

# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

How come *MY* tournament never makes the front page? We get that question often, and we're going to finally give you the answer....

First, let us assure you that prime placement is not according to the size or "importance" of a tournament (who are we to determine if one tournament is more important than another?).

As soon as we go to press with one issue, we start working on the next one. That's the way it goes in the world of publishing and deadlines are a must; otherwise, we'd never get to press! We set the copy in the order we receive the reports. If we receive more than one in a day, we go according to the dates the events occurred.

We always get a few reports that come in after we've "closed." They go into a file for the next month, again in the order they're received. This month's front page Tourney Talk tournament is a good example. The results of the North American Championships came in time for the September issue; the photos arrived the day after we had gone to press. That put them first in line for the October issue. While we strongly urge that photos are sent along with reports, there were an extraordinary number of "new faces" in the winner's circle of this particular event and we know a lot of those winners were just waiting to see their photos (some sent their subscriptions in to make sure they got that issue to show family and friends they were "in the news.").

The best "rule of thumb" is to send your results in as soon as possible after your event. You tournament directors/sponsors/reporters just can't believe what it means to participants to see their names and/or photos published. Don't disappoint them! It's to your benefit because they're likely to try for "national exposure" again and be at your next event.

Actually, prime placement in *The Board Talk* is no big deal. Readers tell us they read it from cover to cover and what's on Page 20 or 24 is just as important to them as what's on Page 1 or anywhere in between.

When we look back at our initial 4-pager, when we didn't have any "in between," that makes us realize how far we've come, thanks to you!

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

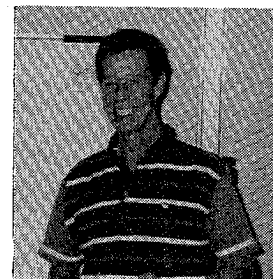
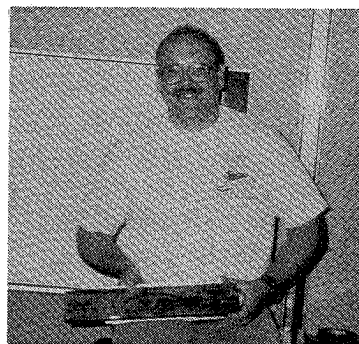
## Tourney Talk

**New Faces/Familiar Faces in Winner's Circle at 1994 North American Championships**



*Glen Davidson (left) and Sheriff Hallberg were winners of the A-B Draw at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada, on July 25-31.*

*Bobby Williams (right) of Texas took top honors in the Division I Singles.*



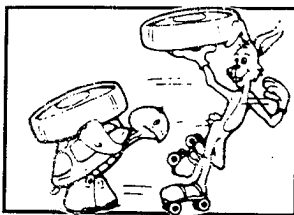
*Larry Pearson (left) was winner of the Division II Singles.*

*Viola Reaves (right) of Oregon finished first in the Women's Singles event.*



*Chris Danke and Steve Wilson of Washington won the Division I singles. Steve went on to Washington to take top honors at the Whistling Oyster with doubles partner Doug Buhl.*

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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## A Salute to John; A Reminder of Shuffler Responsibilities; -- and Another Great Idea from Louise Freer

It was with pleasure that I read John McDermott's recent editorial (July 1994 Shuffleboard Federation column) about giving shuffleboard lessons on a weekly basis to new shooters. My hat is off to you, John, for taking the time to share your hard-won knowledge and experience with others. Perhaps their road to greatness will be a little bit shorter than yours.

It was also good to see this in print -- it serves as a reminder to all of us that each of us can and should play a part in the growth of shuffleboard. By teaching other people to play, we can assure the future of shuffleboard.

Many players don't feel that way. "Don't show anybody what you know because then they'll beat you" is what I have often heard. When this attitude is the rule, rather than the exception, shuffleboard players' numbers are bound to diminish rather than increase.

Thankfully, it is clear that many people do not feel that way. They are quietly, without fanfare, doing their part in helping other people learn to play and love the game.

It was uncharacteristic of John McDermott to give himself what may have appeared to be a public "pat on the back." Instead, John was being his usual diplomatic self by presenting a subtle reminder to the great players of this game that success has certain responsibilities that cannot be ignored if there is to be a future in shuffleboard. The message, however, is to all of us. Thanks for the reminder, John.

Wouldn't it be great to read about some of those "unsung heroes" -- the people who have taken the time to give the gift of their knowledge as well as their time to up and coming shooters? I suggest starting a column, sort of a "Mentor Mugshots" column, where we

could all write in and tell about the person who had the most influence on us and why. If there is a picture of you (the player and the "mentor"), all the better! Please send them to me at my home address (189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446) so I can organize and prepare the information for George and Donna to publish. Let's give these people some well-deserved praise.

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

*Thank you, Louise, for recognizing the message that John is attempting to deliver -- that all pros like him have a responsibility to teach others if the game is to survive. If they do not, the sport will surely go the route it did in the '50s, when it almost "died." We are confident that there is a much broader recognition of that responsibility today than there was back then. In anticipation that one day soon we can write the history of shuffleboard, we interviewed some up-and-coming young players during our Washington trip who are certain to make their mark in The World of Shuffleboard, and each of them credits some idol, mentor, someone they respected and wanted to emulate, for helping them reach their current level of competitiveness.*

*And that responsibility goes beyond our limited ranks of pros; it extends to every -- what shall we call them -- "established player" who knows the game. There are a lot more of those than there are "pros," and they must not forget the influence they can wield on the future of shuffleboard. We salute all those tournament directors who have pro/am and other events that offer the opportunity for beginners to play with veterans. What those beginners learn from those experiences is immeasurable and the experience is unforgettable.*

*We love your idea for a "Mentor Mugshots" column and thank you for offering to author it. We encourage shufflers to respond to your invitation to give recognition to their "teacher."*

*We salute you, Louise, for taking a leadership role in keeping the sport of shuffleboard alive and well!*

## An Unusual Letter from an Unusual Source

This will be considered a very unusual letter and request. I'm one of 1500 federal inmates located in Sheridan, Oregon. One of our industries consists of making wooden toys for children in hospitals, etc. We have a few real artists who make all sorts of beautiful items with the Oak, Ash, Walnut, Maple, Redwood that we have available.

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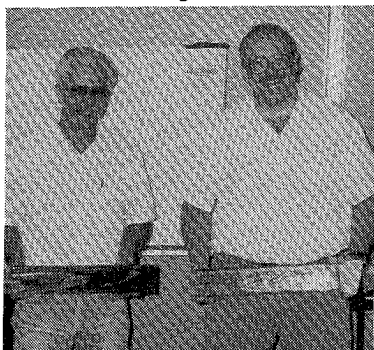
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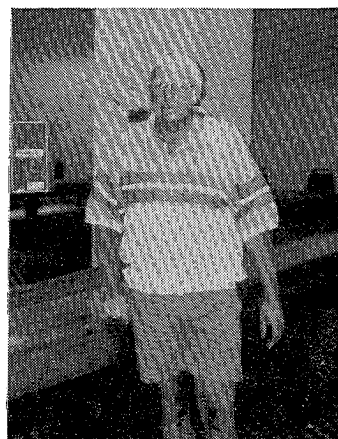
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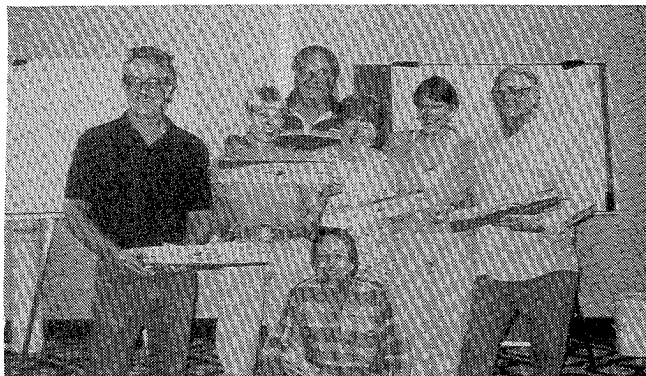
## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 1)*



Bob Jacobsen and Larry Pearson were winners of the Division II Doubles at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada, on July 25-31.

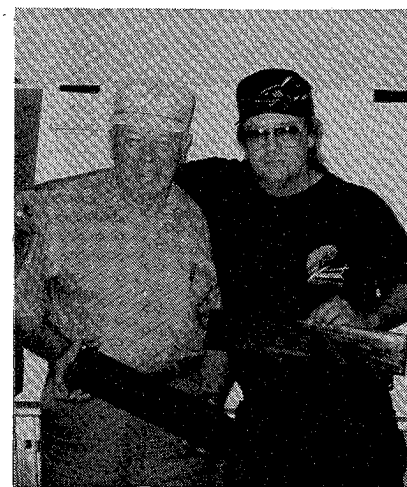


Bill Melton took top honors in the Pro Singles. Darrol Nelson was second; Doug Buhl finished third, with Bob Shaw in fourth place.



The Texas Tornados were winners of the Team Event: (back row) Tom Clubb, (left to right) Ron and Debbie Bowers, Betty Rickman, Vicki, Bill Wooldridge, (kneeling) Sheriff Hallberg.

Jimmy Kumpula and Joe Hudson drew each other to take first place in the Legends Draw. They proudly display their trophies, made by Lisa Melton.



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*Gordy Smith, Roland Metivier, John McDermott, and Jerry Berquist were winners of the Dueces Wild event.*

*(Editor's Note: See last month's issue for other winners in this tournament.)*

### **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.

### **19th Annual Octoberfest Tourney, Corner Tavern, Bow, Washington, Oct. 8-9**

The Corner Tavern, 1255 Allan West Rd., Bow, Washington, will host its 19th Annual Octoberfest Tournament on Oct. 8-9. It's a bring partner event, \$50 per team entry fee.

For further information, call the Corner Tavern at 206-757-6113.

### **1st Annual Draw Partners, Sportsman Tavern, Stanwood, Washington, Oct. 29-30**

The Sportsman Tavern, Stanwood, Washington, will host its 1st Annual Draw Partners "Shuffleboard Shootout" on Oct. 29-30. Entry fee is \$25 per player, with payouts of 50-25-15-10. The sponsor sale will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, with boards open for play on Friday.

The Sportsman has two good boards, with three others close by, and plenty of RV parking.

For information, call tournament director Murl Kindie, 206-652-5031, or the tavern, 206-629-3930.

### **2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament, Dixie Belle, Downey, California**

This PCSA-sanctioned event is scheduled for Nov. 24-27 at the Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, California, and will include two events on four boards.

The first is an open doubles. Entry fee is \$100 per team, limited to 16 teams, 2 out of 3 double elimination. Sponsor sale is set for Thursday, Nov. 24, 9 p.m., with play starting on Friday at 10 a.m.

The second event is an ABC draw, \$25 per player entry fee, limited to 60 players, also 2 out of 3, double elimination. Sponsor sale will be held Friday at 8 p.m. with play starting at noon on Saturday.

A complimentary buffet will be served on Saturday between 2 and 6 p.m.

For information, contact Debbie or Eileen at the Dixie Belle, 310-803-4943. Please post the enclosed (updated) flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

### **10th Annual Thanksgiving Classic at Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas, Nov. 24-27**

The Gold Nugget Club, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, Texas, will be the site for the 10th Annual Thanksgiving Classic Tournament on Nov. 24-27.

Action will start with a draw partner event on Thursday at 7:30, \$50 entry fee. Single game, double elimination, and no two pros or O's may draw up.

On Friday, 7:30 p.m., the bring partner is scheduled to begin. \$100 per team, single game, double elimination, and no pros may play together.

On the agenda for Saturday at 5 p.m. is the draft team event, patterned after the successful one held at this year's Southwest Open. \$300 per 6-person team. Everyone from pros to 5's will play and the draft will be held in private so no one will know in what order they were picked. This event is double elimination, best of 9 games.

For information, contact David Williams, 817-451-9583, or Bobby Williams, 817-496-8972.

### **Frank Hepler 55 and Older Tourney, Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, Nov. 25-27**

A tournament in memory of Frank Hepler, a popular Washington player who passed away just after he had turned 55, will be held at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, on Nov. 25-27. It will be a 55 and Older Draw Partner event, starting at noon on Saturday. Come early for the \$10 round robins on Friday night.

A popular feature of this shuffleboard tournament site is the famous chili by head chef and bartender Bernice.

There are motels within walking distance of the Shamrock. For information, call the tavern at 206-577-7774, and ask for Jerry Berquist.

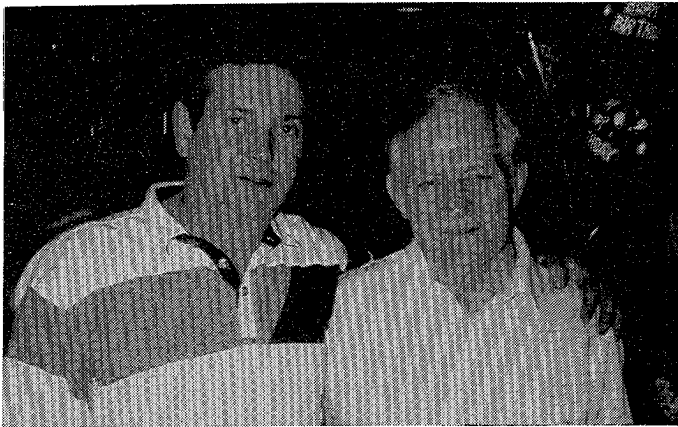
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## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 5)*

### Wright/Wilber Winners of Sue Spack Memorial

Rick Wright of Commerce and George Wilber of Lansing were winners of the Sue Spack Memorial open draw tournament at the Lakeside Lounge in Union Lake, Michigan, on Aug. 27. Ken Gay of Waterford and Mary McLaren of Saginaw took second place; Roland Harkless of W. Bloomfield and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Detroit finished third.



*Rick Wright (left) and Board Talk Editor George Wilber drew each other to take first in the Sue Spack Memorial Benefit Tournament.*

The tournament raised over \$400 to help pay the funeral expenses of Sue, who was a popular and talented shuffler before her untimely death. Tournament director Gene Gach thanks those who participated and others who contributed to the fund, particularly Rudy Stober of Stober's Lounge in Lansing.

**Correction:** In last month's issue, it was reported that Frank Blade and Jerry Hershman were winners of the Sue Spack Benefit at Liberty Bar in Pontiac, with Jeff Cottrell and Ken Gay in second place. **Jeff and Ken** were winners, with Frank and Jerry in second. *Apologies from your editors!*

### Autumnfest Tourney, Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, Oct. 21-23

A three-day, three-event tournament will be held at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown (yep! this is no typo; there really is a Funkstown!), Maryland, on October 21-23. Action will start on Friday at 6:30 p.m. with a draw partner event, \$10 per person entry. On Saturday, it will be the popular bring partner event, \$25 per team, starting at 11 a.m. The singles, \$20 entry, will start at noon on Sunday. Sponsor sales for all events.

See ad in this issue and plan to participate in this fun weekend of shufflin'. For further information and/or to save your spot, call tournament director Lonzo Knight, 301-432-2434, or Glenn's, 301-739-5025.

### An "Anniversary Special" at Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, Aug. 26-28

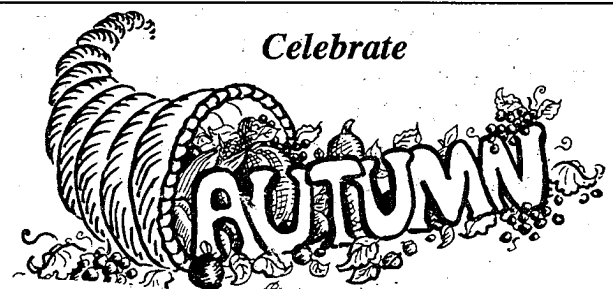
There was an added dimension to the fun-filled weekend of shuffleboard action at Glenn's Tavern in Funkstown, Maryland, Aug. 26-28, as participating shufflers honored Jane and Arlo Johnson of New York on their 39th wedding anniversary.

*Says Arlo to Jane: "Keep drawing those 4's and we'll celebrate No. 40." Says Jane to Arlo: "Ditto!" The anniversary cake was presented to the Johnsons by Lonzo Knight and Alan Heuer and shared by all who participated in the Glenn's Tavern tournament.*



Friday night's draw partner tournament was won by Lenny Dell of Maryland and Pete O'Neill of Florida.

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*in beautiful Funkstown, Maryland!*

**Oct. 21-23**

**Fri., Oct. 21: Draw Partner, \$10 entry**

**Sat., Oct. 22, Bring Partner, \$25 team**

**Sun., Oct. 23, Singles, \$20 entry**

**FOR INFORMATION: CALL**

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## Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

This letter starts our journey. Somehow we need to get the general building "specs" for constructing a table and board. A good rough sketch might do just fine. If I knew where to write and buy the plans, I would, but I don't know where to start. The obvious hang-up here is that for you to answer this request will take time and effort. I'm hoping there is a relatively simple answer for our needs. We need all the general data for construction -- length, height, width of table and board, height of alleys, the proper height from floor, leveling adjustments mechanisms. Any tips would mean so much to us.

Thanks so very much.

Cano Graham 97079-012, F.C.I Sheridan 2-A, P.O. Box 5002, Sheridan, OR 97378

*Our salute to Playfair for responding so promptly to your request with what information they could offer and for forwarding your letter to us. We are publishing your letter, Cano, in the hope that others, maybe from your own area, will respond with additional information. There are a lot of people in Oregon who are knowledgeable about, and committed to, the game of shuffleboard.*

*You are fortunate to have such a progressive Recreation Department. We are certain that the personnel who encourage your woodworking craftsmanship would find that this sport would result in benefits far beyond just building tables -- to playing the game. We may be prejudiced, but we believe the discipline and good sportsmanship involved in this game, in addition to skills that come with experience and practice, are greater than most sports. And with 1500 potential participants, you could have a number of leagues with a number of hand-crafted boards!*

*We are adding you to our complimentary mailing list and hope The Board Talk will serve as an inspiration to you and others who share your residence.*

### Heartfelt Thanks from Billy Maxwell

On the weekend of Aug. 12-14, a benefit shuffleboard tournament was held at the Dixie Belle (Downey, California) on behalf of my kids, Jamie and Nicholas, in memory of their late mother, Sharon Maxwell. People generously gave their time and money, as well as items for raffling. Donations were also received from all over the country and as far away as Canada. The final tally will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

It is very difficult to express my thanks on paper. The words just don't seem to do justice to the great

deed that has been done. But, please know that my gratitude exists, as a feeling in my heart, not just for your generous contributions, but also for the honor and privilege of being able to call you my friends.

Most sincerely,

Bill Maxwell, Quail Valley, California

*When we saw you in Quilcene, Bill, your gratitude for the outpouring of caring from The World of Shuffleboard was more eloquent than we can share here as well. Before we went to press with this issue, we received a call from PCSA official Paul Weber to update us on our last month's report that \$4,000 had been raised for your kids. Thanks to people like Bellflower Bruce, who has always given back to the game multitudes more than he gains from it, that memorial fund has grown to \$5,000. Bruce had to be checking his cabin that was in the danger zone during the area forest fires and couldn't be at the Dixie Belle Benefit Tournament. But he did not forget your kids! His generous contribution will make life a little easier for Jamie and Nicholas. If there are other shufflers who would like to contribute to the Sharon Maxwell Benefit, send your checks to the P.C.S.A., P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706, with a notation that it is for the Maxwell Children's Benefit.*

### More News from The Dixie Belle

Here it is autumn already and we here at the Dixie Belle are getting ready for our Thanksgiving tournament. Jim Anderson will be giving the boards an extra special bit of attention while the rest of us, under the guidance of owners Wes and Eileen Eades, will be giving the rest of our facilities a good polishing in preparation for the festivities.

Taking a moment to brag about our Dixie Belle, we have a great room for our players where they have -- on three of our tables -- virtually no outside interruptions, and on our fourth, just a little traffic going by one side. Also separate from this, we have a lovely dining room with great food and our front bar where there are activities other than shuffleboard going on. This is a great place for players to take a break and for non-players to find some extra amusements. All the staff are always ready to make your visit to the Dixie Belle an enjoyable experience. We are (headed by Wes, of course) a group of party animals!

Once again, the Southern California Happy Wanderers were on the loose, myself included. This time to Blinky's in Santa Clara, California, where several of our players participated in their Labor Day Tournament. Dick and Barbara were very congenial hosts and their staff did their best to show us a great time. Special thanks to announcer Nelson Jennings, who did a great job -- clear and succinct;

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# 1994-95 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

## **OCTOBER 1994**

**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

**Oct. 8-9**

19th Annual Octoberfest Bring  
Partner Tournament  
Corner Tavern  
Bow, Washington

**Oct. 14-16**

Autumnfest Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

**Oct. 15**

1st Series of Five Doubles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

**Oct. 21-23**

Autumnfest Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

**Oct. 22-23**

Mixed Doubles Tournament  
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill  
Seattle, Washington

**Oct. 29-30**

1st Annual Draw Partners  
Sportsman Tavern  
Stanwood, Washington

## **NOVEMBER**

**Nov. 5-6**

Draw/Bring Partner  
Mickey's Place  
Henderson, Maryland

**Nov. 8-9**

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

**Nov. 24-27**

State of Michigan Championships  
Pasquale's Bar  
Lansing, Michigan

**Nov. 24-27**

2nd Annual Thanksgiving  
Weekend Tournament  
Dixie Belle  
Downey, California

**Nov. 24-27**

10th Annual Thanksgiving  
Classic  
Gold Nugget Lounge  
Arlington, Texas

**Nov. 25-27**

Frank Hepler 55 & Older  
Draw Partner Tournament  
Shamrock Tavern  
Longview, Washington

**Nov. 25-27**

6th Annual Indiana State  
Championships  
Chance's "R"  
Muncie, Indiana

**Nov. 26-27**

Thanksgiving Doubles Tourney  
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill  
Seattle, Washington

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## **DECEMBER**

**Dec. 2-4**

Winter Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**Dec. 10-11**

Annual Christmas Tournament  
Harrington Moose  
Harrington, Delaware

**Dec. 31**

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

**December**

Annual Santa Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

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

**Jan. 21**

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

**Jan. 28-29**

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

**Jan. 31-Feb. 5**

PCSA Extravaganza VII  
Alladin Hotel/Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Feb. 18-19**

Sweetheart Tournament  
Blue Goose  
Port Orchard, Washington

**Feb. 18**

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

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# 1995 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

## MARCH 1995

### March 3-5

3-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### March 18-19

Shuffleboard Affair Doubles  
Town Tavern  
Sequim, Washington

### March 25

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

## APRIL 1995

### April 14-16

Spring Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### April 29

Open Singles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

## May 1995

### May 19-21

Spring Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

## JUNE 1995

### June 12-18

11th Annual Board Talk  
Shufflers' Reunion Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### June 17-18

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

## JULY 1995

### July 22-23

Singles Tournament  
Town Tavern  
Sequim, Washington

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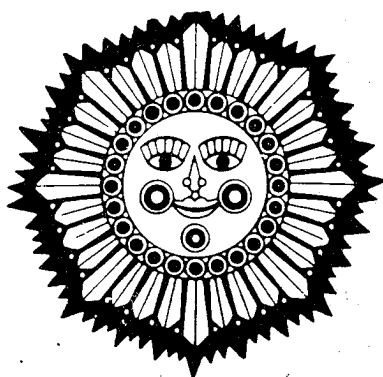
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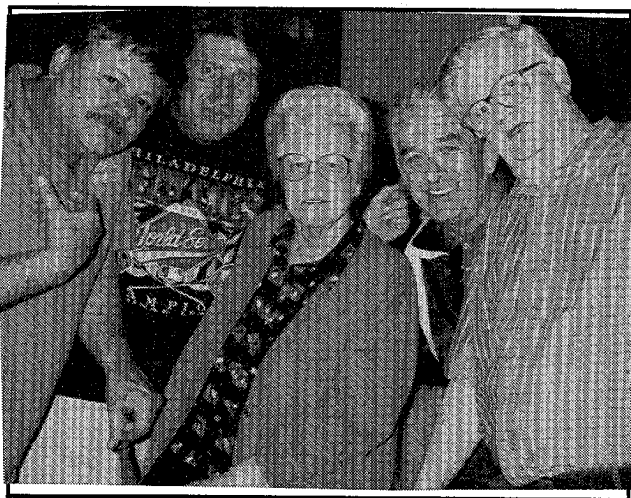
## ***In Memoriam***

Sept. 16, 1994 -- As we were wrapping up this issue of *The Board Talk*, we received a call from our friend, Bill Lally of Pennsylvania, with the news that another good friend, Mickey Mickens of New Jersey, had passed away. We join others in The World of Shuffleboard who pay tribute to a legendary player who helped write the history of shuffleboard.

When we first met Mickey, we'd already heard a lot of stories about his escapades, but he didn't immediately make our list of favorites. He was a bit boisterous and unorthodox (when he pounded his weight on the newly-refinished board in Howell, Michigan, at our Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, George nearly had a stroke!). But, once we got to know him, we found him to be a sensitive person, totally devoted to the sport of shuffleboard and to his wife and family. He was past his "prime" by then, but as one of the original "husflers" of the '50s and '60s, he had many stories to tell that we wish we had an opportunity to record. He literally spanned the generations of shuffleboard and even though he had suffered from ill health the past few years, he never gave up. Indeed, he was playing in a local tournament when he was stricken for the last time.

By the time you receive this issue, Mickey's funeral will already have been held. But it's not too late to let his wife Claire know that you care. Send your messages of sympathy to:

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*Mickey (left), his wife Claire and some of the many friends he leaves behind.*

*George and Donna Wilber  
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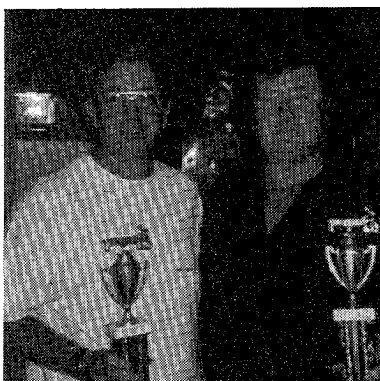
Second place went to Doug Fridley of the Dew Drop Inn, Waterloo, New York, and John Lucas, Millington, Md. Third went to Jim Snyder, Williamsport, Md., and Harvey Comer, Harvey's Place, Street, Md.



*Lenny Dell of Maryland and Pete O'Neill of Florida were winners of the draw partner event at Glenn's Tavern, Funkstown, Maryland, on Aug. 26-28.*

Local favorites Jim Snyder of Williamsport, Md., and Lonzo Knight of Sharpsburg, Md. were winners of the bring partner event. Second went to Bunky Gertz, Queenstown, Md., and Arlo Johnson, New York, with Jerry Garber, Hagerstown, Md., and Pete O'Neill, Florida, in third.

*Jim Snyder and Lonzo Knight were winners of the bring partner event.*

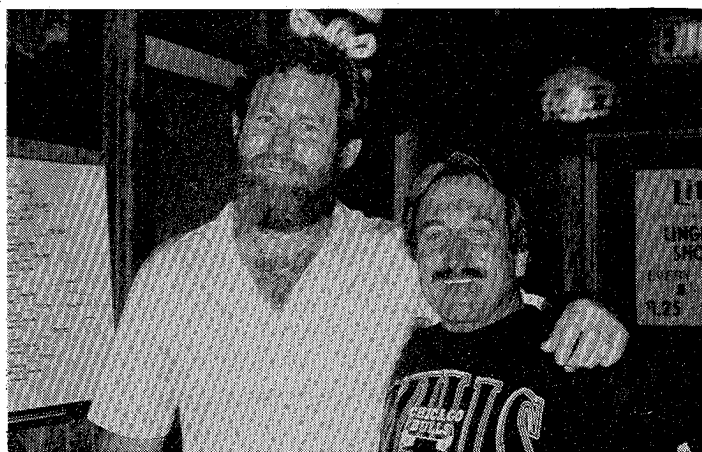


In the Sunday singles, Lenny Dell was the winner, with Lonzo Knight in second and Charlie Hawkins of Hagerstown in third place.

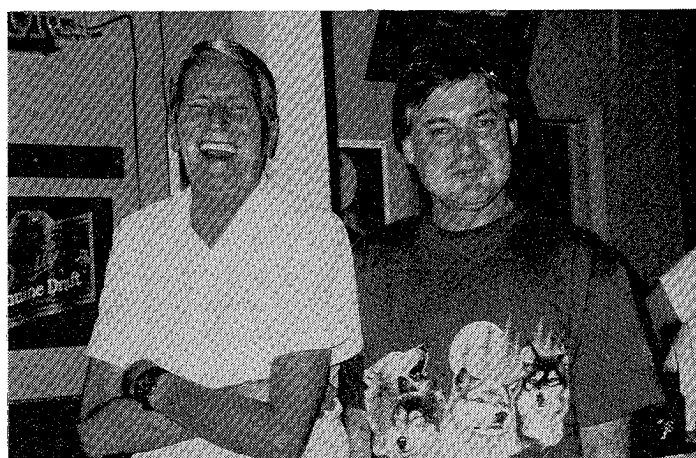
"Thanks to John Thomas, owner of Glenn's Tavern, for hosting the tournament," says reporter Donna Snyder. "Thanks also to Cathie, Peaches and Brenda for the fine buffet, and barmaids Jeanie and Fran for all their help. And thanks to Lonzo Knight for his time involved in directing the tournament. We hope to see everyone again, as well as many new faces, at our next tournament on Oct. 21-23."

### Reeves/Cowan Winners at Rome's Saloon

Kenny Reeves and Dave Cowan teamed up to take top honors in the doubles tournament at Rome's Saloon in Denver, Colorado, on Aug. 19-21. It was a 2 out of 3, double elimination event, and Rome's added \$300 to the pot.



*Dave Cowan and Kenny Reeves were first-place finishers at Rome's Saloon.*



*George Ostrum and Morey Balins seem happy enough with second place honors.*



*Steve Wilson and Chris Danke travelled all the way from Washington to take third place at Rome's bring-partner tournament.*

### Davidson Brothers Tops at Balloon Inn

It was another great turnout for the 4th Annual Balloon Inn Open in Arvada, Colorado. Coming out on top of a field of tough contenders and taking the largest share of the \$6,000 pot were brothers Glen and Dave Davidson from Oklahoma.



*Dave Davidson (left) and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma receive congratulations from hostess Gwen Vogt.*

*Jody Slack (left) and Morey Balins of Denver took second place honors. Finishing third were George Ostrum of Denver and Rick Boyer.*



"Thanks to all who participated, especially all the out of state players who came in," said hosts Ron and Gwen Vogt. "We had a great time! Watch for our 5th Santa Classic Open coming in December."

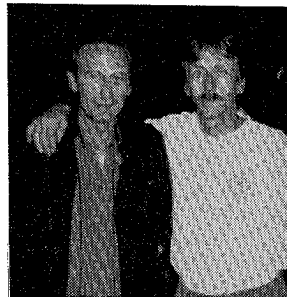
### **Buhl/Waters/Norris Big Winners at Crazy Canucks Tournament**

The Crazy Canucks Annual Labor Day Tournament was held at the AN & AF Unit 68, Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sept. 1-4. Action started on Thursday night with the "Winston Jim" open draw doubles and attracted 34 entries. Taking first place were Doug Buhl of Oregon and Mike Waters of Washington. Second place went to a couple local fellows, Terry Burns and Mike Billings.

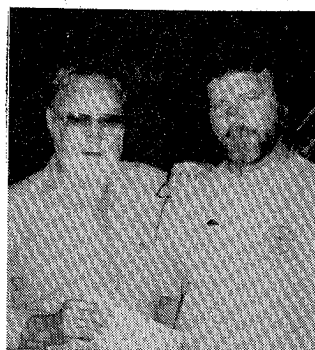
There were 31 entries in the singles with Doug Buhl again coming out on top after beating Jim Allis of Washington in a great three-game match in the "B" bracket to meet Mike Thorpe of Washington in the finals. Finishing fourth was Dick Heflin of Oregon, with Bob Jacobsen of Oregon and Dick Doak of Washington in fifth and sixth spots.

Doug Buhl made it a triple-header by winning the doubles with his partner, Chuck Norris of Oregon. Jim Allis and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma took second place honors. Others in the winner's circle were: Bob Jacobsen

and Phil Gardiner, 3rd; Dick Doak and Carl Roush, 4th; Kevin Larkin and Dick Heflin, 5th; Mike Thorpe and Dan Hitt, 6th.



*(left) Doug Buhl, winner of the singles, with runner-up Mike Thorpe. (right) Chuck Norris and Doug Buhl, winners of the doubles.*



*(left) Glen Davidson and Jim Allis took second place in the doubles. (right) Hostess Marg Okum wishes Madge Goff a Happy Birthday.*



"On Sunday morning, I had the honor of escorting Madge Goff to a table that had a birthday cake and card signed by everyone and a bottle of champagne from Glen," reports Marg Okum. "What a great lady she is. It was their first time here at our tourney and it was a real pleasure to meet two such nice people. She is also the owner of some fantastic earrings!"

"It was not only the first time here for Glen 'Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.' Davidson (a very nice guy; loved your camper, Glen) and Madge, but others, too: Phil Gardiner from Arizona, Bob Jacobsen of Washington, Bob Leitritz, Don Stallsworth, Carl Roush, Moose and his wife (Moose is into making bird-houses, of which I was lucky enough to get one). It's always a pleasure to meet new players and great to see old friends who love the game of shuffleboard. We look forward to seeing you again next year," said Marg.

"Thanks to our president Bill Wonnacott, manager Bill Weir, Executive Club members, bar staff, kitchen staff, tournament director Brian Burchinski, auctioneer Kevin Larkin, Gord Smith (who sends a personal thanks to Glen Davidson for his knowledge and help in looking after six boards), The Shuffle-

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## More Notebook

### Some Deserved Recognition from The Shuffleboard Federation....

Last month in our article that included information about the recent North American Shuffleboard Championships in Reno, we thanked all those people whose efforts helped the tournament run smoothly.

When writing that type of information, your worst fear is that you will forget to include someone who deserved to be recognized. Well, sorry to say, we neglected to mention three of them.

We would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to recognize Penny Cottrell, who helped with the auctions, Roland Metivier, who helped with take-down, and last, but not least, the man with the booming voice who is as good an auctioneer as anyone in the country, Bill Wooldridge.

Thank you so much for your support.

John McDermott, President, The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., Northville, Michigan

*We know the feeling, John. Every tournament director/sponsor has that fear because so much depends upon those volunteers who are always there when you need them. While none of us takes them for granted and don't appreciate their efforts, it's difficult to remember everyone, especially when you're faced with a deadline! We're sure Penny and Roland and Bill will appreciate your thanks.*

### A Call for Help from California

I have just moved out here to California from Royal Oak, Michigan, and was expecting to be in the "heart" of the shuffleboard community (*The Board Talk* states that California is the largest shuffleboard state in the union).

Instead, I have discovered many shuffleboards inside bars and pool halls, but there is no interest in the game. I have talked to many of these bar owners and have begun maintaining these shuffleboards and am interested in starting some leagues and tournaments in the area.

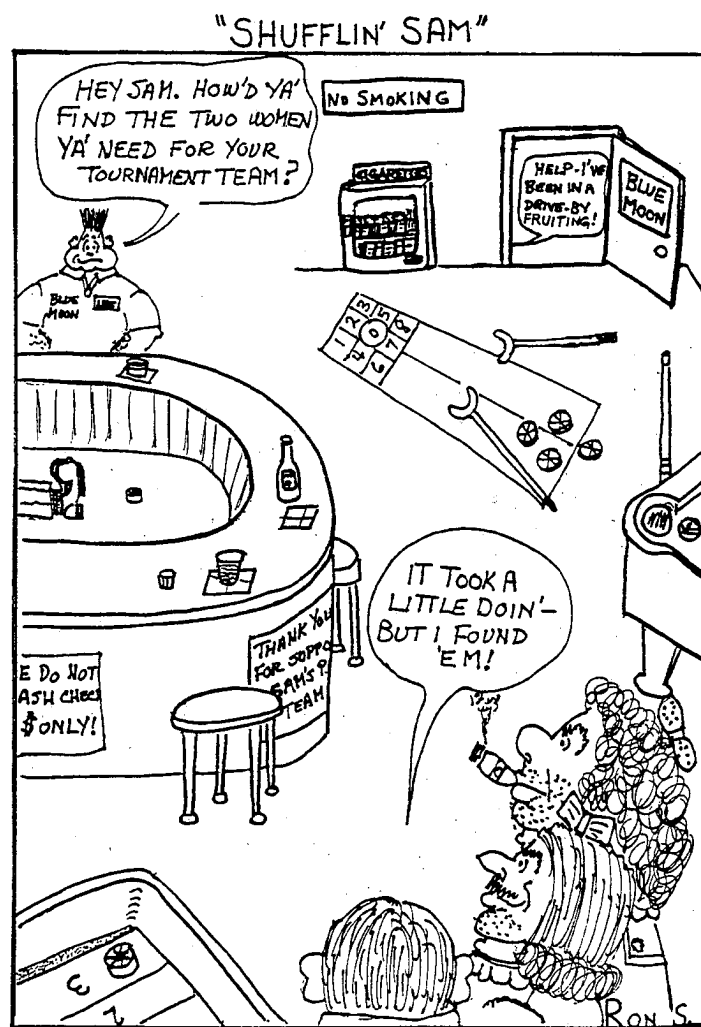
Could you please send me the names and addresses of subscribers in the following cities: Carlsbad, San Marcos, Vista, Escondido, Encinita, Poway, Oceanside, San Diego, and La Costa.

Also, could you give me some information on how to get my tournament on the Calendar of Shuffleboard Events in your newsletter.

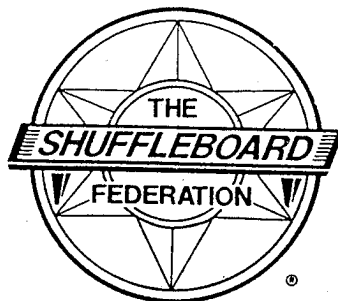
Jason Papa, 930 Lake Ridge Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92069

We're publishing your letter, Jason, because we believe our California subscribers can be of more help to you than we can. Even though it is our biggest subscriber state, a lot of the names of cities you mentioned are totally foreign to us. We admire your efforts and hope you will receive some assistance. While you're waiting for the letters to start pouring out (please don't disappoint us, California subscribers), we have some suggestions for contacts: Al Stewart, A & M Amusement Service, 818-444-3790; the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, 310-926-2152; Bellflower Bruce, 714-549-1955; and Dudley Hutcherson, who just moved to San Diego from Florida, where he got some action going there.

How do you get on the Calendar of Events? Simply let us know when and where and it will be published. Plus, you get three free gift subscriptions for drawings or however you wish to use them. It doesn't cost a cent to be listed on the calendar, but we encourage tournament directors/sponsors to purchase flyers to spread the word about the event. It works! Just ask those who have made that investment.







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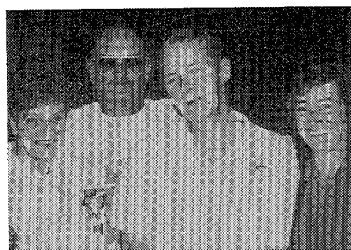
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board Federation for their products (and, again, those laminated draw sheets that make things much easier), the club board players who helped with everything from husking corn to looking after the draw sheets. Without all these people, we couldn't hold a successful tournament. Last, but most important, thanks to the players themselves. Without them, there would be no such thing as a tournament.

"As we are still young at holding tournaments, we appreciate everyone's advice and input. It is most important to us. We will be considering their suggestions and changes will come as we learn. Thanks again to all you players who come and play and take the time to share your knowledge. You're all great! See you next year," said Marg.



*Some of the Crazy Canucks who are looking forward to seeing you next year: Joanie Millar, Gord Smith, Marty Atkinson, and Dianna Madsen.*

### Beef Schedules Another "Series of Five" Doubles

Based on the success of last year's first "Series of Five" open doubles at Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, Beef announces a repeat. Again, \$2,000 will be added to the entry pot by Playfair, Inc. and Dale Gushman. The first four teams to place the highest in the series will vie for a percentage of that added money. Beef will also present jackets to the first-place finishers of the five series.

Entry fee for each of the series is \$40, with sale at 11 a.m. If there are over 16 teams registered, it will be mark 4, play to 15 until money games. Payback is: 1st, 50%, 4 points; 2nd, 30%, 3 points; 3rd, 15%, 2 points; and 4th, 5%, 1 point.

The first match is scheduled for Oct. 15, followed by matches on Nov. 21, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 25. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site. If you have questions, call Beef at 219-347-9965.

### 6th Annual Indiana State Shuffleboard Championships, Nov. 25-27, Chance's "R", Muncie

Open to Indiana residents only, this event will include an open singles on Friday, Nov. 25, \$20 entry; open doubles on Saturday, Nov. 26, \$50 entry; mixed doubles, \$30 entry, and women's singles, \$15 entry, on Sunday, Nov. 27. Payout will be 40-30-15-5.

The tournament site, Chances "R", is located at 3421

S. Walnut in Muncie, just two blocks west of the Holiday Inn, and has four boards. To register, call your hosts, Bob and Karen Schounce, 317-284-0855, or tournament director Steve Hart, 317-485-4368.

### 1st Call for Shuffleboard Extravaganza VII, Aladdin, Las Vegas, Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 1995

Request your vacation time, order your airline tickets, and use the enclosed tournament registration and room reservation form in this issue, for the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza VII, Jan. 31-Feb. 5. Please note that all money for entries and rooms (you must be a registered guest at the Aladdin to participate in the tournament, unless you live locally) must be in by Dec. 30, 1994. But don't wait until the last minute! Entries are limited and so are the number of rooms in the tower -- first come, first served.

There are six events on the schedule: a bring your partner amateur doubles, \$100 per team; an A-B draw, \$50 per player; pro singles, \$300 per player; amateur team (must have two women players), \$300 per team; pro doubles, \$200 per team; and women's singles, \$100 per player. Anyone playing in the amateur team or amateur doubles will be ineligible for pro singles and pro doubles; women playing in the women's singles will be ineligible for the pro doubles.

Complete details are contained in the enclosed flyer. If you have questions, call the PCSA, 310-926-2152.

### "Over the Hill" Tourney Honors Pioneer at Shamrock, Longview, Washington

Sept. 3 was a day to be remembered at the Shamrock Tavern in Longview, Washington. It was a day when the "old and over the hill" and some not-so-over-the-hill shuffleboard players gathered to pay tribute to Jack Tyler, formerly from Longview and now from Palm Springs, California.

"Jack is a man most of us on the West Coast feel is somewhat like Bob (Mr. Shuffleboard) Miles, not so much as a player, but as a shuffleboard promoter," said Ralph Duarte, who served as co-tournament director with Tyler. "He used to own the Boondox Tavern in Longview back in the '60s. He started the big tournament at the fairgrounds where they would have 18 boards in one building. It would last for two weekends and was mostly team events."

There were 16 teams in the "Over the Hill" tournament and Ralph reports that there could have been more if time had allowed. "Next time we have this, we'll plan for more," he said. "This will only happen when Jack Tyler comes back to see us, so hurry back, Jack!"

Winners were the not-so-far-over-the-hill team of Jim

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

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

Eddie and Shelli had just left the Blue Moon after the confrontation over whether Eddie and Lil would team up and go on the road. Lil had her hand placed over Bob's as she said: "Bob, I really need to talk to you....."

Lil looked directly into Bob's eyes as she began: "Shelli sure is mad, and I can see her point. But I think Eddie ought to get his chance to get to the big time, you know. Now, you heard the whole thing....could you help me out with this?"

Bob had been around long enough to know that Eddie did, indeed, have the potential to go to the "Big Show." He also knew he wasn't going to get there if he was held back at the Blue Moon. He really wanted to retire soon, however, and Eddie was a part of that plan. He said to Lil: "I'll tell you what, Lil, I'm sure not going to encourage Eddie to go on the road with you. On the other hand, I won't go out of my way to insist that he stays here. In other words, I'll stay kind of neutral in this thing. He knows I need him here, so I don't have to push that point. I'm willing to call Heads or Tails in this thing. O.K.?"

Lil was relieved when she heard that and she let Bob know it by saying: "I can't ask for anything fairier than that, Bob. You're quite a guy." Then, she wrote down her hotel and room number and gave it to Bob.

In the meantime, Eddie and Shelli had a full-blown encounter after they got home. They went round-and-round over the thing until the wee hours of the morning. Shelli finally announced that she had said all she was going to say -- and went to bed. After awhile, Eddie decided to let the thing go for the night and turn in, too, as he had to pull his shift and play in the tournament the next day.

Eddie showed up for his shift the following day (after having had very little sleep). When the opportunity arose, he had a talk with Bob. It was a short talk, as Bob stuck to his word and basically told Eddie that he had to play his own hand in the matter. Eddie had half-way hoped that Bob would lay down the law, which would help him make up his mind.

After a couple hours into his shift, Eddie decided he had to make a move. He went over to Bob and asked if Lil had left the number of her hotel. Bob didn't say anything as he handed him the slip of paper. Eddie went to the office then and dialed. When he got through to the extension (and before he had a chance to say anything), the voice on the other end said: "Hi, Eddie, I've been waiting....."

Eddie took the lead then and said, "I had a hunch you might be, Lil -- how was your night?" Lil replied, "Aside from being a little lonesome, just fine. How'd it go with Shelli -- and Bob?" "Shelli went 'ballastic' last night, but Bob was cool; he knows the score," was the answer.

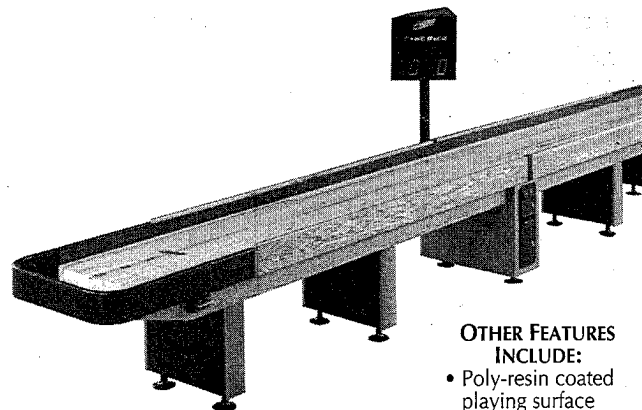
Then Lil said: "Well, Eddie, I know you didn't have a lot of time, but did you make a decision?" Eddie told her: "Just about. But this is a big step and I'm kind of on-the-fence with this thing." Lil advised him then: "Look, we need to talk some more. I didn't have a chance to really explain everything last night."

Just then Bob opened the door and said, "Eddie, I need some help out here -- and I need it now! The Sunday tournament is about to start and we're swamped. Let's go, O.K.?"

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## **Frisco Eddie** *(continued from Page 17)*

Eddie told Lil: "I have to go now. I'll talk to you later, or something." Lil said: "O.K., but I don't want to go to the Blue Moon. I don't need any more hassles." They hung up then, and Eddie went back to the bar.

The place had filled up and, even with the extra weekend help, Eddie had his hands full. Bob filled in for Eddie as it was his turn to play for the Blue Moon team. Eddie and his partner won by a landslide! Eddie thought to himself: "This is a joke. What I need is some real action -- like last night, with Lil."

After he got back to his station, he saw something he didn't want to see right then. It was Shelli. She took a stool at Eddie's end of the bar. He brought her usual and said: "Hi, Love. How are you doing?" Shelli said: "How do you think I'm doing, Champ? We need to talk some more."

"I know, but I can't get into it now; take a look at this place! We'll talk after I get home, O.K.?" was the reply. Shelli said: "O.K., I'll be waiting." After finishing her drink, she left without even a wave goodbye.

Just before Eddie's shift was up, the phone rang. Eddie was closest, so he picked it up. The low and lusty voice on the other end said, "Eddie, I've got this thing figured out. You'll be off in a little while and we need to meet. I've got a jug of some good stuff here in my room. Now, why don't you just come over here, so we can get get this thing straightened out. I'm in Room 13, Eddie."

Before he made his reply, he thought, "Wow! I told Shelli I'd be there!"

His mind was really jacked-up now. Then his answer came: "Room 13....Order some ice....I'll be there in 30 minutes."

*(To be continued)*

## **Notebook** *(continued from Page 7)*

also good singles play, Nelson! Our group visited in waves with Susie and Gary Jones arriving early; Wes, Eileen and I in the middle, and our great men's singles and doubles players arriving early and staying through to the end. I wish I had room to mention all 15 or so of us, but I know a few will be listed in the stats. We -- players and fans-- all had a fine time. Thank you, Blinky's!

Do try and make our Thanksgiving tournament (see enclosed flyer for details). It's going to be major fun for players and spectators alike. Thanksgiving dinner will be available and our chefs, Don and Chris, are excellent -- plus, we do the dishes! Aside from tournament action, there will be live music and dancing Friday and Saturday nights and Karaoke Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights. Of course, we'll have the football games

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Once again, along with Wes and Eileen Eades, we hope to see you soon.

Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

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## **Travelling Glen and Madge Go "Full Circle"**

Our trip started in May at the Bourbon, Indiana, tournament and we've only spent two days at home since then. From Bourbon, we headed out for Denver, then to the Dixie Belle in California, then to Quilcene and Canada, with Reno and Vegas in between.

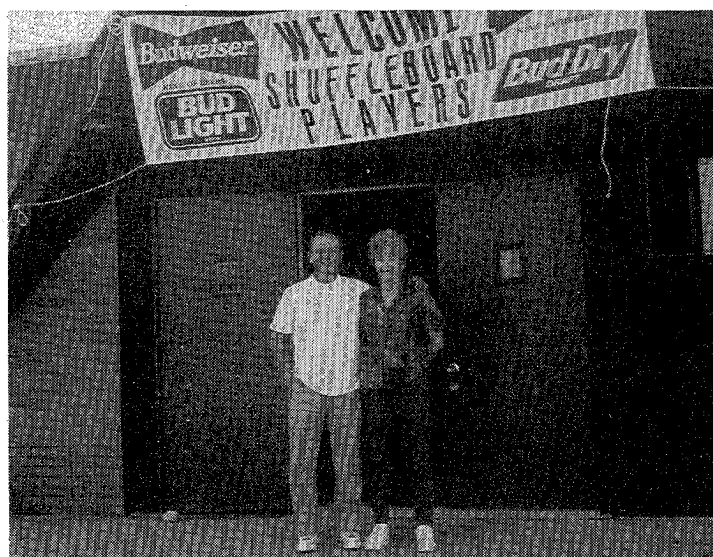
Marg Okum and the rest of the crew did a great job running the tournament in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. On our way back down, we stopped at Jim and Michelle Foran's and also visited Dave Arndt and his wife. We stopped at the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, run by Steve Fisher and his wife. They had a Friday night meat shoot. We also stopped by and visited "Moose" and his wife in Mt. Vernon. He builds bird houses and I bought 4 or 5 to take home to Oklahoma. We also stopped at the Shamrock in Longview and at Shotze's in Everett. They've got two boards there and John Martin is trying to get a league started there. I wish him a lot of luck; there's a lot of work involved in getting the action going.

We've met a lot of nice new people in our travels and renewed a lot of old acquaintances. It's been quite a trip and I hope it won't be the last. From here, we'll return to Bourbon, Indiana, for their Fall Tournament, so we've come full circle.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*See more news of Glen's and Madge's trip in Tourney Talk articles in this issue.*

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## A Bit of History....

It all started with the resounding success of the 6th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament in 1990, held at Skip's Lounge and the Northway Lounge in Houghton Lake, Michigan. Despite the fact that shufflers had to shuffle across the M-55/US 27 intersection throughout the long weekend, they liked the area and they liked the hospitality of Skip's Lounge. While the Board Talk Reunion grew beyond the boundaries of the state of Michigan, so did the demand for a return to Houghton Lake.

In response to that demand, George and Donna from *The Board Talk* and Skip and Carole of Skip's Lounge decided to stage an annual tournament in that popular location. They set an objective: it would be an opportunity for lesser experienced players to draw pros and more experienced players in a draw partner event, along with an open singles. For four years, that format has met that objective with new faces in the winners' circle every year:

**1991:** 15 teams in the draw; 16 in the singles. Winners of the draw -- Tom Meagher and Betty Parrish (which is the pro?); 2nd, pro Cheryl Collins and Paul Oster; 3rd, pro Gordie Collins and our bracketeer Rob Kern. Gordie Collins won the singles title, with Sonny Morgan in second and Bjerne Sunde in third.

**1992:** There were 50 players in the draw and 25 in the singles, vying for a pot of \$6540. Tournament host Skip Sliwa and partner Frank Parrish took first with Frank's dad, Slick, and his partner, Bjerne Sunde in second. J.R. Lopez of Lansing and local Jerry Cooley took third, with Houghton Laker Mike Kunik and Jackie Dunn in fourth. In his first "fly-in" from Indianapolis, Larry Creakbaum beat out local favorite Jim Podeski for first place in the singles. J.R. Lopez finished third, with John Myles in fourth place.

**1993:** There were 74 players in the draw and 24 in the singles, with a total pot of \$10,222. Pro Jim Long drew Norm Brown to take first place in the draw, with Ken Gay and Jim Rodgers in second; Bert Lowe and Eugene McLeod in third; and Chuck Marsh and Mark Holland in fourth. The Red Baron, Larry Creakbaum, successfully defended his singles title with John McDermott in second; Jim Long in third; Jeff Cottrell in fourth; Steve Blue and Dave Boaz, fifth and sixth.

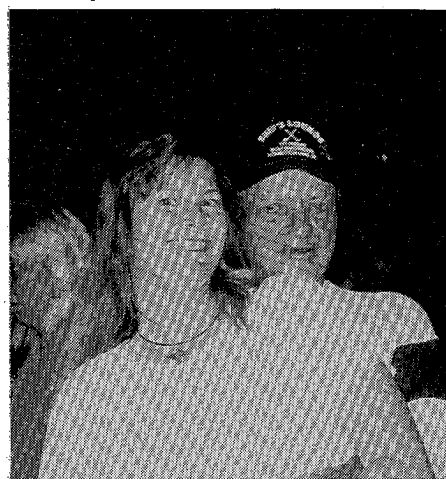
**1994:** It seemed to bookkeeper Donna Wilber and

bracketeer Rob Kern that the 70 people who lined up to sign up for the draw partners had to be a record, but not so, according to last year's account. The singles sign-up, at 30, was a new record, and so was the total pot of \$10,165 for the weekend.

## A Salute to the Pros

When we looked at our objective of teaming up pros with amateurs, and matched that with the involvement of pros during this past tournament and those before it, it's worthy of some recognition. From the very first tournament, when professional Cheryl Collins literally took a local Houghton Lake player out of the fields to first place, to our last tournament when those we determined were our top 12 players willingly nurtured amateurs to take them to new heights, that objective was reached.

A special salute to John Tischler, Larry Creakbaum, Jim Long, J.R. Lopez, Bjerne Sunde, Chris Passariello, and Dave Boaz, pros who have been part of this program since the beginning. And to pros new to this scene this year: Buddy Broka, Steve Wilson, Chris Danke, Steve Hart, and Bobby Voorhis. These people know, when they sign up, that they might draw a beginning shuffler who will not help them win the "big money." Yet, they take the time and the care to counsel, guide, direct, teach...and we salute them for this investment in the future of shuffleboard.



*It was a great experience for Ziggy Sliwa of Houghton Lake (Skip's Dad) to draw one of the top women players in the U.S.A., Chris Danke of Washington. They finished fifth in the draw partner event.*

"These pros have no idea what playing with them and learning from them mean to the amateurs," said Board Talk Editor George Wilber. "They deserve all the credit in the world."



### A Surprise Team Finishes First!

Officials took the "top 12" and drew their partners from a pool of the least experienced in the field of 70 players. Five of those 12 teams ended up in the winners' circle: Chris Passariello and Penny Morgan, both from Michigan, 2nd place; Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Chuck Marsh of Houghton Lake, 3rd; Steve Hart of Indiana and John McLaren of Michigan, 4th; Chris Danke of Washington and Ziggy Sliwa of Houghton Lake, and Buddy Broka of Ohio and Walt Cannell of Michigan in 5th and 6th places.

The exception was what turned out to be a dynamic duo of Larry Huffer, Indiana, and Trish Tolsdorf of Michigan, who beat Chris and Penny in an exciting finals match.



1994 Skip's/Board Talk Draw Partner winners Trish Tolsdorf and Larry Huffer proudly display their first-place plaques.



Second-place finishers Penny Morgan and Chris Passariello flash winning smiles as they accept their trophies.



Chuck Marsh and Bobby Voorhis, third place finishers, ham it up for the camera.

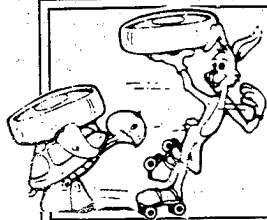
### Bjerne Sunde Dethrones "Red Baron"

For the past two years, Larry Creakbaum (the Red Baron) has flown in from Indiana to take the singles crown and this year, there were 29 determined players out to get him. In the end, it was Bjerne Sunde and John Myles, both of Michigan, battling it out for the title. In the last game, Bjerne jokingly covered one eye and said: "If John can play with one arm, I can play with one eye." John was "hyped" but it was the cool Bjerne who prevailed.



Michigan dominated the singles winners' circle this year: (from left) Bjerne Sunde, who received a Budweiser jacket along with his first place plaque; John Myles, second; and Jeff Cottrell, third.

Larry Huffer picked up another money envelope for his fourth place finish. J.R. Lopez of Michigan and Steve Hart of Indiana were fifth and sixth.



### Board Talk Salute to:

- ☺ Bracketeer/Director Rob Kern
- ☺ Auctioneer Steve Hart
- ☺ Cashier Betty Parrish

- ☺ Officials Ken Gay, Jeff Cottrell, John Tischler
- ☺ Hosts Skip and Carole and all their crew
- ☺ All who volunteered their services
- ☺ Budweiser for the trophies and jackets

# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.....



*Thanks to Dick and Terri Rosekrans and Brandy, who provided us with board and room during our weekend at Houghton Lake.*



*Thanks to Steve Hart, who served as our auctioneer at our very first Board Talk Reunions and returned this weekend to do it again!*



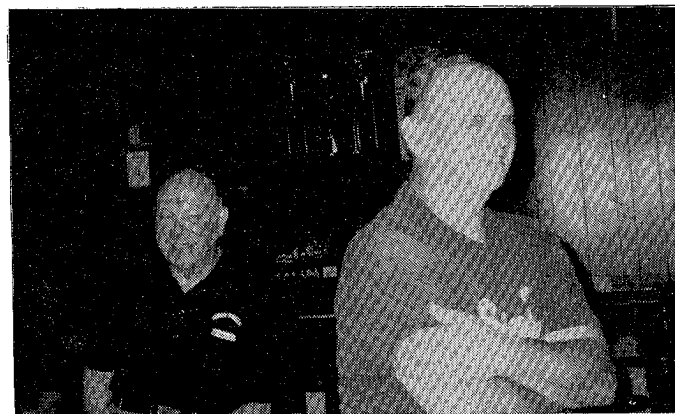
*Thanks to Bjerne Sunde, a class act winner who has been with us from the very first Houghton Lake event.*



*Thanks to John Myles, who teaches The World of Shuffleboard that a handicap is NOT!*



*Thanks to the "Kuebler Cookies" from Saginaw who let us know that age is not a factor in shuffleboard.*



*Thanks to people like Jimmy and Skip who keep the sport going and going and going.....*

## Tourney Talk *(continued from Page 16)*

("one of the nicest guys around") Foran and Fred ("Firehouse") Johns. Second place honors went to Vic ("the Beef") Johnson and Jack White. Doug Debois and Ron Rice (who hadn't played in years) finished third.

Besides the fun everyone had at this tournament, Ralph believes something good may have happened as a result. "I hear some of the over-the-hill players may come back and play league this year. Sure hope so. Thanks a lot, Jack," he said.

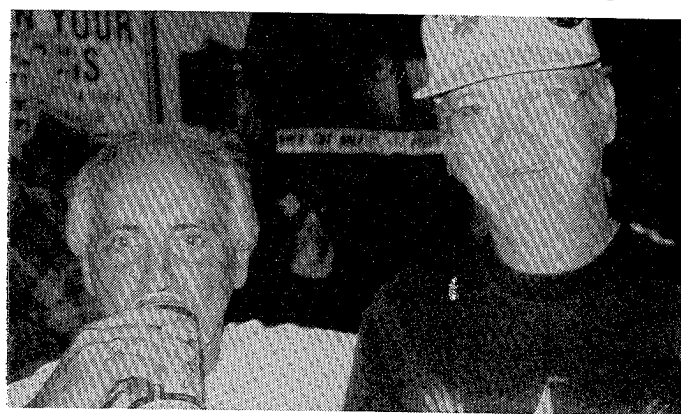


Fred (Firehouse) Johns and Jim Foran were winners of the "Over the Hill" tournament at the Shamrock.

*(Editor's Note: Those white locks don't fool us, Jim; it will be a while before you see "our side" of the hill!)*

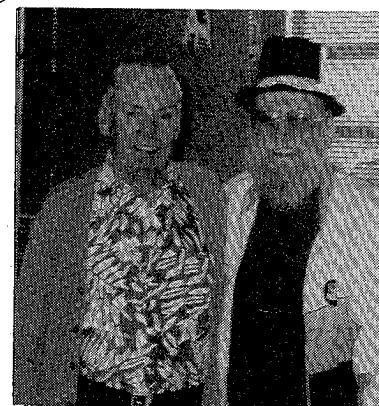


Vic (The Beef) Johnson and Jack White finished second.



Ron Rice takes a pause that refreshes after taking third place with partner Doug Debois.

The two gentlemen who made it happen, tournament directors Jack Tyler and Ralph Duarte (nice hat!). The tournament honored Tyler for his promotion of the sport of shuffleboard.



## Sherburne Tournament Success Again!

Milt Benedict, his family and the American Legion Post 876 of Sherburne, New York, invited all to one of their two annual tournaments on Sept. 9-11. They provided five boards (with a sixth available if needed) for a large number of participants who were anxious to get back into action after the summer slowdown. "Fall was in the air and the scenery was really something to behold in this Adirondack Region. Even this early, the trees are starting to turn their colors for autumn," reports Dick Gorman.

Friday night was the traditional East Coast draw partner event, with 21 teams vying for over \$2500. The first place money was taken by the team of Chuck King, Greensboro, Del., and Marv Smith, Waterloo, N.Y. Finishing second was Len Dell, Baltimore, Md., and Ken VanZile Sr., Oxford, N.Y. Third place money went to Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun, Md., and Jim Yank Sr. of Philadelphia. Fourth place was shared by Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pa., and Dick Losee, Poolville, N.Y. Doug Fridley Jr., Waterloo, and Roy Schreiber, Baldwinsville, N.Y., finished fifth, with the final money spot going to Ryan Fuller, Smyrna, N.Y. (first-time tournament player), and Bunky Gertz, Queenstown, Md.

Saturday morning's scheduled women's singles was substituted by a mixed doubles event ("seems the women  
*(continued on Page 24)*

***What happened at  
Texas Mist?  
Blinky's Sports Cafe?  
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Read all about it in  
next month's issue!***

## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 23)*

would rather play with men," says Dick). Taking first place and the largest share of the \$1,000 pot were Rita Truex, a local from Sherburne, and Doug Fridley Jr. Second went to the husband and wife team from Baldwinsville, Sharon and John Canino, with third place going to Louise Freer and Chuck King.

Saturday afternoon livened up with another pot of gold worth over \$3200 and some very strong teams in the bring partner event. When the dust cleared, the champions arrived at the payoff table as follows: Dick Losee and Bob White of Sherburne, 1st; Len Dell and Lonzo Knight, Sharpsburg, Md. (giving up hard), 2nd; Steve Bennett, Sherburne, and Jim Snyder, Hagerstown, 3rd; Marv Smith and Ken VanZile Sr., 4th; tournament host Milk Benedict and Dennis Leehive, Denville, N.J., 5th.

The competition remained hot for the singles competition on Sunday, looking to split another \$1600. Lonzo Knight showed the way to the payoff table, taking the major part of the pot and first place. Giving up real hard after going all the way in the winner's bracket was Doug Fridley Jr. in second place, with Len Dell in third.

"These folks from Sherburne put on a fine tournament as attested to by players coming from five states, many travelling about eight hours to get there," said Dick. "A sixth board could have been made available if needed. They will have another tournament next spring and my advice is to watch *The Board Talk* for the announcement and try to attend. Guaranteed great hosts and a good time!"

### **Fall Tournament at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, Oct. 14-16**

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland, will have six boards available for a three-day, three-event tournament on Oct. 14-16.

A draw partner event, \$12 per person entry, is on the agenda for Friday night, 6:30 p.m., limited to the first 40 sign-ups. The bring partner, \$30 per team, will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and an open amateur draw, \$12 per person, will start at noon on Sunday.

Harvey's announces a new, expanded prize schedule: 1-4 teams, 2 places; 5-7 teams, 3 places; 8-10 teams, 4 places; 11-13 teams, 5 places; 14-18 teams, 6 places; 19-24 teams, 7 places; 25-32 teams, 8 places. Special awards will go to all first place winners.

Advance registration is strongly urged. Send your entries, with checks made payable to Harvey's, to: Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, MD 21154. For tournament and/or lodging information, call Harvey or Darlyne at 410-836-8881.

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- **Sunday, Nov. 27: Bring Partner Doubles**  
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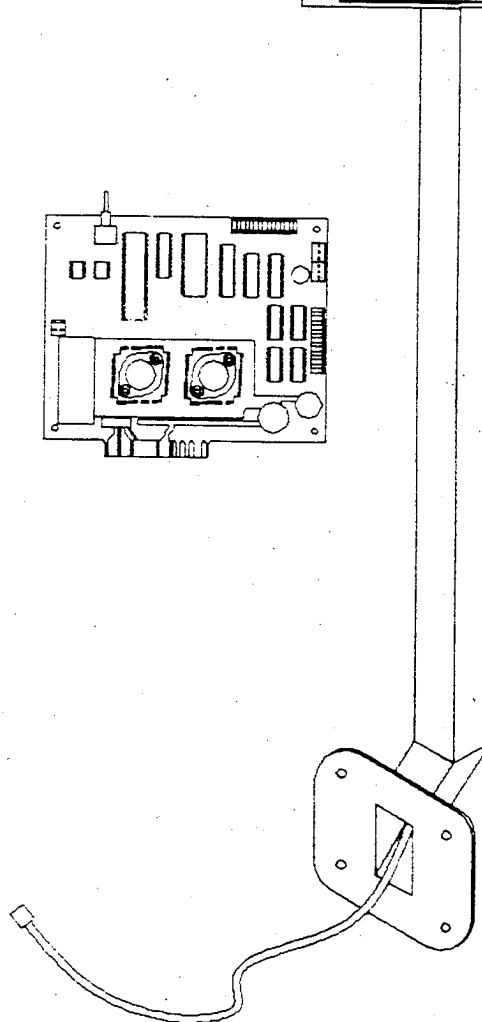
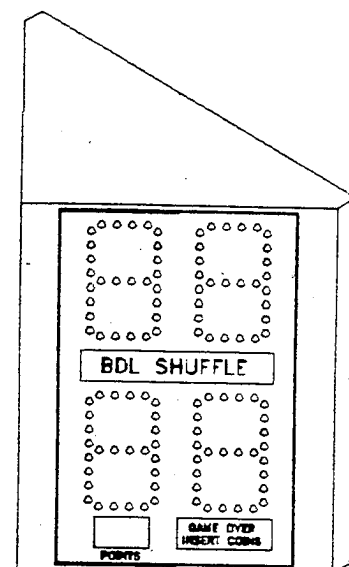
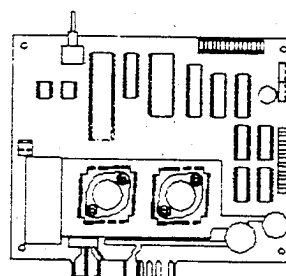
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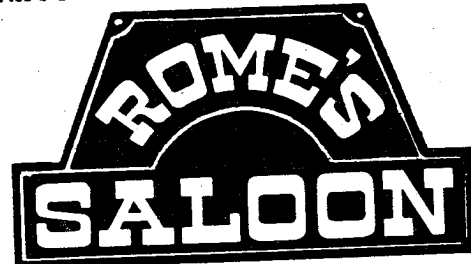
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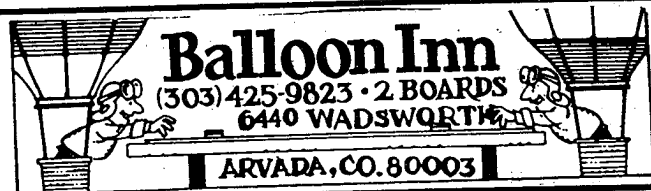
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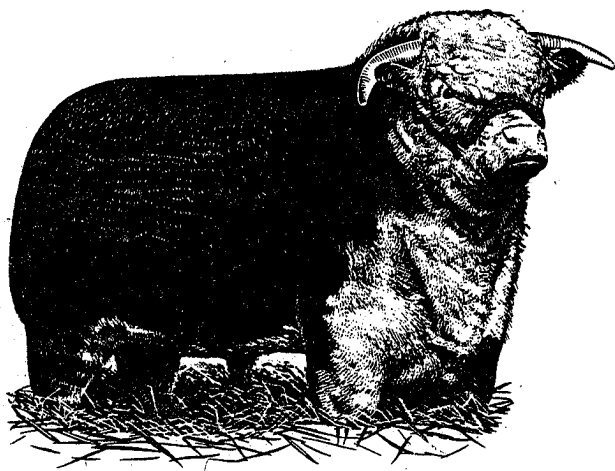
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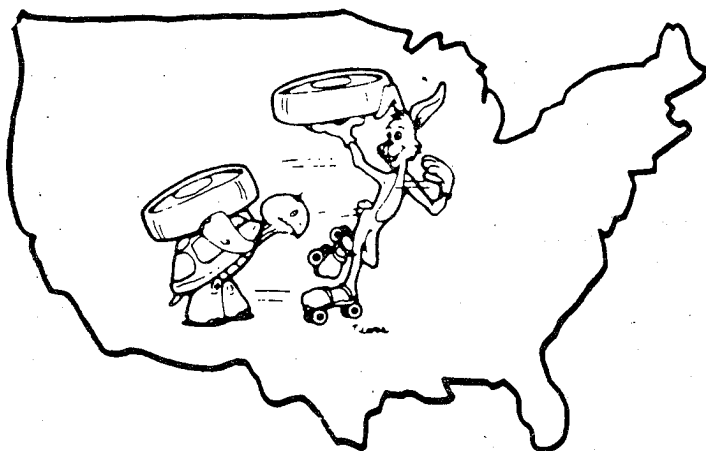
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