

The Board Talk

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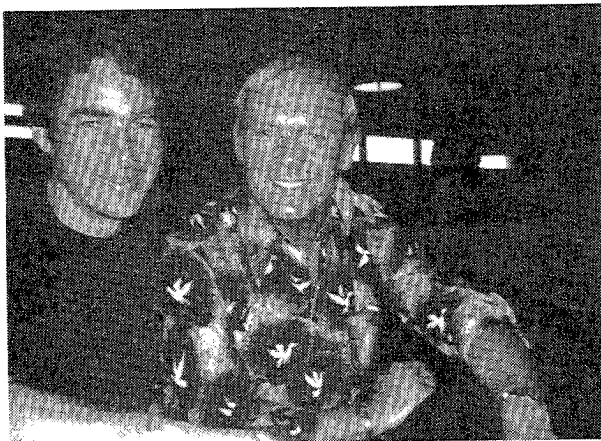
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The Hammer

We were pleased with the contributions we received for the Bob Miles Tribute in last month's issue. That section has been laminated and sent to Hal Perry for presentation to Bob, either at The Shuffleboard Federation North American Championships special induction ceremonies if Bob can be present at that event in Reno, or to him personally if he cannot. Either way, we hope this deserving recognition will provide a boost to him, physically and emotionally. Our only regret is that we didn't have the opportunity to know him ourselves.

Someone who did have that opportunity and cherishes it is Darrol Nelson of Oregon. He sent us this photo of him and Bob, taken at the Longview (Washington) regionals, where they were partners in the six-man team event around 1977. Thanks, Darrol!



Darrol Nelson (left) and "Hall of Famer" Bob Miles.

The support for a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is strong! Bill English of Colorado wrote: "I heartily agree with Hal Perry that a committee should be formed. I would recommend that each state have elected committee members, perhaps five or six members per state. This could be easily done with a ballot sheet in an issue of *The Board Talk*. I pondered this idea 'til late last night and quickly thought about six credible representatives. Those six are not only the 'Big Guns' in our area, but they all have big hearts and they love and really care about shuffleboard and the participants. We hope to contribute more to the Bob Miles award and/or the Hall of Fame again in the

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Tourney Talk

Earl Kelly Benefit: An Unqualified Success!

The Earl Kelly Benefit Tournament, hosted by Bill Brodie of the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, on April 15-17, raised more than \$1500. Bill thanks all the players and spectators for a job well done.

"In addition to the monies raised by the tourney, generous contributions came in from Diana Hagen and her Houston crew, Don McCurry of the Texas Mist in Austin, and a wonderful contribution and poignant letter from Hal Perry of West Coast fame," reports Bobby Williams.

In the open draw, Bill Melton and Mickey Baugh won first place. David Williams and Greg Tedford came in second, with Bill Wooldridge and Eddie Wood taking third. In the bring partner event, Bill Melton and Lisa Melton took first place honors. Greg Tedford and Bobby Williams finished second, with J.D. Sweet and Bob Shaw in third place.

A Good Time at Harvey's Place

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, was the site of the 4th in a series of 5 three-day tournaments on May 13-15.

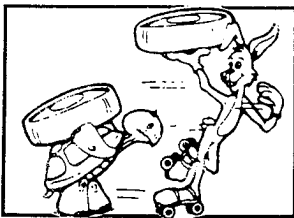
Friday night's draw partner event was won by Arlow Johnson of Jordan, New York, and Alvis Ramey, Port Deposit, Md. Finishing in second place was Arlow's wife, Jane Johnson, and Len Dell of Baltimore. Third place went to Jim McDaniels, Darlington, Md., and Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., with fourth and final money spot going to hosts Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer.

Saturday's bring partner event was won by Bunky Gertz of Queenstown, Md., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware, with Wendy Davis of Wilmington and Harvey Comer taking second place.

Sunday's event was changed from the usual mixed doubles to four-person teams. "George Wilber would have loved it," said Dick Gorman. "The concensus was it was different and an awful lot of fun. We kept playing round robin draws for the teams so it was hard to say who won the most. I think everybody did -- because we had a good time."

Dick reports a small turn-out, due to a league banquet

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard on Noah's Ark

On the ferry from Hollyhead, Wales, to Dublin, Ireland, I found this cartoon in a nautical journal....



"Forget it, Ham. He said nothing about shuffleboard."

According to the Bible, Noah was chosen by God to keep some people and animals alive during the Great Flood, about which Noah had been warning for 120 years. When Noah built the 450 ft. long ship -- the Ark -- he took with him his three sons, Shem, Japheth and Ham and enough birds and animals to repopulate the earth (Gen. 6-9 and 9:18-27).

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Obviously, Ham talked him into carrying a shuffleboard, too. Maybe that's why all shuffleboard players are a bit of a ham.

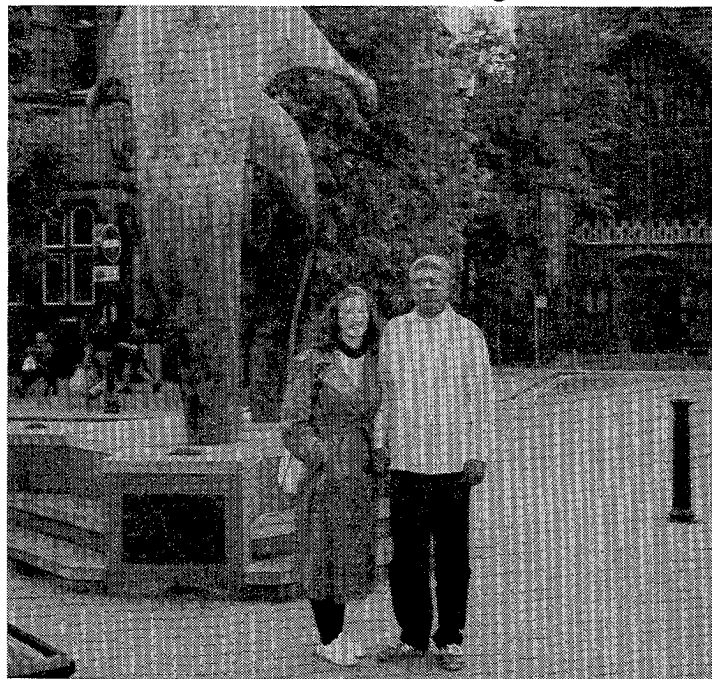
Megan and I (minus the kids) are on a three-week trip to Wales and Ireland. Megan has christened this trip "Cash & Carry" -- carry your luggage and have cash in your pocket.

As you know, shuffleboard was very popular in England among the Monarchs and the Lords. The boards were intricately inlaid and crowns (gold coins) were slid across the board to play the game.

In Hollywood, famous stars had custom-built shuffleboards in their homes and the likes of John Barrymore, Errol Flynn and Clark Gable were to play this fabulous game along with billiards. Later, both these games became popular in taverns and bars with their sizes shrunk to be more accommodating.

Since we are footloose and fancy free, we will try to find some board around here and even drop off a few *Board Talk* issues.

Doc & Megan Khan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan



Doc and Megan Khan in Chester, a 2000 year old town on the border of England and Northwest Wales, with pubs that are 700 years old and still open for drinks

Thanks for your report, Doc and Megan, and for this great cartoon! Bill and Bonnie English send their best regards and salute you for your contributions to *The World of Shuffleboard*.

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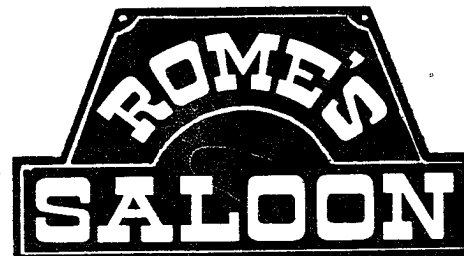
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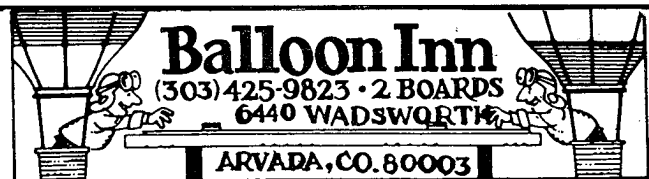
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in the same area, resulted in some changes in the usual format for the series -- Friday draw partner, Saturday women's singles and bring partner, and Sunday mixed doubles.

"Hosts Darlyene Belcher and Harvey Comer do their best to make sure everyone has a good time and goes away with a good, full feeling in their stomachs," Dick said. "They have been known to change events to accommodate the wishes of the participants, and this tournament was no exception."

The last in the series was held on June 10-12. See report in this issue.

1st Annual Open Doubles at Tim's Timber Tavern, Kelso, Washington, Oct. 8-9

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, Washington, will host its first annual open doubles on Oct. 8-9, \$50 per team entry, double elimination, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Saturday. \$20 draw partners will start at 7 p.m. on Friday. Tournament directors will be Kevin Larkin and Doug Debois.

A feed is scheduled for Saturday night.

For further information, call 206-636-2627. Recommended lodging is the Kelso Inn, 206-636-4610.

Mark your calendars now for this first!

1st Annual Mixed Doubles, Liberty Bar, Pontiac, Michigan, July 16-17

The 1st Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament at the Liberty Bar, 85 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Michigan, will be held July 16-17. It's a bring partner event, single game, double elimination. Entry fee is \$50 per team. The tournament will be played on the Liberty's two in-house boards. Liberty is adding \$100 to the pot for this event!

For information and/or to make your reservation, call Vicky Gohl, 810-681-3761, or George Wilber, 517-371-2538.

North American Championships, Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Reno, Nevada, July 25-31

The Shuffleboard Federation's 1994 North American Championships will once again be held at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada, on July 25-31, with tournament play on 16 new boards.

There are 12 events on the schedule (see enclosed flyer for complete details), with guaranteed added money of \$7,000, and \$17,500 added if there is a full tournament.

Please note that July 11 is the deadline for entries; if events are still open, a \$5 per event penalty will be charged for entries received after that date.

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Remember, the Bob Miles induction into the Shuffle-



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board Hall of Fame will take place at this event. Be there for this historic happening.

6th Annual Shuffleboard Affair, Town Tavern, Sequim, Washington, July 23-24

Joanne Kidd and her grouchy husband Rex, hosts of the Town Tavern in Sequim, Washington, and tournament director Jim Manders, invite you to the 6th Annual Shuffleboard Affair on July 23-24. The open doubles, \$50 entry, pays six places and \$200 will be added to the pot.

For further information, call 206-683-3311, 683-1013, or 417-4013 (Jim's beeper). "You can practice for the Whistling O's tournament after you're eliminated here," says Jim. "Quilcene is only 30 miles away."

Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters Plus/Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, Aug. 3-7, Quilcene, Washington

Just a reminder that both lodging and entries are limited for the Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters Plus/Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, on Aug. 3-7, at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington. If you've got an RV or tent, you're in good shape for lodging because there's plenty of camping space. However, if you haven't sent your entries in yet, better do so now (see enclosed reservation form) because all events are limited to 32 on a first-come, first-entered basis.

Over \$2,000 will be added to the pot for this big event and whether you win or not, you'll be guaranteed a good time at this "reunion." Drawings for prizes will be held, courtesy of printed program advertisers: Triple Crown Shuffleboard Supplies, Omaha, Nebraska; The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., Northville, Michigan; and Tolo Tavern, Central Point, Oregon (added to the list since last issue); Old Edison Inn, Edison, Washington; Sports Plaza Tavern, Everett, Washington (they are offering 2 for 1 drink and food specials for shufflers who bring in their printed program with them); Port Angeles Distributors and Budweiser, Port Angeles, Washington; United Distributors, Port Angeles, Washington; and *The Board Talk*, Lansing, Michigan. This printed program will be a real keepsake with the winners of every shufflers' reunion tournament since 1985 listed. (Collect autographs!)

So you don't win on the boards or in the drawings? You'll still go home a winner with Bill and Sandee's famous seafood buffets on Saturday and Sunday -- FREE! Check the enclosed flyer for tournament details, lodging information, and other Whistling Oyster amenities. Questions? Call Bill Bailey at 206-765-9508, 3436 or 3411.

Driving or flying, check the map that was in last month's issue for directions on how to get to Quilcene.

Summertime Tournament at Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, July 28-31

The friendly Fridley Family invites you to participate in their Summertime Tournament at the Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York, on July 28-31. Action starts on Thursday night with \$5 and \$10 round robins. The open singles, \$20 per person, is scheduled for Friday, with a mixed doubles, \$20 per team, and draw partners, \$10 per person, on Saturday, and the bring partner event on Sunday, \$30 per team.

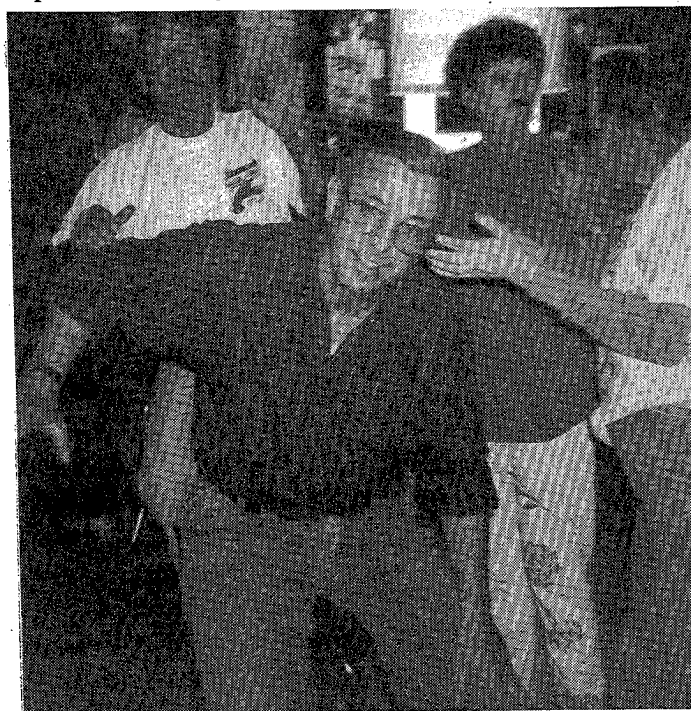
Entries are limited and tournaments at this site are usually sell-outs, so use the reservation form in last month's issue to save your spot.

A popular feature of the Fridley's tournaments is Elsie's open buffets, served to all participants. The Dew Drop Inn has four well-maintained boards.

For information, call the Dew Drop Inn, 315-539-1346, or Doug Jr. at 539-0256.

Good Times at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown!

Beautiful weather and the prospect of a good time brought many shufflers to Glenn's Tavern in the tiny western Maryland town of Funkstown over the May 20-22 weekend. New York, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and many parts of Maryland were well-represented, reports Donna Snyder.



Win, lose or draw, it's a good time at Glenn's Tavern, illustrated by Jim Snyder (front and center), Bunky Gertz, and Jane Johnson (travelling shuffler from New York).

Friday night's draw partner event was won by Doug Fridley Jr. of the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York,

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future. In the meantime, if we can be of assistance to your worthy endeavors, please alert us. We would be honored to help with a project."

Along with that letter came a check as the first contribution to this endeavor. We're holding that check "in escrow" and will pass it along to that committee when (and if) it's formed and we'll add another one.

Very frankly, folks, we think the ball is back in your court on this effort. That effort will receive 100 percent support from us, as your communications vehicle; and (we're certain) from The Shuffleboard Federation, which is conducting the first induction ceremony; and the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, which has always been responsive to good causes; and probably some of our other supply support systems.

We feel very strongly that this Shuffleboard Hall of Fame endeavor should remain in the hands of the players -- not with any of the entities that (hopefully) will benefit from the growth of our sport. That's going to take some strong leadership on the part of players -- to give back to the game a little bit of what it's given them, to set aside their egos and work together with their challengers (on the boards) to make this good thing happen. To see that happen would mark a turnaround in our sport. We've got some wonderful potential leaders with integrity and it is our hope that they will come forward to accept this challenge/opportunity.

We call your attention to The Shuffleboard Federation's column this month. John McDermott has started giving weekly shuffleboard lessons to beginning players and encourages other pros to do the same.

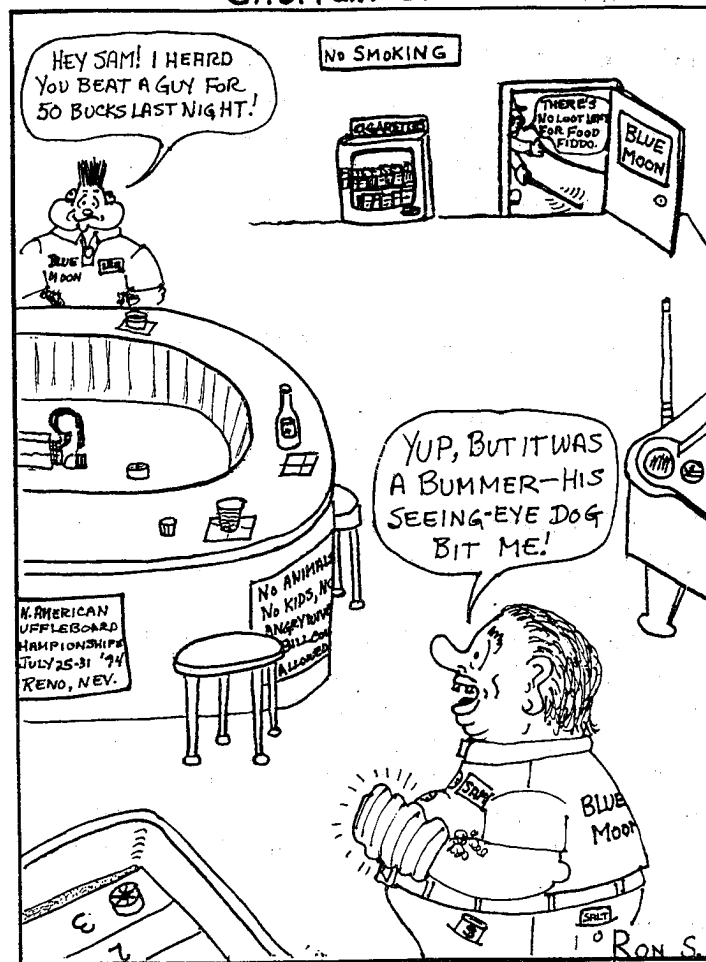
We heartily endorse that concept. Some pros are already serving as "teachers" as opportunities arise, but the regularly-scheduled format provides a more structured "classroom" atmosphere that will pay off in benefits of new talent to keep our sport alive and growing. That's a goal we all share.

Pros: reach out and share your skills and knowledge about the game with others. Beginners and average players: don't be shy about asking a pro to conduct a class. It's hard for us to believe that any of them wouldn't be willing to invest a couple hours of week to the future of shuffleboard.

That talented Ron Schweikert, author of the Frisco Eddie series, is now a contributor of cartoons that only The World of Shuffleboard can relate to. Please give us some feedback on this new feature.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

"SHUFFLIN' SAM"



(See Page 18 for No. 2 of Ron's Shufflin' Sam cartoons)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

To allow us to travel from Michigan to Quilcene, Washington, for the 10th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament, it will be necessary to close the pages of the August Board Talk on July 13 rather than our usual 15th deadline. Please send your Tourney Talk, Calendar of Events, Notebook contributions, and advertising to reach us by July 13. Also, the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing will close on that date.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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The Playhouse in the Desert

The Playhouse is the name of a bar in Dateland, Arizona, which just got a real nice American shuffleboard put in. Dateland is located 67 miles east of Yuma and 2 miles north of Interstate 8.

Arlie Tacker, who back in the '50s used to shoot league, is the owner. Now that he has a chance to shoot, his skills are coming back. The local people are taking an interest in it and have had a lot of fun.

Come on down, Porter White! We also welcome anyone passing through to have a cold one (and it's cold) and play some board.

Gil and Linda Aragon, Dateland, Arizona

We first met Gil and Linda in Phoenix many years ago at one of the first tournaments we covered and are delighted that they're still a part of our network. If they recommend The Playhouse to travelling shufflers, that's good enough for us to second that motion! Watch for their listing in the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." in next month's issue. Stop in and say to Arlie: The Board Talk and the Aragons sent us!

Rocky Mountain Renegades Reunion

The "Rocky Mountain Renegades" came to visit -- and what a visit it was! They showed up at our apartment door -- I never bothered to ask them how they got in with a locked front door. Of course, they were over an hour late because they met at a shuffleboard bar and, of course, this meant a challenge, but I didn't ask who won.

After a lot of hugging and hand-shaking, we got down to the serious business of drinking and shuffleboard stories. We had a wonderful evening. We took a lot of pictures and they insisted on Bonnie being in most of the photos. They all think she is an O.K. kind of person. They respect her years of support and great appreciation for the game.

Those at our apartment for the evening were: Jody Slack, George Ostrum, Travis Anderson, Morey Balins, Rick Boyer, and a relative stranger -- can't remember the name.

Bonnie and I are coin collectors so we presented them all with a mint condition pure silver U.S. dollar for good luck and in memory of this occasion. They all seemed to cherish these tokens of friendship. George had tears in his eyes and said to me: "I'll never leave home without that dollar and I will keep it until I die."

I told Bonnie that it's a once in a lifetime experience to have all the "big guns" in the Rocky Mountains in

our home at the same time.

The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral (Balloon Inn) is June 11-12. We hope to at least attend the calcutta. I don't have all the teams as yet, but I know Jody Slack and Morey Balins are going to be a tough team...but, there is also George and Rick. Also Travis and the new kid on the block, Dennis Bird. I told Bonnie, I think we will just visit and watch. It would be a shame to bet against any of these friends.

Bill English, Loveland, Colorado

We're happy that we played a small role in making this "reunion" happen, Bill. A big Board Talk salute to the Rocky Mountain Renegades for giving you and Bonnie this great experience. Wish we had been there!

A Welcome Salute from the East Coast

I just want you to know how much we in Delaware enjoy what you are doing for shuffleboard. Many thanks to you as well as good folks here on the East Coast, like my friends Dick Gorman and Louise Freer, who keep us in the news.

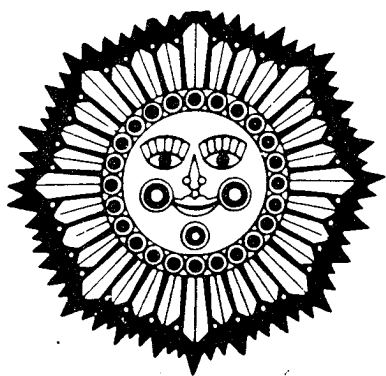
Please add to your calendar: Mickey's Place, Henderson, Maryland, Labor Day week-end tournament to kick off the season on Sept. 3-5, and the Annual Christmas tournament hosted by the Harrington Moose, Harrington, Delaware, on Dec. 10-11.

Taverns in lower Delaware that have active shuffleboards are: Wyoming Tavern, Camden/Wyoming; Owls Nest Tavern, Felton; Oaks Tavern, Harrington; American Legion, Harrington; Harrington Moose, Harrington; Greenwood Tavern, Greenwood; Milford Tavern, Milford; Kent & Sussex Inn, Milford; Milford Moose, Milford; and Revelation Rob's, Harrington.

Mary Wagner, Milford, Delaware

Thanks, Mary, for the salute. We, too, appreciate the regular contributions we receive from Dick and Louise about East Coast happenings. We have added those two events to the calendar; receiving them in advance helps increase attendance. On a negative side of this story, we're sorry to tell you that not one of the lower Delaware shuffleboard locations you listed are members of our shuffleboard network. For only the \$15 per year subscription fee, they get listed in our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." That's like FREE advertising and shufflers use it in their travels. Let them know what they're missing! Your long and continued support of The Board Talk is very much appreciated. Delaware has slipped from being one of our top subscriber states to very near the bottom and we can't figure out why. We feel fortunate to still have you as an active member of the network!

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JULY

July 1-4

3rd Annual Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 1-4

1st Annual 4th of July Tourney
The Brass Rail
Las Vegas, Nevada

July 1-4

2nd Annual 4th of July Tourney
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

July 16-17

1st Annual Mixed Doubles
Liberty Bar
Pontiac, Michigan

July 23-24

6th Annual Shuffleboard Affair
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

July 26-31

The Shuffleboard Federation's
North American Championships
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino
Reno, Nevada

July 28-31

Summertime Nationals
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

AUGUST

Aug. 3-7

5th Annual Grand Masters Plus
10th Annual Board Talk
Shuffler's Reunion
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 12-14

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

Aug. 19-21

Bring Partner Open
Rome's Saloon
Denver, Colorado

Aug. 26-28

Summer Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-5

Labor Day Tournament
Blinky's Sports Cafe
Santa Clara, California

Sept. 2-4

Crazy Canucks Annual
Labor Day Tournament
AN & AF Unit 68

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Sept. 3-5

Labor Day Tournament
Mickey's Place
Henderson, Maryland

September

Labor Day Texas Open
Texas Mist
Austin, Texas

Sept. 9-11

4th Annual Skip's/Board Talk
Fall Tournament
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 9-11

Fall Tournament
Sherburne American Legion 876
Sherburne, New York

Sept. 17-18

4th Annual Draw Partners
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 24-25

Bring Partner Doubles
Stober's Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

OCTOBER

Oct. 1

27th Annual Fall Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 8-9

1st Annual Open Doubles
Tim's Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

NOVEMBER

Nov. 24-27

Annual Thanksgiving Weekend
Tournament
Pasquale's Bar
Lansing, Michigan

DECEMBER

Dec. 10-11

Annual Christmas Tournament
Harrington Moose
Harrington, Delaware

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and local favorite Lonzo Knight, Dargon, Md. Second place went to Jimmy "The Cop" Kumpula, Detroit, Michigan, and Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md. Alan Heuer, Boonsboro, Md., and Arlow Johnson, Jordan, N.Y., finished in third place.



Lonzo Knight (left) and Doug Fridley Jr. were winners of the draw partner event.

Ten teams competed in Saturday's bring partner with top honors going to John Myles, Livonia, Mich., and Doug Fridley Jr. Second place went to Alan Heuer and Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pa. Local favorites Jim Snyder, Williamsport, Md., and Lonzo Knight finished third.



John Myles (left) and Doug Fridley Jr., winners of the draw partner event. Doug and John also took second and third, respectively, in the singles, beat out by local powerhouse, Lonzo Knight.

Sunday's singles event was won by Lonzo Knight, with Doug Fridley Jr. finishing second and John Myles in third place.

"We would like to thank one of our local players, Jerry Garber, for his efforts in arranging for a local Miller Beer distributor to provide us with trophies for the winners of first, second and third places," said Donna. "Also thanks to Jerry for selling lottery tickets to provide jackets for the first place winners of all three events."

"We also thank Lonzo Knight for his tournament directing; John Thomas, owner of Glenn's Tavern; and again we appreciated Linda Jones for preparing our meals. Their combined efforts gave us a successful tournament!"

McLeod/Cockrum Win 1st Annual Missouri State Doubles Championships

The 1st Annual State Doubles Shuffleboard Championship was played at the Longbranch Lounge in Springfield, Missouri, on May 27-28. Longbranch owner Jim Johnson added \$200 to the pot and the local Busch Beer distributor furnished trophies for this first event.

First place winners were Gene McLeod and Woodie Cockrum playing for the Hanger Tavern in Houston, Mo. Second place winners were Dave Mackey and Jean Adams, playing for the Longbranch, and third place went to Biven Watson and Vicki Boyd, playing out of the Golden Lounge, Springfield.



Gene McLeod (left) and Woodie Cockrum (right) receive congratulations on their first-place win from Longbranch owner Jim Johnson.

"Several tavern owners in the state sponsored players from their areas and some were there supporting their players, some as far away as the Hanger Tavern and Eagles in Houston, Mo.," reports Woodie Cockrum. "Tonya Chapman, the bar manager, did a great job taking care of a packed house for the two-day event. It took one bartender just to take care of the needs of Jimmy Dickens (not little)."

Special Note to Missouri Players from Woodie:

"There will be a lot of players in the state of Missouri reading this article. You may think of yourself as a second-rate player -- not true! Springfield, Missouri is a

strong shuffleboard town with a lot of good players who can play with the best. You have a lot of good tournaments in Springfield, like your city tournaments which we may not be able to attend, but we would like to read about them.

"*The Board Talk* has a listing each month of upcoming tournaments and dates. It's there for your tournaments as well. Subscribe for your own *Board Talk*. Let George and Donna Wilber know where and when and who is invited, whether it be state, city or open. Then send in the results. Let Canada and the U.S.A. know that Springfield, Missouri, is a shuffleboard town. Don't worry about being a great reporter. Just let the Wilbers know who did what and they will make your report look good. Even Jimmy Dickens could write for *The Board Talk* if he had a Busch beer as a helper.

"So, come on, Springfield, send in your shuffleboard news."

(Editor's Note: Thanks for the sales pitch, Woodie! We look forward to hearing from Springfield.)

Another Great One at Litz's -- Who Said 13 is an Unluckly Number?

The 13th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament at Litz's Tavern, Spokane, Washington, came off without a hitch, reports Marv White.

On Friday night, 30 players drew partners for a single-out, 15 point game match-up. First place went to Doug Buhl's brother of Bremerton and Uncle John's nephew of Vancouver. Second went to Chuck Norris of Portland, Oregon, and local John Lyons, with Carl Roush of Shelton and local Marv White in third place.

The doubles on Saturday had 17 teams shooting for a \$4700 pot and when the dust cleared Sunday evening, it was local Dan Hitt and Mike Thorpe in first (Mike's first tourney win -- congratulations!), Al Pease of Pacific Beach and Marv White in second, and Chuck Norris and Rick Gindt of Tacoma in third place. Jim Allis and Joe Lavin, both from Longview, finished 4th; Dave Reins and Chuck the Puck, Yakima, 5th; and Loren Lampley, Shelton, and local Mike Pond, 6th.

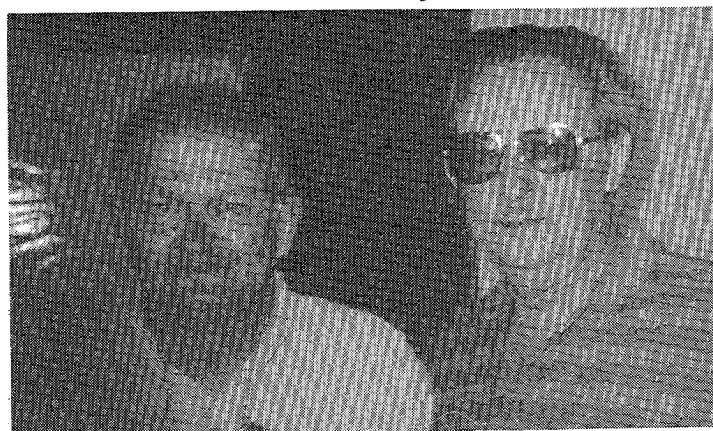
"I'd like to thank Jim Foran for helping run the tournament and sponsor sale," said Marv. "A special thanks to Sherry for organizing and putting on the best Memorial feed Spokane has ever seen. Good job, Sherry. And last, but not least, thanks to Gary, Denise, and their crew for hosting another great tourney in Spokane. Good job," said Marv.

Norris/Hepler Winners at Shamrock

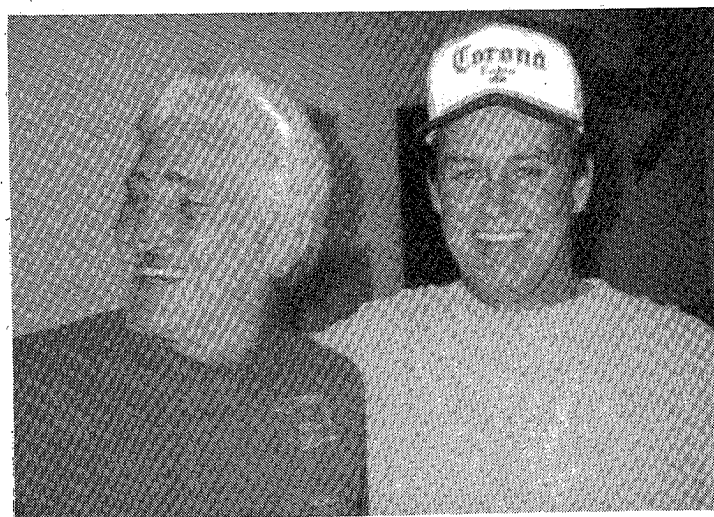
The 4th Annual Draw Partner tournament at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, was held May 6-8, with 20 teams playing for a \$3,000 pot. After the air cleared from Bernie's chili feed, the action was on. Going all the way through the winners bracket to take first place were Chuck Norris of Portland, Oregon, and Frank Hepler of Kelso, Washington. Joe (come from behind) Lavin and Russ Miller of Mt. Vernon took second place honors, with Rich Miller of Longview and Chris Danke of Vancouver in third. Doug DeBois of Oregon and Kevin Larkin of Kelso finished fourth.

"This was a well-run tournament and a lot can be said for the good job done by tournament directors Doug DeBois and Kevin Larkin," reports Ralph Duarte.

"I am very happy to hear a lot on Mr. Shuffleboard, Bob Miles. This man is at the top of the list in shuffleboard players, and is also a fine man," said Ralph.



Frank Hepler (left) and Chuck Norris were winners of the Shamrock Tavern's 4th Annual Draw Partner event.



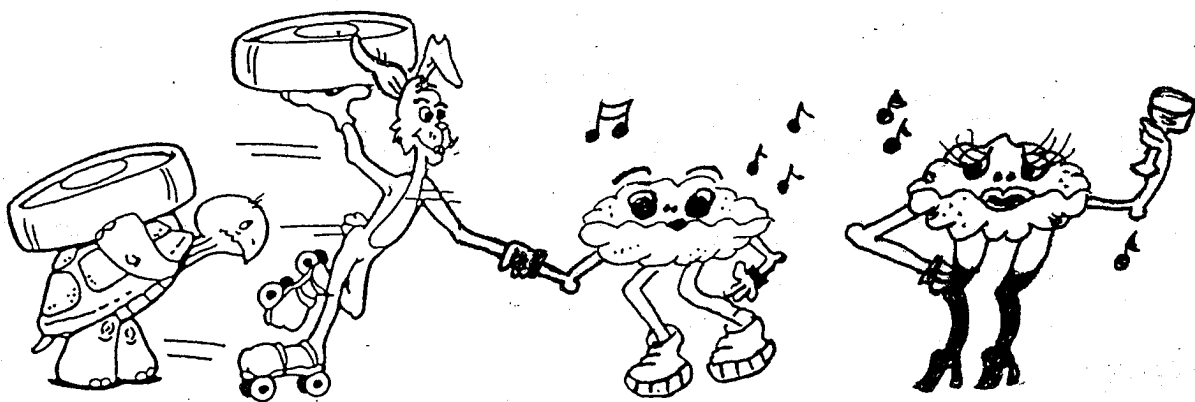
Russ Miller and Joe Lavin took second place honors.

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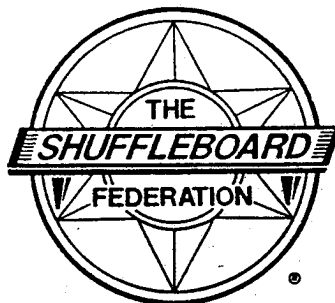
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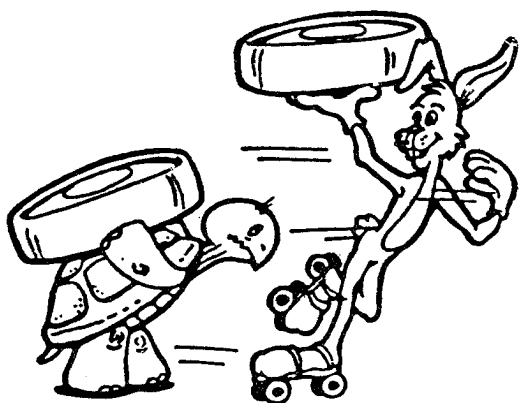
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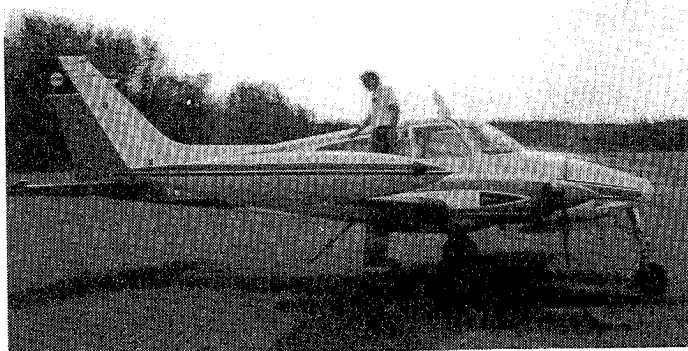
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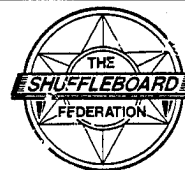
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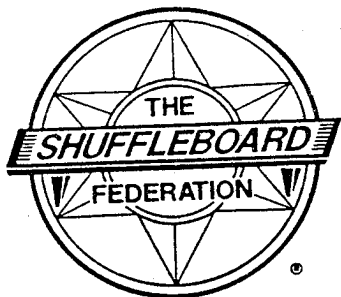
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We encourage other pros to do this in their own areas. You will be surprised how much you will enjoy it. To all of you beginners and average players, approach your local pros and ask them to help.

ANOTHER FIRST

It has been a goal of ours to get the shuffleboard manufacturers to get involved in jointly sponsoring league and tournament activity. This goal has finally become a reality.

All the details were not final by the press deadline for this issue, but we can tell you that several different manufacturers will be involved with the upcoming North American Championships. Look for more information about this in the next issue.

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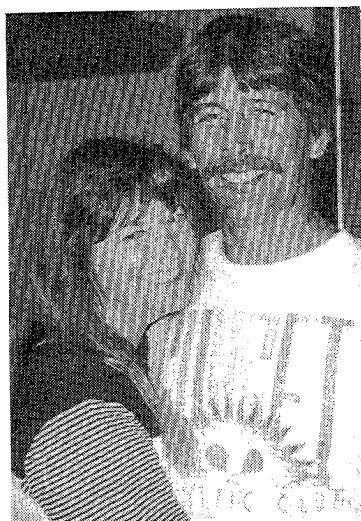
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Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 11)*

Chris Danke and Rich Miller finished third in the 4th Annual Draw Partner Tournament at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, on May 6-8.



Bring Partner Open at Rome's Saloon, Denver, Colorado, August 19-21

By popular demand, Rome's Saloon, 785 W. Mississippi, Denver, Colorado, will host a bring your own partner open on August 19-21, \$50 per team entry fee. It will be a 2 out of 3, double elimination event, played on two boards, 15 point games, with 20-team limit. Shuffleboard Federation rules will be used. Sign-up money must be in before 8 p.m. on Friday, August 19. The bar will be

adding \$300 to the pot this time!

The sponsor sale will be held at 8 p.m. on August 19, with \$10 blind draws following. On August 20 and 21, tournament action will begin at 9 a.m. sharp each day.

For information, call Rome's at 303-778-9976. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site. This is a beautiful time of year to visit Colorado!

4th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tournament, Houghton Lake, Michigan, Sept. 10-11

It's that time of year again when fun-loving shufflers look at the calendar and say, let's go to Michigan's Vacation Wonderland for a weekend of great competition and good times! Yes, it's the 4th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Tournament on Sept. 10-11 that once again will include a draw partners (with pros and 1 and 2 rated players drawing from the remaining registered players), \$20 per player entry fee, and an open singles, \$40 per player. Round robins are on the schedule for Friday night and more boards will be added to accommodate the growing number of players who turn out for this event.

Sponsor sale for the draw partners will start at noon sharp on Saturday, with play immediately following. The open singles sponsor sale will start at noon on Sunday and the Red Baron, Larry Creakbaum of Indiana, will be flying into Skip's backyard to defend his crown of the past two years. Who will challenge him? A whole field of

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Spickelmier/Cox/Jennings Top Winners at Blinky's Memorial Weekend Tourney

The 4th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament at Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California, displayed some excellent play as talented players from throughout the state competed for a total of \$10,000 in the open doubles and singles events.

In the singles, Karl Spickelmier from Malibu took first place with second going to John (Squirrel) Fisher of Huntington Beach. In third and fourth places were Steve Perry and Hal Perry of Sacramento.

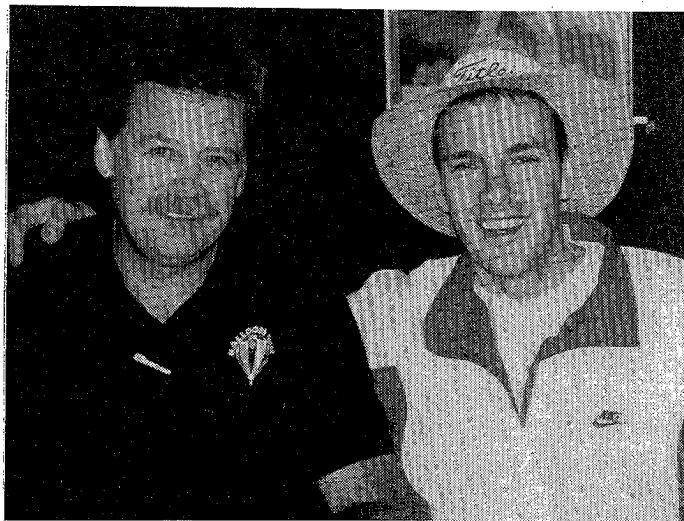
In the doubles, first place went to Don Cox of Rio Linda (almost local) and local Nelson Jennings, with second place honors going to Bubba Warren and John Fisher, both from southern California. In third place were Hal Perry and local Rick Thomas.

Both events were played on four board provided by A.Z. Turnbo (two of which remain at Blinky's).

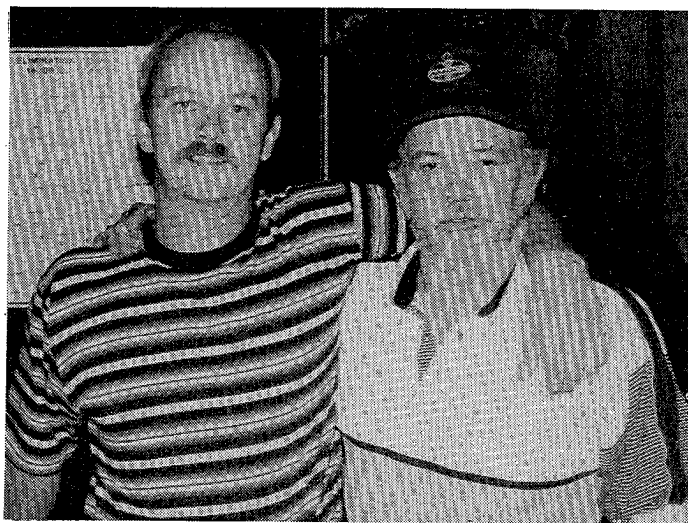
"Thanks again to A.Z. for his ongoing support," said tournament director Rick Thomas. "Many thanks to Kathy Thomas and Sue Gregg (Jennings) for all their help in collecting all entry and sponsor sale monies and disbursement and also for running the bracket boards, and to Donna Cox for all her help.

"Thanks to Nelson Jennings, who always does a great job of running the sponsor sales and installing lights and mats. Many thanks to Don Cox, who stuck around all weekend and waxed boards. That's what shuffleboard support is all about. Thanks also to all the players, local and out of town, for their participation -- namely, Bobby Hunt, Nick Chaffin, Loren Maxham, George Cain, Skip McCaslin, Dale Pialor, Chris Wayt, Steve Luttrell, Pat Bayless, and Paul Parks.

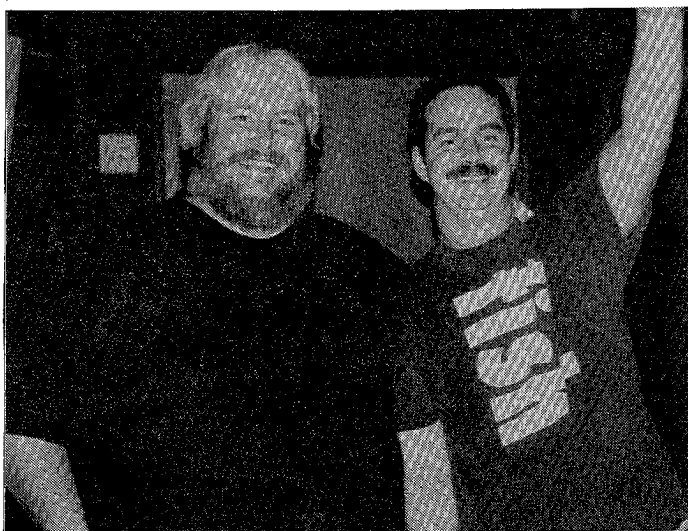
"Once again, we thank the hosts at Blinky's, Dick and Barbara Aregger, for their support of pro and amateur shuffleboard and we all thank them for the great buffet they provided for all the players and spectators."



Karl Spickelmier (left) was winner of the singles, and Steve Perry finished in third place.



Nelson Jennings (left) and Don Cox were winners of the doubles at Blinky's Memorial Weekend Tournament.



Bubba Warren (left) and John Fisher finished second in the doubles. John also took second place in the singles.
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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

*A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert
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(Editor's Note: In last month's issue, Bob had told his story about the meeting between "Kid Spooks" and the "Masked Marvel" and a match between L.A. Larry and Slim Dolan, to a captivated audience. Lil then offered to tell her story about a man who "died" playing shuffleboard.)

Everyone was listening as Lil began her yarn about the man who actually DIED from playing shuffleboard! She continued: "Now, this whole thing happened very late one Saturday night, after a bunch of us had been playing all weekend. The action took place at a joint called the 3 P's in El Monte, California. They had four boards there, which was unusual at that time. Anyway, there was this group of guys from Southwest L.A. who had driven up there -- in this here hearse!"

Eddie interrupted: "Hey, come on. I thought this was going to be a TRUE story."

Lil replied: "I'm telling you, man, it is! These guys had showed up in an old, used Caddy funeral wagon!" A ripple of snickers followed and then she started again: "Everyone was pretty wasted from being up for over two days, you see. Now, I had a side bet with one of the 'Undertaker' guys, whose name was Two-Hanger Tommie. I won my game, so I looked around for old Two-Hanger so I could collect my cash...but he was nowhere in sight."

Lil took a sip of her drink and continued: "I decided to check out the parking lot to see if he was out there. It was after they had to stop serving alcohol, and some of the players would secretly keep a jug in their cars so they could sneak out and have a snort. Sure enough, I found my man in that there hearse! He was laid out all straight in the back -- with his eyes closed and his arms folded across his chest. As I looked at him through the rear window, I figured he was just asleep, so I tried to open one of the doors to wake him up and collect my side bet."

Lil looked around a little then to check the temperature of the crowd and then started again: "The doors were all locked so I went to one of the rear windows and knocked on it and called out his name. He didn't move. I then thought he was probably passed out from being up so long. I started to really shout and pound on the rear windows. He still didn't budge. I decided to go back into the bar and get some of the others to check it out. When I told what had happened, the whole joint emptied out to

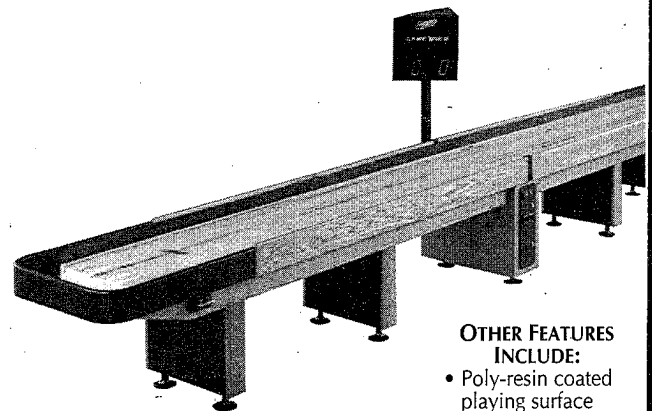
see what was going on with old Two-Hanger Tommie.

"When we got back out, he was still in the same position. Everyone crowded around the hearse. They started banging on the windows and even rocking the wagon. Then someone hollered out: 'I've had some medical training...and this guy is DEAD!' Some of the 'pansey' women were gasping and starting to cry. The crowd was beginning to panic then and someone yelled: 'O.K., that's it -- let's call emergency.' Then, just when a couple of them were starting to go inside to make the call, a strange thing happened. Someone shouted: 'Wait a minute....I think he moved!' All of a sudden, old Two-Hangers' arms started to straighten up! Then he started to raise up from the waist, until he was sitting up in the back of that old hearse, with his eyes still closed and his arms stretched out in front of him! I swear, it looked just

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return *(continued from Page 17)*

like a corpse coming back from the dead!

"After the initial shock was over, and we figured out what old Tommie had done to us, everyone closed in and started shouting and beating on that hearse. He sat inside there, laughing his ass off. You had to have been there to appreciate it. He pulled it off so good that it was actually kind of scary for a little while there."

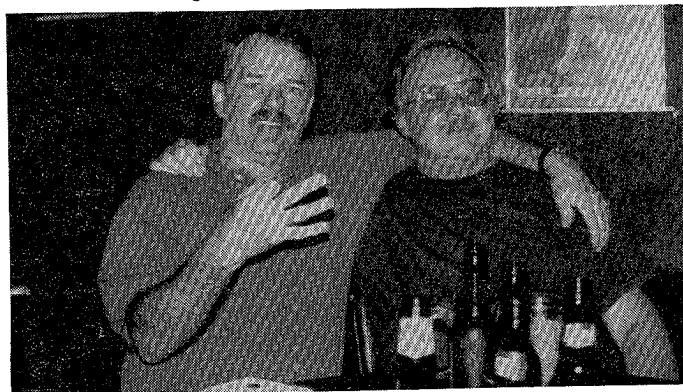
When those nearby stopped laughing and settling down, Lil got a serious look on her face. It became evident that the story-telling was over, and they all got back to their normal conversations.

Then Lil looked Eddie in the eye and said: "Eddie, I did come a long way, and now I do want to tell you the REAL reason I'm here." As they exchanged stares, Eddie thought to himself: "Oh, Oh, here comes the 'hook.'"

What is the "hook" and what's Lil's REAL reason for being at the Blue Moon? Don't miss the next episode in the August issue.



Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 15)*



Two important figures on the West Coast shuffleboard scene are Hal Perry (left) and Rick Thomas, who teamed up to take 3rd place in Blinky's doubles. Hal, who also finished 4th in the singles, is a leader in the creation of a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and Rick is tournament director at Blinky's shuffleboard events.

4th Annual Labor Day Week Shuffleboard Tournament at Blinky's, Aug. 28-Sept. 5

There are six-- yes, six! -- events on the schedule for the 4th Annual Labor Day Week Shuffleboard Tournament at Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, Aug. 28-Sept. 5.

Those events include a Ladies' Only singles on Sunday, Aug. 28, \$20 entry; an amateur doubles draw on Tuesday, Aug. 30, \$10 entry; an amateur singles on Wednesday, Aug. 31, \$20 entry; a pro-am draw on Thursday, Sept. 1, \$20 entry; a pro doubles on Saturday, Sept. 3, \$200 entry fee; and a pro singles on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4-5, \$100 entry fee.

Play will be on four A.Z. Turnbo boards and wax and sprays will be provided by The Shuffleboard Federation. Motel accommodations are nearby and Blinky's has ample parking and good food. Advance registration for this tournament is suggested and must be accompanied by entry fee.

For information, call tournament director Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

\$2000 Added to Crazy Canucks Pro Tourney, Sept. 1-4, AN & AF Club, Vancouver, Canada

There will be \$2,000 added to the pot of the Crazy Canucks Pro Tournament on Sept. 1-4 at the AN & AF Club, 1837 Main St., Vancouver, Canada. (Check flyer in last month's issue).

\$200 of that added money will be in the "Winston Jim" open draw partners event on Thursday, Sept. 1. Entry fee is \$20 per person and will pay 3 places.

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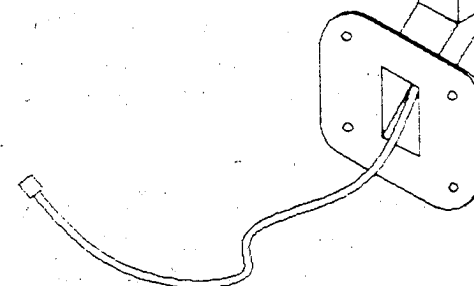
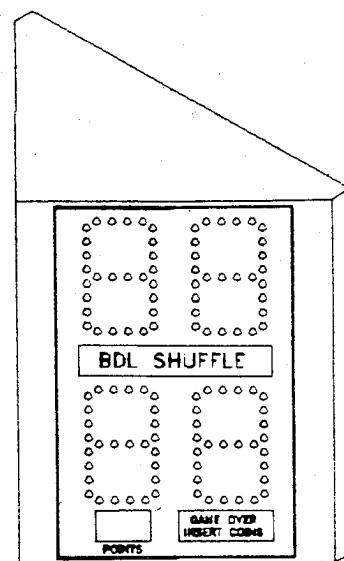
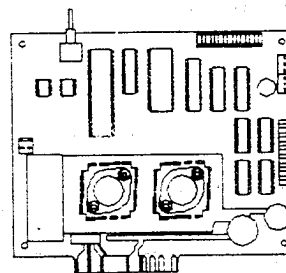
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Another Salute to Bob Miles

If I look way back when to remember a time with Bob Miles, I would have to go back to Sally's in Chino, California....

The scene would be set with Felix, Kermit and Bob on the table in the wee hours.

Heads up! Felix and Bob are lagging hangers. Who's ahead? Felix! By how much? Enough to make Bob's wallet lighter by a few pounds. What was the final outcome? What else, losers: Kermit and Felix. Total unknown, but considerable.

Hats off to Bob Miles! A tougher competitor, I've never known. We thought we had him tapped out; never saw such a comeback!

Good luck, Bob.

Kermit Haines, Phillips, Maine

Thanks for the memories, Kermit. We're sure Bob will enjoy your salute.

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\$600 will be added to the singles tournament, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 2. Entry fee (NO late entries accepted after Aug. 26) is \$50 and payout is six places.

\$1200 will be added to the doubles, which starts Saturday afternoon, \$100 per team, and paying six places.

Check the flyer in last month's issue for sponsor sale and starting times. Mail your entries (Canadian funds only) to: Marg Okum, 4103 Welwyn St., Vancouver, B.C. Canada V5N-3Z1; phone 604-872-5373.

Suggested lodging is at the Centre Motor Hotel, 2111 Main St. (at 6th Ave.), Vancouver, phone 604-876-7166. When you make your reservation, mention the Crazy Canucks Shuffleboard Tournament to receive special room rates.

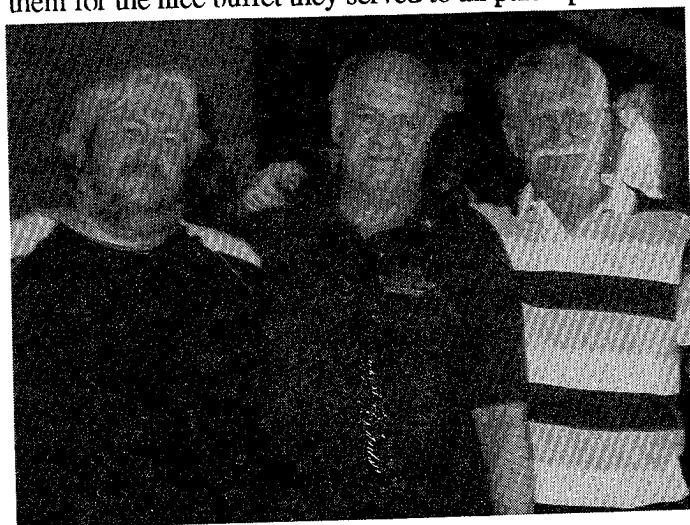
Warren/Booth/Linton Win CC's ABC Tourney

The winners of the ABC draw tournament held at C.C.'s Sports Bar and Lounge in Anaheim, California, on April 15-16 were Rich (Bubba) Warren, Vern Booth and Jim Linton.

Second place honors went to Jim Kennedy, Jim Andersen, and Linda Wright, with Jay Kimble, Dot Bastanchury and Joe Yeno in third place.

"As usual, a fine tournament was directed by Bob Brunskill, Vern Both and Bob Lukens," report Tony and Dot Bastanchury. "These officials are always doing a great job on in-house tournaments as well as the larger

events. We commend C.C.'s for their cooperation and promotion of shuffleboard in Anaheim. We also thank them for the nice buffet they served to all participants."



Bubba Warren, Vern Booth and Jim Linton took top honors in the ABC tourney at C.C.'s Sports Bar.

(Editor's Note: We, too, appreciate C.C.'s support of the World of Shuffleboard, Dot and Tony. Please note that they are a part of our Shuffleboard Directory each month.)

Warren/Bastanchury/Coulter Win ABC Blind Draw at Amato's

Amato's in Huntington Beach, California, held an ABC blind draw tournament on June 10-11. First place winners were Rich (Bubba) Warren, Dottie Bastanchury and Marie Coulter. Karl Spickelmier, Joanie Swenson and Kathleen Wisdom finished second, with John Fisher, Jolene Lembke and Susie Jones in third.

"A fine buffet dinner was served by Linda of Amato's and a good time was had by all," reports Tony Bastanchury.

King/Miller/Smith Winners at Tolo Tavern's Memorial Weekend Tournament

The Tolo Tavern in Central Point, Oregon, hosted a doubles and singles tournament over the Memorial Day weekend.

There were 15 players in the singles, with John King of Central Point taking first place. Jim Reed from Springfield took second, with John Mull, also of Springfield, in third. Local player Mark Fulton finished in fourth place.

Russ Miller of Bow, Washington, and Gordy Smith of Canada, teamed up to win the doubles event. Medford's Desi Guches and Matt King from Central Point (who has only been playing for eight months) took second, with Don Stallsworth of Rogue River and John Mull in third. Rogue River's Butch Robinson and host LeRoy Burkhart

finished fourth.

Friday night's draw partner event was won by John King and Gordy Smith, with Butch Robinson and Sparky Williams of Eugene in second. Local Art Ellgy and John Mull took third place and fourth went to Merl Guches of Medford and Mark Fulton.



John King took first place in the Tolo Tavern's singles, with Jim Reed in second place. Was that lovely lady in the background entered? If so, she should have won something!

"Thanks to Pat and LeRoy Burkhart and all the people who helped them make this another successful tournament," said Jim Reed. "They hope to see everyone again next year."

Season Finale at Harvey's Place in Maryland

June 10-12 marked the end of this season's five 3-day tournaments at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland.

The normal format started Friday evening with the popular draw partner event. Taking first place were two players well-known, but haven't been around for awhile, Don Casula of Wilmington, Del., and Alvis Ramey, Port Deposit, Md. In second place was the formidable team of Len Dell, Baltimore, and Butch (Hollywood) Kelly, Springfield, Pa. Third place was taken by traveler Sharon Camino of Syracuse, New York, and her partner, Buddy Brammer of Rising Sun, Md. Fourth place money was paid to Buddy Coale, Rising Sun, and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.. Fifth and final money went to the traveling team from Syracuse, John Camino and Lyle Haney. The long-distance travel award went to Paul Casula of St. Louis, Missouri. "Welcome back, Paul -- we missed you," said reporter Dick Gorman.

Saturday's bring partner event was won by Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., and Len Dell, with second place honors going to Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., and Alvis Ramey. Third place went to Peaches Fravel, Sharpsburg, Md., and Lonzo Knight, Dargan, Md., and fourth and final money spot went to Butch Kelly and Jim Yank Jr. of Philadelphia.

Sunday's mixed doubles round robin event was won by

Wendy Davis of Wilmington and her partner Buddy Brammer, with second place going to Peaches Fravel and Lonzo Knight. Third went to Barbara Brammer of Rising Sun and her partner, host Harvey Comer.

"Once again, the hospitality and comradarie at Harvey's provided for a fun weekend," reports Dick Gorman. "As the season has progressed, the new innovations provided by hosts Darlyne and Harvey are producing results. Paying more places has had a desired affect.

"A strategy meeting was held after the tournament was over to consider next year's schedule and some potential changes in format. It was an exciting meeting and quite a few innovative ideas were presented for evaluation -- all of which will be thoroughly reviewed and presented in future issues of *The Board Talk*. The big announcement that can be made now is that Harvey's now has six boards and they will be available for the next tournament, probably in October," said Dick.

In the meantime, call 410-836-8881 for information.

Arbuckle Open Attracts Good Participation

The Arbuckle Open went back home to Wynnewood, Oklahoma, for its 8th Annual Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. Nearly 100 players participated in six events.

Winners of the sweetheart draw were Earl Kelly of Texas and Lisa Melton of Oklahoma, with Gene Phillips of Oklahoma and Dee Ross taking second place honors. Steve Walker and Alice Patterson of Oklahoma were third, Fred Washington and Brenda Watts of Oklahoma finished fourth. Mike Melton and Dee Simco of Oklahoma were fifth, with Toppy McBurnett of Texas and Rena Hendrix of Oklahoma in sixth.

In the open draw, Steve Burkupt of Texas and Dennis Bird of Colorado finished first, and Earl Kelly and Garry Kennedy of Texas were second-place finishers. Others in the winner's circle were: Evelyn Harris of Texas and Rick Yingst, 3rd; Billy Melton, Oklahoma, and Bill Loos, Nebraska, 4th; Ron Gamble and Keith Oyler, Oklahoma, 5th; Fred Washington and Steve Walker, Oklahoma, 6th; D.G. Lane and Bill Wooldridge, Oklahoma, 7th; and Gwyn Orsie, Nebraska and Alice Patterson, Oklahoma, 8th.

Ron Campbell of Nebraska came out on top of the field of contenders in the Div. I singles, followed by Rick Yingst in second spot, Earl Kelly in third, and Billy Melton in fourth.

Eddie Woods of Texas was winner of the Div. II singles, Rollie Westerhoff of Colorado was second, D.G. Lane of Oklahoma took third and Mickey Baugh of Texas came in fourth. Other winners were Ron Bowers of Texas, 5th; Brenda Watts, Oklahoma, 6th; Keith Finley, Oklahoma, 7th; and Lynn Tice, Oklahoma, 8th.

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It was Nebraska all the way in the Div. I doubles with Gwyn Orsi and Joe Spielman in first place and Ron Campbell and Bill Loos in second.

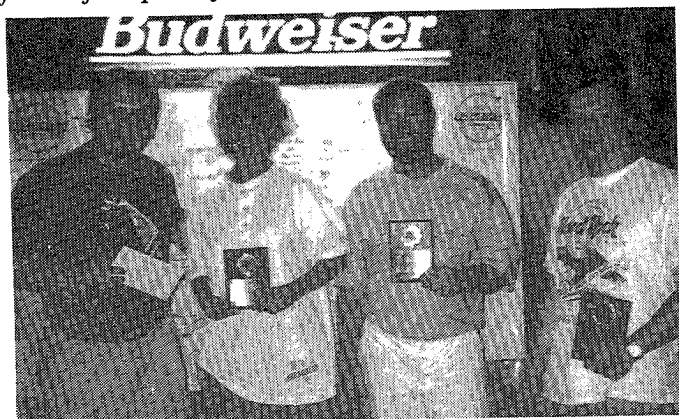
Evelyn Harris and Dee Ross took top spot in the Div. II doubles, with Joe Dickerson and Mickey Baugh in second place.



Host Alan Primrose (left) presents Eddie Woods with his first-place Div. II singles winnings.



A happy Ron Campbell accepts congratulations from Al for his first-place finish in the Div. I singles.



It was worth the trip from Nebraska for first-place Div. I doubles winners Joe Spielman and Gwyn Orsi and second place finishers Ron Campbell and Bill Loos.



Evelyn Harris and Dee Ross were winners of the Div. II doubles, with Joe Dickerson and Mickey Baugh in second place.

"Special thanks to C.W. Walker, bracketman; Brenda Watts, bookkeeper; and Bill Stoops, auctioneer," said tournament director Alan Primrose. "Thanks to Patsy, Kay Lynn, Jackie and Flash for all their help at the bar. Thanks also to The Shuffleboard Federation for supplies and to Ed Griggs, Red River distributor, for the donation of the plaques."

Blade/Sunde/McDermott Tops at Wetlands

The Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak, Michigan, hosted a Memorial weekend tournament that featured a doubles and singles. This was Mike Papa's inaugural tourney at his new location with two boards.

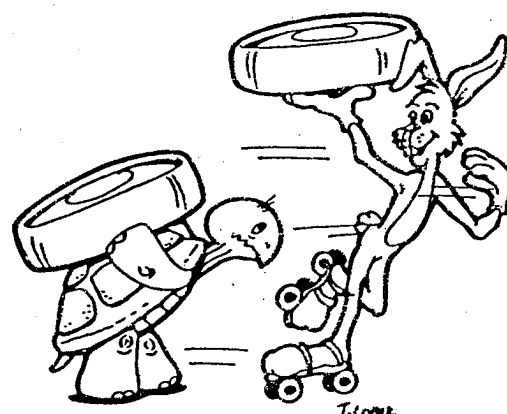
Frank Blade, a transplant who made his fame in Texas and now claims the Wolverine state as his home, teamed up with local Bjerne Sunde to take top honors in the doubles tournament. Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Chris Passariello of Michigan finished in second place, with Buddy Broka of Indiana and Jimbo (is that you, James Russell? You're the only Jim we have on our mailing list in Ohio) in third.

John McDermott, newly-elected president of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., took top honors in the singles, with Frank Blade in second, and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana in third place.

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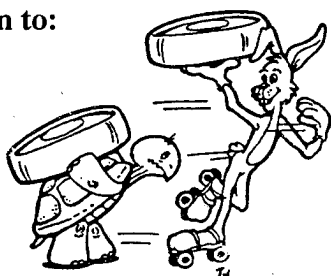
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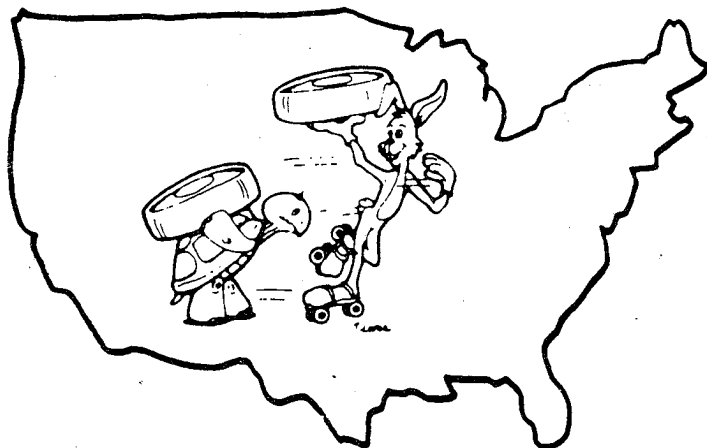
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