

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

Nothing creates more agony for us than to accept advertising dollars to promote a tournament that is "borderline" in terms of reaching the target audience before it happens. Too many promoters believe that if a tournament is scheduled for April, notice in that issue is soon enough.

Not always so! With our bulk mailing permit, it can take two, three, sometimes even four weeks to deliver. And, even though we're paying much more to deliver each newsletter today than we did 10 years ago, there's not a darn thing we can do to speed up that delivery.

Some subscribers say: "I'm willing to pay first-class to get it sooner." Nice thought, but not possible. Why? The March issue sent first class cost 87 cents, compared to the \$.233 we pay for bulk rate. The April issue, because it weighed more, cost us \$1.16 to mail first-class. We don't know from issue to issue what the number of pages and inserts will be. If the "average" was 20 pages and five inserts, the postage cost alone would be \$14 per year and that wouldn't cover the printing and other expenses involved. Going first-class would put us out of business in about two months.

So, what's the alternative? First -- plan ahead! Six months or more, put your event on the calendar (that doesn't cost you a cent!). Three months in advance of your event, place your advertising flyer or space. This is particularly important for those who encourage advance registration. Note the past several issues. The Shuffleboard Federation's North American Championships and the Whistling Oyster Grand Masters Plus/Board Talk Reunion (and PCSA before them) had flyers well in advance of their events. They've found that pays off (and necessary) to gain the greatest participation.

We don't expect some of your events to be advertised in every issue six months in advance like those major events. However, we strongly advise that your flyer be placed at least two to three months in advance to ensure that your target audience is reached in a timely fashion.

What else can you do? Your Board Talk, in the bulk rate category, is considered "junk mail," a lot of which you wouldn't care if your mail carrier delivered. Tell him or her that you do care about receiving this publication.

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## Tourney Talk

### Huffer/Davidson Win at Lucky's

Local Larry Huffer teamed up with travelling pro Glen Davidson of Oklahoma to take top honors in a doubles tournament at Lucky's Tavern in North Webster, Indiana, on March 5. Second place went to Lasca Dowell and John Cowen of Indiana.

Hostess Carol Westerman thanks everyone who participated.

### Bird/Westerhoff Tops at Rome's Saloon

Dennis Bird and Rollie Westerhoff took the biggest share of the \$5,000 pot at Rome's Saloon in Denver, Colorado, over the March 25-27 weekend. Second place honors went to the local powerhouse team of Jodie Slack and Travis Anderson, with Kenny Hawkes and Ron Hurney in third.

By popular demand, Rome's Saloon will host another tournament in late August or early September. Watch upcoming issues for details.

### Bobby Voorhis/Dave Boaz Winners of Beef's Series of Five

At the fifth and final event of Beef's "series of five" tournaments in Kendallville, Indiana, March 19, Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz finished first to give them top points in the accumulative events. Host Beef and his partner, Jim Erdly, finished second in the final event, with Brian Collins and Paul Elliott in third, and Greg Broka and Jim Stockmaster in fourth.

In the series, Larry Huffer and Steve Blue finished in second place, with Jim Long and Jerry Knox in third, and Rick Royal and Larry Vance in the final spot.

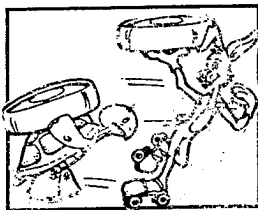
"Thanks to all the guys for the help they gave in keeping the tournaments running smoothly, and thanks to Dale Gushman and Playfair Shuffleboard for the added money to the pot," said hostess Marge Camp.

Based on the success of this first, Beef plans to hold another "series of five" next year.

### King/Hartenstine Play-off Winners

On March 31, in a play-off between Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, and the Beachcomer, Charlestown,

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## Anniversary Congrats From Doug

I'd like to send my congratulations on your 10th Anniversary. You're a big reason shuffleboard has continued to grow over that time.

Thank you for your dedication and insight into this intriguing game we find so difficult to master.

Doug Buhl, Springfield, Oregon

*Thank you, Doug. Your recognition means a lot to us. Congratulations to you for doing so well in your efforts to master the game!*

## A PCSA Visual Void Filled

We noticed no picture of the first place team event winners in PCSA's Extravaganza VI in Las Vegas in February. Here is a picture of the team.

Bob Shirley, Spokane, Washington



(kneeling) Bob Shirley, Chris Danke, Billy Powell,  
(back row) Rosa White, Steve Kalamarski, Doug DeBois, Earl Cole, Michelle Foran and Dick Heflin.

## — ATTENTION —

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*Thanks so much, Bob. As we have in past PCSA tournaments, we had to leave before the end of the team tournament to get back to our jobs. That problem will be resolved in the near future. In the meantime, we appreciate those who fill that void. Congratulations to all of you. We look forward to seeing you at the Whistling Oyster in August.*

## Lou Will Leave His "Mark"

Sorry I missed everyone at the PCSA Shuffleboard Extravaganza VI, but that pesky interference called "life" dictated that shuffleboard take a back seat this year. Hence, my only contribution was the printed program you so graciously called a "treasured memento" from this year's tournament.

Somewhere near the edge of memory lives a fast-fading notion that I would one day leave my mark in the sport of shuffleboard as a player of some renown. Looming ever larger is the not too unpleasant notion that that "mark" will be -- not the fours I've lagged or the games I've won -- instead, it will be the words I've written in the articles I've submitted to *The Board Talk*.

Here's a bit of good news for both of us. I've decided to retire early and move to New Mexico. Current plans will set that accomplished in 12-15 months. Among other things I want to do in retirement is become a "travelling reporter" for *The Board Talk*. There is a whole lot of good old U.S.A. I'd like to see and a lot of that is Shuffleboard Country. I'd kind of like to chronicle those travels in your publication.

By the way, remember a couple of years ago I was doing a college scholarship drive? On March 22 at California State University, we recognized the first seven scholarship recipients. That will be one of the highlights of my life and a whole bunch of credit goes to all my friends in The World of Shuffleboard. I'd like to thank them all again!

Be good; play nice.

Lou Lusero, Carson, California

*Your absence was noted by a lot of people, Lou, and we missed you. But we certainly have empathy for the priorities that "life" deals to us. We look forward to your contributions after your retirement (we're going to do the same very soon!). Like you, we have had to come to terms with the fact that our "mark" will not be on the boards (Donna knew that all along; it took longer for George to accept it), but in service to The World of Shuffleboard in other ways. Just consider what that World would be without its support*

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# 1994 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

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## MAY

### **May 6-8**

4th Annual Draw Partner Event  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

### **May 7**

33rd Annual Spring Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

### **May 13-15**

4-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **May 20-22**

Spring Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

### **May 26-30**

8th Annual Arbuckle Open  
Prim's Wagon Wheel  
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

### **May 27-29**

13th Annual Memorial Doubles  
Litz's Tavern  
Spokane, Washington

### **May 27-30**

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

## JUNE

### **June 10-12**

4-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **June 11-12**

5th Annual Balloon Open  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

### **June 18-19**

8th Annual Nationals  
Acme Tavern  
Tacoma, Washington

### **June 18-19**

1st Annual Mixed Doubles  
Liberty Bar  
Pontiac, Michigan

## 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 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

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*It's never too early to list your  
tournament on the calendar! It helps  
shufflers plan their itineraries. Let  
them know well in advance.....*

## 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. 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

### **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

## OCTOBER

### **Oct. 1**

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

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## THE BOARD TALK

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*system? The bracketeers, the auctioneers, the tournament hosts, the people in the kitchen, the board wipers and waxers, the board movers and fixers, the promoters of events that give the novice a chance to play and sometimes win, the suppliers and advertisers who support our communications system, the contributors to the pages of our publication? That list goes on and on, whereas the list of those who excel on the boards stays about the same. That's "life" and we're glad to welcome you to our side of the equation.*

*We salute you and those who contributed to your scholarship efforts. Who knows the positive impact you will have on the lives of seven young people!*

### George and Donna Say "Thanks" to Bill & Bonnie English

We received one of the nicest phone calls recently that we've gotten in the 10 years+ we've been in this business. It came from Bill and Bonnie English of Loveland, Colorado. We recognized their name immediately because they've been on our mailing list for a number of years, but we'd never met them; nor did we realize that Bill was among the original pioneers when shuffleboard was in its heyday. He called to inquire about Bob Miles, who received so many glowing nominations for the Hall of

Fame, which does not yet exist. Seems Bob was Bill's hero and he cherishes many memories of experiences shared with him. He has, in fact, an unfinished manuscript about the history of shuffleboard (we made tentative plans to visit with him about that soon).

While it was wonderful to chat with Bill about those memories and heartwarming to listen to his caring concern about Bob Miles, it was Bonnie who gave us a lift that's going to last for a long, long time. Bill himself has not been in the best of health, but according to Bonnie, receiving *The Board Talk* once a month really "perks him up."

While it happens with less frequency than it did during our first struggling years, there are still times, as we're burning the midnight oil or giving up relaxing weekends to beat the ever-looming deadline, that we ask: "Why are we doing this?"

Bonnie and Bill answered that question and we can't adequately express our appreciation to them for doing so. After we blinked the tears from our eyes and swallowed the lump in our throats, we went back to work with renewed commitment to the task at hand.

If some of you "old-timers" would like to get in touch with Bill, his phone number is 303-669-0725.

George & Donna Wilber, *The Board Talk*

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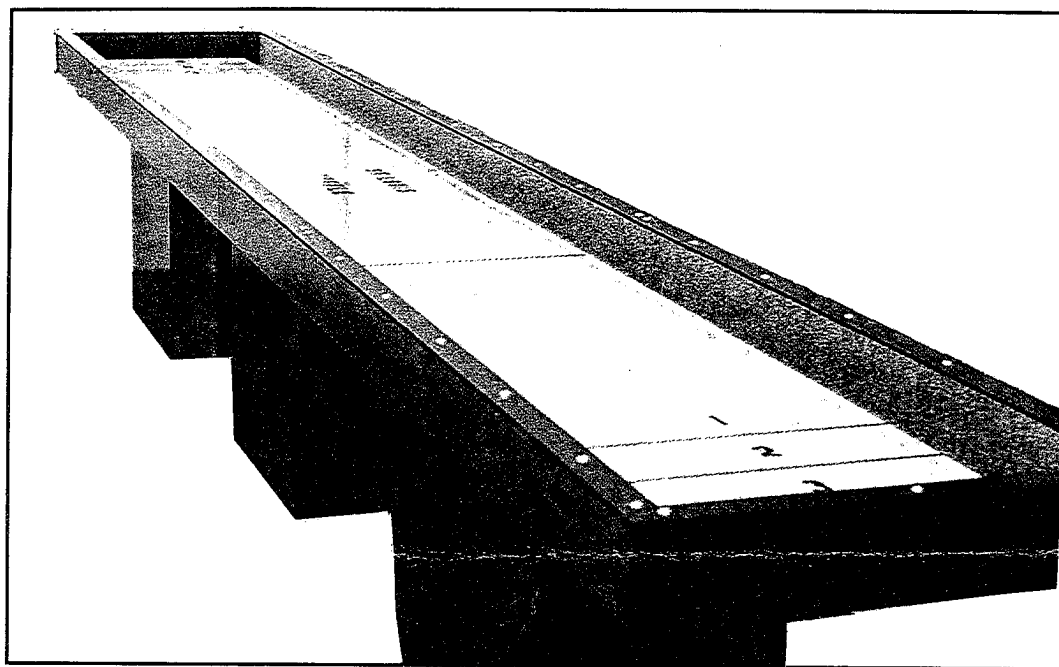
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We can't guarantee that it will make a difference, but it sure wouldn't hurt to try! Could be your mail carrier might be a shuffler....

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In a recent issue, Jerry and Susan D of Jerry D's Nostalgia Tavern in Dacono, Colorado, wrote about their concerns regarding the use of drugs by shuffleboard players. They had the (pardon our forthrightness) guts to say "if you use drugs, you're not welcome here."

Probably because of our advanced age and sheltered lives, we weren't really aware that this might be a widespread problem. However, a couple of recently reported drug-related incidents that cost injury and even the lives of those we knew and cared about have created a new awareness.

We salute Jerry and Susan and encourage others to follow their lead. While we whimper about the failure of potential sponsors to put our sport on ESPN, we must realize that to gain that recognition we so eagerly seek, we'd better clean up our act.

No sport today is completely "clean," but most of them have a commissioner or some kind of system that monitors and deals with offenders. We don't, so it's up to the Jerrys and Susans of the World of Shuffleboard to take a courageous stand on this crucial issue.

When we printed Jerry and Susan's letter, we invited a dialogue about this issue. We've not heard a word.

Why?

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

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

Maryland, it was circuit player Connie King and her just-learning (1/2 year experience) partner, Tom Hartenstine, both from the Charlestown area, who came through with a major win and the championship for the Beachcomber. "How great for them," reports Brenda Wallace. "Their last championship was in the '70s."

Brenda said the Beachcomber, owned and operated by Jim and Dot Martin, is a pretty place located just off Rt. 40 going north to Elkton. "A thank you is extended to Jim and Dot for the lovely turkey dinner and to both teams for filling the evening with an exhibition of great games. Congratulations to all who played," said Brenda.

### Freer/McKinney Winners at Lafayette Inn

Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pa., and John McKinney of Philadelphia were winners of the first Saturday of the month draw partner tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland, on April 2. Taking second place

were Phil Newman of Philadelphia and Dave Shrewbridge of Washington, D.C. Barb Brammer and Betty McMullen of Rising Sun finished in third place.



Pat and Nelson Renzo are the hosts at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.

### 13th Annual Memorial Doubles, Litz's Tavern, Spokane, Washington, May 27-29

Litz's Tavern, E. 204 Ermina, Spokane, Washington, will sponsor the 13th Annual Memorial Doubles on May 27-29. Friday night at 6 p.m. will be this year's added event, a draw partner, single-out tourney, with a \$25 entry fee and \$100 added. Pays three places.

The doubles sponsor sale will be held at 10 p.m. Friday night with play starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. The format will be \$70 per team entry fee, with 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and a single 17 point game in the loser's bracket. There will be \$500 added and payoff of six places.

Hosts Gary and Denise will put on a tavern feed Saturday. There will be plenty of R.V. parking and motels nearby.

Because of the Friday night sponsor sale, there will be no entries accepted after 10 p.m. Friday night.

For information, call Litz's Tavern, 509-326-9690, or Marv White, 509-233-1719.

### 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."

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

### **4th Annual Draw Partner, Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, May 6-8**

The Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington, will host its 4th Annual Draw Partner Tournament on May 6-8. There will be \$10 and \$20 draws on Friday night and at noon on Saturday, the draw and bidding for the open draw will start. \$50 per person entry fee with \$500 added to the pot.

For information, call the Shamrock, 206-577-7444.

### **8th Annual Nationals at Acme Tavern, Tacoma, Washington, June 18-19**

The Acme Tavern, 1310 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington, will hold its 8th Annual Nationals on June 18-19. It's a doubles event, \$50 entry fee, double elimination, paying six places: 52-24-12-6-3-3.

A complimentary tavern feed will be served on Saturday at 5 p.m. Recommended lodging is the Travelers Inn, 1-800-633-8300. Jim Foran and Rick Gindt will be the tournament directors.

For information, call the Acme Tavern, 206-272-1892.

### **4th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament, Blinky's Sports Cafe, Santa Clara, California, May 28-30**

Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will host its 4th Annual Memorial Weekend Tournament on May 28-30. Events include a doubles, \$200 per team, on Saturday, 8 a.m., limited to 16 teams; and a singles, \$100 entry fee, beginning Saturday evening, limited to 32 players. The sponsor sale for both events is scheduled for Friday, May 27, 7 p.m. All games are 2 out of 3, double elimination, with play on four A.Z. Turnbo boards.

An open buffet will be served on Saturday at 6 p.m. Advance registration is suggested and must be accompanied by entry fees. For information, call Rick Thomas at 408-578-0822.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this great weekend of shuffleboard.

### **Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters Plus/Board Talk Reunion, Aug. 3-7: "Lookin' Good!"**

Bill Bailey and Sandee Van Waggonen, hosts of the Whistling Oyster Tavern in Quilcene, Washington, report that the Aug. 3-7 5th Annual Grand Masters Plus/10th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion is "looking good!" Entries are coming in at a steady pace, lots of phone calls, and the nearest motel already filled up!

Check out all the events, the attractions and amenities

at the Whistling Oyster on the enclosed flyer and get your reservations for the tournament and your lodging sent in ASAP! Remember, there will be plenty of room for RVs and tenters. Entries in all events will be limited to 32, first-come, first-entered.

There will be a map in next month's issue to show you how to get to the Whistling Oyster, whether you're driving or flying into the Sea-Tac Airport.

For information, call Bill at 206-765-9508; 3436 or 3411. Please note, too, that the Whistling Oyster and The Board Talk (to a lesser degree) will be adding \$2,000-plus to sweeten the pot. By popular demand, there will be a sponsor sale for the open singles, as well as the Grand Masters.

We have a feeling that this is going to be a shufflers' reunion that will go down in history!

### **Bourbon's 33rd Annual Spring Doubles, May 7**

If the Pony Express that delivers The Board Talk should happen to get this issue to you before May 3, remember that's the deadline for entries in the 33rd Annual Spring Doubles at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, on May 7. This is one of the most popular tournaments in the country, attracting players from many states. So, better give tournament director Fritz Broka a call to see if any openings are left: 219-858-2278. Entry fee is \$40 per team and it's single game, double elimination. Sponsor sale starts at 8 p.m., Friday, May 6, with play starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

### **Dixie Belle's 2nd Annual 4th of July Tourney and Barbecue, July 1-4, Downey, California**

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, California, will host its 2nd Annual 4th of July Tournament and barbecue, July 1-4. Events will include an ABC draw, \$60 per team (\$20 person), starting Friday night after the sponsor sale (8 p.m. for both the ABC draw and the open doubles); an open doubles, \$200 per team, starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday; and an open singles, \$100 entry, starting at 8 a.m. Sunday (sponsor sale Saturday at 8 p.m.).

The ABC draw, which will be single game, double elimination, is limited to the first 12 teams paid. The open doubles and singles are both 2 out of 3, double elimination, with the doubles limited to the first 16 teams paid and the singles limited to the first 24 paid entries.

A complimentary buffet will be served on Sunday at 1 p.m. Suggested lodging includes the Downey Inn, 310-862-5050; Empire Motel, 310-923-5511; and the Best Western, 310-929-8831. For information, contact Jack or Eileen at 310-803-4943.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.



### Hart/Long Win at Syd's

Eight strong teams vied for a pot of \$1,320 at a bring your own partner double elimination tournament at Syd's in Nobleville, Indiana, recently. Teaming up for the first time and coming in first were Steve Hart and Jim Long. Taking second in the 70-30 payout were Glen Ingram and Ding (Ding?).

### "Good Times" at Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas, Leading Up to Earl Kelly Benefit

As we go to press on April 15, the Earl Kelly Benefit at the Gold Nugget Club in Arlington, Texas, is being held. Could it be that the shuffleboard ambassador in whose honor this event is being held will appear on the winners' list? Check next month's issue for results. If a recent tourney at the Gold Nugget, where its four boards are receiving good action, is any indication, that could happen.

In an open draw, after a tough shootout, Eddie Woods and Bobby Williams finished first, with Lisa Melton and Tom Johnson in second place. Third went to J.D. Sweet and Evelyn Harris. In the bring partner, Earl Kelly and Bobby Williams were tops, with second going to Tammy Denson and Dee Ross. Third place

finishers were Grant Dennis and Brent Baugus. In the sweetheart draw, it was (again) Earl Kelly and Evelyn Harris finishing first, with Johnny Wayne and Lisa Melton in second and Tammy Denson and Bobby Williams in third place.

"Our host, Bill Brodie, served up Texas Chili on Saturday for all players and spectators, and great charcoal burgers on Sunday," reports Bobby Williams.

"A big thank you from Bobby and Dave Williams to the Gold Nugget, and to George and Donna of The Board Talk for the flyer and their generous contribution to the Earl Kelly Benefit Tournament. Everyone across the nation knows what wonderful folks they are -- but it cannot be stated too often," they said

*(Editor's Note: Thank you, Williams Brothers, for your recognition. We sincerely hope that the benefit will result in substantial help to Earl in paying for his therapy treatments and we salute both of you and Bill Brodie for helping make that happen. If there are readers who could not attend the tournament and would like to lend a helping hand to Earl, you can still make a donation by sending a check to: Gold Nugget Lounge, Att.: Bill Brodie, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, TX 76012. Note on your check -- Earl Kelly Benefit.)*

### Another Exciting "Shootout" at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland

Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, conducted one of its five annual weekend tournaments on their four in-house boards on April 8-10. The Friday night draw partner was another sell-out with people on the list waiting to replace the no-shows. Rex Campbell, Greensboro, Maryland, stayed and drew Mickey Mickens of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, for his partner and they took first place. "This was Rex's first win ever in a tournament and it's my prediction you will see his name many times on these pages," reports Dick Gorman.

Second place was the team of Milt Benedict, Sherburne, New York, and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, sharing the close to \$2,000 pot, with third going to Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman, both from Wilmington, Delaware. Fourth place money went to Tracie Fridley, Waterloo, New York, and Len Dell, Baltimore, Maryland, and fifth to Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa., and returning veteran shooter Alvis Ramey, back from Detroit, Mich. Sixth and final money spot went to host Harvey Comer and local partner John Grace.

Saturday morning's women's singles presented a new dilemma -- about an even split between veteran former winners and a group of relatively inexperienced tournament players (most never before). It was decided to divide them into two brackets for payoff spots, but intermix them for the playing of games. The result was a success -- a chance for

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Attention Michigan Shufflers,** dart and pool players: New Playfair board now ready for play at Daiquiri Dick's, 2661 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, Mi.; phone 810-673-0886. Bring in this issue of The Board Talk with you and receive a complimentary drink courtesy of host Carlis Comer.

**Donna & George:** Are you still looking for a boy friend for me? A few of my requirements are: he has to be a white boy, younger than me, able to crawl under the house or on the roof, beat me at shuffleboard (that's the easy part), impotent (I figure you've got a bigger selection that way), and have money enough to come to Quilcene, Wash. this summer so I can look him over.

See you there!

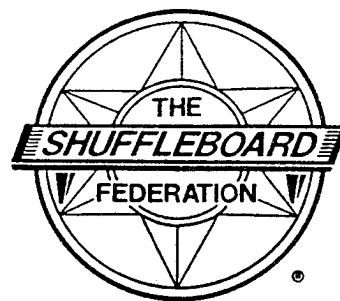
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## BOB MILES TO BE FIRST MEMBER OF SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

Legend, pioneer, dominant, the best, way ahead of his time. These are the words used by shuffleboard players who are themselves legends when discussing one of shuffleboards all time greats, Bob Miles, the most feared player of his time.

There are strong feelings in the shuffleboard community that there should be a Hall of Fame for our sport (it's nice to find something that everybody can agree on).

Chances are there won't be anybody donating the land and a building for such a purpose anytime soon; but the lack of a building shouldn't prevent the legends of our sport from being honored and recognized as Hall of Famers.

It is appropriate that Bob Miles be the first member of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and he shall be. The Shuffleboard Federation is donating an award that will be presented by his peers in an induction ceremony in Reno, at the 1994 North American Championships. Any players who know Bob and would like to participate in the presentation are welcome.

We sincerely hope Bob is willing and able to receive his award in person. If he cannot, or does not wish to, the presentation will be video taped and sent to him.

Porter White and Hal Perry offered their help and support in organizing this and we're sure other friends of Bob would like to participate.

Hal also suggested that there should be a committee established to induct new members on an annual basis.

We strongly believe such a committee should be established, and that it should be completely independent of The Shuffleboard Federation or any other organization.

A Hall of Fame belongs to the game it honors and we feel it would not be proper for us to serve on such a committee or participate in the selection process.

If this committee becomes a reality, we would certainly lend assistance if asked. Furthermore, we would hope that all members of the shuffleboard community would support it as well.

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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 9)*

everybody and experience for all, Dick said. Louise Freer bested all the women and took the largest payoff with Wendy Davis taking second (on her birthday). First place in the other division went to Pat Knotts, co-owner of the Dugout Tavern (a shuffleboard establishment) in Wilmington, Del., with second place going to Bobbie Brenneman, Newark, Del.

The field of entries for the bring partner tournament was a little short of the norm and expectations, but the competition was tough, particularly those from the Waterloo and Sherburne, New York areas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, as well as Maryland locals. The strong team of Len Dell and Mickey Mickens, took first place, with Louise Freer and Chuck King, Greenwood, Del., finishing second. Third place went to the Waterloo, N.Y. team of Doug Fridley Jr. (Dew Drop Inn) and Marv (Marvelous) Smith. Last place money finishers were (again) host Harvey Comer and George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md.

The final playoffs of Sunday's mixed doubles were about as exciting as they could be, Dick said, and two tough ones, Louise Freer and Mickey Mickens took first place over two partners who met for the first time about five minutes before the tournament began, Pat Brittingham, Bridgeville, Del., and Marv Smith, Waterloo, N.Y. Third place went to Wendy Davis and Dick Gorman with fourth and final money spot to Jane and Arlow Johnson of Jordan, N.Y.

"As usual, Darlyne and Harvey were great hosts and provided the players and their guests with hot buffet meals both days of the tournament," Dick said. "They invite any and all to participate in the next tournament on May 13-15. Call 410-836-8881."

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Preregistrations are appreciated. For information, call

Ron or Gwen at 303-425-9823. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

### **8th Annual Arbuckle Open, Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, May 26-30**

The popular Arbuckle Open is moving back "home" this year to Prim's Wagon Wheel, Highway 77 North, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, over the Memorial Day weekend, May 26-30.

Action will start on Thursday, May 26, with a sweet-heart draw, \$25 per person entry, sponsor sale at 7 p.m. An open draw, \$25 per person, is on the agenda for Friday, with sale at 7 p.m.

Division I and II singles will start on Saturday following conclusion of the open draw, with the doubles on Sunday after conclusion of the singles. Division I events are open to 0 and 1 rated players; Division II are open to 2 and over rated players (you must verify your rating with the tournament director). Entry fees are \$50 for Division I singles, \$25 for Division II singles, \$100 per team for Division I doubles, and \$50 per team for Division II doubles. Advance entries are recommended. Send to Alan Primrose, Box 332, Davis, OK 73030.

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### **3rd Annual Southwest Open, July 1-4, American Legion Post 73, Del City, Oklahoma**

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The pro-draft team event is something new in The World of Shuffleboard. Each team will have a designated captain from the "Top Sixteen Players." A list of remaining players signed up will provide a draft pool. Each captain will draft one player at a time in rotation until all teams have been completed. This should provide a mix of pro, amateur, and pretty good players on the teams.

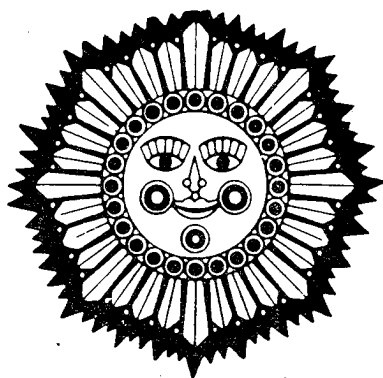
The American Legion has a five-acre park and self-contained and campers are welcome. There are also several motels nearby.

For information, call tournament director Ron Huddleston, 406-943-1615. See enclosed flyer.

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

The Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York, will host a Summertime Tournament on July 28-31. Details will be in next month's Board Talk.

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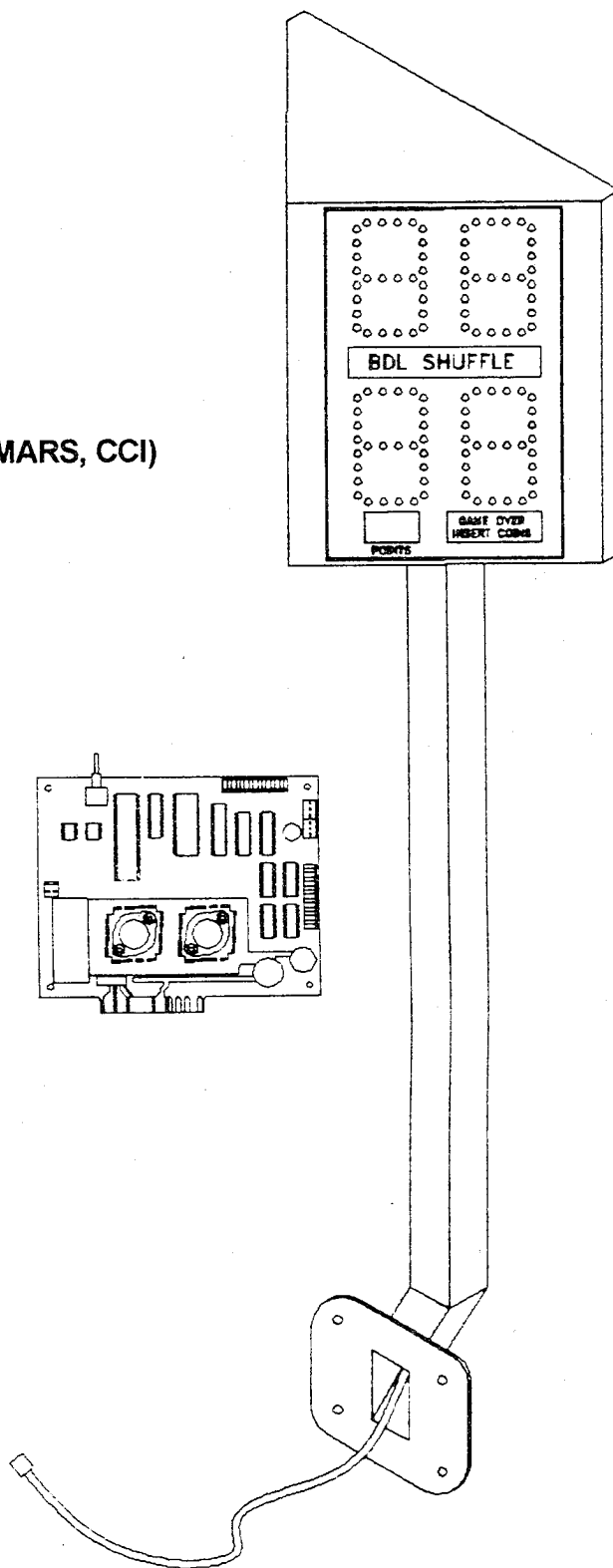
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# Florida Scores Well on "First"

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## Hutcherson/Allen Take Top Honors in Doubles

Saturday opened with the doubles competition and the undefeated South Florida team of Dudley Hutcherson, Dania, Florida; and Marty (Red) Allen of West Palm Beach, won the partners event in a very thrilling finale over the tough North Florida team of Cass Grubbs (yes, this former Wolverine is back!) and steady Dave Macko, both of Titusville. Third place went to the veteran team of Dick Smedberg, Ronkonkoma, New York; and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Daytona Beach and Detroit, Michigan. Paul Maccarrone of Citrus Springs and local Pete O'Neill finished in fourth place.



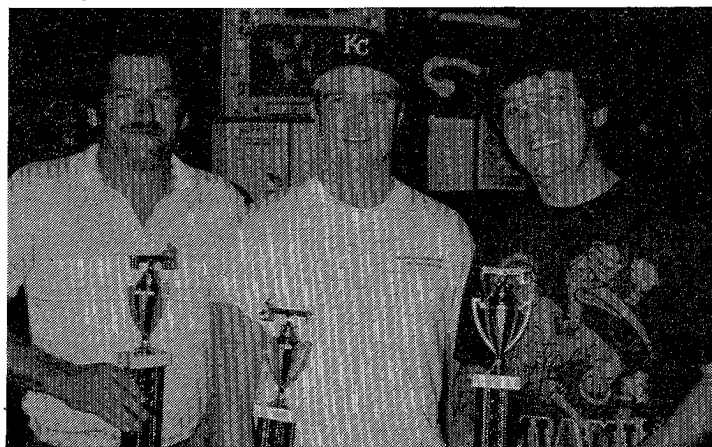
**THE SMILES OF WINNERS:** (front row, left to right) Jimmy Kumpula and Dudley Hutcherson, (back row, left to right) Dick Smedberg, Marty Allen, Dave Macko, and Cass Grubbs.

## Hutcherson Takes Singles

The Sunday singles event was won by undefeated Dudley Hutcherson of South Florida with second place going to the always consistent Paul Maccarrone of North Florida. Third place went to local Chris Boyett in a thriller over veteran Dick Smedberg of New York.

"The first annual Florida Open is history and the competition was great, new friendships were made and

there were cries of 'Wait 'til next year.'" reports Dudley. "And yes, there will be a second annual Florida Open in 1995, dates to be announced. And again, it will be held at Huddles Sports Cafe in Pembroke Pines. Don't miss out! Read your Board Talk."



*Paul Maccarrone, Dudley Hutcherson, and Chris Boyett collect their singles trophies in the singles event.*

## Observations and Thank You's

The total jackpot for the two events was \$4200 -- not bad at all for a "first."

\*"Travelling Man" Award: Dick Smedberg, New York.

\*Oldest Player Award: Pete O'Neill (74) -- will be back next year!

\*Most Congenial Player Award: Grace Potter, Jupiter, Florida.

\*Sponsor Sales/Bracket Board: Dudley and Jennifer -- super job!

\*Thanks to Chuck and Doris Dewees, Jupiter, Florida, for photos.

\*Thanks to Ray Boyett, Homestead, Florida, for donation of trophies.

\*Thanks to The Board Talk (George & Donna) and Jimmy the Cop for their great support.

\*Thanks to our host, Charlie Fisher, for his great preparation and to the complete Huddles Sports Cafe staff for their excellent service.



*Bob Orsek, Huddles general manager (left) and owner Charlie Fisher earn a salute for this "Florida First."*

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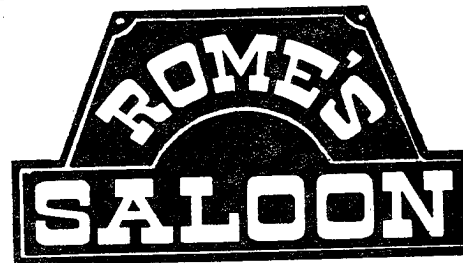
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## ***Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return***

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

*(Editor's Note: In the November, December 1993 and January 1994 issues, we reprinted Balboa Ron's short stories about a shuffler named Frisco Eddie, originally published in The Board Talk back in 1985. In February, we were pleased to continue that series with "The Return." Last month, Eddie's girlfriend, Shelli, showed up just after he had been beaten by Long Beach Lil.)*

When Eddie turned to face his girlfriend Shelli, she had said, "What are we getting into here, Eddie?" Lil was standing by his side, and he said, "This is what we're getting into here, Honey," as he placed a \$100 bill into Lil's waiting hand. Then he gave her a hug and said, "Honey, this here is Lil; Lil, this is my gal Shelli." The two didn't shake -- as Lil kept the money in her right hand. The stares they gave each other were less than friendly.

Eddie broke the ice by saying: "Lil here thinks she can beat me at this game," as he gave Lil a snide look. Shelli countered with, "It looks like she just did a pretty good job of it, 'Slick.'" Eddie smiled at her and then led her to a seat. He told her, "I'll tear her up before this thing is over -- you just check it out." "I really want to believe that, Eddie," was her reply.

Eddie's confidence level went up a little now that Shelli was there. He won the next two games, but Lil came back and won the next one. They began to trade games on into the night. Finally (after it looked like the quarter-drop was going to be the only real winner), Lil said to Eddie, "It looks like we're not getting anywhere here. Could we all sit down and have a drink....and talk about what I REALLY came here for, Eddie?" Eddie said, "Well, O.K., I guess -- if that's what YOU want (he was kind of relieved actually; but he felt he could have outshot her if they had continued).

Eddie motioned to Bob, the owner of the Blue Moon, and he joined Eddie, Shelli, and Lil at a table. The shift had changed and Bob ordered a round of drinks. Bob was an old-timer. He had seen a lot of the big-time "hustlers" come and go, and he also had a lot of first-hand knowledge about the history of the game. Lil knew many of the players (and old stories also) and before she had a chance to get to her point with Eddie, Bob began to weave some tales about the "good old days" of shuffleboard. The area around their table quieted down as Bob began to tell some classic stories about the time the "East" met the "West"

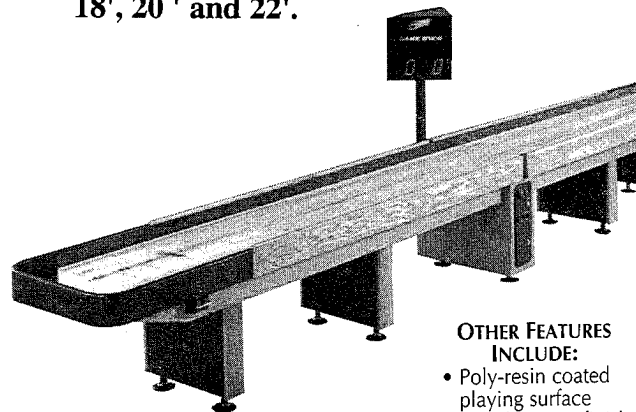
back in the early '50s. The main characters were a fellow called "L.A. Larry" and a man out of New Jersey whose handle was "Kid Spooks."

Bob began his saga: "Now, Kid Spooks' first appearance of note in the West was in 1950, at a place called the Stage 10 in Hollywood. At that time, you know, and during a period starting during World War II, shuffleboard was very big among the movie stars in and around the Hollywood area. In fact, many of the stars had private boards in their homes. You see, Spooks was a man of high standing -- and also the one who originated the 'Jersey' style of shooting. Of course, it's called that because that's where he was from. On this occasion, Spooks was waiting for an opponent in the bar. It was a Halloween night, and when the stage was set, in walked a man in full costume!. He called himself the 'Masked

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

Marvel." After the laughter quieted down, Bob continued:

"When the initial cheers and 'ya-hoos' ended -- the game was on! Now, the Masked Marvel was actually a very good player. His real name was Bobby Driver and Kid Spooks had his hands full for awhile. What happened, though, was that the crowd kept on razzing the Masked Marvel until he started to lose and eventually had to quit playing. It ended up on a sour note."

Then he went on: "Kid Spooks wanted the BEST, though, and in 1952, he found him. His name was L.A. Larry and he was, indeed, the 'Best in the West.' All the fans and players had been eagerly awaiting a meeting between these two. They got their wish one Saturday night, as I said, back in '52, at a place called Hambones on Atlantic Blvd. Now, this was located in Lynwood, California. For sure, this was going to be the 'Game of the Century.'"

Everyone inched in a little closer as Bob began his tale.....

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: Don't miss the next issue for Bob's description of this "Game of the Century." Balboa Ron has done a lot of research on his stories of past "hustlers" and while the names may be fictitious, the happenings are actual and are based on his interviews with people who were on the scene or had a good "first-hand" knowledge of the events. We've had a lot of positive verbal feedback on Ron's "Frisco Eddie" series, but we'd like some in writing so we can share it with him. It's the only "salary" he receives, so let's hear from you!*

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## ***Tourney Talk*** *(continued from Page 8)*

Tournaments at this site fill up fast, so you may want to contact Doug Fridley Jr. well in advance to get your name on the list. Call 315-539-1346 or 539-0256.

### **1st Annual Mixed Doubles, Liberty Bar, Pontiac, Michigan, June 18-19**

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Entry fee for the single game, double elimination event is \$50 per team. The Liberty has two boards.

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

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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.

For information, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300.

## ***Notebook*** *(continued from Page 4)*

### **More Nominations for Bob Miles to "Hall of Fame"**

I have so many memories of Bob Miles I could fill two or three pages myself. I will put down what you see when he is playing -- cowboy boots and a towel hooked under his belt to wipe his hands on.

I would like to say one thing about the Hall of Fame. I sure would hate to see anyone's name ahead of Bob's. To me, he was the #1 player!

Al Stewart, El Monte, California

*The nomination of Bob Miles to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in last month's issue prompted phone calls of endorsement from Bill English, Colorado; Billy Chiles, California; and The Shuffleboard Federation, which plans a special tribute to Bob at the North American Championship Tournament in Reno, July 26-31. We realize we didn't allow enough time for written responses to make this issue a Bob Miles Hall of Fame edition and are extending the invitation to May 15. Please send us those two or three pages, Al, and if anyone has photos of Bob, please share those. We will return them!*

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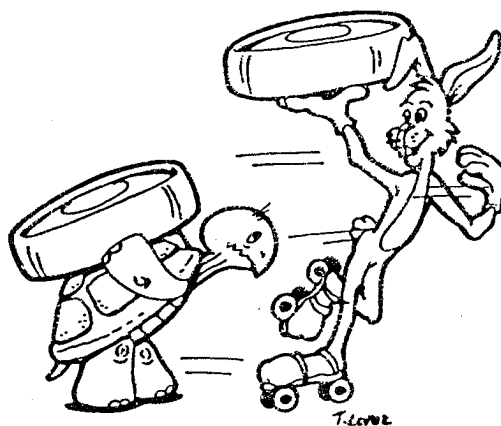
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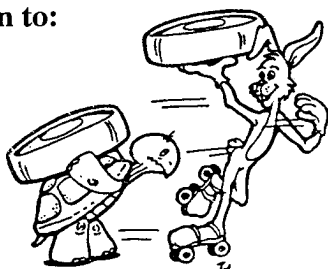
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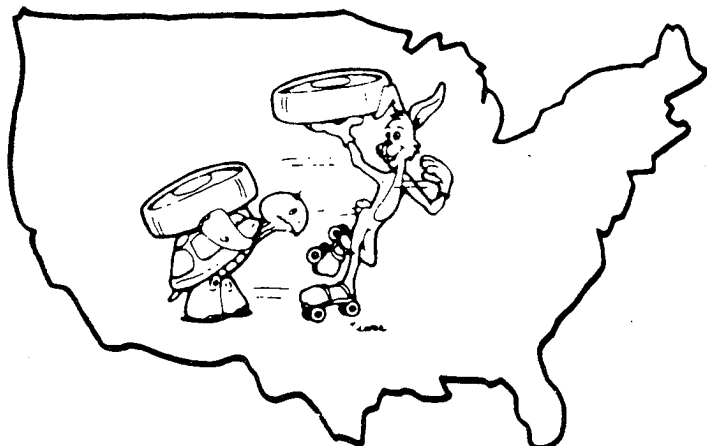
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