

The Board Talk

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West Coast Canada, U.S. Shufflers Launch Goodwill Mission

"Everybody was a winner" in first match, says organizer Gordie Smith

Gordie Smith of British Columbia, Canada, and his partner, Russ Miller of Washington, U.S.A., have launched a "hands across the border" shuffleboard effort which was so successful in its introduction that it may become a tradition.

On March 5, 36 Canadians (34 from the ANAF 68 in Vancouver) boarded a bus bound for Washington, their neighbor in the U.S.A. They had asked 36 U.S. players to participate in matches of nine games with total points deciding the winners. The names of the 72 players were put in a hat. Names were drawn putting one U.S. and one Canadian as partners, then drew for teams, 12 in all, with six on each team. The bus dropped 12 players off at three locations: Old Edison Inn in Edison, 12 at the Corner Tavern in Bow, and 12 at the Sportsman Tavern in Stanwood.

So, who were the winners? Nobody seems to know -- or care for that matter!

"Almost all of the matches went to the last game and most games were real close," Gordie reports. "The response from all the players was super! Everybody had a great day. Everybody was a winner because this day gave us a chance to meet new friends -- and did we ever!

"We have been playing matches against our U.S. friends for a few years now, but it only involved the top players from Canada and Northwest Washington. This day was real special as it involved all calibre of players, playing together and having a good time doing it," he said.

Gordie and Russ are working now to arrange a return match at the ANAF 68 in Vancouver in the near future and already have a list of people who want to participate.

(Editor's Note: We salute Gordie and Russ for initiating this goodwill mission and are proud that the three locations in the USA -- Old Edison Inn, Corner Tavern, and Sportsman Tavern -- and the ANAF 68 in Canada, are all members of our national shuffleboard network.)

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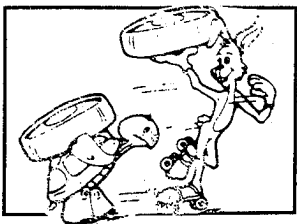
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Shufflers' Notebook

*News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard*

Pacific Northwest Players/Sponsors Organize

The Evergreen Shuffleboard Association became a reality shortly before 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, during a meeting prior to the 14th Annual Master's Doubles Tournament at the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington. The association will be for players and sponsors in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The initial goal of the association is to help with scheduling of tournaments to prevent having multiple tournaments on the same weekend.

The initial dues to the association are \$15 per year (for players and sponsors) with at least half of the money collected being returned to players on a point system to be maintained through the end of 1995. Dues need to be paid no later than the Grand Masters Tournament at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington, Aug. 2-7.

Players and sponsors are urged to pay their association dues as soon as possible. Part of the money collected will help pay the cost of mailing the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association newsletter. The association can only afford to mail the newsletter to non-members for a couple of months before starting to deplete the money which will be returned to players. Dues can be mailed to The Whistling Oyster Tavern, P.O. Box 580, Quilcene, WA 98376. Checks should be made out to the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association. Sandy VanWagenen of the Whistling Oyster volunteered to be the treasurer for the organization and has opened a bank account on the association's behalf.

Although the association did not elect officers, those in attendance did agree on a number of area representatives: Chuck Norris, Oregon; Russ Miller, Northwest Washington; Rick Gindt, Tacoma area; Doug DeBois, Southwest Washington; Gordie Smith, Canada. We are still seeking a representative from Eastern Washington. (Volunteers from that area should send a note to Jim Manders, P.O.

Box 2192, Sequim, WA 98382, or call him at 360-681-7366.)

There are probably a lot of questions about the association, but one misconception needs to be cleared up. You don't have to belong to the association to play in tournaments, but those who don't belong won't receive points (and possibly money) from tournaments. Sponsors do have to pay the \$15 association fee to have their tournaments sanctioned and for players to receive points from them.

Here's how the points will be awarded.... This is an arbitrary system arrived at by the secretary and if (players and sponsors) think there's a better way to do it, we'll talk about it for the 1996 season. Points will be awarded to all players who participate in a tournament. The winning team will receive a number of points which correspond with the number of teams entered.

Example: Doug Buhl and Jim Allis won the Fir Cone Masters Tournament. There were 24 teams entered so they each receive 24 points. The second place team will receive 23 points, third 22, fourth 21, fifth and sixth 20 each. If the tournament has more than 20 teams, two points will be awarded to each participant. The association will "pay" points to the top six places in all tournaments (5th and 6th will always be considered a tie).

One of the services that will be offered to association members is free mailing of tournament flyers. All you have to do is mail a copy of the flyer to Jim Manders, P.O. Box 2192, Sequim, WA 98382, and it will be sent to everyone on our mailing list. Flyers should be received by the 20th of each month and you should probably mail about two months ahead of your tournament.

Jim Manders, Secretary, Evergreen Shuffleboard Association, and Editor, ESA Newsletter

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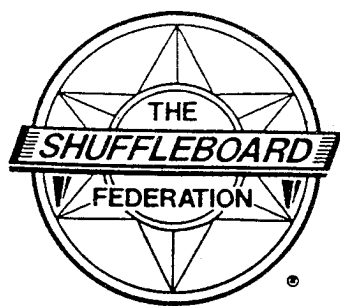
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We salute the players and sponsors in the Pacific Northwest for their initial efforts toward organization and wish you well. We show our support with our \$15 dues to be an associate member. One question: We have a lot of travelling shufflers; if someone beyond the borders of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia participate in a sanctioned tournament, can they qualify for ESA points if they pay the \$15 dues? Or is membership restricted to shufflers and sponsors in those areas? Keep us posted on your progress.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

New York

SPRINGTIME TOURNEY AT DEW DROP INN, APRIL 6-9

That friendly Fridley family will host a springtime tournament at the Dew Drop Inn, 37 Virginia St., Waterloo, New York, on April 6-9. Action will start on Thursday, 7 p.m., with \$10 draws, limited to 36 players, and pays three places.

An open singles, \$20 entry, is on the schedule for Friday, sponsor sale at 6 p.m. with play immediately following. This event is limited to the first 24 paid sign-ups, pays 1 in 4 with a maximum of 6.

There are two events on Saturday, April 8 -- a mixed doubles, \$20 per team, with sponsor sale set for 9 a.m. and limited to the first 16 paid sign-ups, with prizes to the first three places; and a draw partners, \$10 entry, at 2 p.m., limited to 40 players, with prizes to the first four places.

The always competitive bring partner event starts at noon on Sunday, \$30 per team entry, limited to the first 24 paid teams. Payout will be 1 in 4, with a maximum of 6.

For further tournament information and/or lodging recommendations, call Doug Jr. or Sr. at the Dew Drop Inn, 315-539-1346.

California

A-B-C BLIND DRAW, CC'S SPORTS BAR, APRIL 7-9

CC's Sports Bar, located in the Anaheim Ramada Inn, 1331 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim, California, will host its 3rd A-B-C Blind Draw on April 7-9, \$20 per person entry fee, with sale scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday.

It's a best 2 out of 3, double elimination event, with 100% payout. Players will be ranked by tournament directors Vern Booth, Bob Brunskill and Bob Lukens. Depending upon the number of entries, play may start Friday night after the sale. On Saturday and Sunday, play will start at 10 a.m.

Check the Shuffleboard Directory for the Anaheim Ramada Inn listing: "Stay and play at one place with special rates for shufflers."

For further information, call Bob Brunskill, 714-528-7304. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

REMINDER: Send information about your upcoming event to THE BOARD TALK to be received by the 15th of each month.

5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEK TOURNEY AT BLINKY'S, MAY 22-28

Blinky's, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will host its 5th Annual Memorial Day Week Tournament on May 22-28. There are six events on the schedule, beginning with a ladies only blind draw doubles on Monday, \$20 per team. An amateur doubles draw, \$20 per team, is on Tuesday, with an amateur singles, \$20 entry, on Wednesday, and an A/B draw, \$20 per team, on Thursday. All these events are single game, double elimination.

An open doubles is set for Saturday, \$150 per team, with the open singles, \$75 entry fee, on Sunday. These events are 2 out of 3, double elimination.

For tournament information and/or lodging recommendations, call Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822, or A.Z. Turnbo, 408-683-4513.

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

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information, call tournament director
Fritzi Broka, 219-858-2689**

Washington**BRING PARTNER AT BZ'S,
APRIL 22-24**

BZ's Sports Bar & Grill, 17730 DesMoines Memorial Drive, Seattle, Washington, will host an open doubles on April 22-24, with \$1,000 added to the pot!

For information, contact Cheryl at BZ's, 206-243-6018.

**SHAMROCK'S 5TH ANNUAL
DRAW PARTNER, MAY 6-7**

The Shamrock Tavern, 1131 15th St., Longview, Washington, will host its 5th Annual Draw Partner Tournament on May 6-7. Entry fee is \$20 per player and you must be signed up by 11 a.m. Saturday. The sponsor sale will start at noon with play immediately following. \$500 will be added to the pot! Plan on coming early for the \$10 draws on Friday night.

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

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND OPEN DOUBLES, WHIS-
TLING OYSTER, MAY 11-14**

The Whistling Oyster Tavern, Quilcene, Washington, will be the site of the State of Washington Championships and an open doubles on May 11-14.

The state championship singles, open only to Washington residents, \$50 entry, will be held on Thursday. The state championship doubles, open only to Washington residents, \$100 entry, will be held on Friday. Both events are single game, double elimination. Sales for each will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday and Friday, with play immediately following.

The open doubles --you don't have to be a Washington resident to participate in this event-- \$100 entry, starts after the sale at 11 a.m. Saturday and will continue Sunday. This event is 2 out of 3 in the winners bracket and 21 points in the losers bracket.

The Whistling Oyster has five in-house boards, good food, and plenty of R.V. parking. Lodging is also available at the Maple Grove (360-765-3410) and the Bayshore (360-796-4220).

For further information, contact Bill Bailey at 360-765-9508 or 765-3436, or Jim Foran, 206-474-2724. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffle-board establishment.

**MEMORIAL DOUBLES AT
LITZ'S TAVERN, MAY 25-28**

Litz's Tavern, E. 204 Ermina, Spokane, Washington, will sponsor Spokane's 14th Annual Memorial Doubles on May 25-28. This year's added event will be an open singles starting at noon on Thursday, May 25, with a \$50 entry fee and \$50 added. The format will be 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket, and one 17-point game in the loser's bracket, with a payout for three places.

A draw partner event will start at 6 p.m. Friday, \$25 entry fee and \$50 added, single out, and pays three places.

The doubles sponsor sale will be held at 10 p.m. Friday with play starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is \$70 per team, with \$500 added. Format is 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and a single 17-point game in the loser's bracket. Payoff of six places if there are at least 20 teams.

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

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

For information, call Litz's Tavern at 509-326-9690, or Marv White at 509-233-2719.

**EVERETT INVITATIONAL AT
SHOTZE'S, JUNE 17-18**

The 1st Annual Everett Invitational Tournament will be held at Shotze's Rack 'N Roll, 9602 Evergreen Way, Everett, Washington, on June 17-18. It's a bring your own partner event, \$50 per team, with sponsor sale starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

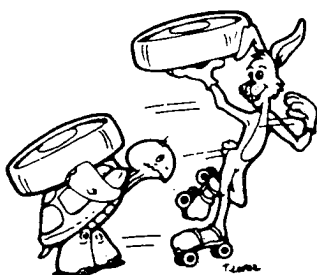
Shotze's is adding a guaranteed \$200 to the purse, with \$500 added if there are over 20 teams, and will also provide a Saturday night feed for participants.

For further information, contact tournament directors John Martin, 206-659-6590; Larry Pearson, 206-488-6664; or Bob Jacobsen, 206-744-0473.

Indiana**WARSAW EAGLES 1ST AN-
NUAL TOURNEY, APRIL 8-9**

The Warsaw Eagles Lodge 1339, in Warsaw, Indiana, will host their first annual tournament on April 8-9. Action will start on Saturday with a doubles, \$40 per team entry, with sponsor sale at noon and play

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As the Puck Turns...

By George & Donna Wilber

February 21, 1995

I received my "February" issue of *The Board Talk* today. I understand now why Blinky's may have had a lousy turnout this year for their Presidents' Day Tournament, if everyone else also received their February issue the day AFTER the tournament ended. Maybe you should have just called it the March issue and published an announcement that February was cancelled.

David Hanson
Livermore, California

There isn't anything that makes us feel worse than to hear the news that an issue that includes a tournament flyer arrives too late! That's why, time after time, we encourage tournament sponsors to advertise early. With our bulk rate permit, it can take from one to three weeks for the Post Office to deliver, depending on location, volume of mail, etc. We are currently taking feedback from subscribers to determine whether they are willing to pay a premium for first-class mailing.

When we went to the PCSA's Extravaganza in Las Vegas on Jan. 31, we took 100 copies of all the flyers in the February issue along for distribution to that important audience, so they were aware of Blinky's event three weeks in advance. Also included were flyers for Wetlands (March 17-19) in Michigan, Jimmy L's (March 17-19) in Oklahoma, Huddles (March 24-26) in Florida, and Shotze's (June 17-18) in Washington, all of whom recognize the benefits of advertising early.

In defense of Blinky's, their Presidents' Day Tournament has been on the Calendar of Events since November 1994. This calendar is published each month at our own expense and we hope that investment pays off in dividends of reader participation.

Advertising revenue is crucial to us and we appreciate the support of Blinky's and all others who support this publication with their advertising dollars. Without that support, we could not remain a communications vehicle for the sport of shuffleboard. However, because of your

feedback, David, we will be even more aggressive in the future in refusing advertising of tournaments that are "borderline" in terms of arriving at subscribers' mailboxes before an event occurs.

A good rule of thumb, as we've encouraged many times before, is to plan ahead and advertise your events well in advance. Follow the lead of those who advertise early and succeed..... (1) place your event on the calendar just as soon as your dates are firm -- a year in advance is not too early! (2) order your flyer at least two to three months in advance (the PCSA, Shuffleboard Federation, and Board Talk events, which solicit advance registrations, advertise up to six months in advance).

The advantage of investing (we prefer to call it an investment rather than an expense) in a flyer is that it not only reaches our subscribers, but they are encouraged to post it in their favorite shuffleboard establishment, which multiplies the message many, many times. Also, even though you purchase a flyer in May for an event in September, your message doesn't end there. Each month thereafter, your event is promoted in subsequent issues through the calendar and other columns in *The Board Talk* at absolutely no cost to you.

Our apologies to you, David, and to Blinky's. The February issue was mailed on Jan. 27, so delivery on Feb. 21 certainly is not acceptable. (Why the 27th when closing was the 15th? Good question! The 15th fell on a Sunday; Martin Luther King Jr. Day was on the 16th, with no mail delivery. It took 10 days to set last minute reports, get it printed, stuffed, stapled, and prepared for delivery to the Post Office.)

It wouldn't be a bad idea to let your mail carrier or local Post Office know that you are concerned about the late arrival of your Board Talk! We all receive a bundle of "junk mail." Maybe they need to know that The Board Talk doesn't fit in that category.

Because of your letter, when we received a call to insert a flyer regarding the 3rd Annual A-B-C Draw Tournament at CC's Sports Bar in Anaheim, California, on April 7-9, we reluctantly offered to withdraw that opportunity because we could not guarantee delivery before the event. They opted to take that chance just to let The World of Shuffleboard know that they are an active and viable location for shuffleboard action and hope that shufflers will support their next event in the fall. We salute them for that aggressive attitude and hope that shufflers across the U.S.A. and Canada will show their appreciation, not only for supporting us with advertising revenue for this one event that may arrive too late to participate, but for year-around support through the Shuffleboard Directory.

Bless them; they keep us optimistic about the future of shuffleboard and *The Board Talk!*

Not everybody is so nice as the folks at CC's Sports Bar.....When Gwen and Ron Vogt of the Balloon Inn in Arvada, Colorado (long-time supporters of shuffleboard and *The Board Talk* -- see their Shuffleboard Directory listing), flew to Vegas with their usual contingency of teams for the PCSA Extravaganza, Gwen lost something very precious to her at the Vegas airport. In a matter of moments, her Fritzi Broka specially designed case with the Balloon Inn logo, and inside her black and silver topped weights from Jody Slack in honor of her favorite football team, the L.A. Raiders, were gone. Efforts to track down what was not only valuable in terms of dollars, but in terms of sentimental value to her, were unsuccessful.

We sincerely hope that whoever the thief was, he/she was not a shuffler and had no idea what this "loot" was really worth -- or even what it was! In any event, keep on the lookout for these stolen goods and let Gwen know.

Many of you tell us you read each month's issue from cover to cover and that's always good to hear. We hope you mean that and don't take the last page for granted because it contains the names of those who keep this publication going and they deserve recognition: first, our advertisers, and second, our subscribers.

If it were not for our advertisers, there would be no way we could bring you news and views from The World of Shuffleboard, so we encourage you to patronize those businesses and take time to say "thanks" to them for supporting your communications vehicle.

On the other hand, if it weren't for our subscribers, they wouldn't advertise! So, take a bow yourselves..... While there are no changes in the standings of our top six shuffleboard subscriber states, there are some noteworthy statistics that don't appear in those standings. First, those six states account for over 60% of our subscribers, which speaks well for the commitment of shufflers in those states to the sport of shuffleboard and to *The Board Talk*. Second, while the standings remain the same, there have been some significant shifts: California this month surged well beyond second-place Michigan, mainly because of their retention record. Number four Washington, because of new subscribers and retention, is nipping on the heels of number three Texas. And number five Indiana holds only a one-subscriber edge over number six Oklahoma.

Our second "layer" of states, which account for 20% of our mailing list (Florida, Maryland, New York, Nebraska, Oregon and Pennsylvania -- in that order), are a ways from breaking into that top six standings, but with a little effort on the part of current subscribers, they could make it happen.

We appreciate you all!

G & D

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Successful 1st Year for New Pennsylvania League

The Fire House League of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, completed its first season on March 4, 1995. Colwyn Fire Co.'s A team, the regular season champion, hosted Sharon Hill Fire Company's team in a best of seven matches. A good crowd was on hand to enjoy the food, spirits and the shuffleboard action.

Colwyn secured the championship by winning four of the first five games. The significant news for the sport is a successful new league with a number of new shufflers competing enthusiastically and looking forward to next year.

Jim Wolf, Berwyn, Pennsylvania

We've said it before and we'll say it again, Jim: The future of the sport of shuffleboard lies with the leagues and nurturing the young and potential tournament players. So, it's good news when someone reports a successful first year for a new league. We salute you and Louise Freer, the Yank family and all the others who are going "beyond the call of duty" to keep the sport alive and thriving in Pennsylvania! Keep up the good work.

Another Loss for The World of Shuffleboard -- Jimmie Cypert

My dear friend and shuffleboard partner, Jimmie Cypert, passed away on March 4, 1995. He was a great shuffleboard player. He was one of the best rail shooters and ladders! He was only 52 years old.

Because of his illness, Jimmie had not played much in the last five years. He went to Reno, Nevada, to play on a team a few years ago where he became ill and had to fly home.

Jimmie Cypert will be missed in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He had the ability to make everyone feel good about themselves. He was always laughing and telling jokes. He was a real people person!

Shirley Robertson-Gerjets
Tulsa, Oklahoma

If any of you readers would like to let Jimmie's family -- wife Connie and daughters Brandy and Jamie -- know that you are thinking of them, we're sure that Shirley would forward your messages to them. Send them to Shirley, 705 W. 47 Pl. S., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74063.

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Darlene's Place Hosts First -- but Not Last -- Event!

By Dick Gorman

Darlene's Place -- new name, old place that has really been dramatically changed. Remember Ours and Your Place in Sudlersville, Maryland, operated so long by Joann and Art Ware who really established shuffleboard tournaments on the eastern shore of Maryland? This is the same place with total remodeling by new owners Darlene and Terry Hurley. It is hard to believe that a building could change so much -- outstanding job! The only thing not changed: they have two in-house boards and after about a year of changing and remodeling, they want back on the tournament schedule.

They picked a knowledgeable and great player, Joyce Pyle of Churchill, Maryland, to be tournament director, with her right-hand assistant, Cliff Embert from Sudlersville, and they staged their first 3-day tournament on Feb. 10-12.

It was a real success for their first effort, with 26 players showing up for the Friday night draw partner event. First place was won by Barbara Brammer, Rising Sun, Maryland, and Chuck King, Greenwood, Delaware. Second place went to Harvey Comer, owner of Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland (site of the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial

Tournament the week of June 12), and Stu Kitchen, with third going to Jeff Blanchfield and Henry Jarrell of Greensboro, Maryland.

On Saturday, 13 teams again lined up for the bring partner event, with the eventual winners being Buddy Brammer (Brammers again) of Rising Sun and Johnny Gardner of Harrington, Delaware. Second place went to Chuck McKenzie, Port Deposit, Maryland, and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Maryland, and third to the well-established team of Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Maryland, and Len Dell, Baltimore.

Sunday was to be a mixed doubles tournament, but only seven teams arrived, so it was switched to a draw partner event and again 13 teams played, this time won by Len Dell and Buck Wallace of Sudlersville. Second place was won by Linda Thornton, Queen Ann, Maryland, and Chuck King, with third and final money spot to Brenda Embert, Sudlersville, and Jason ("The Mason") Chisenhall, Milford, Delaware.

Darlene's is definitely back on the shuffleboard tournament schedule. The enthusiasm of Darlene and Terry Hurley shows and they are great hosts. Keep watching and you will see as their plans move forward.

Chris and Steve Hold 1 Point Margin in Beef's "Series of Five"

The "Bobby and Dave Show" was back in good form at the fourth in the Series of Five tournaments at Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, on Feb. 18, but they still did not regain the lead from Chris Danke and Steve Wilson. The results of No. 4 were: Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz, 1st; Chris and Steve, 2nd; Larry Huffer and Larry Brown, 3rd; and Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum, 4th.

Hostess Marge Camp reports: "Chris said she was holding her breath against some novice players who almost sent them to the loser's bracket."

At the end of the fourth in the series, which has a \$2,000 pot at the end of the rainbow, thanks to Playfair and Dale Gushman, the standings are:

Chris Danke & Steve Wilson	13 points
Bobby Voorhis & Dave Boaz	12 points
Larry Huffer & Larry Brown	6 points
Greg & Tom Massie	3 points
Jim Long & Larry Creakbaum	2 points
Terry Wolfurm & Bob Figgins	2 points
Beef Camp & Jim Erdley	1 point

"We had a surprise guest, Gene McLeod of Missouri. He wants us to say hi to his close friend, John McDermott and all his other good friends in Michigan," Marge said.

The fifth and last in Beef's Series of 5 was held on March 25. Look for results in the May issue.

The next big event at Beef's is an open singles on April 29. Join the fun in Kendallville, Indiana, and give Beef some feedback on his next "Series of 5." Entry for the singles is \$50. For tournament and lodging information, call Beef or Marge at 219-347-9965.

Forans Win Sweetheart Tourney at Blue Goose in Port Orchard

The Blue Goose in Port Orchard, Washington, hosted 15 teams in a Sweetheart Tournament on Feb. 18-19, including a young lady (Shirley Jones -- soon to be Luhtala) who had never thrown a weight before.

Winners were: Michelle and Jim Foran, 1st; Tina Olson and Doug DeBois, 2nd; Jackie and Nels Anderson, 3rd; Joanie Millar (Crazy Canuck!) and Rick Gindt, 4th; Diana Madsen (another Crazy Canuck) and Dave Arndt, 5th; and Kathy Lehrer and Jim Manders, 6th.

Winners of *The Board Talk* subscriptions were Jim Foran, John Luhtala and Jeff Adams.

Hosts Larry and Dee Hudson thank all who came to play and enjoy shuffleboard at the Blue Goose.

"Thanks, George and Donna, for listing the Goose

event, the three free subscriptions, and visiting the Goose and Port Orchard during your trip through Washington last year," said Gene and Vera Brown.

(Editor's Note: You're most welcome! Readers, if you haven't visited the unique little town of Port Orchard and the friendly Blue Goose, your shuffleboard experience is not yet complete. We loved it and recommend it to all our travelling shufflers! We hope to make a return visit some day.)

Freer/Williams Lead "Best of Philly" Series

Louise Freer and Joe Williams, with three points, lead the "Best of Philly" series after the first tournament on Feb. 18 at Gambol's Cafe, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. In second place are two-pointers Jim Yank Sr. and Jr., with Anthony "Conch" and John Hummel in third with one point.

"With a good many of the crowd still on hand congratulating the winners, host Mike Gambol displayed his enthusiasm for the day by asking if he could host the second event," reports tournament director Jim Wolf. "Sorry, Mike, but the second event is tentatively scheduled to be held at J & C's Tavern in West Philadelphia." (Site of The Dinosaurs vs. The Eggs shootout reported in the February issue.)

Since the "Best of Philly" series was designed not to interfere with the scheduling of other tournaments in the tri-state area and New York, the date of the second series had to be rescheduled to Saturday, April 15. As a reminder, players must have registered and paid for each event one week prior to the tournament. This rule will be strictly enforced in the future.

"Special thanks go to Mike Gambol and his hard-working staff; Mark Hammer and Joe Williams for keeping the boards wiped and waxed between games to facilitate play; and most of all to the the players and spectators who helped make this day a tremendous success," said Jim.

Humes/Sommer Win Bourbon Winter Doubles Tourney

There were 22 teams participating in the American Legion Post 424 9th Annual Winter Doubles in Bourbon, Indiana, on Feb. 25. John Humes and Bob Sommer from Anderson, Indiana, were the champs.

Taking second place honors were Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz, with Steve Blue and Deb Voorhis in third, all from Indiana. Two hometown Bourbon fellows -- Robbe Stouder and Gary Neff -- finished fourth. Honorable mention for fifth and sixth went to the teams of Greg Broka and Beef Camp of Ohio, and Walt VanderSloot

and Vee Felkers of Michigan.

Despite tournament director Fritz Broka coming down with pneumonia the day before the tourney, all went well. Fritz thanks all the people who voluntarily jumped in to keep the show going. She extends special thanks to Joyce Roberts for taking charge. Joyce has been Fritz's bracket person for the "Big Bourbons" longer than she has been playing shuffleboard.

"But watch out! She's an up and coming player. This was also Joyce's first time to play in a tournament. Thank you, Joyce," said Fritz.

Pitman/Riley Win Miller Lite's 13th Annual Tourney in Springfield, Missouri

Jigger's Bar & Grill hosted the 13th Annual Miller Lite Tournament in Springfield, Missouri, recently and coming out ahead of a field of 20 teams were Rick Pitman and Charley Riley, sponsored by the Pitt Stop Gym and Sports Bar of Houston, Missouri. Taking second place honors were Moe Miller and Dean Pinkston, sponsored by C & R Package Store, also Houston-based. Third place went to Pat Johnson and Scott Blake, sponsored by Premium Beverage of Springfield, Missouri.



Mark Kyser (center) of Premium Beverage Miller Products, sponsor of the tournament, congratulates winners Charlie Riley and Rick Pittman. They were sponsored by the Pitt Stop Gym and Sports Bar of Houston, Missouri.

Reporter Woodie Cockrum said that 17 of the 20 teams participating were sponsored by a tavern. Uncle Bentley's with three teams and The Long Branch (both members of *The Board Talk's* shuffleboard network) with two teams were the best represented. Sonny Boys from Cuba, Missouri (also a member of the network), travelled

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Upcoming Events *(continued from Page 5)*

immediately following. A singles is scheduled for Sunday, \$25 entry. Come early for an A/B draw on Friday night, 8 p.m., \$5 per player.

For further information, contact Sue Barton, 219-268-0465.

DOUBLES AT MISSISSINEWA, APRIL 8

The Mississinewa Tavern, 125 W. Harris St., in Eaton, Indiana, has scheduled a double elimination doubles tournament on April 8. Entry is \$20 per team and pays off 60-30-10. The sale will be held at 11 a.m., with play immediately following.

For information, call the Mississinewa, 317-396-9371.

OPEN SINGLES AT BEEF'S ON APRIL 29

Beef's, 550 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana, will host an open singles on April 29, \$50 entry fee.

For tournament information and/or lodging recommendations, call Beef or Marge at 219-347-9965.

BOURBON SPRING TOURNEY, MAY 6, FILLING UP FAST!

The 34th Annual Spring Tournament at the American Legion Post 424 in Bourbon, Indiana, is filling up fast. When tournament director Fritzi Broka left the PCSA's Vegas tournament in February, she already had 14 teams paid. There are only 64 spots available; last May, there were 64 teams with nine on the waiting list.

For those of you who do not know about "Bourbon," it is a one-day open doubles, single game, double elimination tournament. The Legion has five permanent boards, all well-maintained by Fritzi. They play first available with no back-to-back games on the same board. The one thing that makes this tourney different from most is that no one is rated. Anyone can play and Fritzi can still say that the pros don't always win.

It is also very rare to find anyone who has been to this event and can honestly say they did not have a good time. Joe Muniz of the PCSA rounded up seven guys from the West Coast to come to Bourbon in 1994 and guess what? They had so much fun that this year there are at least 14 in his group. Thank you, Joe -- and Paul Weber!

At this writing, the tourney is almost half-full, so get your entries in. See ad on Page 4 for further information.

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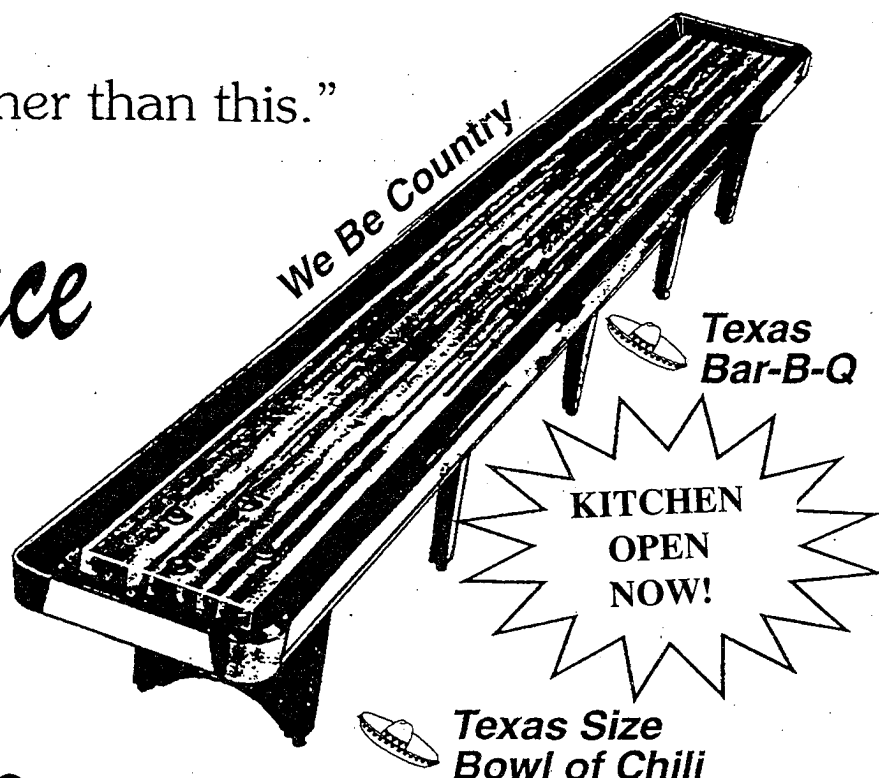
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Upcoming Events (continued from Page 10)**Ohio****3-EVENT TOURNEY AT AVON'S LOCAL 14, APRIL 7-9**

Avon's Local 14, 5411 Jackman Rd., Toledo, Ohio, will host its first tournament on April 7-9. Events will include an A-B Draw on Friday night, \$20 per person entry; a singles on Saturday, \$50 entry; and an open doubles, \$50 per team, on Sunday.

For tournament and lodging information, call Martha at Avon's, 419-472-6978.

Maryland**SPRING TOURNEY AT HARVEY'S, APRIL 28-30**

Because of the Easter week-end, the spring tournament at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, has been changed from April 14-16 to April 28-30.

Action will include a draw partner on Friday night, a bring partner on Saturday, and a "second chance" draw on Sunday.

For information, call Harvey at 410-836-8881.

11th ANNUAL BOARD TALK REUNION/MICKEY MICKENS MEMORIAL, JUNE 12-18

Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, will be the site of the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament on June 12-18.

Please review the enclosed flyer/registration form because there have been a couple changes, in particular the airport information. Both the Baltimore and Philadelphia airports are about an hour from Harvey's Place. If you're planning on flying, check with your travel agent for the best rates.

This week-long event will be filled with fun and fellowship for shufflers and fans alike, and board action for everyone, regardless of their level of skill. Special features include drawings for prizes donated by local and national shuffleboard supporters and a printed program listing the winners of the 10 previous Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournaments and tributes honoring the late (and great!) Mickey Mickens.

Note that Harvey will provide free camping facilities for RV travelers and tenters. (If that's anything like the camper community at the Whistling Oyster during last year's reunion, it will be a fun experience!) For those who

prefer the comforts of home, the headquarters hotel is the Comfort Inn Perryville, just 20 minutes from the tournament site, and offering a shufflers' special of \$46 plus tax for 1 to 4 persons per night. When you call for reservations (1-800-408-4747), be sure to tell them you're with the tournament.

For more information, call Harvey Comer at 410-836-8881, or Dick Gorman at 302-994-0004.

Colorado**1ST ANNUAL BUNNY-HOP PRO-AM DRAW AT BALLOON INN, APRIL 8-9**

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, Colorado, will host its 1st Annual Bunny-Hop Pro-Am Draw on April 8-9. Entry fees for the best 2 out of 3, double elimination event is \$50 for pros and \$25 for amateurs. Entry deadline is Friday, April 7, 7 p.m., with the sponsor sale scheduled for 8 p.m.

For further information, contact Gwen or Ron at 303-425-9823.

The next event at the popular Balloon Inn will be the 5th Annual Open Doubles, \$100 per team, on June 17-18.

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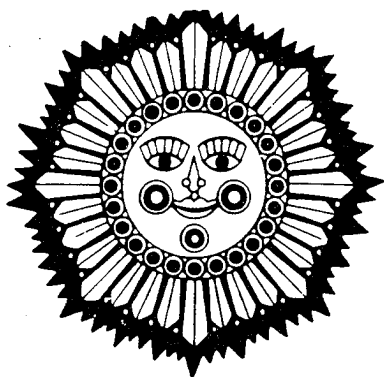
Massachusetts -- Polish Falcons of America Nest 580, 32 Belair Ave., Pittsfield 01201

Missouri -- Brushy Creek Lounge, 505 E. Main, Houston 65483

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APRIL

April 1

Annual April Fools Doubles
Corner Tavern
Bow, Washington

April 7-9

4-Event Nationals
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

April 7-9

3-Event Tournament
Avon's Local 14
Toledo, Ohio

April 7-9

3rd Annual A-B-C Blind Draw
CC's Sports Bar
Anaheim, California

April 8-9

1st Annual Tournament
Eagles Lodge 1339
Warsaw, Indiana

April 8-9

1st Annual Bunny-Hop Pro-Am
Draw Tournament
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

April 8

Doubles Tournament
Mississinewa Tavern
Eaton, Indiana

April 15

"Best of Philly" Series
Bring Partner Event #2
Philadelphia Area

April 22-24

3rd Annual Bring Partner
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill
Seattle, Washington

April 28-30

Spring Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

April 29

Open Singles
Beef's
Kendallville, Indiana

MAY

May 6

34th Annual Doubles
American Legion Post 424
Bourbon, Indiana

May 6-7

5th Annual Draw Partners
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

May 11-14

Washington State Singles and
Doubles Championships Plus
Open Doubles
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

May 19-21

Spring Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

May 25-28

14th Annual Memorial Doubles
Litz's Tavern
Spokane, Washington

May 26-29

2nd Annual Memorial Day
Tournament
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

May 27-29

Memorial Weekend Tourney
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

May 27-29

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

JUNE

June 10

"Best of Philly" Series
Bring Partner Event #3
Philadelphia Area

June 12-18

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

June 17-18

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

June 17-18

5th Annual Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

JULY

July 1-4

4th of July Tournament
Dixie Belle
Downey, California

July 1-4

4th Annual Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 14-15

Deuces Wild 4-Person Team
Wetlands Bar & Grill
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July 22-23

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Aug. 3-6

6th Annual Grand Masters
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Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 4-6

4-Event Nationals
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 5

"Best of Philly" Series
Bring Partner Event #4
Philadelphia Area

Aug. 11-12

Summertime Tournament
Bay Country Moose 831
Queenstown, Maryland

Aug. 12-13

Ladies' Only Bring Partner
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Aug. 18-20

6-Person Draft Team Event
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Aug. 27 - Sept. 4

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

Aug. 31-Sept. 3

Crazy Canucks Annual Labor
Day Weekend Tournament
AN & AF
Vancouver, Canada

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8-10

5th Annual Skip's/Board Talk
Fall Tournament
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 22-24

ABC 3-Person Draw
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

OCTOBER

Oct. 7-8

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Shamrock
Longview, Washington

Oct. 14-15

Mixed Doubles Bring
Partner
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 21

"Best of Philly" Series
Bring Partner Event #5
Philadelphia Area

Oct. 21-22

Ladies' Singles/Draw Partner
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

NOVEMBER

Oct. 30-Nov. 5

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Reno, Nevada

Nov. 24-26

10th Annual State of Michigan
Championships
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Nov. 25-26

55 & Over Draw Partners
Shamrock
Longview, Washington

DECEMBER

Dec. 9

"Best of Philly" Series
Singles Event
Philadelphia Area

Dec. 16-17

6th Annual Santa Classic
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Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

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A Lone Voice from Mass....

My son Tom and I recently played at the Mallard Club in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I was amazed at the quality of players there. On their two boards, they played as well as anyone I've seen at the tournaments. I left four copies of *The Board Talk* there and was surprised that no one had ever heard of it.

Dick Mierzejewski, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

You'd think, after 12 years, that every shuffler across the U.S.A. would know about The Board Talk, but such is not the case, sad to say. Would it surprise you, Dick, that you and your son Tom and the Polish Falcons of America (which you brought back into the network) are the only subscribers we have in Massachusetts? Thanks for helping to spread the word. Does the Mallard Club know that if they join the network, they'll be listed on our quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing and that travelling shufflers from other states will stop to play (and spend money)? Do the players you describe know they're missing out on action that could earn them

the chance for competition, national recognition, and tournament earnings? Street, Maryland, site of our 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion and Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament in June, isn't that far away from your home base. It would be a good chance for them to "bump heads" against shooters from across the nation.

Thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation from the PCSA

When you try to express appreciation to everyone associated with the success of our Extravaganza VII, as we did in the last issue, you always run the chance of leaving someone out. We neglected to mention a key contributor, The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., which supplied the board wipes and also donated seven nights at the Sands Regency for their North American Championships in Reno to drawing winners Bob & Anna Brunskill.

Our sincere thanks and our apologies for leaving them off our initial list.

Paul Weber, Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association

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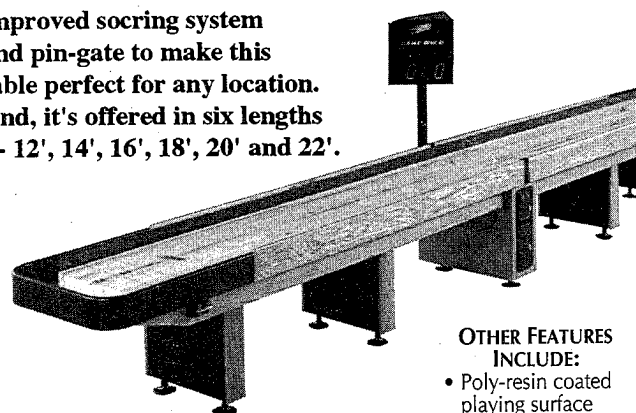
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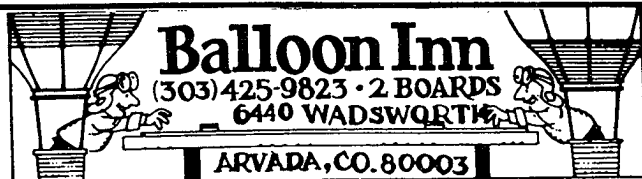
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(In last month's episode, as Eddie and Lil were about to land at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Eddie warned Lil that if she tried to pull any fast stuff, they would part company.)

The plane's approach and landing at Dallas/Ft. Worth was uneventful, and the baggage check-out and car rental went smoothly. Lil had made reservations at a nearby hotel. It wasn't the Hilton -- but it wasn't a Motel 6 either.

After the short drive, they checked into their second-floor room. It had two queen-size beds and was actually pretty nice. It had cable TV and even a tiny refrigerator. The view from their patio window overlooked a large swimming pool area.

After they settled in, Lil said she wanted to make some planning arrangements by phone before they got underway. She said they might go to a local place she knew of that night, so she could show Eddie how they would work together during the hustle.

Eddie decided to take a swim while Lil was taking care of the tactical part of things by phone. When he got to the pool, he selected a pool chair and table which gave him the best of the sun's rays. There was a very attractive young girl floating around in the pool. Eddie's dive "just happened" to bring him up close to her. They smiled as they exchanged "hi's."

A conversation was started then, as they floated around in the warm water. The girl's name was Tammie and she seemed very nice. Eddie learned that she was from Seattle, and was in Dallas on business for the company she worked for. Just as Eddie was about to learn more about the girl, he heard his name being called. It was Lil and she was looking out of their second floor window.

Eddie asked Lil what was up. The reply was rather unexpected. Lil shouted down: "The 'tete-a-tete' is over down there, Champ! Get up here, O.K.? We've got work to do!"

Eddie had a puzzled look on his face as he said goodbye to Tammie. She just smiled and added that she was "in the book" if he ever got around Washington.

After he entered their room, Lil opened up on him about what did he think he was doing down there, anyway, etc. Later on, she asked him questions like: "Did you get her name?" and "Did she turn you on?" It didn't take Eddie long to figure out what was going on. Lil was jealous -- and very much so!

After things settled down, they left the hotel for the place Lil had selected. The name of the place was the "Horse's Head Saloon."

The bar appeared to be a beer-joint. After they entered, Eddie noticed that there were two shuffleboards. After they picked out a couple of bar stools, he also noticed something a little strange. He asked Lil: "How come some of these guys have sacks and open jugs of booze in front of them?" Lil laughed and said: "That's how it works here in Texas. You bring your own bottle and the bar sells the 'set-ups' or beer."

Eddie was smiling at that, but Lil got his attention by saying: "You better wipe that smile off your face, Champ. The tall man who's walking in the door right now is your player. They call him the 'Texas Kid' -- and you're going to have your hands full, my friend."

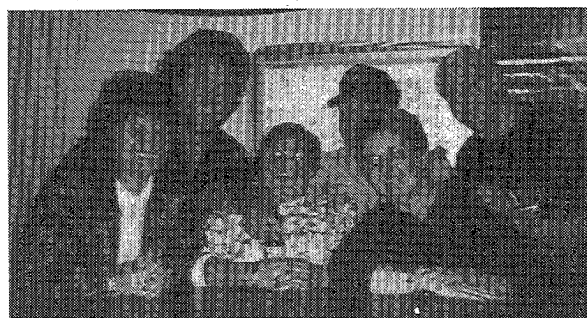
How will Eddie fare against the Texas Kid? And how will he deal with Lil's possessiveness? Don't miss the next episode....

More Notebook *(continued from Page 16)*

We'll help you make up for that omission by a "free" plug. Those board wipes, with the laser engraving of your logo and the removable cleaning pad that can be replaced, were very impressive. And how nice that a couple like the Brunskills, who give so much to The World of Shuffleboard, would receive that great prize!

U.S.S.A. Elects New Officers

The United States Shuffleboard Association (USSA), Inc., of Dallas, Texas, held its general meeting on March 5 and the outcome was the election of a complete new board.



New USSA officers are (from left to right): Penny Meharg, secretary-treasurer; Greg Hixson, president; Evelyn Harris, trustee; C.W. Walker, trustee; Carol Audelt, trustee; and Johnny Wayne Crawford, trustee.

Our league has been in existence since 1985 and we currently have over 180 members with 20 supporting clubs.

Greg Hixson, President, USSA

Dixie Debbie Salutes PCSA-- Plus!

Wow! When the PCSA puts on an Extravaganza, they go all out! Las Vegas -- what a week.... Aside from all the great matches, it was a great time of camaraderie among people with one common interest. I came away feeling shuffleboard, which is the people who play, is an even finer sport than it ever has been. I hope in the future we will have many opportunities to show our support and appreciation to the PCSA. The main way we can do this next year is to book our rooms exclusively through the PCSA, which may mean a couple of extra dollars. But, remember, we are the ones who get the return on the dollars in items like a large, beautiful room to play in, cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, and a myriad of things to make our stay and play in Las Vegas an event we want to enjoy year after year.

Now, just a little bragging about the Dixie Belle. We were well represented in Vegas with over 40 D.B.'ers. We had three teams plus players in all events but the women's singles (we'll be there next year!). Big Dave Brennan, led by "A" partner Bill Melton, took first place in the A/B draw. Joanie Swenson's team came in second in team play (we like to call them ours even though they represent other houses, too), and Rich (Bubba) Warren and Billy Chiles came in third in the pro doubles. Congratulations to all the winners from all over the country. You are the greatest!

Karl Spickelmier was pondering the other night on how many games were actually played during the whole Extravaganza. He couldn't begin to guess off the top of his head and I can't even imagine. Let's see...with 11 boards being played on from early morning until late at night...well, I think I'll let Karl figure this one out. Karl and Bubba did a great job of bracketing for the tournament and things stayed pretty much on schedule.

Paul Weber and Joe Muniz -- what a pair! I can't begin to say enough good things about these two. Talk about a dynamic duo! Now, I'm not saying these two are a couple of saints, but they are very hard-working men who love shuffleboard and have done their best to make the Vegas tournament the Extravaganza it is. Our thanks to them and all who helped to make the event the success it was.

We have a very special person here at the Dixie Belle, we all agree. Jim (Just Too Much Fun) Anderson is his name. He keeps our boards ship-shape; he runs our weekly meat shoot; he instigates round robins and competition, getting everyone involved. He meets and greets newcomers and introduces them around until they feel at home. He is a quiet man who loves the game of shuffleboard with all his heart. I would not be writing these articles if not for him. He is full of ideas and information for me, which is helpful since I am still a newcomer to the sport. He is responsible for starting me on my way to a fabulous time in Vegas. He knows everyone and took it upon himself to introduce me to so many of the great players, telling me just a snippet of something good about each and every one. I now have,

because of Jim, a greater understanding of the people who make this game so great. I want to thank Jim for being the special person he is.

While in Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to meet Harvey Comer of Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. What a nice man! I know he's going to make the 11th Annual Board Talk Reunion another huge success, making everyone feel like they are part of the big shuffleboard family. I hope some of us from the Dixie Belle or at least from Southern California can make it. I'm sure it will be tough competition mixed in with a wonderful time with the congenial Harvey in the lead. If I can't make it back east for this, I know I'll be missing a great tournament.

I have a special message for Fritz Broka from Wes Eades: "Fire it up, Fritz; I'm on my way!" He has to get across those tricky railroad tracks they have in Bourbon first, but I know he'll make it by May 5th, just in time for the 34th Annual Spring Tournament.

One more personal note: Just a short while back, we had a darling of a man come to work at the Dixie Belle. He became a great friend to many of us and then, don't you know, he decided the best way to get some time off was to have a bit of a heart attack. J.T. is now fine and I understand he has moved from Arkansas to Oklahoma, where I am informed he receives *The Board Talk*. We still love you and wish you could be with us. By the way, J.T., the only keys I have lost lately are my own.

As you all know, I make mistakes occasionally and I seem to have done it again. Way back at our Thanksgiving tournament, The Shuffleboard Federation donated four buckets of wax for which we never thanked them. I didn't find this out until just recently or I would have acknowledged this sooner. Thanks, John McDermott and The Federation. We did appreciate this donation. By the way, John, it would sure be nice to see you at the Dixie Belle. It would be nice to see everyone I met in Vegas (and those of you who couldn't be there) at the Dixie Belle. The perfect time is coming up soon: our annual 4th of July tournament!

I loved the "Dinosaurs Vs. The Eggs" article. The Dixie Belle is still new to the shuffleboard world, but we have our share of both dinosaurs and eggs. I think shuffleboard is a great way for the generations to get to know and understand one another better. Though this isn't the main goal of the sport, or indeed even thought about, it is another very pleasant benefit. Thanks, Louise, for sharing a fine in-house event with us all. J & C's sounds like a fine place to call home.

Wes, Eileen and all of us, players and staff alike, at the Dixie Belle love to meet shuffleboard players. So, whether you're a dinosaur or egg, if you're in our area, stop by. We'll be glad to give you a little competition.

Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

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Dixie Salutes (continued from Page 19)

We join your salutes, Debbie, but we're glad you brought up the subject of reserving your rooms through the PCSA. Their Extravanzas and The Federation's North American Championships are the only opportunity shufflers across the U.S.A. and Canada now have to participate in events in such first-class settings. Those ballrooms used as the tournament locations cost literally thousands of dollars. Some of that cost is waived if a certain number of hotel rooms are booked in connection with the event. We're not investigative reporters, but we heard that some participants chose not to book their rooms through the PCSA, opting instead to take advantage of some special for a few bucks less. Neither the PCSA nor The Federation can afford to absorb the cost of renting the ballrooms and both have been "burned" so badly in the past that they have seriously considered discontinuing their annual events. That would be a big loss for The World of Shuffleboard. The registration fees that are charged for these tournaments don't come close to covering expenses. We certainly hope those who have not followed procedures in the past did so out of ignorance and will not be repeat offenders in the future!

911 -- Calling George....

I wanted to tell the whole World of Shuffleboard that George and Donna Wilber not only deliver you *The Board Talk* month after month, but in between George goes out to desparate people and makes house-calls for boards in distress.

About a month ago, driving through a great blizzard, George drove to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and among others fixed the board at the American Legion (Neil Fonger) as a result of which we had a great bring your partner tournament on Saturday, March 11. Thirteen teams played, with first place going to Bob Hughey and Bob Melties, second to Dennis and Neil, and third to Jerry (Ape-Man) and Jerry (20-Hopen). Megan and I were there and I came in fourth.

There will be another tournament the first week of April. We are planning to do it quite frequently. Please contact Bob Hughey at the American Legion (616-453-9861). Lots of money games any night.

Again, thanks to George, the boards are working fine. Thanks to Charlie Hughey for inviting you and Lenny for never answering his phone.

Doc Khan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Thanks to you, Doc, for sending this note of appreciation to me because George would never have agreed to print it and I, too, believe he deserves recognition. I got callouses on my knees praying for his safe arrival home!

He is devoted to shuffleboard and sometimes I think he goes beyond the call of duty. "If you can't lick him, join him" was the reason we started this publication. But he's a great guy and I guess that's why we recently celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary!

Spread the Word About The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

As published in the March issue, the first annual meeting of The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was held at the annual PCSA tournament. Its purpose is to serve the shuffleboard community with dignity, honor, and prestige in its quest to seek out and recognize "excellence" for all deserving participants in the world of shuffleboard. The Board of Directors is working hard to make the necessary preparations to be able to officially nominate inductees in the near future.

Participation, feedback, and especially donations from the shuffleboard community are a very important part of this process in order to ensure the success of this venture. Those who were generous enough to contribute to The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame even before its actual existence include: Bonnie and Bill English (for the nomination of Bob Miles), Bernie Martin, Judy and Ed Gartland, and Al Ryan (all for the nomination of Mickey Mickens), and George and Donna Wilber. We would like to acknowledge and thank these generous people for their foresight, support, and for getting involved!

As a reminder, please feel free to write or call with your suggestions for The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. This is an organization for the shuffleboard community. Your input will help make it **as you'd like it to be!** Mention it at your tournaments, talk about it with your friends, talk with the board members when you run into us. Above all, get involved in **some** way.

Louise Freer, Secretary, The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446

Many of you have been TALKING about a National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for years; now it's time to DO something about it! And -- stop the presses! Just as we were putting the final touches on this issue, we received a generous donation from someone who is "doing" something about it -- Bus Voorhis of the Palace Bar in Fairmount, Indiana. Bus remembers Earl Kelly winning a singles tournament at the Palace Bar. He played for the entry fee pot and a little farmer from Summitville won Earl's share of the sponsor sale -- \$3200 -- but he gave Earl \$500. Earl and Laggin' Lee Brady stayed at one of Bus' apartments. The check is in the mail, Louise!

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Springfield Miller Lite Tourney

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the longest distance to participate.

"Just about any place you can buy a Millers sponsored a team," Woodie said.

"Mike Archer, the tournament director employed by Premium Distributors, told me this is a travelling tournament, the largest in Springfield and could very well be the largest in the state," said Woodie. "Last year Uncle Bentley's was the host, and there was talk that The Long Branch may host it next year. I heard that my good friend, Jim Johnson, owner of The Long Branch, is ailing. Get well soon, Jim.

"The hosts of this tournament were Jim and Tammy Van Rohr, new owners for only 48 days, of Jiggers (a new member of the network). They did a great job. They used their first *Board Talk* to look up a supplier and ordered over \$300 worth of supplies to make their board better. They have a beautiful place with a large game room supporting about any type of in-bar games," he said.



Moe Miller and Dean Pinkston, sponsored by C & R Package of Houston (also a member of the national shuffleboard network), took second place honors.

Lots of Action at Texas Mist!

Two tournaments were hosted by the Texas Mist in Austin during February. The first was a ladies' singles on Feb. 11 and was won by Connie Culver. The win made it back-to-back victories for Connie, who also won the last ladies' tournament at the Texas Mist. Second place went to Linda Anthony, with Tina Wade in third.

The following weekend, it was a tournament for everybody and the three scheduled events provided plenty of action for all competitors.

The first event, one of two A/B draws, was won by Robert Hurst Jr. and Steve Luttrull. Ken Strong and Lynda French came in second. Third place went to Bobby Williams and Tony Fiumara.

The big attraction, a bring partner event, was won by

tournament director Ron Bowers and Brian Walker. They defeated Flynt Preston and Steve Luttrell in a very exciting match-up. Don Valk and Bill Moody finished third.

Winners of the second A/B draw were Brian Walker and Steve Luttrull, with Johnny Wayne Crawford and Rost Kaune in second, and Ron Bowers and Flynt Preston in third.



Connie Culver (left) was the winner of the all ladies' tournament at Texas Mist, with Linda Anthony (center) in second place, and Tina Wade in third.

Steve Luttrell (left) and Robert Hurst Jr. were winners of the first A/B draw.



Winners of the bring partner event were Brian Walker and tournament director Ron Bowers (right).



In the winners' circle for the second A/B draw were (left to right) Johnny Wayne and Rost Kaune, second; and Steve Luttrell and Brian Walker, first.

"The Texas Mist thanks Ron and Debbie Bowers for their continued dedication in directing both tournaments. They did a great job," said host Don McCurry. "We would also like to thank everyone else involved for their support and participation."

Warren/Hitt/Perry Tops at Blinky's Presidents' Day Tournament

The 5th Annual Presidents' Day Tournament, held at Blinky's Sports Cafe, Santa Clara, California, on Feb. 18-20, attracted 10 doubles teams and 19 singles players shooting for a share of \$6,000 in prize money.

The doubles event began Saturday morning with some very aggressive matches. At the conclusion, the results were: 1st place, Rich (Bubba) Warren of Southern California and Dan Hitt of Washington; 2nd, local Don Cox and Steve Perry of Sacramento; 3rd, Karl Spickelmier of Southern California and local Rich Thomas.

The singles began Sunday morning and concluded Monday afternoon. When the smoke cleared, the results were: 1st place, Steve Perry; 2nd, Karl Spickelmier; 3rd, Fred Thumann of Auburn; 4th, Don Cox; 5th and 6th, Hal Perry of Sacramento and Rick Thomas.

"We thank all the players who participated and demonstrated their enthusiasm for this great game of shuffleboard," said hostess Barbara Aregger. "Some of the locals who helped make this a successful tournament were: Paul Parks, Dale Pirlot, Chris Wayt, Ted Fowler, Skip McCaslin, Pat Bayless and George Main. Out-of-towners included Dick (Firestone) Voss of Las Vegas, Lagging Loren Mathim of Northern California, George Camara of Stockton, Arkie Warren of Northern California, and many other players and spectators.

"Again, many thanks to Donna Cox for her super help in collecting and pay-out of entry and sponsor monies, and also for the superb job she did in maintaining the flow charts. Other key help in running the tournament were Karl Spickelmier, Kathy Thomas and Stevie Parks. We appreciate all their efforts.

"And, once again, many thanks to A.Z. Turnbo for his pro support and for providing the four great boards to play on. When A.Z. was ill, Ted Fowler and Don Cox came to the rescue and helped bring in the boards and also maintained them during the tournament," Barb reports.

"Dick and Barbara Aregger (owners of Blinky's) continued to provide us with their support, a great place to play, and buffet on Saturday night," said Rick Thomas. "They continue to show their dedication to bigger and better tournaments in the future."

104 Entries at Harvey's Place!

Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland (site of the upcoming 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament), hosted a tournament on March 3-5.

The weekend format started with the popular Friday night draw, which gives everybody a chance to "feel" the boards out. Over \$2,000 was paid out to the 19 teams drawn, with

money going to the first seven teams: 1st, Judy Iseman, Chestertown, Md., and Willis Long, Darlington, Md.; 2nd, Anthony DeFrancesco, Havertown, Pa., and Doug Fridley Jr., Waterloo, NY; 3rd, Dick Greider, Darlington, and Chuck King, Greenwood, Del.; 4th, Wayne Nichols, Conowingo, Md., and Dennis Rigsby, Street; 5th, Jim McDaniels, Darlington, and Phil Neuman, Swathmore, Pa.; 6th, Richie Casula, Newark, Del., and Dave Shewbridge, Pasadena, Md.; 7th, Grace Wyatt, Millsboro, Del., and Len Dell, Baltimore, Md.



Willis Long and Judy Iseman were winners of the draw partner event at Harvey's Place.

On Saturday, 21 teams participated in the bring your own partner event, and once again leading the way to the payoff table was Judy Iseman, with her partner Len Dell. Second place went to the surprise team of Harvey Comer, owner of Harvey's Place, and Jim Yank Jr. of Philadelphia. Third place went to Louise Freer of Lansdale, Pa., and Doug Fridley Jr. (a top duo at the recent PCSA tourney in Vegas). Fourth place went to Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., and Joe Williams, Ridley Park, Pa.; fifth to Mark Grove, Millington, Md., and Mike Renzo (Nelson's son), Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Md.; sixth to Johnny Gardner, Greensboro, and George Chamberlin, Perryville, Md.; 7th and final money spot went to Anthony DeFrancesco and John Hummel of Millcroft, Pa.



Judy Iseman and Len Dell congratulate each other on winning the bring partner event at Harvey's Place. A good weekend for Judy with two first-place finishes!

On Sunday's agenda was an event that is growing in popularity -- the "Second Chance Draw." Jim Wallace (husband of Brenda who furnished these photos) said: "If I lose two more times, I might win this thing."

"It's not really that way, but after Jim lost three times, he couldn't believe he had a second place money finish," said reporter Dick Gorman. "It is a lot of fun and provides some interesting results. Every time we have had first-time players and the number of entries has increased each time. It appears that it will help increase participation in other events in the future."

In the first bracket, three teams collected prize money. They were: 1st, Connie King, Northeast, Md., and Johnny Gardner, Greensboro; 2nd, Darlyne Belcher (hostess of Harvey's Place) and Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun; 3rd, Joyce Pyle, Church Hill, Md., and Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Del.

The second bracket money winners were Len Dell and Arnold Ledford of Street in first place; Jane Johnson of Jordan, New York, and Jim Wallace in second; and third to Wendy Davis of Wilmington and Herb Forster of Ridley Park, Pa.



Harvey's Place host Harvey Comer (left) and Jim Yank Jr. were second place finishers in the bring partner event.

"It was a great tournament with hosts Darlyene and Harvey providing a hot buffet for all players both Saturday and Sunday," Dick reports. "Harvey was working under a real handicap with his mother in intensive care after a serious operation. We hope by this time she has recovered and is home."

The next tournament at Harvey's Place is scheduled for April 28-30. Even with Harvey's six in-house boards, you are urged to call ahead to reserve your spot (410-836-8881). Ask for Harvey or Darlyene or leave your number.

MORE NOTEBOOK....

Earl Kelley Memorial Update

Just a note of thanks to Don McCurry (Texas Mist owner), and Ron and Debbie Bowers (tournament directors) and the entire Texas Mist crew for a well put-together tournament (see page 21). There was excellent shooting and great competition in both the draw and bring partner events -- and good food also. A special thank you to Ron Bowers and Tom French who graciously donated their third place round robin entry and sponsor sale monies to the fund for

the Earl Kelley fund. This will be added to the money raised at the April 14 Memorial tournament at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas.

More information will be forthcoming.

Bobby Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

We add our salute to Ron and Tom. If there are others out there in The World of Shuffleboard who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the Earl Kelly fund and would like to do so, call Bobby at 817-860-2061.

Excitement Growing for Board Talk's 11th Annual Reunion

In Street, Maryland, at Harvey's Place, we are excited! Plans for the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion and Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament on June 12-18 are going great! The event schedule has been published, entry fees set, headquarters hotel established. Interest on the East Coast is high, calls from the Midwest received, first sign-ups received. Co-sponsors are aboard -- Triple Crown and Playfair. Advertisements for the printed memorial program are being committed for.

At this point, there is no cut-off for entries. However, we should warn you: if you want to come, please sign up early because we may have to cut off entries if it gets too big and we don't want to disappoint anyone. Call 410-836-8881 and ask for Harvey or Darlyene and leave your number, please.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

We are excited, too, Dick, and salute you and Harvey for all your advance work to ensure that this will be a tournament to be remembered by all who participate. And, speaking of that printed memorial program, if anyone would like to include a tribute to Mickey Mickens, please send it to us by May 1 -- The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan, Lansing, MI 48906. We're also looking for photos of Mickey to include in that program. We promise to return them!

"Play Your Way" (continued from Page 12)

Please add these locations to your current map (February 1995 issue), stop in and welcome them to the shuffleboard network. The next "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing will be published in the May issue. If your favorite shuffleboard site is not on the map, sign them up and send us their subscription to be received before April 15 to be listed in that directory.

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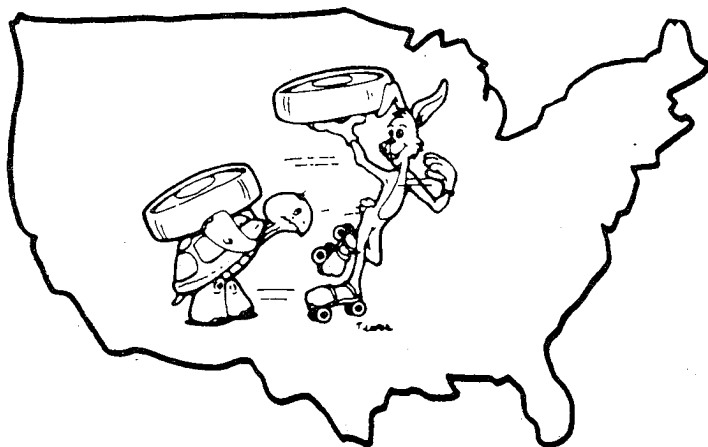
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