of Stonewall in third place.

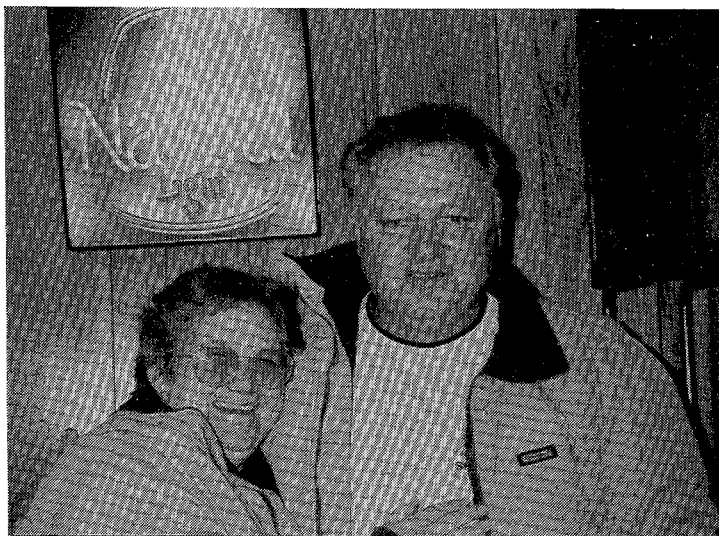
"So many people helped make this one of our best tournaments," said Pat Kinard. "The friendly staff of Vicky Carter, Richard Simco, Ross Whitaker, Jerry and Jan Williams, Francis Carter and Janet Gregory worked long, hard hours. Vicky McCaskill did a great job with the book work. Glen Carter did the hard job of auctioneer. Lynn Tice ran the bracket board, wiped down tables and helped keep the tournament running smoothly. Hattie Hawkins and some of the help carried in food to serve.

"The entire staff at Full House thank all the players and participants. We enjoyed all of you very much," said Pat.

### **Gartland/Herrmann/Kelly/Morrell/Dell Ready for Winter with Harvey's Winner Jackets**

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, held the first of five major weekend tournaments of the season on Oct. 14-16.

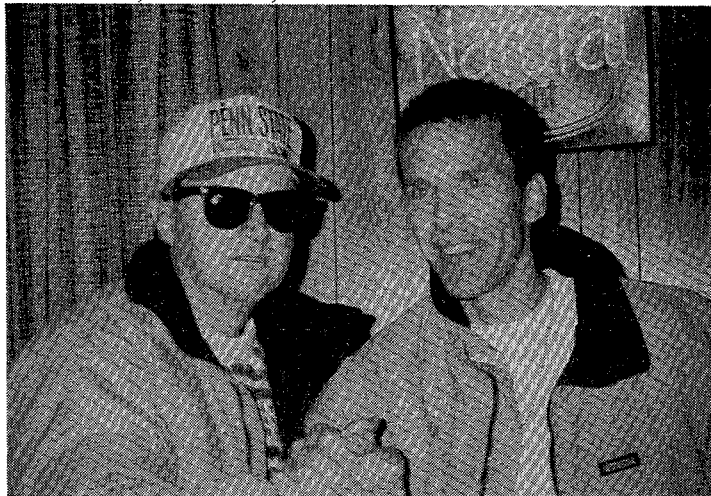
Friday's draw partner event attracted 32 players contributing \$1600 to the pot for redistribution, in addition to some pretty snazzy jackets provided to winners by hosts Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer. Collecting the jackets and the biggest share of the pot were Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



*Wearing big smiles and their new winter jackets were draw partner winners Judy Gartland and Jerry Herrmann.*

Second place went to Len Dell of Baltimore, Md., and Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa. Third place went to Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa., and Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md. Other winners were Rex Campbell, Greensboro, Md., and Jim Yank, Philadelphia, 4th; George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md., and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa., 5th; Grace Wyatt, Millsboro, Del., and Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., 6th.

There were some surprises in the results of Saturday's bring partner event when the top sponsor sale picks did not take first place. Taking the new winners' jackets, with pockets full of green, were Butch Kelly and Bobby Morrell beating out two fellow Philadelphians, Jerry Herrmann and Jim Yank. Third place went to Judy Iseman and Len Dell, with Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Md., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md., in fourth. Fifth and final money spot was taken by Dick Losee, Poolville, N.Y., and Bob White, Sherburne, N.Y.



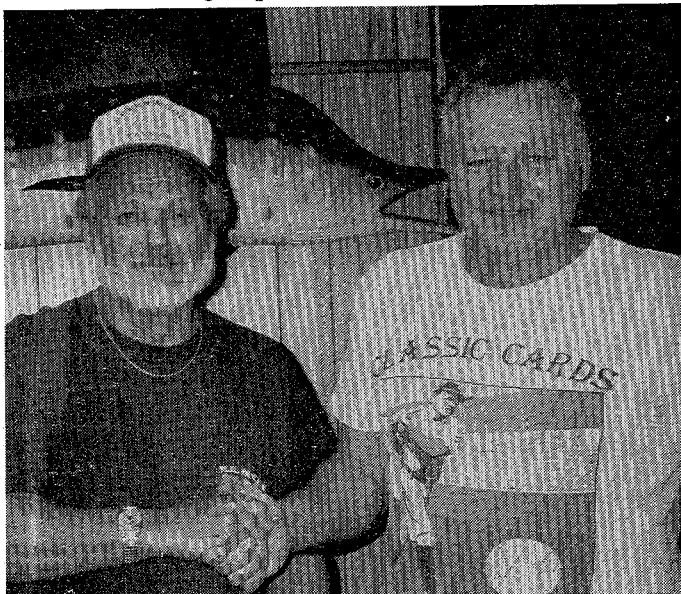
*Butch Kelly (left) and Bobby Morrell congratulate each other for their bring-partner win and for looking so handsome in their new jackets.*

Sunday's draw partner event was won by Len Dell (now Len has a jacket, too) and Jerry Herrmann. Second place was won the hard way by Jim McDaniel, Darlington, Md., and Jim Yank Jr. of Philadelphia. Third place went to Judy Iseman and "Daddy" Jim Yank Sr., with fourth and final spot going to bartender Barbara Brammer, Rising Sun (where did Buddy finish?), and host Harvey Comer.

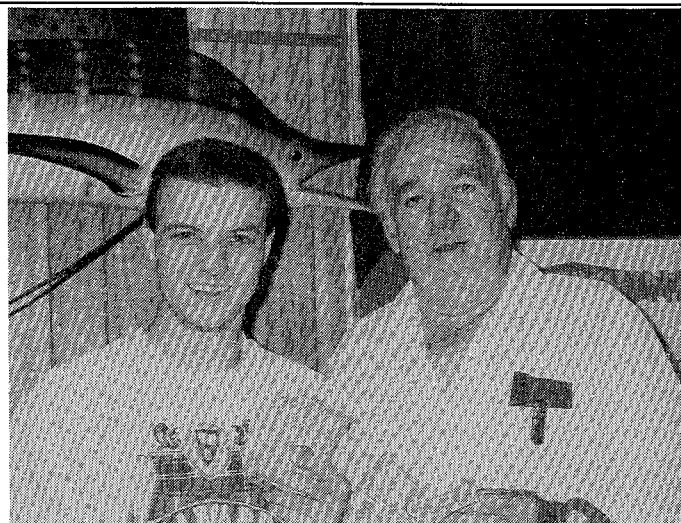
"Sunday's event has been changed from the traditional mixed doubles to a draw partner event with no sponsor sale," reported Dick Gorman. "The reason, as explained by Harvey Comer, is to encourage new shooters to enter without taking a financial bath. The first attempt at this format showed an increase in participation and we believe it will continue to grow, the attempt being to develop more tournament players."

Darlyne and Harvey made several other announcements on Sunday concerning future tournaments to make the sport more enjoyable. Now that Harvey's has seven boards available, every effort will be made at the next tournament that no back-to-back games will be scheduled on the same

boards. The Sunday draw partner will be called a Pro-Am draw with no sponsor sale to provide a competitive arena for less experienced shooters. The entires will be divided between the more experienced or accomplished and the less experienced or accomplished players, and one name from each group will be drawn to make up teams.



*As a big fish nibbles Jerry Herrmann's ear, he congratulates partner Len Dell on their first-place finish in the draw partner event. Jerry also finished with the best overall performance for the week-end tournament.*



*This time that fish samples Jim McDaniel's ear, while he and partner Jim Yank Jr. count their second-place money.*

The next tournament at Harvey's Place will be Dec. 3-5. Please call 410-836-8881 for information or to make your reservation.

Harvey's five-event schedule will conclude June 12-18, 1995, with the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament.

"Most of the East Coast shufflers are already planning vacation time to make this historic 7-day tournament," said Dick. "Schedules of events are in the planning stage

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

now as well as lodging, airport recommendations, RV availability, etc. Plans are to have at least one event every day that 'Pros' can enter and another event for 'Non-Pros' on the seven available boards. More details in upcoming Board Talk issues. In the meantime, **START PLANNING!"**

### **Voorhis/Boaz Off to Running Start in Beef's Series of Five**

Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, hosted the first in the series of five on Oct. 15, with good participation. Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz went undefeated -- until they met Chris Danke and Steve Wilson (formerly of Washington and now settled in Indiana). This was for the final game of the match, but they had to play another to determine a winner. In the end, it was Bobby and Dave in first, Chris and Steve in second, Larry Huffer and Larry Brown in third, and Beef and Jim Erdly in fourth place.

The second in the series of five was played on Nov. 19 -- see January issue for results (editors apologize for changing the date in Tourney Talk, but failing to change it on the Calendar!). The third in the series is on Jan. 21 so there is plenty of time to earn points for the bonus money. In between is a New Year's Eve Doubles on Dec. 31.

Entry fee for each of the series is \$40, with sales at 11 a.m. Payback is: 1st, 50 percent, 4 points; 2nd, 30 percent, 3 points; 3rd, 15 percent, 2 points; and 4th, 5 percent, 1 point. Playfair, Inc. and Dale Gushman have added to the total \$2,000 pot that's at stake.

For information, call Beef or Marge at 219-347-9965.

### **5th Annual Santa Classic Open Doubles, Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, Dec. 17-18**

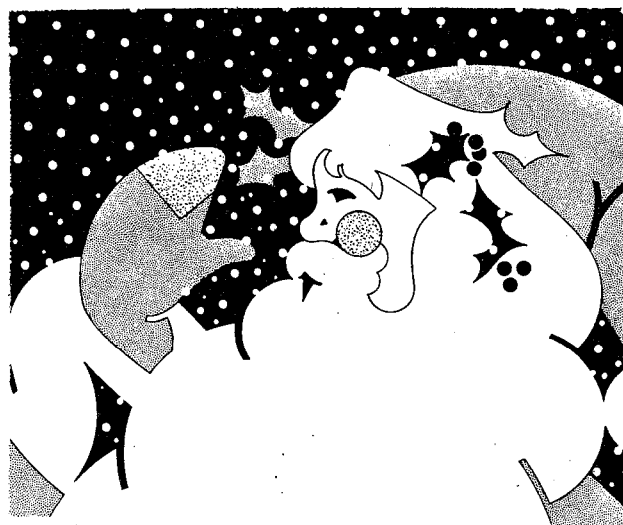
The 5th Annual Santa Classic Open Doubles will be held at the Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, on Dec. 17-18. Entry fee is \$100 per team, best 2 out of 3 games, double elimination. The sponsor sale will start at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 and entries must be in by 7 p.m. that evening.

For information, call 303-425-9823. See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this great Holiday event! As indicated in previous issue player feedback, the Balloon Inn is a great place to go!

### **PCSA Extravaganza VII Deadline on the Horizon, Aladdin, Las Vegas, Jan. 31-Feb. 3**

Everybody's talking about the big Extravaganza in Vegas, Jan. 31-Feb. 3 -- and PCSA official Paul Weber reports that reservations are coming in at a steady pace.

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## **5th Annual Santa Classic Open Doubles**

### **DECEMBER 17-18**

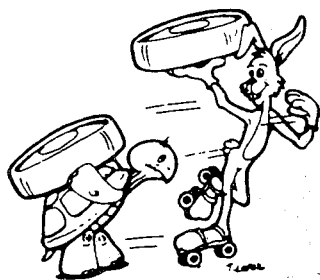
**Best 2 out of 3 games  
Double Elimination**

**\$100 per team**

**Sponsor Sale: Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m.  
Entry Deadline: Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.**

*For information, or to register:  
Call Ron or Gwen: 303-425-9823*





## As the Puck Turns...

By George & Donna Wilber

**Q.: How come it takes so long for my Board Talk to get delivered, sometimes as long as three weeks?**

A.: It's because of our bulk rate permit, which allows us an affordable rate, and the Post Office to take longer to deliver. With bulk rate mailings, if the mail carriers have a heavy load one day, they can let it sit in the Post Office until the next day, or even the next. If we went to a different rate, we would have to charge you more for your subscription, something we have tried hard to avoid. For example, if we went first-class, the last issue would cost us over \$1 to send that single issue -- and that wouldn't include the printing and other expenses.

**Q.: The results of my tournament were only a few days after your 15th deadline. Why wasn't it included in that issue?**

A.: After we "close" on the 15th of each month, we still have to set the late copy, get it to the printer, and allow him a week's turnaround time. There's still the stuffing, stapling, addressing, and bagging to do before it's on its way to subscribers. There are oftentimes information in that issue that needs to get to subscribers in a timely manner. Any time we hold up an issue to report results of a tournament, that means an upcoming tournament pays the price, which is not fair. As we've said many times before, the best policy is to report the results of your tournament as soon as possible after it happens, and to promote your upcoming events well in advance.

**Q: I sent my renewal in response to my red check, and yet I got another in this most recent issue. Why?**

A.: That happens many times because your renewal

was received after we had mailed the latest issue, which we explained can take up to three weeks to deliver. As long as you know you sent in your renewal, just ignore that red check -- we will!

**Q.: How come you didn't print the photos I sent with my tournament report?**

A.: Mostly because they would have been just a big, black blob! And who wants that? Not you; not us! We met with our printer recently to talk about that very issue and here are some tips:

(1) Polaroids, unless they are unusually sharp, just don't make it!

(2) Use a light background when taking photos;

(3) Red drives the photo reproducer wild! If your winner is wearing a red shirt, drape a white cloth over him/her.

We're just as guilty as you are. Here are some examples from our Houghton Lake tournament.

*Our first mistake was trying to get more than we should have in one picture; i.e. the banner, as well as the hosts. Consequently, Carol and Skip are too small; the red door makes for a black blob.*



*Because Bobby and Chuck are against a white background, they come out sharp and clear...*



*....While winners Bjerne, John and Jeff are victims of the "black blob" because even though the photos are taken in the same location, the background is dark and they're wearing red shirts.*

We hope these helpful hints will be useful to you; they certainly will to us!



It costs the same amount of money to print a good photo as it does to print one where you can barely distinguish who the subjects are. We're going to be a bit "pickier" about the photos we print in the future. So, if we don't use the ones you send us, it's because they just wouldn't reproduce well -- or we've simply run out of room, which happens occasionally.

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John McDermott, president of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., recently lost his father. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to John. If you'd like to drop a note or card to John to let him know you care, please send them to: 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, MI 48167.

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We were surprised -- and delighted -- to have some unexpected visitors drop in recently: Fritzi Broka and Chris Danke from Indiana! Fritzi got a chance to see the beautiful hand-tooled leather clock she gave us proudly displayed on our kitchen wall and Chris is looking like Hoosier Country suits her well:

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We received a number of phone calls (as we're sure Steve Hart, director of the Indiana Open, did as well) regarding whether the Michigan Open was, indeed, open only to Michigan residents. The answer from both Steve and us was a firm "yes." The reason we're encouraging these types of state events is that we hope that someday, every state in our network will do the same, and then we can have a real national playoff. Unless we keep those state events "pure," that won't happen.

These state championship events are not to be confused with others which have the word "Open" as part of their titles (i.e.: the Florida Open, scheduled for March 24-25). The difference is those events are clearly promoted as being "open" to everyone, not just those within their state. There's a difference; keep that in mind and don't make a tournament director of a strictly state event uncomfortable by having to turn you away.

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We've been getting good response to our offer of three gift subscriptions for every tournament listed on our calendar. They're yours for the asking (517-371-2538) to give as door prizes, to winners, or to those folks who help you run your tournament.

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Christmas  
to you  
and yours!*

# Greetings



*Peace and Good Will  
to our Shufflin' Friends  
Everywhere!*

## THE CRAZY CANUCKS



# *1994-95 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events*

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## **DECEMBER**

### **Dec. 2-4**

Winter Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **Dec. 10-11**

Annual Christmas Tournament  
Harrington Moose  
Harrington, Delaware

### **Dec. 17-18**

Annual Santa Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### **Dec. 31**

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

## **JAN./FEB. 1995**

### **Jan. 14**

1st Annual Open Doubles  
Chance's "R"  
Muncie, Indiana

### **Jan. 20-22**

3-Event Tournament  
Sticks Billiards  
Austin, Texas

### **Jan. 21**

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

### **Jan. 28-29**

Pro-Am Draw/Bring Partner  
Mickey's Place  
Henderson, Maryland

### **Jan. 31-Feb. 5**

PCSA Extravaganza VII  
Alladin Hotel/Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### **Feb. 18-19**

Sweetheart Tournament  
Blue Goose  
Port Orchard, Washington

### **Feb. 18**

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

### **Feb. 18-20**

Presidents' Day Tourney  
Blinky's Sports Cafe  
Santa Clara, California

## **MARCH 1995**

### **March 3-5**

3-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **March 18-19**

Shuffleboard Affair Doubles  
Town Tavern  
Sequim, Washington

### **March 24-25**

2nd Annual Florida Open  
Huddle's Sports Cafe  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

### **March 25**

5th in Series of 5 Doubles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

## **APRIL 1995**

### **April 14-16**

Spring Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **April 29**

Open Singles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

## **MAY 1995**

### **May 19-21**

Spring Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

### **May 27-29**

Memorial Weekend Tourney  
Blinky's Sports Cafe  
Santa Clara, California

## **JUNE 1995**

### **June 12-18**

11th Annual Board Talk  
Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey  
Mickens Memorial Tourney  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **June 17-18**

Invitational Tournament  
Shotze's Rock-N-Roll  
Everett, Washington

## **JULY 1995**

### **July 22-23**

Singles Tournament  
Town Tavern  
Sequim, Washington

## **AUGUST 1995**

### **Aug. 3-6**

6th Annual Grand Masters Plus  
Whistling Oyster Tavern  
Quilcene, Washington

### **Aug. 11-12**

Summertime Tournament  
Bay Country Moose 831  
Queenstown, Maryland

### **Aug. 27 - Sept. 4**

Labor Day Week Tourney  
Blinky's Sports Cafe  
Santa Clara, California

### **Aug. 31-Sept. 3**

Crazy Canucks Annual Labor  
Day Weekend Tournament  
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Vancouver, Canada

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I am sending them six issues to bring them up to date.

Dave Arndt, Tacoma, Washington

*Thank you, Dave, for expanding our shuffleboard network to yet another state. In the mid-80s, when Donna's work took us to Hawaii for a national meeting, George searched in vain for shuffleboard locations. If Al and Al know of any such locations, we might just be tempted to make a return visit during our "retirement." Thanks, too, for sending back issues to them. If we can possibly do so, and you want them, we'll replace what you sent.*

### Rocky Mountain Renegades Organize

We are progressing slowly and carefully in the organization of our Rocky Mountain Renegades. This is our position at this time:

Charter "Silver Dollar" team members are: Travis Anderson, Morey Balins (co-captain), Dennis Bird, Rick Boyer, Kenny Hawks, Grady McGovern, George Ostrum, Kenny Reeves, Jody Slack (co-captain), and Geoff Smith.

It's been decided to make Karl Spickelmier (California) an honorary "Silver Dollar" team member. Karl lived and played here for many years. His mother still lives here and he comes to visit often. We will expect Karl to play for us if he is in the area at game time. The Board Talk will have the honor of presenting this news to Karl. We have not told him yet.

We will be selecting a minimum of two alternates, by team nomination and vote. The alternates may obtain "Silver Dollar" status by performance. I will place myself on alternate status, but will play only if I feel I am 100%. I expect 110% of all my players and if there is any way to win, they will find it.

I didn't pick these guys out of a hat. A lot of time and thought went into this selection. For comparison, I was on the Mission Inn/San Francisco team in the early 1950s, when we beat the Los Angeles team in San Jose, California, for the state championship. I am proud to say my partner, Clarence Whitley, and I won our games, even though we were playing 21-point, keep hammer in those days. I think my guys today are a whole lot better team. But it is hard to compare.

We will be having a team meeting in the near future to discuss challenges, times, dates, team rosters, monies, etc. and will keep you informed.

Last, but not least, I discussed team sponsorship with Gwen of the Balloon Inn and she and Ron quickly agreed to accept this responsibility. To what extent,

we have not yet decided. We did decide to order custom-designed shirts for the team, manager and sponsors.

Look for updates in future issues.

Bill English, Loveland, Colorado

Founder/Manager, Rocky Mountain Renegades

*Congratulations, Bill and the Rocky Mountain Renegades! It looks like a pretty awesome line-up and we're sure you won't lack for challengers from other states. It will be a challenge for other states to come up with better sponsors than the Balloon Inn, however! We're certain Karl will be honored to be an honorary "Silver Dollar" team member. Just in case there are some states out there who think they've got the power to challenge the Renegades, Bill's phone number is 303-669-0725.*

### A Welcome Christmas Present to the Editors from The Bays

Appreciate the salute in the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing (November), but it really isn't necessary. All of the salutes from all of the shufflers should be to the Wilbers for their fine, diligent, and much appreciated efforts in keeping us all informed on our game.

You should be getting a couple or three more Okie establishments for the next listing.

You all keep up the good work and we'll keep trying to add our little bit.

Al and Carolyn Bays, Coalgate, Oklahoma

*Your "little bit" means a lot to us, as well as your kind words of encouragement. We realize we could do the best possible job, but if we didn't have any subscribers, it would be in vain.*

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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 7)*

However, shufflers should keep in mind that Dec. 31 is the deadline for both entries and room reservations. If you haven't already done so -- don't delay! Rooms in the tower are limited, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations.

Check the schedule of events; there's plenty of action for pros and amateurs alike!

For information, call the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, 310-926-2152.

### **1st Annual Chance's "R" Open Doubles, Jan. 14, Muncie, Indiana**

Chance's "R," 3421 S. Walnut, Muncie, Indiana, will host its 1st Annual Open Doubles on Jan. 14. \$50 per team entry fee, 64 team limit on four boards, double elimination, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Payout is 50-30-15-5.

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### **Shannon McLeod Wins Her First!**

A proud "Pops," Gene McLeod of Missouri, proudly reports that Shannon McLeod won first place in a recent singles tournament at VFW Post 3892 in Killeen, Texas. Second place went to Jeff Cates.

Congratulations from "Pops" and The Board Talk editors George and Donna for her first tournament win!

### **Autumn-Fest Tourney at Glenn's Tavern Ends Successful Season**

There was a good turnout of shufflers for the final tournament of the season on Oct. 21-23 at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown, Maryland.

Doug Fridley and Earl Durgan of New York were winners of Friday night's draw partner event. Second place honors went to Judy Iseman of Maryland and Louise Freer of Pennsylvania. Locals Jim Snyder and Jerry Garber finished in third place.

Saturday's bring partner went to local favorites Jim Snyder and Lonzo Knight, with Jerry Garber and Louise Freer in second place. Another local, Charlie Hawkins, and Doug Fridley of the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, N.Y.,

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### **Additions to "Play Your Way Across U.S.A." list**

These shuffleboard establishments joined our network after we had gone to press with last month's "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing:

**Arizona:** Cheers III/Good Time Charlies', 1814 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix 85015; 602-246-7176

**Indiana:** Red Dog Saloon, 1600 W. 23rd, Muncie 47302; 317-286-0255

Chances "R," 3421 S. Walnut, Muncie 47302; 317-284-0855

**Missouri:** C & R Package, 1448 S. Sam Houston Blvd., Houston 65483

**Oklahoma:** Bristol Station Restaurant & Bar, 5653 Tinker Diagonal, Midwest City; 405-737-7369

**Pennsylvania:** Kellies Too Bar, 4201 Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia 19124; 215-743-2944

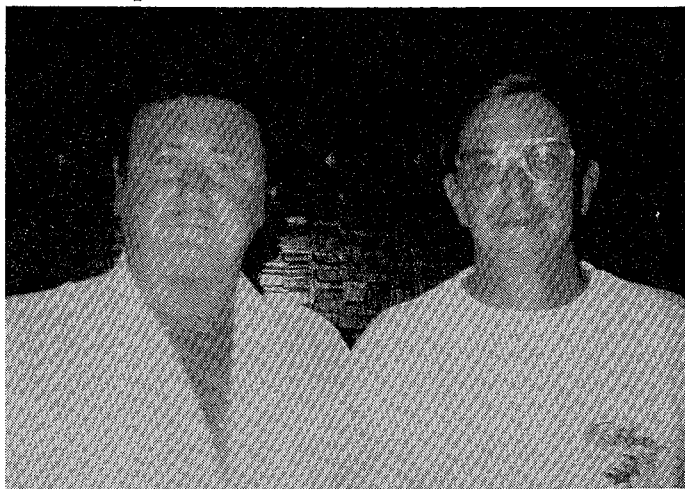
Pononia Club, 4431-37 Belgrade St., Philadelphia 19137

**Texas:** Jean's Club, Melissa; 214-838-4614

Add them to your list; stop in and extend a warm welcome to The Board Talk shuffleboard network. The next complete "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing will be in the February 1995 issue.

## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 14)*

took third place.



*Lonzo Knight (left) and Jim Snyder took top honors in the bring partner event at Glenn's Tavern AutumnFest tournament. Lonzo also finished first in the singles.*



*Louise Freer and Jerry Garber teamed up to take second place in the bring partner event.*

Lonzo Knight won the Sunday singles, with second place going to Jerry Garber. Len Dell of Baltimore took third place.

"The local players here at Glenn's Tavern are glad to see one of our young players, Jerry Garber, finishing near the top in these tournaments," said reporter Donna Snyder. "Jerry is one of our up-and-coming shooters and we look forward to watching his progress."

"We thank all of our local players and wives for all their help during our tournaments this past year. We look forward to seeing everyone when our tournaments begin in the spring of 1995."

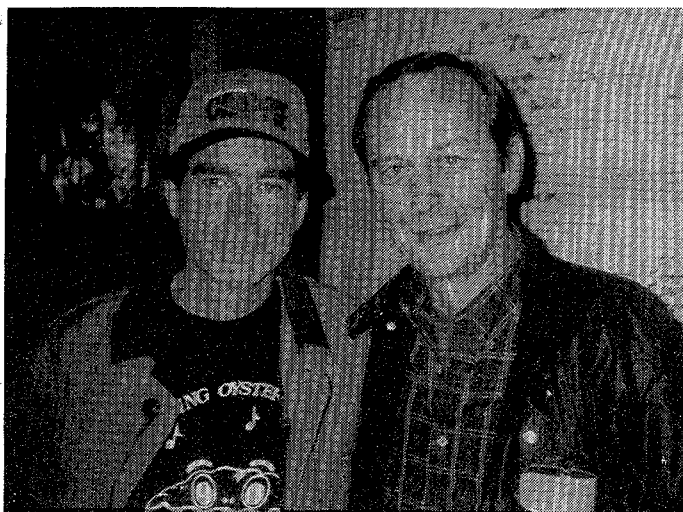
"From Glenn's Tavern, happy and safe holidays to all of our shuffling friends," said Donna.

*(Editors' Note: Happy Holidays to you all! We look forward to seeing you next June.)*

## Nelson/Buhl Do It Again at Shamrock!

While the aroma of Bernice's chili filled the air at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, 14 teams vied for entry into the P.C.S.A. Extravaganza doubles tourney in Las Vegas. This recent P.C.S.A.-sponsored event was the fourth and "have you got to ask who won?" asks reporter Ralph Duarte. "Yes, three-time winners Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl did it again, but this year, they had to come from behind to do it -- thanks to Chuck (No Karate) Norris of Oregon and Mike Thorpe of Washington, who finished in second place."

Rick Gindt and Joe Lavin of Washington took third place, with Firehouse Fred Johns and D.K. of Washington in fourth.



*For the fourth consecutive year, Darrol Nelson (left) and Doug Buhl of Oregon won their entry to the PCSA Extravaganza doubles event in Las Vegas.*



*But Chuck Norris (left) and Mike Thorpe made them earn it!*

"A lot of thanks should go to tournament directors Kevin Larkin and Doug Debois for a great job, and to a super guy and sponsor sale auctioneer Jim Foran. There just can't be enough to say about that man. Thanks, Jim, for a great job," said Ralph.

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## Schicksal und Unglück im Leben.



Unsere Lebenszeit ist gefüllt von unserem  
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Das Leben in sich selbst scheint  
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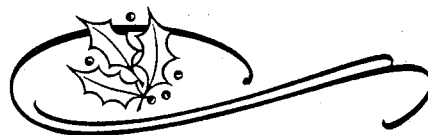
Im Leben wie im Abenteuer, dürfen wir niemals,  
von unserem geplanten Ziel abweichen,  
und auch gewisse persönliche Erwartungen  
von sich selbst nicht überschreiten.

Wir sollen immer unsere bessere Einsicht nähren,  
weil unser Leben in seinem schönen,  
geheimnisvollen, göttlichen Plan,  
für alle Zeiten, sehr selten gerecht ist.

Das Leben ist wie unsere eigene innere  
Handfläche, mit Gottes Segen, wird sie unser Herz,  
und Seele formen, das ist, und wird,  
unser eigenes Schicksal, und Vermächtnis sein.



Bei  
R. Stober.



When Rudy Stober isn't operating Stober's Lounge, a favorite shuffleboard site in Lansing, Michigan, and promoting the sport with commitment and dedication, the German-born import writes poetry in his own style calligraphy.

## ***Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return***

*A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

*(In last month's episode, Eddie decided he would accept Long Beach Lil's invitation to go "on the road" with her -- after he settled things with girlfriend Shelli and his Blue Moon partner Bob.)*

Two weeks had passed since Eddie had told Lil he was "in" on the road-trip hustle. There wasn't too much of a problem making Bob at the Blue Moon understand. In fact, Bob had a young fellow who filled in part-time on weekends who was eager to take Eddie's place as bartender. His name was Jack, and he was coming up much the same way Eddie had -- in the business, and also as a player.

Shelli presented a whole different ball game. She couldn't believe Eddie was actually going through with this. In the end, she reluctantly accepted the inevitable and agreed to hang on and see how things worked out. She said she would remain loyal -- unless he gave her a reason not to. She was hurt very badly and saying goodbye was rough. Bob took him to the airport, because Shelli was really too shook-up to go.

It was only after he heard the landing gear come up, and the pilot power-back slightly in the climb-out that Eddie realized he was actually breaking away from part of his past. It was kind of exciting to start this new adventure. He felt remorse for leaving Shelli and Bob and his other friends; but, after all, he wasn't burning his bridges behind him either....or so he felt anyway.

He put the headset on then and kicked back for the short flight. He woke up when the power was reduced for the descent into L.A.X. Airport. In a short while, Eddie heard the announcement to "buckle up" and "place all seats in the upright position." The voice on the intercom sounded rather serious. Eddie noticed that the plane had now entered the clouds. The weather at L.A. had been forecast to be pretty bad on the news he watched earlier that morning.

As the descent continued, the turbulence became much greater. The captain gave advisories about that -- and also the poor landing conditions at L.A.X. Eddie was beginning to wonder if someone was trying to tell him something because he was taking this trip! The flight attendants were also buckled up now, as the turbulence continued to increase.

Eddie began to doubt if he really belonged on this flight, and was thinking how nice it would be if he were back in San Francisco. He had a little lump in his throat

when he heard the landing gear lower as the approach continued. They finally broke out in the rain, at bare minimums (200' ceiling and 1/2-mile visibility)! He gave a sigh of relief when he felt the touch-down, and the forward pull when the pilot reversed the engines on the roll-out. He said a little prayer of thanks then, as they pulled off the runway and taxied into their parking ramp.

Eddie spotted Lil as soon as he entered the arrival area. She was all dressed-out and all the anxiety of the flight was forgotten the instant he looked into her eyes. When he got close, he said: "Yo -- are you the one looking for a shuffleboard player?"

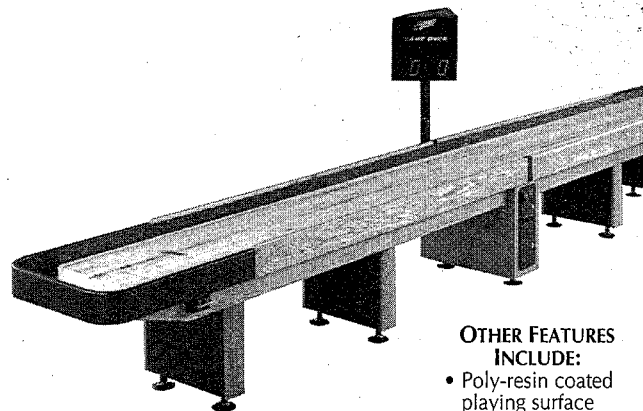
She smiled then and replied: "You bet I need a shuffleboard player -- and a whole lot more than that, too."

He had a bag in each of his hands, and was caught

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## Frisko Eddie's Revenge

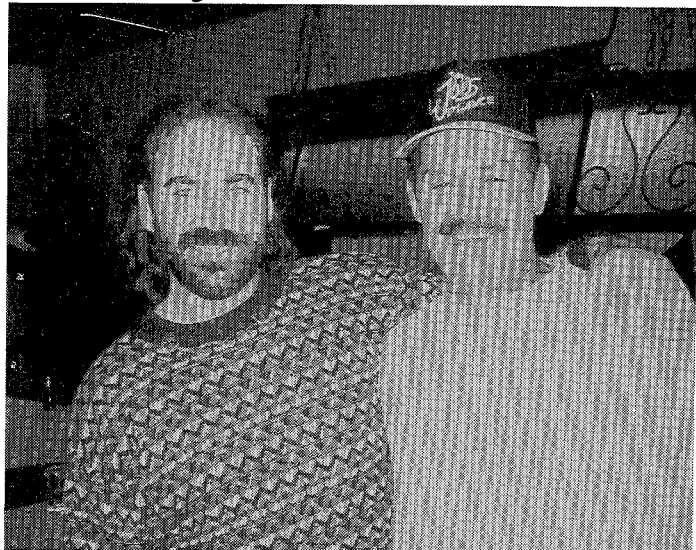
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unawares when Lil suddenly folded her arms around him, and put her lips to his.

Eddie had the same thought then as he had just before he and Lil played their very first game of shuffleboard: "This is either too good to be true -- or too true to be good." He felt like he had one foot in Heaven -- but the other one felt pretty hot!

*Don't miss next month's episode of Frisko Eddie's Revenge -- The Return, when Eddie and Lil go "on the road." And when you see Balboa Ron at the PCSA Extravaganza in Vegas, be sure to tell him how much you enjoy his series.*

## Tourney Talk (continued from Page 15)



Rick Gindt (left) and Joe Lavin finished third in the Shamrock Tavern/PCSA doubles tournament.

### Arndt/Bennett Win at Amy's Checkered Flag

Amy's Checkered Flag, Waterloo, New York, held a one-day bring-partner event recently on their two in-house boards. Fourteen teams vied for a share of the \$1,740 pot.

Coming out of the loser's bracket to take first place was the team of John Arndt of Waterloo and Steve Bennett of Sherburne, N.Y. Second place went to Russ Reynolds and Dick Jeffreys of Sherrburne. Locals Marv Smith and Doug Fridley Jr. took third, with fourth going to Milt Benedict of Sherburne and Dick Losee from Earlville, N.Y.

"Amy and Cookie put on a very nice meal for all players. A great time was had by everyone," reports John Arndt.

### Waters/Jacobsen Winners of Sportsman Tavern 1st Annual Draw Partners

The Sportsman Tavern in Stanwood, Washington, held their 1st Annual Draw Partners Tournament on Oct. 29-30. And this new segment of our World of Shuffleboard received rave notices for their "first" -- great food, friendly hosts Bud and Susie Parks, and tournament director Murl Kindle and assistant director Danny McKinnon.



And the winners were: Mike Waters, Tacoma, and Bob Jacobsen, Lynnwood, 1st (standing in center); John Trovia and Lyle Honeycutt, Everett, 2nd (low center); Ron Brender, Everett, and Ted Anstensen, Anacortes 3rd (right side); Riss Miller, Edison, and Vern Hickman, Everett, 4th (left side). Who's that guy in the back with the white cap? None other than Dick Smedberg of New York, who flew from East to West to support this "first."

(Editor's Note: We salute Sportsman Tavern for this successful first and Dick Smedberg for travelling all that way to participate. Dick is proving a worthy rival to Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Florida/Michigan in his travels to support tournaments in other locations and spread the word about our shuffleboard network.)

## REMINDER!

**All contributions (tourney notices and results, calendar listings, ads, letters to the editor) to The Board Talk must be received by the 15th of each month to be published in the current issue.**

## More Tourney Talk

### 3-Event Tourney at Sticks Billiards, Austin, Texas, Jan. 20-22

Sticks Billiards, 13201 Pond Springs Rd., Austin, Texas, will host a three-event tournament on Jan. 20-22.

Action will start Friday night with an open draw, \$10 entry fee, single game, single elimination, limited to 32 entries. At noon on Saturday, the bring partner event will start. \$60 per team entry and no pros and 0's may team up together. Single game, double elimination, limited to 16 teams. Sticks will add \$250 to this pot.

Sunday's event will be an A/B draw, \$20 per person entry, starting at noon, single game, single elimination. Pros, semi-pros and 1's will be rated A's; 2's, 3's and 4's as B's.

Information further information, contact Nonie at Sticks, 512-335-9177. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

### Correction on Bourbon Tourney Unofficial Results....

In response to our unofficial report of the results of the Oct. 1 Bourbon (Indiana) tournament in last month's issue, it didn't take long to get a phone call to set the record straight! Third place winners were Ron Campbell and Bill Loos of Nebraska -- not Buddy Broka and Bob Perry! Our apologies to Ron and Bill. As we go to press with this issue, we are still unable to provide the final standings. Maybe next month....

## More Notebook



**Christmas Shopping Tips....**  
**Name the Dixie Belle Bear.....**  
**Salutes to Out-of-Town**  
**Visitors.....**



....from all of us at the Dixie Belle! We have had our fill of turkey and dressing and are getting ready to trim our Christmas tree and shop 'til we drop.

Speaking of shopping, I'm sure the shuffleboard players in our lives could use a new set of weights or a new carrying case. I have noticed while reading *The Board Talk*, there are businesses advertising great products for reasonable prices. Patronizing these companies sure beats fighting the crowds at the malls.

Back to news at the Dixie Belle... Wes has a bear, an orphan bear, a very large orphan bear. This monster seems to be nameless. If any of you could help Wes out and name this beast, we Dixie Bellers will be very grateful. If your suggestion is used, the D.B. will be sending you a small token of our appreciation. I better describe the bear.... It is approximately 8 feet tall, weight unknown, brown, shaggy and stuffed. It can be found in the Gallagher Room of the Dixie Belle, along with plenty of action on our four boards. Please help us name our bear.

We here at the Dixie Belle are always glad to have friends, old and new, from out of our area drop in. In November, from Orange County, California, Bob and Anna Brunskill, Gloria Duron and Vern Booth came up to play a few round robins. I'm sorry to say I didn't get to meet them, but as I ran through the Gallagher Room, I saw they were having a good time.

While I'm on the subject of out-of-towners, Paul Elliott of Indiana has become a regular here at The Belle. If he is an example of the way they raise them in Indiana -- HOORAY! I hope we see more of you Hoosiers in PCSA country and the Dixie Belle.

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elimination, 16 team limit  
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### ★Sunday, Jan. 22, noon: A/B Draw

\$20 entry, single game, single  
elimination; A's: pros, semi-pros and 1's  
B's: 2's, 3's and 4's

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