

The Board Talk

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Southwest Open Huge Success

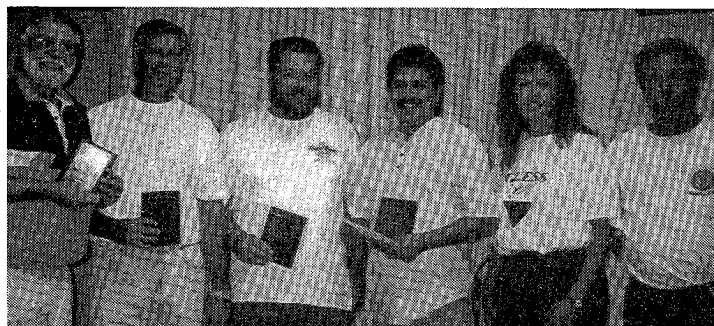
By Ron Huddleston

110 players from seven states rolled into Del City, Oklahoma, the 4th of July with motor homes, campers and tents for this year's Southwest Open, four full-filled days of pure shuffleboard at the American Legion Post 73. Everyone took their best shot in the six-event format for over \$48,000 in prize monies. The format must be a fair one as 43 different players cashed in on 51 payoff spots. Twelve busy boards were needed to give everyone a good night's rest and still start each of the six events on time. If you lost out early in an event -- no problem -- there were always \$20 and \$50 robins going on.

AND THE WINNERS WERE.....



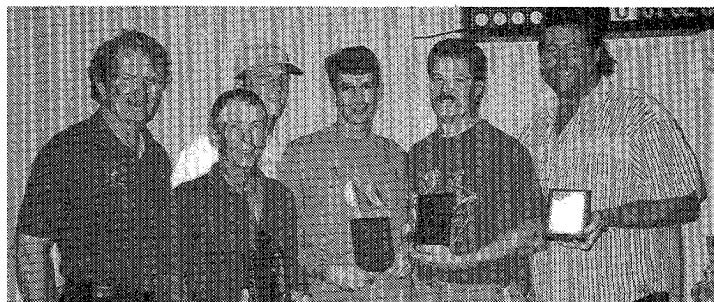
OPEN DRAW: Bill and Lisa Melton (front and center), 1st; Gregg Tedford and Bobby Voorhis (peeking over the top), 2nd; Cliff Goff and Glen Davidson (right), 3rd; E.T. Jensen and Johnny Ballard (left), 4th.



OPEN DOUBLES: Mike Melton and John Cason (center), 1st; Ron Blalock and Bob Shaw (left), 2nd; Alan Primrose and Brenda Watts, 3rd.



BEGINNER/PRETTY GOOD SINGLES (25 entries): Mitch Melton, 1st; Mike Alvey, 2nd; U.J. West, 3rd; Don Kinard, 4th.

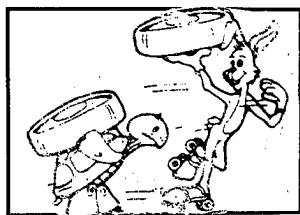


DRAW PARTNER-BEGINNER/PRETTY GOOD: Randy Middleton and Greg Hixson (left), 1st; Eddie Guy and Mitch Melton (center), 2nd; Pat Gainey and Kenny Brewer, 3rd.



OPEN SINGLES (46 entries): David Williams, 1st; Rick Boyer, 2nd; Johnny Ballard, 3rd; Keith Oyler, 4th; Billy Poole and Joel Rahn, 5th & 6th; Gwen Orsi and Steve Burkett, 7th & 8th.

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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Louise's Advice to Ina: "Toughen Up!"

It was with great interest that I read the letter in the June issue of *The Board Talk* about women being treated badly by the "male egos" of the game. Even though I have known to have been called a "feminist" a time or two, I don't believe that this accusation is being fair to the men in the game. Making a generalization about all men based upon the behavior of one or more men is both inaccurate and unfair.

It is the newcomers to this game (or any other for that matter) who usually catch the flak from other players. It's easy to blame this behavior on men since they make up the majority of shuffleboard players. It's also easy to say the behavior happens to a woman because she's a woman, and not because of another reason since it is the most obvious and, yes, sexist comments are sometimes made. The truth is, some shuffleboard shooters harass other players because they are not-so-nice people who pick on those they perceive being weaker than themselves -- not because they are men with large egos.

Every player faces harassment at some or all points in their "career." Shuffleboard, like all sports, is a very competitive arena filled with people with very strong egos. Some people, unfortunately, will do or say anything to gain an edge. So, how does a woman deal with this?

First, toughen up! Get used to the harassment. Do what you can as an individual to stop it or, best yet, ignore it. Chances are the shuffleboard shooters who employ these cheap tricks are not "players" anyway, so they're not worth your attention. Think about it: almost without exception, you will never see the top players

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harass or demean other players -- male or female.

For over 20 years, Judy Gartland of Philadelphia endured the harassment, both physical and mental, of her "fellow" players. And while most people consider Judy to be the best woman player on the East Coast, the "fellows" are mired somewhere in their own obscurity. There's another Judy (Iseman, from Maryland) who has also paid her dues in the past 10 years or so. Neither of these ladies has had it easy and at times it must have seemed easier to give in and quit. Neither did and they, along with many other women I've met, admired, and held up as role models, have what it takes to be winners. Tenacity, determination, and desire are things that fill up a winner's heart so there is no room for the words "I quit." To quit is worse than to lose because true losers never even get in the game.

Second, a big part of this problem is the issue of respect. The best way to eliminate the harassment of other players is to earn their respect -- as a good shuffleboard player and also as a person who respects other players. To learn to be a great or even good player is not a solitary task. Watching those you consider to be good or great players, asking questions, and listening to other people, are things you need to do in order to improve yourself and get good enough for others to respect your ability. Asking for special treatment or consideration because you're a woman, however, is a sure way of **not** getting respect!

Respect is also a two-way street. Inexperienced players (both male and female) often resent being told what to do by others once they get a little knowledge under their belts. This is a disrespectful and arrogant attitude to have because respect is due to the players who have played longer, seen more, and have done more than you -- even if you don't think much of them as shuffleboard players. Are young (in experience) players so good they don't need to listen to anyone else? The answer, of course, is self-evident. Open ears and minds are what makes a better shuffleboard player, not being a know-it-all.

When dealing with the individuals who insist that you play the game their way or give you a hard time in some other way, using manners, class, and respect to counter-act their harassment will get you through just about every situation without compromising who you are. It's not hard to spot an idiot from a distance, but it's even easier to spot two of them!

Lastly, **what about all the nice guys in The World of Shuffleboard?** Just like in life, it's the bad news that gets the press. For example, Glen Davidson of Oklahoma has

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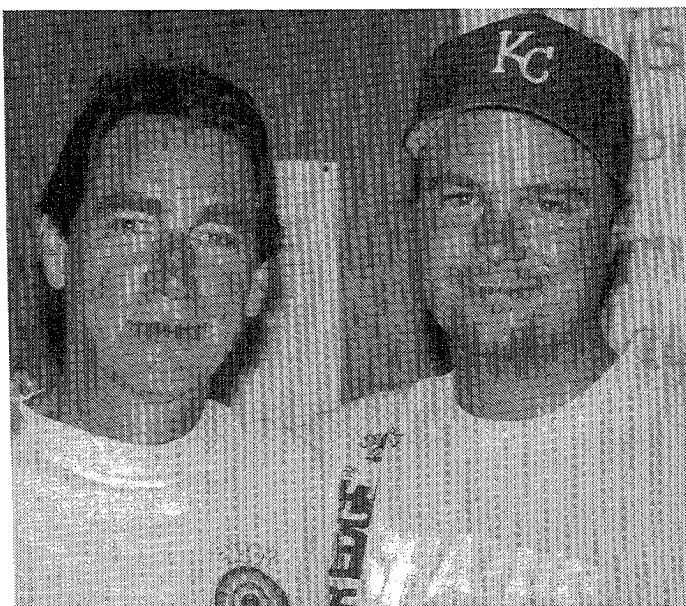
Darrol Scores Again at Dixie Belle's 4th of July Event

There were a total of 67 players vying for a pot of over \$20,000 at the Dixie Belle in Downey, California, over the 4th of July weekend.

Of the 14 teams participating in the ABC Draw, it was Rick Thomas, Dave Brennan and Anna Brunskill who came out on top. Taking second place was the team of Bob Brunskill, Ben Larson and Eric Chiles. Finishing third were Steve Floyd, Tony Sosa and Linda Wright.

Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Rick Gindt of Washington teamed up to take top honors over 15 other teams in the open doubles. Billy Chiles and Rich (Bubba) Warren finished in second place, with Gary George and Don Kern in third. Rounding out the winner's circle were Karl Spickelmier and Dudley Hutcherson in fourth place.

There were 19 players in the open singles and it was last year's champ, Darrol ("The Machine") Nelson, who scored his second consecutive win. Dudley Hutcherson earned second place honors, with Bubba Warren in third, and A.Z. Turnbo in fourth.



Darrol Nelson (left) was winner of the open singles for the second year in a row. Dudley Hutcherson took second place.

"We had players from Arizona, Oregon, Washington and, of course California (Northern California is almost another state!), and we thank those who traveled so far," said Dixie Debbie. "We had a great time!

"Jim Anderson and Joe Yeno did a superb job of caring for the boards. Wes and Eileen Eades are fabulous people to work for and they pitch in to make everyone who visits The Dixie Belle feel at home. Karl Spickelmier and Bubba kept the play running in a timely manner while playing some good board themselves. The 'Exquisite' Paul Weber, if called upon, takes care of just about everything except VO. (He put Jimmy Allis in charge of that and

Jim did a fine job!)

"The Dixie Belle staff -- Evie, Jim, Joleen, Kim, Maggie, Ray, Susie and Yours Truly extend their special thanks to all who attended. We love to have your company and 'party out' with you all," said Dixie Debbie.

More Dixie Belle News.....

By Dixie Debbie

It is always nice to see familiar faces walk into The Dixie Belle. On Thursday, July 6, just missing our 4th of July tournament, in walked Rena Hendricks from Oklahoma. Joe Muniz was here to greet her and invite her to our Sunday afternoon Meat Shoot, which she attended. I have heard nothing but rave reviews about her visit from everyone who attended Sunday's shoot. I believe she is now considered an honorary Dixie Belle Party Animal. Rena, thanks for putting us on your itinerary; hope we see you in Las Vegas next year, if not before.



Rena Hendricks from Oklahoma was a welcome visitor at the Dixie Belle for a Sunday Meat Shoot.

The Dixie Belle loves to go to tournaments. Look out, Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, we are on our way -- Wes, Eileen, Little Susie, Paul Weber, Dixie Debbie, anyone else we can talk into holding up the "Party Bracket," plus our possible mystery guest. We can hardly wait to get there. Our fearless leader, Mr. Wes Eades, and partner Paul Weber are looking forward to some tough competition and as I write this are busy honing their skills. Not their party skills, their shuffleboard skills, as they will be competing in the open doubles. It is going to

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Michigan

5TH ANNUAL SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, HOUGHTON LAKE, SEPT. 8-10

The 5th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash has been set for Sept. 8-10 at Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan (the state's vacation wonderland).

In the draw partner event which starts at noon on Saturday, pros and players rated 1 and 2 will draw from remaining registered players. \$20 per person entry fee.

On Sunday, there will be an open singles, \$40 entry. In both events, depending upon number of entries, it may be mark 4, play to 15. A change in format this year: **the sponsor sale for both events will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday.**

For tournament information, call George at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538. For lodging recommendations, call Skip, 517-422-5422. Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site or use it to save your spot.

Washington

BRING PARTNER EVENT AT OLD EDISON INN, SEPT. 16-17

The Old Edison Inn in Edison will host its first-ever open doubles tournament on Sept. 16-17. Entry fee will be \$50 a team and hosts Mini and Sandy will add money proportionate to the number of entries. At least four places will be paid if there are 16 or more teams.

Door prizes, a complimentary feed on Saturday, and rural Edison's country hospitality will highlight the weekend event, the last one of the summer sanctioned by the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's "Tour."

To accommodate late-arriving travelers, the two Edison boards will be open for practice on Friday night. Tournament play gets underway following the 11 a.m. sponsor sale on Saturday. The format is 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and single 17-point games in the loser's.

Some RV parking is available, with a good selection of motels in nearby Burlington and Mount Vernon. For lodging recommendations and more tournament information, call the

tavern (360-766-6266) or Phil DePree (766-5301).

Tournament directors Phil and Russ (The Colonel) Miller advise that the Edison's popular draw partner event, previously held annually at this time, will be moved to January of 1996. Watch for the exact date and other details in future issues of *The Board Talk* and the E.S.A. newsletter.

5TH ANNUAL PCSA OPEN DOUBLES, SHAMROCK TAVERN, LONGVIEW, OCT. 21-22

The 5th Annual PCSA Open Doubles will be held at the Shamrock Tavern, 1131 15th St. in Longview, Washington, on Oct. 21-22. Entry fee is \$50 per team. \$10 per team will be added to the pot and the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association will award entries in the 1996 PCSA Extravaganza doubles in Las Vegas to the winners (Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl for the past four years! Can anyone beat them?). Payoff will be 55-30-10-5.

The sponsor sale will start at noon on Saturday. Round robins on Friday night starting at 7 p.m. A highlight of the weekend will again be Bernice's chili.

For information, call the Shamrock, 360-577-7444.

Texas

TEXAS OPEN LABOR DAY EVENT, AUG. 30-SEPT. 4, TEXAS MIST, AUSTIN

It will be another exciting weekend at the Texas Mist, 9063 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas, scene of the annual Texas Open on August 30 through September 4. Action will start on Wednesday with two events -- a Sweetheart Draw, \$25 entry, and a "Leftover Boys" draw, \$25 entry. Combined handicaps must add up to +1 or more.

On Thursday's agenda, there are two more events -- a Pro-Am Draw, \$50 entry (pros draw 3's and O's draw 2's), and an open draw (no pros or O's), \$50 entry.

Friday features a "Hot Shot" Singles and a "Long Shot" Singles. Entry fees are determined by your ratings: Pros, \$150; O's, \$100; and 1's, \$50, in the "Hot Shots." For the "Long Shots," it's \$75 for 2's, \$50 for 3's and 4's and \$25 for 5's.

REMINDER: Send information about your upcoming event to THE BOARD TALK, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906, to be received by the 15th of each month. Remember, send us the RESULTS, too!

For Saturday's "Hot Shot" bring partner event for pros, O's and 1's, pros must play with a 1-rated player. Entry is \$100 per person. **Note the change in format for Saturday's "Long Shot" event. It will be a draw partner, \$50 per player, and 2's shall not be partners.**

Sunday will be the popular Draft 6-Person Team Event, \$50 per player. It's 5 out of 9 games, double elimination, with a pro or 0 player as captain of each team and drafting from an entry pool with rotating selections.

The grand finale of this fun weekend will be the finals of the team event on Monday and round robins.

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

New York

FALL TOURNEY, SHERBURNE AMERICAN LEGION, SEPT. 8-10

The Sherburn American Legion in Sherburne, New York, will host a four-event tournament on Sept. 8-10. Action will start with a draw partners, \$15 per person entry, on Friday night, with drawing and bidding at 6:30 p.m. If this event is

not finished by 2 a.m. Saturday morning, play will stop and resume at 10 a.m.

The next event is the mixed doubles, \$20 per team, with drawing and bidding at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The bring partner, \$30 per team, will start at 1 p.m. Saturday and the open singles, \$25 per person, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, with drawing and bidding at 11 a.m.

The double elimination events will be played on five boards, with no back to back play on the same boards. Open buffet for daily participants, with the kitchen open throughout the tournament.

For information, call Milt Benedict, 607-674-4571.

Canada

CRAZY CANUCKS 5TH ANNUAL SET FOR AUG. 31-SEPT. 3 AT AN & AF, VANCOUVER

The AN & AF Club, 1837 Main St., Vancouver, B.C., will again be the site of the Crazy Canuck's 5th Annual Tournament on Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Action will start on Thursday night with the popular "Winston Jim" open draw doubles, \$20 Canadian entry fee.

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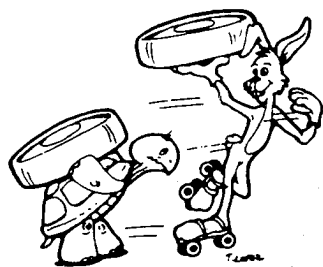


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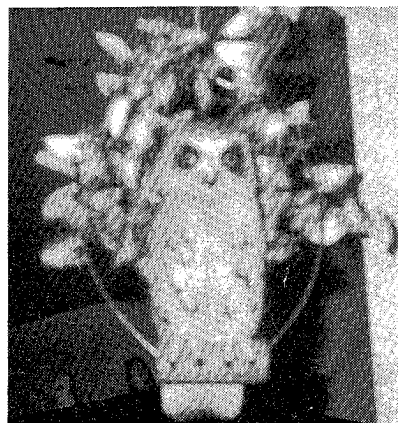
By George & Donna Wilber

Our top priority this month is to apologize to all of you for the late arrival of the July issue. As most of you know, this is not a big corporate office where others can fill in for you while you're gone. We're it and when we're sitting in a hospital room for 12 to 24 hours a day, nothing gets done. That's what happened to us in June and early July as we kept vigil at the bedside of Donna's Mom. She is now home with us under the Hospice program (that will be our favored charity from now on!) and we continue to wrestle with how to keep our commitment to you, as our subscribers and advertisers, and to her. We beg your patience and understanding.

A "victim" of this situation was The Shuffleboard Federation and its upcoming North American Championships at the Sands Regency in Reno, Nevada, on Oct. 30-Nov. 5. Their flyer in the July issue was missing the important first page and we apologize for that! You can help us make up for that major "boo-boo" by responding to their invitation to participate in this major tournament. From its "birth," The Shuffleboard Federation has been a vitally important advertising revenue support to us, every month, 12 months a year, so we feel especially bad about that mistake.

After George's Dad passed away in late April, we held a family auction of household items. Family members bid on those things that would be useful to them and/or just had sentimental value. Over the kitchen sink in Dad's home was an owl that had sat on its perch for over 30 years. It was aged, slightly soiled, lonely. It looked like it needed a new home where it would be loved and George knew exactly where it belonged. He had seen the score of owls at the home of Al and Von Stewart in El Monte, California, and how well cared for they were. This old guy would be Von's, no matter what he had to bid. It didn't appeal to any other family member, so George got it cheap (it cost more to ship it to Von than it did to buy it) and it was sent to the Stewart home with a note that George had captured it in the jungles of South Africa. Von didn't buy that tall story, but she did accept it into

her family of owls. He (the owl -- not George) has a special place now, all cleaned up and with some greenery to enhance his faded "beauty."



The old owl that perched over Dad's kitchen sink for over 30 years now has a new home -- at Von and Al Stewart's home in El Monte, California.

An old ceramic owl is just an old ceramic owl -- until somebody cares. Then he is special -- and so are you, Von! Your card and photo lifted our spirits!

Many of you readers knew and loved Bob and Bev Lukens and appreciated the contributions they made to make The World of Shuffleboard grow through events they promoted at CC's Sports Bar at the Anaheim Ramada Inn in Anaheim, California (see listing in Shuffleboard Directory). Since the time they left Southern California and started managing a motel in Stockton in late March, then moved to Reno to manage a 133-unit property, they've been through some challenging, stressful, character-building experiences. They've asked for our help in letting their many friends know they're alive and well and while they've made some lifestyle changes (Bob is training to become a power tool manager and Bev is helping her sister with a direct mail campaign and taking care of her invalid mother-in-law), they still miss all of you and would like to hear from you. Their new address is 1622 San Carlos Ave., Unit "F", San Carlos, CA 94070; phone 415-594-0875.

"We miss everyone and are adjusting, but it is hard to leave a life that was so comfortable and so much family and many friends that have been so supportive and loving over the years. Please do not think because you haven't heard from us that you are not missed or thought of. You are -- everyday," said Bev.

They've already found a neighborhood bar with a shuffleboard, so likely they'll be making their mark there.

Please let Bev and Bob know that you're thinking of them.

One of the many reasons we were looking forward to the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion was the opportunity to meet Marty Allen of Florida in person. We'd talked to him by phone and by mail a number of times and George reports that he's just as nice as

we thought he would be. He's one of those people who are good for The World of Shuffleboard. He's been instrumental in forming a state shuffleboard association and in scheduling his state's first championships (Nov. 24-26). He's helped spread the word about *The Board Talk* in the state of Florida and sends us colorful reports and sharp photos of action there -- and encourages tournament host locations to advertise (we really appreciate that kind of support!).



A Board Talk salute to Marty Allen (center) shown here with our friend, Bobby V (left), not to be confused with Board Talk Editor George Wilber (right), even though their addresses were the same in Maryland.



Now, here's a "Fearsome Foursome" (from left): Bobby V, John McDermott, Glen Davidson, and Dave Boaz.

Thanks, Marty, for the great photos.

Lou Lusero, long-time shuffleboard promoter from California, has moved to Fort Lupton, Colorado, following his retirement. "As soon as I win my first tournament at the Balloon Inn, I'll let you know. On second thought, I don't think I'll wait that long to write to you," he said. He wrote that he hoped to see us at Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan, Sept. 8-10. That would be great, Lou!

Once again, thanks to all of you for your support during this difficult time during our lives. We appreciate you more than you will ever know!

G & D

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Bob Hunt (California), treasurer of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, is known all over the western part of the U.S. as a top player, shuffleboard enthusiast and supporter for 20-30 years. He lives in Sacramento with his wife, Vicki, and he makes his living as a CPA. He is the one who got the Hall of Fame filed as a non-profit organization in the state of California. He has attended the tourneys in California, Reno and Las Vegas, Arizona and Oregon. He is my friend and he is well-qualified to sit on any board of directors for any organization. Bob was really the one who pushed the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame organization and me to get it going. Thank you, Bob, for your enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication to our game. Without you, the Hall of Fame would not exist.

I have received letters from people about the induction into the Hall of Fame. Remember: 20 signatures, 20 years playing time and all the tourneys the nominee has won or lost, leagues they've played in, how many people they have helped learn how to play, how much time they have dedicated to the game.

Jim Yank and Mike Kennedy have formed a committee in the Philadelphia area to get us names of people who may qualify for the Hall of Fame. Buddy Brammer of Maryland is forming one there.

Now, we're looking for a place to hold a Hall of Fame tournament, with half of the proceeds going to the NSHF. We're looking for sponsors who will donate the most to this cause. We will have this tournament. We will see how many come forward with offers. This will tell us a lot.

Glen Davidson, President
National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

(Editor's Note: Correspondence to The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame should be sent to Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446. Contributions should be sent to that same address. Those who knew Bob Miles -- see Balboa Ron's tribute on Page 13 -- may wish to make a contribution in honor of his memory. Bob, who held the World Shuffleboard Champion title from 1953 to 1959, died on April 16 at the age of 68. He has been called the greatest player of all time -- as well as a gentleman. May he rest in peace.)

Perry/Thomas/Nelson Tops at Blinky's 5th Annual Memorial Day Tournament, Santa Clara, California

Action at the week-long 5th Annual Memorial Day Tournament, Blinky's Sports Cafe, Santa Clara, California, started with a ladies' only draw doubles on Monday. Finishing in first place were Dottie Bastanchury from the L.A. area and local Sally Beale. Roxanne Santa Cruz and Teresa Palumbo took second place honors, with Kathy Thomas and Sharlene Taylor in third.

Eight teams participated in Tuesday night's amateur draw doubles, with Ted Fowler and Sebastian B taking top honors. Dale Pirlot and Sally Beale finished second, with Chris Wray and Dean Mathey in third place.

The amateur singles on Wednesday attracted 16 players and coming out on top was Leroy Waggoner from the L.A. area. Tony Bastanchury took second place, with Dale Pirlot in third.

Eight teams participated in a wild A/B/C draw on Thursday. Taking first place were Paul Parks, Steve Cathey and Jay Leonard. Finishing second were Steve Perry of Sacramento, Leonard Dominick from L.A., and Jim Olsen. Third place went to Dan Mourgos, Marion Bailey of Visalia, and Cheryl Kelly.

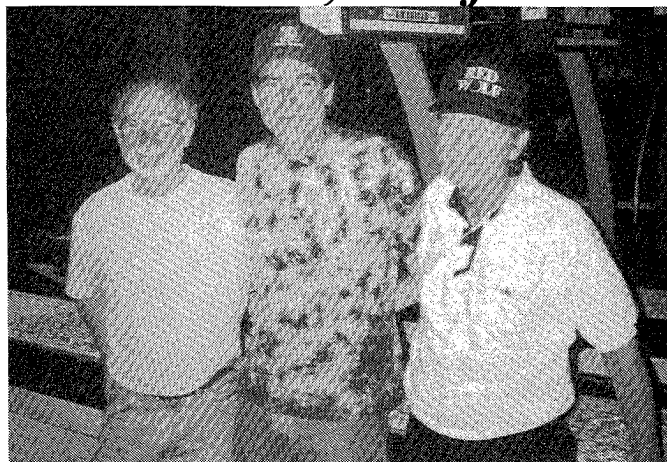
The sponsor sales for the open pro doubles and singles took place Friday night, with a total of \$6,500 in the kitty. Rick Thomas reports that Jim LeRoux did a fine job of auctioneering although it was his first time with shuffleboard players. The Bud Light Girls also made an appearance, which lifted everybody's interest and spirits, Rick said. Doubles play started Saturday morning, with the singles concluding Monday afternoon.



Steve Perry and Rick Thomas teamed up to take top honors in the open pro doubles.

Taking second place were Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Dan Mourgos of California. Locals Paul Parks and Dale Pirlot finished in third place.

Darrol Nelson was winner of the open singles, with Pat Bayless in second, and Paul Parks in third.



In the winner's circle for the open singles were Darrol Nelson (center), first; Pat Bayless (left), second; and Paul Parks (right), third.

"We thank all of the players who participated and demonstrated their enthusiasm for the great game of shuffleboard," said hostess Barbara Aregger. "Also, thanks to those who helped make this week-long tournament a success, namely: Dale Pirlot, Paul Parks, Ted Fowler and Steve Perry. Many thanks to Karl Spickelmier for his help with the bracket boards, Kathy Thomas and Stevie Parks, who collected and distributed the entry and sponsor money, and once again, to A.Z. Turnbo for his support -- and, as always -- four great boards to play on."

Rick also extends appreciation to all the other helpers and participants: Skip McCaslin, Jane Mourgos, Lorraine and Jim Olsen, Renee Tuttle, Shari Bussey, Don Davidson, Don Melampy, Steve Holt, Pete Craven and Pam Louder. "Special thanks to the out-of-towners who always help make this tourney a success: Karl Spickelmier, Rich (Bubba) Warren, John Fisher, Hal Perry, George Camara, Marion Bailey, Leroy Waggoner, Leonard Dominick, Darrol Nelson, and Tony and Dottie Bastanchury.

"Many thanks to Dick and Barbara Aregger (owners of Blinky's) who continue to provide us with their support, a great place to play and a great buffet on Saturday night. They continue to show their dedication to bigger and better tournaments in the future," Rick said. "Also thanks to Bud Light for their co-sponsorship and support of this tournament, with various prizes for the winners and for the appearance of the Bud Light Girls."

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made it a point to teach and play with women players. He was kind enough to play with me at the recent Mickey Mickens Memorial/Board Talk Reunion tournament in the pro doubles event, and remained very much the gentleman when we finished in fifth place. At the same event, Bobby V pulled an "all-nighter" (well, almost -- they kicked us out at 3 a.m.) with me as a partner -- and there was no shortage of men. He often partners up with his very able wife, Deb, and they are quite a force to be reckoned with. As Jim Yank Sr., one of the most fair and unprejudiced teachers of the game I've ever met, has said: "We've all got two hands -- it's what you do with them that counts." These are certainly not unique individuals in the sense that there are many, many other men who give good women players the same respect they give good men players. It's being a good player that counts -- not being male or female.

In summary, each person must make their own way and their own choices, no matter what anyone else does to them. It's **how** you do it that makes the difference -- and that's got nothing to do with being male or female.

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Very well said, Louise! We hope all players -- not just women -- heed your advice. Coming from a person who

has also paid her "dues" gives your words that much more credibility. We've never seen anyone listen and learn with such concentration and intensity than you -- and it has paid off. You have shown "tenacity, determination and desire" with a great deal of class. With your philosophy, Ina and others can ensure that they will not be "victims" of harassment.

Nancy Asks: 'Is Hall of Fame a 'Good-ol'-Boy' System?'

First, I would like to compliment you on a very fine publication. Having worked on newsletters in the past, I know the tireless effort that goes into putting out something like *The Board Talk*. I particularly enjoy the tournament recaps and also the articles from your readers.

Although I am only an average player, I nevertheless have followed with great interest the comments expressed regarding the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. While I think it's a great idea, I am a little distressed at some of the suggestions regarding who should get in and what the qualifications should be (i.e., 20-year player). It almost sounds like a "good-ol'-boy" system. How come, for example, no female players were mentioned among the names being tossed out? Surely, Diana Hagen, for one, deserves some consideration. In addition to her accomplishments in dominating the national women's events, Diana has been a determined promoter of shuffleboard in the Houston area. Moreover, if it wasn't for the success of female players such as Diana Hagen, I doubt the sport would have as many fine women players as it does today.

To my way of thinking, members of the Hall of Fame should be selected based on either their unmatched achievements or pioneering contributions to the sport. While there is no question that Darrol Nelson and Billy Mays belong in the Hall of Fame, not every good or great or even excellent player deserves this very special recognition.

Nancy Rice, Houston, Texas

We agree with your observations, Nancy (we've been aware of Diana's contributions to The World of Shuffleboard for over a decade now), and we're confident that the Hall of Fame Board will welcome your input. In fairness to them, those names that were "tossed out" did not come from any member of that Board. Remember, if you think Diana or anyone else from your area should be considered for induction, have 20 players sign a petition to that effect and send it to: NSHF Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446. Contributions to make the Hall of Fame a reality can also be sent to that address.

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AUGUST

Aug. 3-6

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

Aug. 4-6

4-Event Nationals
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 5

Doubles Tournament
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

Aug. 12

Doubles Tournament
Tim Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

Aug. 12

1st Annual Seniors Doubles
Wertz's Place
Anderson, Indiana

Aug. 12-13

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. 19

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

Aug. 26

Doubles Tournament
Riverside
Earlville, New York

Aug. 31-Sept. 3

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

Aug. 27 - Sept. 4

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

Aug. 30-Sept. 4

Annual Texas Open
Texas Mist
Austin, Texas

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-4

Labor Day Weekend Tourney
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Sept. 1-4

7th Annual Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Sept. 1-4

Labor Day Singles/Doubles
Avon's Local 14
Toledo, Ohio

Sept. 8-10

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

Sept. 8-10

Fall Tournament
American Legion
Sherburne, New York

Sept. 16-17

Bring Partner Tournament
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 16-17

1st Annual Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 22-24

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

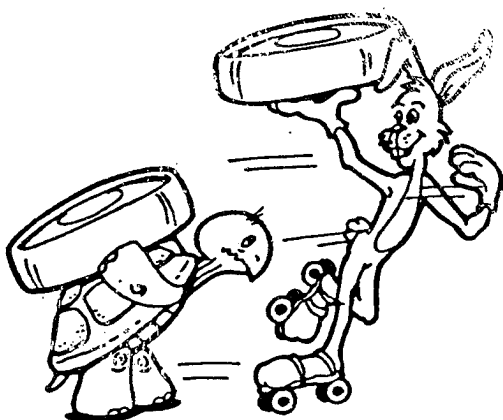
Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Mixed Doubles
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

OCTOBER

Oct. 7-8

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Partner
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 21

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Bring Partner Event #5
Philadelphia Area

Oct. 21-22

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

Oct. 21-22

PCSA Open Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 28-29

2nd Annual Draw Partner
Sportsman Tavern
Stanwood, Washington

Nov. 24-26

7th Annual State of Indiana
Championships
Chances R
Muncie, Indiana

DECEMBER

Dec. 9

"Best of Philly" Series
Singles Event
Philadelphia Area

Dec. 16-17

6th Annual Santa Classic
Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 31-Jan. 2

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Winnipeg Hotel
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Nov. 24-26

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gan Championships
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Nov. 25-26

55 & Over Draw Partners
Shamrock
Longview, Washington

Nov. 24-26

Doubles Tournament
BZ's Sports Bar
Seattle, Washington

Nov. 24-26

1st Annual State of Florida
Championships
Our Place and Sam's Place
Titusville, Florida

A Final Tribute to Bob Miles

On Saturday, July 15, 1995, the greatest shuffleboard player of his time, Bob Miles, left us. His former wife, Bobbie, wants to extend her deepest appreciation to all those who visited and communicated with him during his stay at Rose Vista Nursing Center in Vancouver, Washington. She thanks Porter White, Al Stewart, Floyd Birch, Glen Davidson and Madge, Bill English, and everyone who knew and cared about Bob.

It should be known that he rested in comfort and dignity. Bob spent his last days doing what he loved, as a shuffleboard was installed at Rose Vista especially for him by Bobbie, and he shared his delight by teaching others with him learn to play the game. His Hall of Fame plaque is displayed prominently at Rose Vista.

Beyond a doubt, an era has ended with Bob's departure. He will remain a legend to the World of Shuffleboard forever. Many, many good words can and will be said about Bob Miles, but the best is surely to say that he was a "Player... among players." The World of Shuffleboard has lost a bright Star; however, his memory will always lighten the thoughts and conversations of all of us who knew or have heard of this Champion.

You will not be forgotten, Bob. Rest well.

Balboa Ron Schweikert

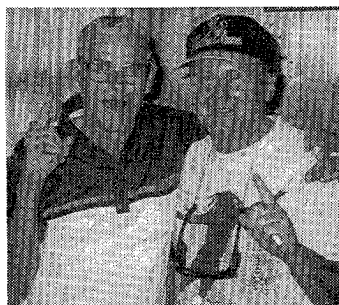
Condolences may sent to: Mrs. Bobbie (Miles) Wilson, 2648 NE 201 Ave. #6, Trout Dale, OR 97060.

Pictorial Review of Mickey Mickens Memorial/Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion

(Editor's Note: Because Board Talk reporter/photographer Donna Wilber was at her critically-ill Mom's bedside during the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, we extend special thanks to Dick Gorman for the results in last month's issue and Brenda Wallace, Harvey's Place official photographer, for this pictorial review of that event.)

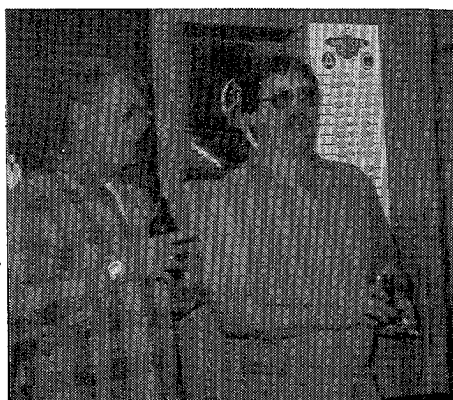


SMILING FACES -- (from left to right) Harvey's Place host Harvey Comer, Board Talk Editor George Wilber, and tournament director Dick Gorman.

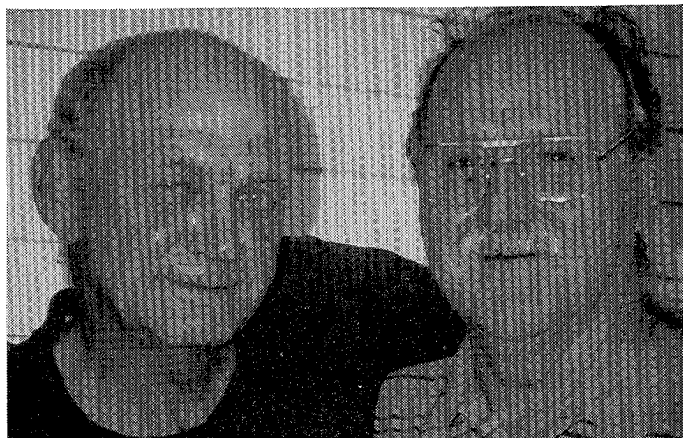


WE'RE NO. 1 -- Lindsay Hall (left) and Butch "Hollywood" Kelly were winners of the bring partner event.

"Now, this is the strategy I would use," says Milt Benedict to partner Bobby V. They didn't place in the pro doubles, but Bobby did win the pro singles round robin.



Harvey's Place official photographer Brenda Wallace (left) and Connie King finished third in the amateur draw.



Arlow Johnson (left) and Arnold Ledford were winners of the Legends Draw partner event.



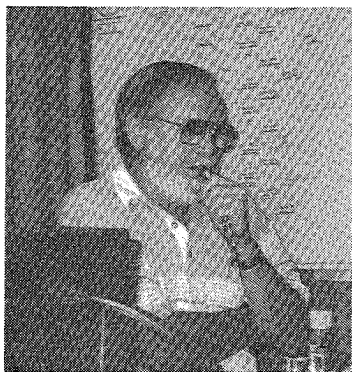
Marty Allen (left) and Don Casula took second place honors in the Legends Draw.



Buddy Brammer (left) and Blaine Douglas won Monday's second chance draw. Blaine went to the payoff table four times during the tournament.



What a "reunion" is all about -- (left) Steve "Ski" Lacinski, winner with Dave Boaz of the pro doubles, (center) Vic "The Barber" Magero, who finished third with partner Dallas Hayman in the Legends, and Glen Davidson, who finished fifth with partner Louise Freer in the pro doubles and third in the pro singles round robin.



National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Chairman Glen Davidson paid tribute to the late Mickey Mickens during a special ceremony.



Mickey's widow, Claire, accepts the Hall of Fame plaque for her dear, departed husband.



Shufflers from 14 states gathered together to enjoy a pig roast at the reunion at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland.

"There are a couple people we failed to mention last month who helped make this tournament a success," said Dick Gorman. "One was Brenda Wallace, our official photographer who does such a great, thankless job. Also Harvey's sister's husband, Bob Miller, who helped set up the tent for the pig roast, helped roast the pig and drove the van back and forth all week long and did everything else that came up."

(Editor's Note: Where will next year's 12th Annual Shufflers' Reunion be held? Watch upcoming issues for details.)

Dunns Take First in Mid-Missouri Tournament

Donna and Jim Dunn of St. Louis, Missouri, took top honors in the Mid-Missouri Tournament, held at Sonny Boy's on June 24. Finishing in second place were Gene McLeod of Licking and Woodie Cochrum of Cuba, with Chuck Meulhauser and Charley Hart of St. Louis in third place.

Twenty-four of Missouri's best showed up in the little one-horse town of Cuba for a one-day, 12-hour shoot-out for trophies and cash. "We had some help from sponsors," reports Woodie. "All can be found in the 'Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.' -- Judy Mull, Sonny Boy's Bar; Ray and Carolyn Johnston, C & R Package, Houston; and Eddie and Stella Pryer, East Inn Tavern, Springfield. We introduced The Board Talk to a full house in hopes of getting the Missouri shuffleboard players out of the closet. We made many phone calls and sent flyers throughout the state for this meet. Our main goal is to set up a major tournament somewhere in the state in early 1996. Most of the players who played in this tournament could play with anybody anywhere. We had six players from Houston, 75 miles away, four from Springfield, 130 miles away, 10 from St. Louis, 90 miles away, two from Steelville, 10 miles away and two from Cuba."

Las Vegas Women Shufflers Coming on Strong

There are two women in Las Vegas, Nevada, who for the last five weeks have been challenging and beating all two men's teams at Gabby's. These women are Connie Zavala and Dorothy Johnson. They have been beating Frank Zavala and Tom Dixon regularly with scores of 15-6 and 15-7. The closest Frank and Tom have come the beating them was 15-11. Frank tried another partner (Dorothy's brother Don) and they came closer to winning (15-13) but no cigar! These two women are hot! hot! hot! these days and loving every minute of it.

Sportsman's Tavern 1st Annual Doubles is Success

The Sportsman's Tavern in Stanwood, Washington, scored a success with its 1st Annual Doubles Tournament on July 1-2. The shooters who participated enjoyed themselves and look forward to an event next year that will be just as fun.



Sportsman's Tavern owners Susie and Bud Parks (outside) congratulate top winners Dan Hitt (left center) of Spokane and Carl Rouch of Shelton. Shufflers thank Susie and Bud for their hospitality during this first.

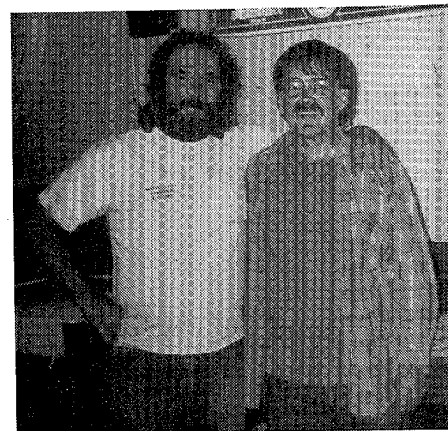


Always a force to be reckoned with in any tournament they enter are Steve Fisher and Chris Danke. This time they took second place honors.



Dan McKinnon of Marysville (left) and John Martin of Everett congratulate each other on their third place finish.

Yes, it's the Cave-Man (left), Jim Ward of Bow, teamed up with Darryl Pond of Spokane, who took fourth place.



"A very special thanks to Jim Kumpula (Jimmy the Cop) who came all the way from Detroit," said tournament director Murl Kindle. "Also, while the building next door was gutted by fire, the Sportsman Tavern was not damaged -- and the boards are still O.K."

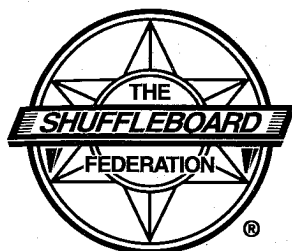
Dixie Belle News (continued from Page 3)

be good seeing some of our July 4th players in their home state. I understand our honorary Groom (yes, that is you, Gary) will be there as well as our good friend, Kevin Larkin. We are going to have a good time!

In our Dixie Belle spring league, the winners were Tim O'Brien's team of Ben Larson, Bob Flake, Cadillac Joe Yeno, Dixie Debbie and Jackie. Our league play is very competitive with a good blend of experienced, intermediate and beginning players. Our summer/fall league is just in the planning stage as I write this, but will be going full force by August. We will have six 4-person teams this season with several alternate players also in the line-up. We say the more the merrier. With our four boards, we can handle nicely these numbers and get everyone home early so they can work the next morning.



1995 Dixie Belle League winners were (left to right) Tim O'Brien, Ben Larson, Bob Flake, Joe Yeno, Dixie Debbie, and Jackie.



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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Frisco Eddie beat the Texas Kid in a 3 out of 5 series for \$5000. Lil has convinced Dollar Dan to back his man for another 3 out of 5 'one-shot-deal' for \$10,000.)

The board was ready to go; the \$10,000 stake was up; and Eddie won the toss -- it came up heads. On his first shot, he noticed that the board was really fast now. They went weight for weight the first few frames. Eddie felt good about his shooting now. He had the "touch," and his timing and releases were perfect. Man, he felt good! This was everything he had expected real shuffleboard to be. He didn't have to think about where the weights were going.... he **knew**!

The score was 7 to 6 in Eddie's favor. It was Texas Kid's lag, and he went against Eddie's center 1 with a right cross. The weight ended up almost in the center, behind Eddie's 1, in the 3 zone. This made the score 9 to 7.

On the way down the board, Lil drew Eddie aside and said: "It sure looked like that last lag stopped too quick, Champ. My guess is that he 'salted' that spot a little. We've got two options here. You could shoot a free-hand, and wipe the spot off with the heel of your hand, and then sprinkle some fresh wax on it. The best way, though, would be to leave it alone, and when you have the lag for that end, you can go for the same spot. If he has the lag, block the spot with your last weight. Let's beat them at their own game, O.K.?"

Eddie followed Lil's advice and, four frames later, the score was 12 all, with Eddie's hammer. The Kid put up a deep 1 in the center on his last shot. Eddie sized up things, and shot the right-cross lag. It stopped (a little too quickly) near the center of the board, on the same spot -- in the 3-zone.

That 3 broke the Kid down, and he started to gamble the next game. Eddie won that one, too. Only one more win to go! On the third game, Eddie was ahead 10 to 7. He asked Texas Kid: "How come you're playing it so loose -- with all the gambling?" The Kid responded: "It doesn't really matter, Frisco....now does it?" Eddie tried to figure that one out as he kept the pressure on. The score was 14 to 11, with the Kid's hammer. Eddie had the lagging spot covered. The Kid made his lag. It was close, but it gently fell off the end. It was all over!

The crowd wasn't cheering, or anything. In fact, all of the people just moved slowly on back to the other side of the horse-shoe shaped bar. Lil came up to Eddie then and gave him a hug. She whispered in his ear: "No questions now, Champ. What I want you to do is to head

toward the front door and say real loud that 'I have to get some cigarettes from the car.' Walk right on past Ape-Man and say it so he can hear you. When you get outside, start the car -- and have the passenger door open. I'll be out there, O.K., and you be ready to 'put the rubber to the road.' Do exactly what I say, or we're in some kind of trouble." There was a tense kind of aura that fell over the room.

Eddie sensed an uneasy feeling. He knew now what the Kid meant earlier when he said, "It really doesn't matter." He wanted to stay with Lil, to help in whatever was going to happen. She had been right-on-the-money so far, though, so he decided to follow her lead.

He started to walk down the bar toward the door. At the same time, Lil went over to where Dollar Dan--the Money Man -- was sitting. She tried to muster a smile as she said: "Well, my man got hot, Dan, he was shooting way over his head." Dollar Dan had a hint of a smile on his face as he replied: "Is that right? You know, I'd swear he was always that good, Lady." He was looking deep into Lil's eyes now. It was a totally chilling and intimidating look. Lil stared right back at him.

Eddie continued on down the bar, and when he got close to the Ape-Man, he hollered out: "I've got to go to the car and get a pack of cigs, Lil -- I'll be right back."

Two things happened simultaneously then -- the Ape Man raised his huge body and blocked Eddie's way out; and the Money Man (still staring Lil down), reached out and placed his hand on the \$10,000 stake.

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Voorhis/Benedict Winners of Riverside Doubles Event

The Riverside, Earlville, New York, held a doubles tournament in April, hosted by Roger Sawyer. The event attracted 15 teams vying for a pot of nearly \$2,000.

First place was taken by Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Milt Benedict of Sherburne, New York. Steve Bennett and Dale Law, both of Sherburne, lost their first game but completed the loser's bracket to capture second place.



Milt Benedict (left) and Bobby Voorhis celebrate their first place winnings, but second-place finishers Steve Bennett (right) and Dale Law (front) don't look too unhappy with their purse.

Third place went to Dick Losee of Poolville and Dick Jeffries of Sherburne, while Ryan Fuller of Sherburne and

Ken Van Zile of Oxford took fourth.

Players from Waterloo, Baldwinsville and New Woodstock also competed.

The next doubles tournament at the Riverside will be on August 26 (see Page 20 for details).

Martin Now Tops ESA Standings

With a number of tournaments yet to be reported, John Martin of Everett has moved to the top of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association's point standings. John leads the field of ESA members with a score of 63 points. The ESA is a relatively new organization serving players and sponsors in the Pacific Northwest. Association dues are \$15 a year and includes a vote at ESA meetings, eligibility to earn point money at sanctioned tournaments, and a monthly newsletter edited by ESA Secretary Jim Manders and filled with pertinent information.

Others in the top ten include: Dan Hitt, 54; Rick Gindt, 52; Dave Arndt, 51; Doug Buhl, 48; Joanie Millar, 47; Gary George, 43; Mike Thorpe, 41; Jim Foran, 39; and Chuck Norris, 37.

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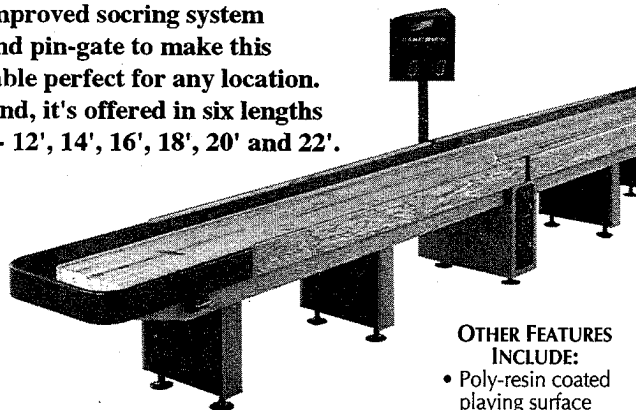
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\$500 will be added to the pot of the open singles, which starts Friday night, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. sale. \$50 Canadian entry fee. \$1500 will be added to the doubles which start on Saturday immediately following the 10 a.m. sale. \$100 Canadian entry fee.

Entries should be mailed -- no later than Aug. 31 -- to Marg Okum, 4103 Welwyn St., Vancouver, B.C. V5N3Z1. If you have questions, call Marg at 604-872-5373.

Suggested lodging is at the Biltmore Motor Hotel, 604-872-5252, or the City Centre Motel, 604-876-7166. Book your rooms early because of Molson's Indy car race that same weekend.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and plan now to enjoy a fun Labor Day weekend with the Crazy Canucks!

Indiana

1ST ANNUAL SENIORS DOUBLES, WERTZ'S PLACE, ANDERSON, AUGUST 12

Shufflers 50 years of age and up are invited to participate in the 1st Annual Seniors Doubles at Wertz's Place, 1003 E. 53rd St., Anderson, Indiana 46013. \$50 per team entry with sponsor sale scheduled for 10 a.m. and play immediately following. Pays four places: 50-40-15-5.

The double elimination event, played on two boards, will be limited to the first 20 PAID teams, so enter early. Send your entry fee to Wertz's Place. Doors open at 8 a.m.; there are motels close by, and Wertz's will serve free snacks.

For further information, call Steve Hart evenings at 317-683-9603, or Wertz's Place days, 317-644-9624.

New York

OPEN DOUBLES AT RIVERSIDE ON AUG. 26

The Riverside, 80 W. Main Street in Earlville, New York (a brand-new Board Talk Subscriber), will host an open doubles on Aug. 26. Entry for the single game, double elimination event is \$25 per team. Sponsor sale is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, with play immediately following.

Plan to come early for the round robins on Friday night.

For information, call the Riverside, 315-691-3081.

Please welcome this new tournament site to our network by participating in this event.

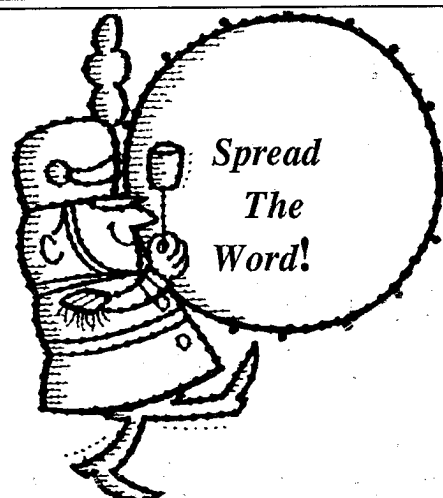
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7TH LABOR DAY TOURNEY, FULL HOUSE, WYNNEWOOD

Don and Pat Kinard, hosts of the Full House, 111 W. Robert S. Kerr St., Wynnewood, Oklahoma, invite you to participate in their 7th Annual Labor Day Open Tournament on Sept. 1-7. Events include a ladies' singles on Friday night, \$10 entry; a men's handicap singles on Saturday, \$20 entry; a sweetheart draw on Saturday night, \$20 entry; an open draw on Sunday, \$20 entry; and a handicap bring partner event on Sunday, \$50 per team.

A \$5 per person registration fee will be charged. Early sign-ups and registration are encouraged. Ratings used at the Southwest Open will be used for handicap system.

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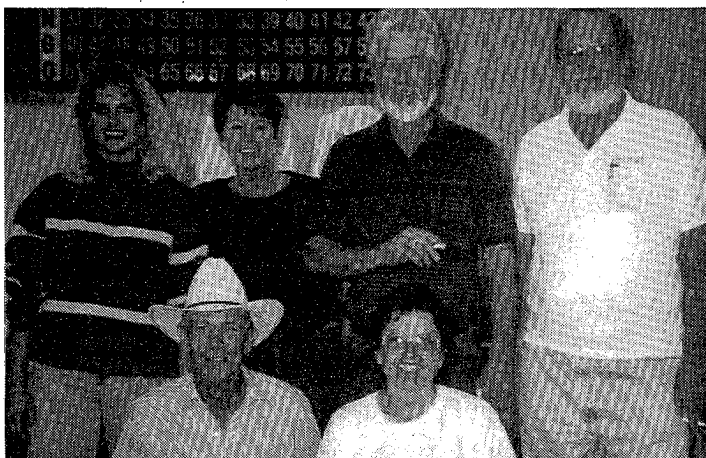
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Southwest Open *(continued from Page 1)*



DRAFT TEAM: Finishing first were Cliff Goff, Tom Hendrix, Steve Burkett, Jim Kennedy, Charlie Riley and Jerry Davenport. Taking second place honors were Rick Boyer, Tammy Denson, Julie Hartman, Brenda Watts, Louis Lambert and Betty Rickman.



Diana Hagen, Sally Goff, Kenny Brewer, Rick Jones, Jerry Henson and Marilu Roberts finished third in the draft team event.

Congratulations to one and all. Thank you all for coming to the party and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed your participation. We appreciated your comments and suggestions and you will see some of them being used in next year's event. In 1996 be sure to add Friday, July 5, to your days off so you will not miss any events. In the meantime, we are going to go practice on our game.

Thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation for supplying the wax this year, Bill Melton for a last-minute supply of four planks, and Triple Crown for the weights. Also, thanks to Tom Hendrix, Kenny Hawkes, Rick Boyer, Ken Strock, Ferlin Kerns, Bill Holley, and John Breathwit for helping set up the tables.

Our condolences to Janet Wiedner for the unexpected news on the loss of her father to a heart attack. You have more friends than you know, Janet, but no less than you deserve.

Notable Notes & Quotes from the Southwest Open.....

BILLY MELTON: A girl knocked me out of the open singles!

DIANA HAGEN: I can't believe I've missed this tournament all these years. I will be back next year with more players who don't know what they are missing.

BRENDA WATTS: How many tequila and orange juices did I have last night?

BILLY POOLE: These are my kind of odds -- \$50 to win \$5,000.

GREG HIXSON: Board 9, Board 9, Board 9...

JOEL RAHN: Eight straight games in the loser's bracket can wear you out. When is the next robin?

EDDIE GUY (note from Sharon): Talcum powder is for your hands -- not your shoes!

MITCH MELTON: I think we did it, boys. Do I get a plaque for winning the Beginner/Pretty Good Singles?

BOB SHAW: Ready to play and I've lost my weights; they are in a gray case. (There were 20 gray cases lying around!) (Long distance phone call the next day...) Ron, I left my weights up there." (We found them and they were in a gray case.)

GLEN DAVIDSON: Within five years, this will be the biggest tournament in the country. (Thanks, Glen! Sharon, Don and I are just trying to make it as fair and fun for the players as we can, but we hope you're right, of course.)

LARRY CREAKBAUM AND TERRY DOWELL: Next year we are flying down. However, it is only a 12-hour drive.

BOBBY VOORHIS: Well, your amateurs beat me again.

SALLY GOFF: We need to go home, but Cliff keeps on wining, and winning, and winning.

BILL HOLLEY: I hope someone put me in the Open Draw. My nap lasted a little longer than I expected.

GREGG TEDFORD: Ron, I gave Sharon \$20 for the \$20 round robin, and Diana \$50 for the \$50 robin. I just realized I can't play in both. What do I do?

PENNY AND PAM: This place is great and look at all those smoke eaters! But, next year we are bringing our tennis shoes.

BILL MELTON: I'll bet you \$20 you don't have 32 entries in the open singles on a Thursday night. (46 entries should cost double, Bill.)

FLYNT PRESTON: It doesn't take long to get here. Speeding ticket for 84 mph and a blow-out doing 110 mph or I would have been here sooner.

OVERHEARD BY MANY: How blue do we have to turn before we can turn up the air conditioner? Who would have thought in Oklahoma they would ask for heat in July?

(Editor's Note: Thanks for the colorful report, Ron. Hope to be on the scene for next year's Southwest Open!)

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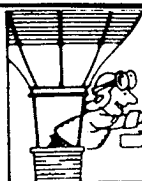
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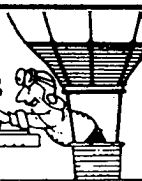


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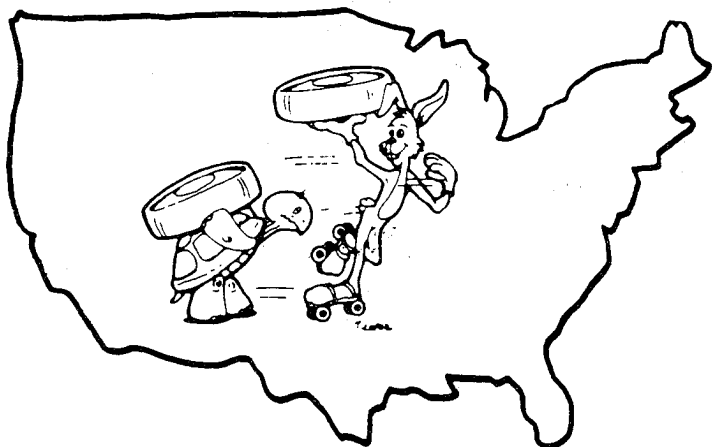
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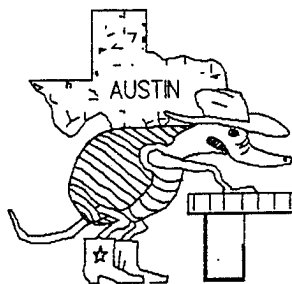
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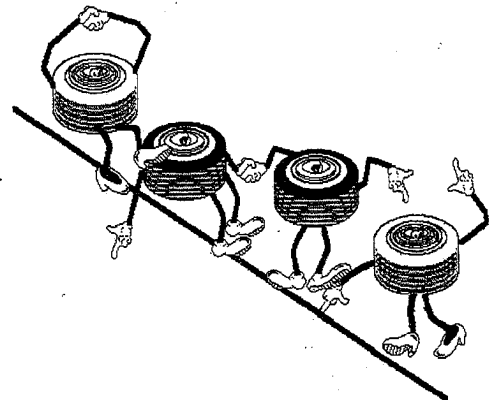
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5 p.m.; sale at 6:30 p.m., play immediately
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