

# The Board Talk

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## "Dinosaurs Vs. The Eggs" Shootout Bridges the Generation Gap in Philadelphia

Story by Louise Freer, Photos by Brenda Wallace

"J & C's Tavern" is not a household word to most people in the Philadelphia area. But to shuffleboarders in Delaware County and West Philly, it is where shuffleboard began. And it is still going strong. At one time, according to Anthony "Conch," there were approximately 40 strong shooters who made up their two league teams.

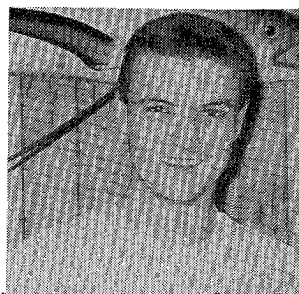
Currently, there are three generations of shuffleboard shooters who are from J & C's Tavern. There are the ones who have been shooting 15 years and longer, as well as those who have been playing slightly less than 15 years. These shooters have become known as the "dinosaurs." The third generation of shooters are the players who have several years of experience or less. They are known as "the eggs."

Well, the eggs, as eggs are wont to do, challenged the older and wiser (!) dinosaurs to a match to see who would rule the turf. "Dinosaurs will become extinct," predicted the eggs. In turn, the dinosaurs promised to crush the eggs.

So, on Saturday, December 17, 1994, J & C's Tavern was again the site of history in the making with the "Dinosaurs vs. The Eggs" match taking place that evening.



The Dinosaurs were under the leadership of Jim Yank Sr., (left) shown here collecting his first-place jacket at Harvey's Place in December with partner Jerry Herrmann.



And The Eggs were led by Jim Yank Jr.  
Would experience or the confidence of youth prevail?

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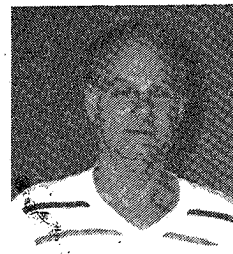
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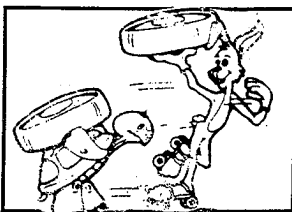
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# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views  
from The World  
of Shuffleboard

## "DETROIT JIM" AND "JIM THE COP" -- ONE AND SAME?

I have had my shuffleboard for a year now and I've been getting *The Board Talk* for a year. I'm glad Al Stewart turned me on to your publication.

Back in 1978, I learned how to play shuffleboard from a character called "California Carl." I used to go to lunch at a place called 10 D's Pub in Port Richey, Florida. It was located on U.S. Highway 19 across the street from a big mall they were building. I think it was called the Suncoast Plaza.

Carl taught me how to shoot and I eventually ended up putting together a pub of my own in Dunedin, Florida, approximately 25 miles south of Port Richey. I liked the game a lot so I found a vendor who had a board and did a 50/50 split with him (boy, those days are gone forever!). About a year after I opened my place, I got a visitor from the north -- California Carl. He said he had heard I was the top dog in this area and he had driven down in his VW bus to "shoot me down."

Walter and son Craig, owners of 10 D's Pub, had been down to my place a couple of times and Craig's younger brother was the Budweiser driver who delivered to my pub, so Carl had a pipeline of information. I think someone had been busting his chops -- you know, "the student can whip the teacher now" type of ribbing.

To say that Carl was full of himself was putting it mildly. Like I said, he was a character. That day I was a lot better than he was and I put a pretty good whippin' on the old man. We even went over to another pub where they had a pool table and played four of five games of pool. He had it in his mind to beat me at something and he knew he wasn't going to do it at shuffleboard. The only problem was, I was a much better pool player than I was a shuffler, so poor old California Carl just had a bad day all around.

About a week or two later, Carl called me up and

asked me if I was going to be around for awhile. I told him to come on down and bring his best game with him because I was shooting 3's at will.

Carl arrived with two strangers in tow, a tall, raw-boned man with an accent from the deep south, and a shorter man called "Detroit Jim." Jim was built stocky, reminded me of Jack Demsey and, boy, could he shoot shuffleboard! I had some really good games with him, but he beat me fair and square on "my" table. I sure knew there were guys like him out there, but he was the first one I'd ever run into who was that good. He really could do it all. It was like watching Mosconi shoot pool. The guy was a magician to me.

I keep seeing and reading about this guy, Jim "The Cop" Kumpula, in your publication and I think he kind of looks like that old magician. Is there any chance you can pass this on to him or find out if he's the same guy? I heard 10 D's Pub was sold and I guess the name was probably changed, too, but I can't believe they don't still shoot board there. It was a senior citizens hangout and shuffleboard was the only game in the house. I've looked in your "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." for a place in Port Richey, Florida, but none is ever there, nor any mention of one in your paper.

I sure would like to know if the "Detroit Jim" I was run over by is Jim "The Cop" Kumpula.

Richard Camper, PUBS, 2425 S. Grove Ave., Ontario, California (Phone: 909-947-6909)

*Richard, we'll check with Jimmy when we see him at the P.C.S.A. tournament in Vegas. It sounds to us like they could be one and the same. Jimmy, a retired "cop," lives in Detroit during Michigan's warm months and then moves to his home in South Daytona, Florida, to escape our cold winter weather. Check your "Play Your Way" listing again; Luci's Sports Pub on U.S. Hwy. 19 in Port Richey has been on since last August, signed up by none other than Jimmy The Cop! Between him and another "transplanted" player from Detroit, Cass Grubbs (perhaps he could have been Jim's companion that day), Florida has become our fastest-growing subscriber state. They've got a long way to go to beat California, but they're working on it! We've published your phone number so Jimmy can call you. We wouldn't be at all surprised -- whether or not he was the character who ran over you -- if he tries to convince you to come to the Florida Open (see enclosed flyer) next month.*

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## Board Talk Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tourney Set for June 12-18, Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland

Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, will be the site of the Board Talk's 11th Annual Shufflers Reunion and Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament on June 12-18. It will be a week of fun, fellowship, and competition on Harvey's six boards for pros, amateurs, and those in between!

The tentative schedule for the week's activities (entry fees large enough to make it worth the trip for pros and small enough to make the experience affordable for non-pros and amateurs) starts with the pro singles on Monday, \$127 entry, and a "second chance" (everyone plays at least three games) draw partners, \$12 entry, for non pros.

On Tuesday, everybody gathered for the Shufflers' Reunion can participate in a "second chance" pro-am draw partner event, \$12 entry.

Wednesday will be an action-packed day with the pro doubles, \$204 per team; the legends doubles (come on out of retirement, guys and gals!), \$12 per person; and a "second chance" draw partner event, \$12 entry, for those who don't qualify for the first two.



*The late Mickey Mickens (left) is shown here with Lonzo Knight (center), one of the directors of this year's tournament, and Sam Jones, another East Coast player.*



*Winners of the 4-person team event at the 1994 Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, held at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington, were Billy Chiles, John Fisher, and Jim Kennedy of California and Ruthie Miles of Oregon. Who will be the best this year?*

Something new on the agenda for Thursday will be a pro singles round robin, \$102 entry, with everybody entered playing everybody else, and total score determining the winner (open to anyone who dares!); a women's singles, \$22 entry; and all other singles, \$22 entry, that don't fit those categories.

Something old, as far as Board Talk Shufflers' Reunions are concerned, is on the schedule for Friday. It's George's dreaded, lots-of-fun 4-person team event, \$58 per team. No more than one pro, at least one woman, and no substitutes. If you haven't tried it -- do so -- you'll like it!

Saturday will be a day of bring partner events -- one for non-pros, another for amateurs (with no sale), and one open competition for pros.

The week will wrap up on Sunday with a draft team event, \$12 per person entry, introduced by Ron Huddleston in Oklahoma and successfully used in other parts of the country. It's a competitive fun event that involves everybody, no matter what their level of expertise!

Events are still tentative, and the entry fees include \$2 for prizes, with no registration or other fees.

As far as lodging is concerned, Harvey is currently negotiating with nearby motels for the best prices for travelling shufflers (watch for announcement next month). For you RV travelers -- no problem. Harvey will provide "rough" camping facilities, which includes dumping station and water (no water hook-ups) FREE of charge on Harvey's farm, right next to Harvey Jr.'s, less than a mile from Harvey's (the tournament will be played on six, maybe seven, boards in both locations).

If you're flying in, Harvey's Place is within 15 minutes of the Baltimore BWI Airport and less than an hour from the Philadelphia International Airport.

As with all previous Shufflers' Reunion tournaments, door prizes will be awarded, courtesy of national and local businesses.

For further information, contact Harvey's Place hosts Harvey or Darlyne, 410-836-8881.

Because this 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion is also a memorial to shuffleboard great Mickey Mickens, interest on the East Coast is running high. For shufflers in other parts of the nation, this is your opportunity to pay tribute to this legend, as well as the chance to meet, compete against, and enjoy the hospitality of those who "make it happen" for shuffleboard in this part of the country.

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# "The Time is Now"

Guest Editorial by John McDermott

The shuffleboard community has lost another champion with the passing of Earl Kelly. In 1989, I had the privilege of playing in my only tournament with him, in Springfield, Illinois. Although Earl was steady as usual, I played miserably and we got beat early.

With the exception of that particular tournament, I had been playing very well that year and know that Earl must have expected me to play much better than I did. As disappointed with my shooting performance as Earl had to be, he never showed it. Instead, he flashed his sly grin and shrugged his shoulders as if to say, "hey, it happens." He was a man who earned respect with both his shooting and the way he conducted himself. In the heat of competition, many of us have done or said things we immediately regretted. Earl never did. He was always a gentleman. He will be missed.

The recent losses in the shuffleboard community, as well as the death of my father, have made me particularly aware of that which we all know: Life is precious and our time on earth is relatively brief. Maybe we should all be more aware of that as the subject of a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame continues to receive attention.

Last year, at the urging of many of his peers, Bob Miles was recognized as the recipient of the first of the Hall of Fame awards. It is a shame that Earl Kelly and Mickey Mickens, to mention but a few, did not receive that type of recognition while they were alive.

Unless some lucky shuffleboard player wins the lottery and donates land and a building, there will not be a Hall of Fame in the traditional sense for a number of years. However, the shuffleboard community can and should honor those deserving individuals who have earned the right to be recognized as a member of the Hall of Fame. That show of appreciation and respect is much more important than any Hall of Fame building could ever be.

The fact is, there is an aging generation of great players in our sport who have paid their dues and deserve to be recognized. If we, the shuffleboard community, procrastinate on this issue and do not pull together to do this, we are dishonoring them as well as ourselves and our sport.

It should be mentioned that the Hall of Fame should also honor people who were not necessarily great players, but have made significant other contributions. The late Art Ware is an excellent example of someone who, as a tavern owner, gave much more than he received from this game. There should certainly be an opportunity for people like him to be recognized as well.

We have long believed that shuffleboard needs and should have a national players' association, in addition to

individual state associations. With regular elections for officers and committees to handle issues such as Hall of Fame nominations, rules, scheduling, etc., our sport can make a huge contribution to its own future.

Recent events have substantially improved the possibility of this happening. Congratulations to everyone in Florida who was involved in helping to start a state association. The Michigan Shuffleboard Association will promote shuffleboard in our state through league and tournament activity, including the continuance of the State of Michigan Championships, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

In Washington, where there are at least 20 tournaments a year, the issue of scheduling has prompted players and tavern owners to talk about forming an association to address that concern, as well as other issues, including a state championship. We wish them luck in this venture and look forward to reading about their progress in *The Board Talk*.

On behalf of my fellow players in Florida, Michigan, Indiana, Oklahoma and Washington, we challenge the other major shuffleboard states to join us and form your own associations.

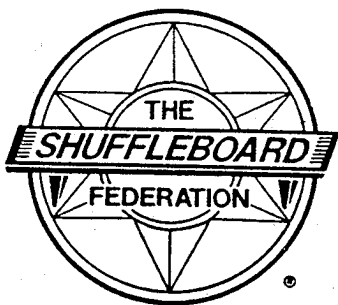
Regarding state championship tournaments, how about Thanksgiving weekend being "State Championship Weekend"? Indiana and Michigan are doing it already -- how about players in California, Texas and Washington that are already holding annual tournaments that weekend? Why not make that your state championship weekend as well? That just might provide the momentum needed to make this happen all over the country.

We hope these developments are just the beginning, and that the players will organize themselves before we lose any other members of the shuffleboard community. When I say the players need to organize themselves, it is because The Shuffleboard Federation is not going to be involved in running or financing this project. We have done our part. Elected officers need to be in charge and funding will have to come from membership dues.

We have always believed the game should be in the hands of the players. If our sport is going to continue to make progress, players must become more involved. Happily, that is starting to happen.

If a national association is to be a success, it needs to be as free from politics as possible. That means everyone, including The Shuffleboard Federation, must put aside their personal agenda. We call on *The Board Talk*, the P.C.S.A. and the shuffleboard manufacturers, to join us in doing so and in supporting these ideas.

*Editor's Note: "Amen!" Let's make it happen!*



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## **MIXED DOUBLES, OLD EDISON INN, MARCH 11-12**

The Old Edison Inn in Edison, Washington, will host its 10th Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament on March 11-12. Entry is \$50 per team for the double elimination event on the two Edison boards. Play will begin immediately following the 11 a.m. sponsor sale on Saturday, with winner's bracket 2-out-of-3, 15 point games, and single 17-point games in the loser's bracket.

New owners "Mini" Calomino and Sandy Stanley will sweeten the pot and invite past participants and newcomers alike to join in the fun. Some RV space is available and motels are plentiful in the nearby Burlington-Mt. Vernon area.

For further information, contact Phil at the Old Edison Inn, \*206-766-6266, or \*206-766-5301. (\*Area code scheduled to change to 360 sometime early in 1995.)

## **JIMMY L'S TO HOST ST. PAT'S TOURNEY, MARCH 17-19**

Jimmy L's, 9520 E. 11th, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will host its 6th Annual St. Pat's Day Tournament on March 17-19. Events, played on four boards, will include a \$50 draw partner (no two pros), starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, single game, double elimination. On Saturday, following the finals for the draw partners, a \$100 open bring partner event will be held, 2 of 3, double elimination.

For information regarding the tournament or lodging (four motels within a mile of Jimmy L's), call Jimmy L's, 918-834-7544, or tournament director Cliff Goff, 918-664-9573.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffle-board site.

## **2ND FLORIDA OPEN, MARCH 25-26, PEMBROKE PINES**

"Forget the cold and come puck with us in the Sunny South!" Note that invitation on the enclosed flyer for the 2nd Annual Florida Open Championships, set for March 25-26 at Huddle's Sports Cafe, 7100 Pines Blvd. in Pembroke Pines. Last year's 1st was a big success and this one is expected to be even bigger and better.

The bring partner event starts at noon on Saturday, \$50 per team entry, with the singles, \$50 entry, at noon on Sunday. Both events are single game, double elimination.

There will also be draw partner jackpots on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Last year's winners were Dudley Hutcherson and Marty Allen in the doubles with Dudley (formerly of Florida and now from California) also capturing the singles crown.

For lodging and registration information, contact Marty Allen at 407-471-4053, or host Charlie Fisher, 305-985-8382. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffle-board site to spread the word about this fun event.

## **APRIL FOOL'S DOUBLES AT CORNER TAVERN NO JOKE!**

The Corner Tavern, 1255 Allen West Rd., Bow, Washington, will host its annual April Fool's Day bring partner doubles tournament, \$50 per team entry fee. There will also be a \$20 draw partner tourney on Friday, March 31, \$20 per person entry.

The Corner has plenty of RV parking available. A FREE dinner buffet will be served to participants on Saturday, April 1, and a FREE breakfast buffet on Sunday, April 2.

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

## **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. There are motels within walking distance of the Shamrock.

Last year's winners were Frank Hepler (his last tournament "and he still is very much missed," said reporter Ralph Duarte) and Chuck Norris of Oregon.

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

## **WASHINGTON TO HOLD STATE TOURNEY PLUS OPEN DOUBLES, MAY 11-14**

The Whistling Oyster Tavern in Quilcene, Washington, will be the site of the state of Washington singles and doubles championships, plus an open doubles, on May 11-14.



The state singles (open only to Washington residents) will be held on Thursday, with the state doubles (open only to Washington residents) on Friday. Both events will be single game, double elimination.

The open doubles (open to all shufflers), scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, will be 2 out of 3, 15 point games in the winners' bracket, and single game, 17 points in the losers' bracket. The sales for all events will be held at 11 a.m. each day, with play immediately following.

The Whistling Oyster's famous seafood buffet will once again be on the agenda, this time with a "fiesta" flavor. Limited motel accommodations, but plenty of RV parking.

For information, call Bill Bailey, 360-765-9508, 765-3411, or 765-3436; or Jim Foran, 206-474-2724.

## 1ST EVERETT INVITATIONAL AT SHOTZE'S, JUNE 17-18

Advance planning and promotion will ensure that the 1st Annual Everett Invitational Tournament at Shotze's Rack 'N Roll, 9602 Evergreen Way, Everett, Washington, will be a big success. For several months now, local shufflers have been sporting bright yellow shirts at tournaments (you may have seen some in Reno) to spread the good word about the

event. That expected success will be a dream come true for tournament director John Martin, who has been trying for 20 years to get appropriate facilities and sponsor for an Everett tournament.

Shotze's certainly will be an "appropriate" facility with its three new Dynamo shuffleboards, outside beer garden, beaches, volleyball court with night lights, plus homemade pizzas and a terrific menu. Just two blocks from Shotze's is a Motel 6 that is offering discounted rates to tournament participants and RV parking with a key to the motel pool. Two nearby restaurants, both with lounges, will provide telephone paging during the tournament to notify players they are up (now, there's a nice added benefit!).

The tournament is a bring your own partner event, \$50 per team, sponsor sale starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17. 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.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site and mark your calendars now for this first. In the meantime, for further information, contact tournament directors John Martin, 206-659-6590; Larry Pearson, 206-488-6664; or Bob Jacobsen, 206-744-0473.

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# 1995 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Jan. 31-Feb. 5**

PCSA Extravaganza VII  
Alladin Hotel/Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### **Feb. 18-19**

Sweetheart Tournament  
Blue Goose  
Port Orchard, Washington

### **Feb. 18**

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

### **Feb. 18-20**

Presidents' Day Tourney  
Blinky's Sports Cafe  
Santa Clara, California

### **Feb. 25**

Annual Winter Doubles  
American Legion Post 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

## **MARCH**

### **March 3-5**

3-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **March 11-12**

10th Annual Mixed Doubles  
Old Edison Inn  
Edison, Washington

### **March 18-19**

Shuffleboard Affair Doubles  
Town Tavern  
Sequim, Washington

### **March 17-19**

6th Annual St. Pat's Tourney  
Jimmy L's  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **March 18-20**

1st Annual St. Pat's Tourney  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

### **March 25**

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

### **March 25-26**

2nd Annual Florida Open  
Huddle's Sports Cafe  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

## **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 14-16**

Spring Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

### **April 22-24**

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

### **April 29**

Open Singles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

## **MAY**

### **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  
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### **May 19-21**

Spring Tournament  
Glenn's Tavern  
Funkstown, Maryland

### **May 26-29**

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

### **May 27-29**

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

## **JUNE**

### **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

## **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  
Royal Oak, Michigan

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# ***1995 Calendar of Shuffleboard Events***

## **AUGUST**

### **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. 11-12**

Summertime Tournament  
Bay Country Moose 831  
Queenstown, Maryland

### **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. 22-24**

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

## **OCTOBER**

### **Oct. 21-22**

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

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Oct. 30-Nov. 5**

North American Champion-  
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## **NOVEMBER**

### **Nov. 24-26**

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Championships  
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## ***PRESIDENTS' DAY TOURNAMENT AT BLINKY'S, SANTA CLARA, FEB. 18-19***

Blinky's Sports Cafe, 3145 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California, will host its 5th Annual Presidents' Day Tournament on Feb. 18-19. Action will start with the sponsor sale at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. The doubles, \$100 per team entry, is on the agenda for Saturday, with the singles, \$50 entry, on Sunday. Both events are 2 out of 3, double elimination, and will be played on four A.Z. Turnbo boards.

For information, call tournament director Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822; Dick or Barbara Aregger at Blinky's, 408-241-3933; or A.Z., 408-683-4513.

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

## ***"LUCK OF THE IRISH" TOURNEY AT WETLANDS, ROYAL OAK, MARCH 17-19***

Wetlands Bar & Grill, 1008 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan, will host its first annual "Luck of the Irish" St. Patricks tournament on March 17-19. Events include an A-B Draw, \$25 entry on Friday night; an open doubles, \$25 per player entry, and using the "constant action" format, an open singles, both starting on Saturday afternoon, with sponsor sale at 3 p.m. All events are single game, double elimination, with 15 point games for the open singles and doubles and 11 point games for the A-B Draw.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site. For further information, or to reserve your spot, call Mike Papa at 810-543-2626, or The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300.

## ***"BEST OF PHILLY" 1995 TOURNAMENT SERIES SET BY PRO LEAGUE***

According to shuffleboard promoter Louise Freer, the goal of the 1995 "Best of Philly" Tournament Series is to increase interest in shuffleboard in general, and to work toward making Philadelphia a recognized center of the sport in the tri-state area.

"The series has been planned to be local, competitive, and as fair as possible," said Louise. "It will be held on an every-other-month basis starting in February. The schedule is designed not to interfere with the scheduling of other tournaments in the tri-state area and New York."

The first five tournaments are bring partner events, with the sixth being a singles event between the winners of the first five events. Each host establish-

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### FULL-TIME SHUFFLING IN AUSTIN, TEXAS!

Shuffleboard is doing great in Austin now. A shuffler can play in a tournament seven days a week.

Needless to say, the place to be on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday is Don McCurry's Texas Mist. Tuesday is Stick's Billiards and Thursday is the Horseshoe, where the veterans play.

Two clubs have started tournaments (the 81 Club and The Saloon) on Sundays and Mondays and have had excellent turnouts with mostly newcomers. These open draw tournaments have been great in that new players are not intimidated by some veterans. I will try to turn both clubs and players onto *The Board Talk*.

Lyndon Baize, Austin, Texas

*Don McCurry is one of our most faithful supporters (year-around in The Shuffleboard Directory and flyers for the Texas Open) and Nonie of Stick's advertises her events. We appreciate them! This would be a good issue to promote to the two clubs. If they become subscribers, they will be listed on the enclosed quarterly "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A.," which has proven its worth time and time again. We're delighted to know that Austin is setting the pace for the rest of The World of Shuffleboard. Thanks for letting us know, Lyndon.*

### MANNY LANE REMEMBERS A POWER TEAM....

The (Colorado Rocky Mountain) Renegades sound like quite a formidable team. Would love to have met them 20 years ago when I had the Reel Inn team together. For the young shufflers who can't remember, it was as follows: the late and great Dick Keener, Bill Canterbury, Bjerne Sunde, Ziggy Kosnoschefski, Ted Johnson, and myself, Manny Lane, with such notable alternates as Gene McCloud, Frank Hoff and Col. Cass Gurbbs. I don't recall shying away from any team around at that time.

I enjoy *The Board Talk* very much, and am glad to see a few of the old timers around and making the winner's circle every month.

Manny Lane, Pocahontas, Arkansas

*We know most of the team members you mention, Manny, and agree they would have been a good match*

*for the Renegades. We know your letter will revive some fond memories of years gone by for the Reel Inn team members and their fans. Dick Keener was one of our favorite shufflers and his passing was a loss for The World of Shuffleboard. Thanks for writing! You've been our lone Arkansas subscriber for many years now and we were delighted to hear from you.*

### A MORE EXPENSIVE BOARD TALK -- OR NONE AT ALL

(Regarding the January "As the Puck Turns" column) John McDermott's idea about paying extra for first-class postage is a good one, as is yours for raising the Canadian rate to offset postage costs. Unfortunately for our Canadian neighbors, it does cost more to mail internationally, and it is my understanding that most publications do routinely charge more in Canada than in the U.S. The underlying idea is to allow the publisher to make a small

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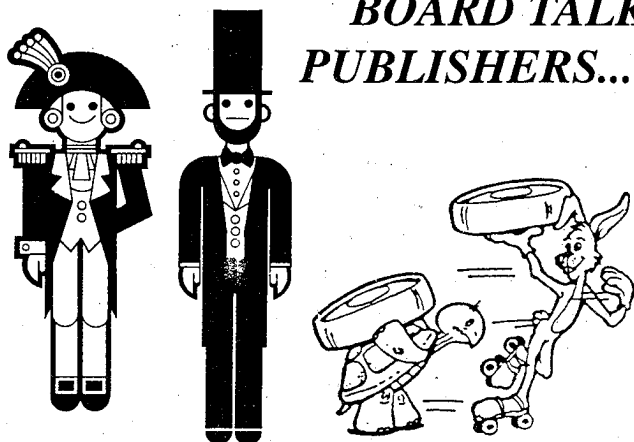
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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD TALK PUBLISHERS....



No, it's not George and Abe -- it's George and Donna -- and while we certainly don't put ourselves in the category of the U.S. Presidents we honor this month, we do feel a kinship with their pioneer spirit.

As we did some research on the history of shuffleboard, we found that even though we feel like it sometimes, we are not the first shuffleboard publication. Our many fragmented national, area, and state associations are not the first to address the challenges we face today. Our advertisers are not the first suppliers/servicers that made a major financial commitment to serve The World of Shuffleboard. The many shuffleboard establishments on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing are not the first places to make shuffleboard a priority in their businesses.

No, we were not the first; let us not be the last! Let us learn from the history of our sport. It will take the commitment of each and every one of us to make sure that shuffleboard does not "die" like it did in past decades.

Frankly, we've never been so optimistic about the future of shuffleboard as we are right now. There's a very healthy attitude out there, reflected in the pages of this publication, with people across the country using their commitment, their problem-solving techniques, their creativity, and their willingness to set "personal agendas" aside (see John McDermott's editorial) to make the sport grow. As Louise Freer so eloquently phrased it: *"It is the seemingly small effort of individuals that can build the base upon which shuffleboard will continue to thrive."*

We are at a "crossroads" and the prognosis is good. We are writing a chapter in the history of shuffleboard. What will it say about each of us?

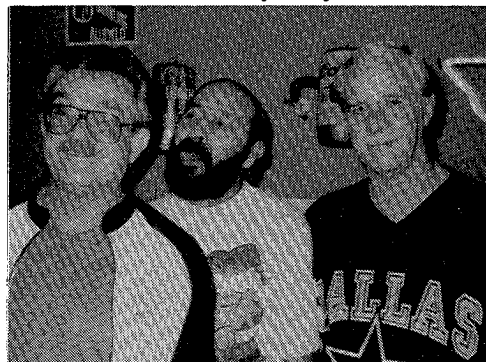
*George & Donna Wilber*

## ANOTHER GOOD ONE AT TEXAS MIST

The Texas Mist in Austin hosted a three-day tournament on Dec. 16-18 and while entries were down from previous events, it proved to be what host Don McCurry described as one of the most exciting and enjoyable this popular shuffleboard site has had to date.

The open draw was won by Bob Hauchin and Robert Hurst Jr., with Ron and Debbie Bowers taking second place honors. Tony Fiumara and Robert Hurst Sr. came in third.

The singles contest was the big event and two Austinites made it to the finals, where Alfred Suarez moved out Ron Bowers to win. Johnny Wayne Crawford finished third.



*Alfred Suarez (center) was winner of the singles, with Ron Bowers (left) in second and Johnny Wayne Crawford (right) in third.*

The finale, an A-B Draw, was won by Tom French and Steve Luttrull, who had to overcome a great duo, Johnny Wayne and Johnny Ballard.

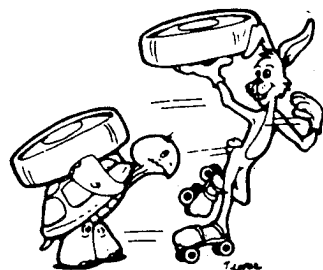
"A big thanks to all the participants, fans, and directors Ron and Debbie Bowers. Hope to see you all at our next tournament," said Don.

## ABOUT THOSE FRATERNITIES

In answer to your question about fraternal clubs and organizations promoting open shuffleboard tournaments, in Indiana, these organizations charge their members membership fees. They are non-profit and get their state license for \$350; my state license costs me \$1345 a year. These organization's doors are supposed to be locked and members have keys!

When I started in the tavern business in 1961, I scrounged up \$2500 and borrowed \$4000 (believe it or not at 29% interest -- take it or leave it). The American Legion in Fairmount also in 1961 opened a new home a block from the Palace Bar. They sold almost 100 guest cards to non-members for \$8 a year. Of course, all these non-military guest card members drank alcoholic beverages. They had whiskey, beer and wine; and I am working my butt off and had only beer and wine. It took me 10 years and enemies before I got my whiskey and could at least be equal and

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## As the Puck Turns...

By George & Donna Wilber

As we reported in last month's issue, Florida shufflers are enthusiastic about the concept of holding state tournaments, culminating in a national event with the state winners competing against each other. And, as promised, here is the charter they have developed:

### STATE CHARTER

#### FLORIDA TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD ASSN.

It is our intent and purpose to promote and communicate and govern the game of table shuffleboard within the state of Florida.

**To promote** a yearly state shuffleboard tournament to determine state champions in the following events: men's singles, women's singles, open partners, and mixed couples. Limited to state of Florida residents only.

**To communicate** with all known shuffleboard establishments within the state of Florida as to the tournament sites, dates, and time of each event, entry fees and lodging information.

**To govern** in accord with the national updated rules and regulations at all state tournaments and to serve as an advisory unit to all shuffleboard establishments within the state of Florida. The F.S.A. will initially appoint 10 committee members to represent and serve their districts and areas within the state.

Those 10 committee members have been appointed, along with a five-member subcommittee. We hope they will keep us updated on their progress.

**Please note that the enclosed flyer for the 2nd Annual Florida Open is, indeed, OPEN to players from all states. It is not a STATE tournament, such as was held recently in Michigan, Indiana, and Oklahoma, which were restricted to residents within those states.**

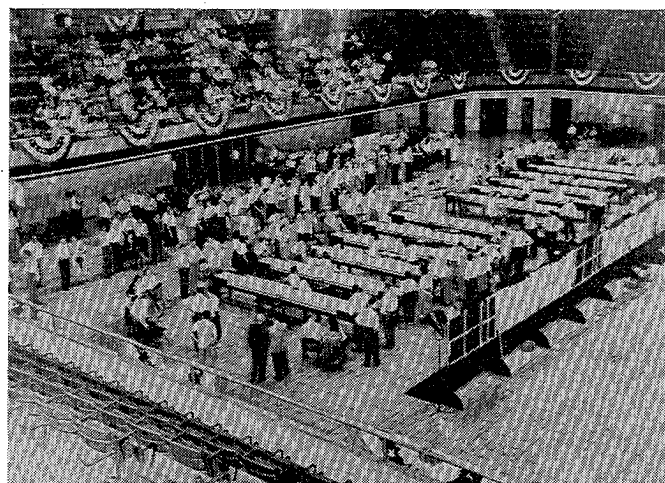
The biggest challenge that lies ahead is the lack of a national organization that can pull the various

states and associations that now exist together in one unit in order to develop those "national updated rules and regulations" that the Florida charter calls for. Please share your ideas with readers of this publication.

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Back in 1950, shuffleboard came close to that ideal. Under the auspices of the American Shuffleboard Leagues, Inc. (financially supported by the American Shuffleboard Company), 14 states -- Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin -- held state tournaments with winners progressing to a national tournament.

The big event was held at the National Guard Armory in Peoria, Illinois, with 500 players on 45 teams participating on the 18 American 22-foot boards and four 12-foot cushion-rebound boards. The Jefferson Hotel in Peoria was the headquarters for players, sports writers, and dignitaries (including a National Shuffleboard Queen). According to the ASLI's official publication, *Shuffleboard World*, thousands of spectators paid 25-cents to watch the proceedings.



*In May of 1950, 45 teams from 14 states competed in the U.S. Championship Tournament in Peoria, Illinois. Winners were: Rupsis Tavern, Schenectady, N.Y., men's longboard; Wayside Inn, La Crosse, Wis., women's longboard; I'm Inn, Overland, Mo., men's cushion board; and Chuck's Tiny Lodge, Midlothian, Ill., women's cushion board.*

The Rupsis team took the biggest share of the pot, \$2,500 -- not a lot by today's standards, but you have to remember this was 45 years ago!

What we found most interesting as we reviewed these memories from the past was (1) three of those

14 states that participated in the U.S. Championship Tournament -- Idaho, Utah and Wisconsin -- are not to be found on our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." list (enclosed). Is shuffleboard "dead" now in those states? Or do we simply not know what and where the action is? Any information that will cast a light on that mystery will be appreciated.

(2) What did shuffleboard have back then that we don't have today that attracted spectators? During the state tournaments, it was reported that 500 spectators watched the 15-team Ohio event at the Greenwood Night Club in Toledo; "thousands" watched 35 teams competing in the Michigan tournament at the St. Clair Eagles Club; the VFW club in Fort Wayne was "filled to the rafters" to watch the Indiana tournament; at the Ing Ballroom in Peoria, 2,500 spectators were reported to be in the gallery during the Illinois tournament.

Today, we get good-sized galleries at the PCSA's Extravaganza in Las Vegas and The Shuffleboard Federation's North American Championships in Reno, but a majority of those are participating players. And in state tournaments, even during a closely-fought finals battle such as the one between two Michigan "giants" in the men's singles, the only "gallery" in the wee hours of the morning are loyal and supportive significant others, the tired host, and *Board Talk* editors. Could an Illinois state tournament attract 2,500 spectators today? What's the difference between 1950 and 1995? The competition of television? The fact that we don't charge an admittance fee? Let us know what you think.

This whole issue of state (note that Washington has joined the growing ranks) and national tournaments could make for some interesting dialogue! We'll be bringing this edition of *The Board Talk* to Vegas with us, along with a tape recorder. If you've got some insights to share, we'll be ready....

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Thanks to Nancy Johannsen for letting us know that Vera Brown (she and Gene have been life-long supporters of shuffleboard) has recently undergone surgery. Let her know you wish her a speedy recovery! Send cards and messages to Vera Brown, 6730 SE Mayvolt Rd., Port Orchard, WA 98366. Also, that vivacious Von Stewart, "child bride" of Al Stewart, is not feeling so vivacious these days. Cheer her up with a card: Von Stewart, 11415 Cherrylee Dr., El Monte, CA 91732.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our New Year opened on a sad note, when a phone call from Dee Ross notified us of the death of yet another shuffleboard great -- Earl Kelly of Dallas, Texas.

We first met Earl in January of 1984 at the U.S.S.A. world championship tournament in Las Vegas, our first big event as publishers of the newly-born *Board Talk*. He was one of the "helpers" to his long-time friend and shuffleboard partner Billy Mays, organizer (along with Bill Melton of Oklahoma and Doug Buhl of Oregon) of the event. He was a hard-working, shy, quiet, unassuming man (until he let one of those pucks barrel down the boards). At all the events where we had the pleasure of seeing Earl throughout the next decade, he was always a gentleman, a great ambassador for the sport he loved.

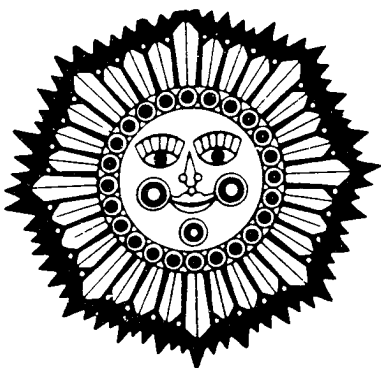
Our respect for him as a player, as well as an individual, was evidenced by the listing of his name in *The Board Talk's* Top Players in the USA for as long as it was published.

In April of 1994, an Earl Kelly Benefit was staged at the Gold Nugget Club in Arlington, Texas, hosted by Bill Brodie and directed by Bobby and David Williams. Earl had been diagnosed with a heart condition, along with other health problems, and had no insurance to cover his very expensive daily therapy sessions. That benefit netted over \$1500 and The World of Shuffleboard had high hopes that he would recover. He continued to play shuffleboard and won a few events despite his illness. We looked forward to maybe seeing him at the PCSA tournament in Vegas. But the Good Lord evidently had other plans for him (like maybe Mickey Mickens needed a partner?), and we join the many friends of Earl Kelly in mourning his passing.

If you would like to send your condolences to Earl's children (who also recently lost their mother), mail to: Billie James Kelly, 361 Michael Lane, Sunnyvale, TX 75182.

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## "BEST OF PHILLY" SERIES

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ment is contributing a total of \$150 toward prize money (\$100 for the bring partner event they host and \$50 toward the singles event. Each host establishment will be required to be listed in the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A."

The "Best of Philly" series: (1) is limited to Pennsylvania shuffleboard shooters only; (2) the deadline sign-up and payment for each event is one week prior to the tournament; (3) players finishing in the top half of an event may not partner with the same partner again for the duration of the tournament series; and (5) the top five players from Delaware County, Southwest Philadelphia, and Northeast Philadelphia may not partner with other top five players from their area more than twice.

The tentative tournament schedule (dates are tentative and will be rescheduled to avoid conflict with tournaments held on the East Coast and/or league events such as the all-stars, banquet, etc.) is:

- Bring Partner Event #1, Feb. 18
- Bring Partner Event #2, April 1
- Bring Partner Event #3, June 10
- Bring Partner Event #4, August 5
- Bring Partner Event #5, Oct. 21
- Singles Event, Dec. 9

Watch the Calendar of Events for locations.

"We hope this will be a great way for Philadelphia players to join in, have a great time, and test their skill, too," Louise said. "Trophies will be awarded in addition to the cash prizes. There will also be door prizes and 50-50's sold at each event."

For information, call tournament directors Louise Freer at 215-661-0108; Regina Smith, 610-583-0841; or Jim Wolf, 610-644-1191.

## DINOSAURS VS. THE EGGS

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Being older and wiser (!), most of the dinosaurs showed up very early to be well-practiced for the match. Most of the eggs, however, had just an abundance of confidence on their side.

The general mood in the place was a mix of somber contemplation and MardiGras party-time emotions. The drinks were flowing freely and a steady stream of delicious platters of food contributed to the festive atmosphere. There was even a large presentation board posted in the bar with a poem about the match. The words were set to the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" classic.

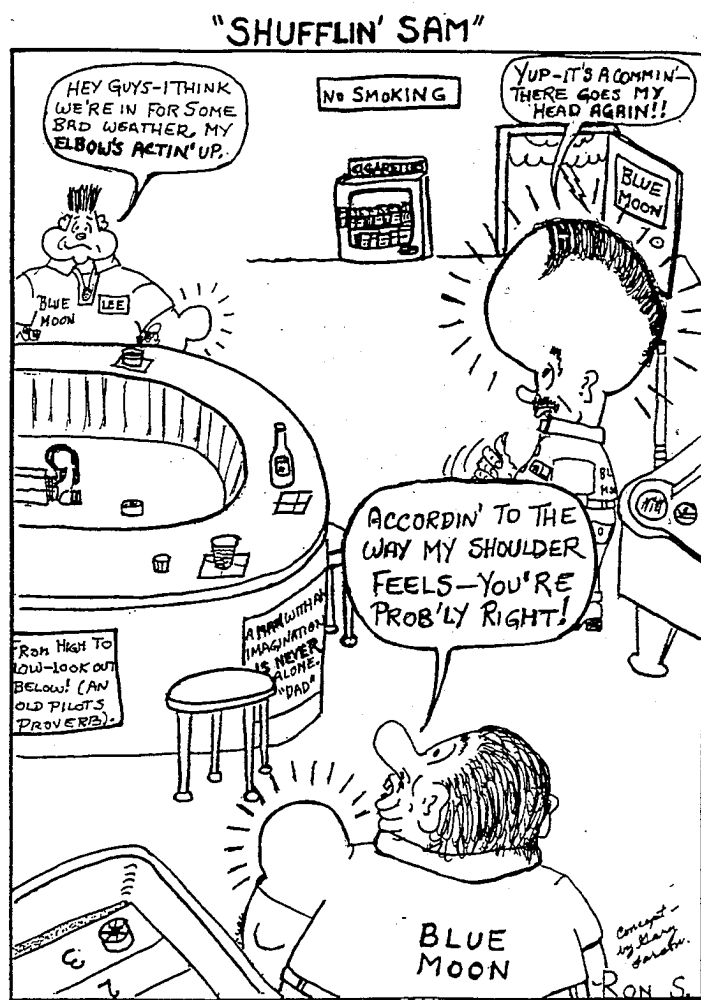
The match was an exciting one, but in the end, it was the dinosaurs who ruled, winning the match 5-2. There were a lot of close games and both teams shot very well.

Playing for dinosaur leader Jim Yank Sr. were: Jimmy Casher, Nicky Coupe, Anthony Conch, Jimmy Dadona, John Hummel, Mike Kennedy, Mary Anne Kennedy, Keith Lazos, Dennis McGarvey, Ron Ness, and Rita Yank.

Playing on Jim Yank Jr.'s eggs were Johnny Casher, Kevin Cody, Izzy, Linda, Mike Ciarrocchi, Dave Milano, Eddie Milano, Joe Orphanelli and Mike Vanafra.

Both teams deserve recognition -- the dinosaurs for their win, and the eggs for their guts.

"We'll get 'em next time!" vowed the eggs.



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# Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

*A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert*

*(In last month's episode, Eddie and Lil had boarded the plane for the first leg of their journey, with Texas as their destination. Lil had briefed Eddie on some "hustler" strategies they would be using.)*

Eddie was beginning to wonder what was coming up next, after Lil had told him she was going to share some "hustling" secrets. They had finished their breakfast trays and were cruising along smoothly at 35,000 feet, headed for the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport.

Lil began: "Now, Eddie, I want you to know that we will be running into several people who have the same notion as we do about winning at the game of shuffleboard. If we need to -- that is, HAVE TO, we can and WILL add some things that will put the odds in our favor."

She was checking his reaction as she continued: "There's one thing that works well if you're having trouble with the lag, Eddie. It's common table salt. When a small amount is secretly sprinkled on a pre-selected spot (like a few boards in -- and in the three-zone), the weight will stop very nicely, right on the spot! Of course, you have to be lagging pretty close to a three anyway, or it will be too obvious. I've done it before, Eddie, and it's been done to me, also."

She went on: "Now the 'double-bet,' or 'push-bet' goes this way. Say we pick a spot where I'm well known; O.K.? I select the 'mark,' someone you can beat. Someone who thinks I'm the greatest and won't think of playing me. You enter the place later, and we set up a game with the guy. I start making some side bets with you -- that he can beat you. Then you get the actual money bet from him! When he sees he's getting beat and tries to start quitting, I jump in and let him know about all the money I've invested in him, and convince him he can beat you. Trust me; the fish will leave the joint flat-broke."

She visually took his temperature then as she proceeded: "A little more drastic measure (if there's a chance you might lose) would be to use a simple chemical compound called 'tar-tar.' It's a salt-like compound which can secretly be put into an opponent's drink or food. A large dose could be deadly, but a very small amount won't kill him. But it'll sure make his stomach upset enough to where he can't shoot worth a damn! A lot of things you should already know about -- like calling 'heads' on the coin-toss. 'Palming' the weights is another old trick. I'll show you ways to 'psych' someone out, too, Eddie. The conversation during the game is important, as well as your mannerisms. Concentration is the biggie -- and I'll work with you on that, too."

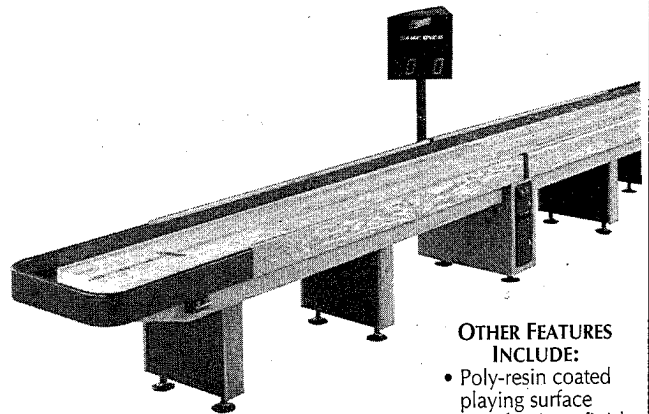
She looked him directly in the eyes then and said: "Well, what do you think so far, Champ? And this is just the tip of the iceberg."

Eddie's thought process worked quickly and without breaking eye contact, he made his reply.....

*Will Eddie succumb to the charms of Long Beach Lil? Or will his inborne integrity take him in another direction? Balboa Ron assures us that the "hustling" tricks described here are not from his own experience, but those surfaced during his research. He thinks The World of Shuffleboard should be aware of what COULD be!*

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## **No Board Talk at All** (cont. from Page 12)

profit so they can remain in business and that's why these ideas are so good. Given a choice between a slightly more expensive *Board Talk* or no *Board Talk* at all, I would certainly hope most people realize that the price is well worth it!

The free gift subscriptions promotion are a great idea, and I'm glad they are so successful. As a further suggestion, tournament players should encourage the establishments hosting tournaments to subscribe to *The Board Talk* (if they don't already). This may not be an issue in most parts of the country, but I know of many bars in the Philadelphia area that are not listed. The players, especially tournament players, who patronize those establishments should encourage the bar owners to subscribe. The personal relationship between the bar patron and host makes it a much easier "sell" than a stranger trying to accomplish the same thing. It is the seemingly small efforts of individuals that can build the base upon which shuffleboard will continue to thrive.

Louise Freer, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

*Thanks for your economics lesson, Louise. Coming from you, rather than us, gives that lesson some credibility. For some reason, "profit" is a four-letter word to so many people, but the lack of it can literally destroy the sport, as history shows. Anyone who knows us knows that "getting rich" (fat chance!) off the sport is not our motivation. Rather, it's just the opportunity to make a living (especially now that we've "retired" from the jobs that subsidized this venture for a lot of years) serving the sport and the people involved in it. Everybody knows that first-class mail increased Jan. 1, 1995; not many know that the cost of mailing this newsletter also increased, meaning another dent in our profit margin. John McDermott (Michigan), you (Pennsylvania), and Bill Bailey (Washington) have indicated that you would be willing to pay more to have your Board Talk delivered first-class. That's a pretty good cross-section of the country, and we'll be looking at that issue more closely in the near future.*

## **NOTES FROM DIXIE DEBBIE**

It seems like just yesterday our in-house league started and it's over already. This was my first time on a league team and I was lucky enough to have Tim O'Brien for a captain. I am very new to shuffleboard so I need a lot of advice and encouragement. Tim was always up-beat, positive and gave his advice with a kind heart and kind words, even when the weight didn't exactly hit the mark. The winners were big Dave Brennan's team of Sandy Flood, Jim Wheeler, Cadillac Joe, Gary Jones and Ben

(Viking Alert) Larson. Beat out by a nose was Tim O'Brien's team with Billy Duncan, Wes Eades, Jack Brown, Flo Castro and yours truly.

We did not let the season just quietly sneak away -- not we at the Dixie Belle. We had a B division playoff with Viking Alert the big winner. Then, there was the C division playoffs. This was the highlight of the season -- the auction, the side action, the hard-fought battle to get to the final round, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The spectators (hecklers) had a great time as did all our fabulous C division players. The winner, Jack J. Brown, is having a little trouble with the grin on his face. He can't seem to stop smiling. Our Jack is generally a very stoic man and we who know him find his incessant grin very amusing. Jack beat out arch rival Peanut Johnna in late night action, with Jack's wife, Chris Brown coming in third. This league was so much fun, I hated to see it end and am only consoled by the knowledge that a new spring/summer league will be starting up in March. If you are anywhere in the area, please come and join the fun as we start up the new season. We'll have a great time and if you're a stronger, you won't be for long.

Some of our players traveled to Amato's in Huntington Beach for an ABC Draw there. Lots of fun and our Chris Brown was on the third place team with Leroy Waggoner and (Chicken) Bob Luken. I understand they make a mean pot of soup down there among other things. I had tacos Saturday afternoon and they were great. I wish I could have stayed longer but Eileen insists I show up to my "real" job so I missed the hot action that came towards the end of the tournament (*Editor's Note: See results on Page 15*). I did get to socialize a bit and it's always good to see friendly faces -- Rich Warren, John Fisher, Gloria Duron, Vern Booth, Billy Chiles, and many more. I just missed Joe Muniz who was rushing to get everything ship-shape for the start of the Las Vegas tournament. Thanks to Amato's for a great time!

I hope to see many of you at our 4th of July tournament. It's going to be a fine week of competition and fun, and Wes and Eileen Eades and all of us shufflers look forward to seeing you there. But first there's Vegas and I'm so excited, I can hardly wait. I hope to see many new friends while I'm there -- the Fridleys, Arlo and Jane from New York, Shufflin' Sam's Balboa Ron and *The Board Talk's* George and Donna. Plus I know of numerous luminaries I have heard stories about and it will be great to see some of them in action.

February is Lover's Month and we at the Dixie Belle love shuffleboard. *The Board Talk* keeps us well-informed about happenings all across our great country, so I've decided to give subscriptions to a few special people for Valentine's Day. It's thrifty and lasts all year!

Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

## **BOURBON'S ANNUAL WINTER DOUBLES, FEBRUARY 25**

That big shuffleboard site in the tiny town of Bourbon, Indiana, the American Legion Post 424, will once again host its popular annual Winter Doubles on February 25.

This year's event is \$50 per team and will be played on the club's five in-house boards.

Winners of the last Winter Doubles were Dave Boaz and Bobby Voorhis of Indiana, with Bjerne Sunde and Frank Blade of Michigan taking second. Rick Royal and Deb Voorhis of Indiana finished third.

For further information, contact tournament director Fritz Broka, 219-858-2689.

Suggested lodging: Plymouth Motel 6, 219-935-5911; Super 8 Motel Plymouth, 1-800-800-8000; Motel 6 Warsaw, 219-267-3900; or Dollar Inn Warsaw, 219-267-3344.

## **A THREE-EVENT "FIRST" IN TOLEDO AT AVON'S LOCAL 14**

Avon's Local 14, 5411 Jackman Rd., Toledo, Ohio, will host its first tournament on April 7-9. Action will start on Friday night with an A-B Draw, \$20 per person entry, followed by a singles on Saturday, \$50 entry. An open doubles, \$50 per team, is on the schedule for Sunday.

For further information, call Avon's at 419-472-6978, and ask for Martha. She'll give you tournament details as well as lodging recommendations.

Welcome this new shuffleboard tournament site by participating in this "first."

## **AMATO'S HOSTS TWO EVENTS**

Frank Bentley and Anna Brunskill teamed up to take the Tournament of Champions title at Amato's, 18862 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, California. Jim Martin and Dot Bastanchury took second place honors, with John Fisher and Bob Brunskill in third.

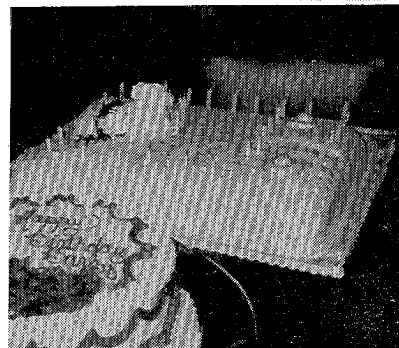
In an A-B-C draw event in January, the winning team was John Fisher, Vern Booth and Marie Coulter. Taking second place were John Coulter, Lloyd Schasher, and San Bernardino Don in his first tournament. Third place went to Leroy Waggoner, Bob Lukens and Chris Brown.

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*To ensure that your news, views, calendar of events, and advertising messages are published in the upcoming issue, information must be received by the 15th of each month.*

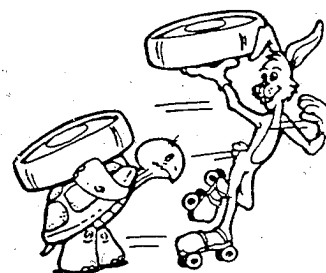
## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BARB!**

Barb Brammer of Maryland was surprised by fellow shufflers at a recent tournament at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland.



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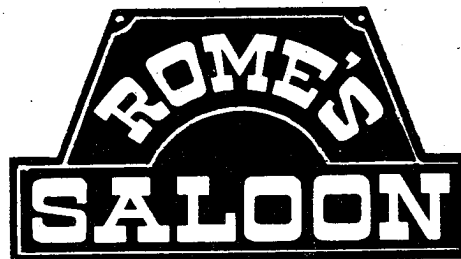
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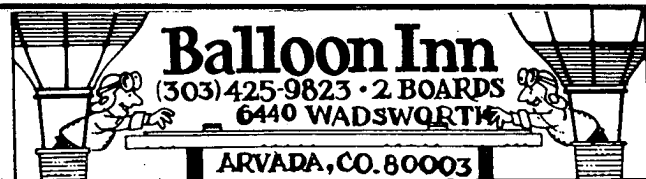
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serve a whiskey highball!

Believe me, the adjutant of the Legion was also Town Board President. He had the whiskey where he wanted it and did his damndest to keep it there.

These are my views on this subject in Indiana.

Charles R. (Bus) Voorhis, The Palace Bar  
408 W. 2nd, Fairmount, Indiana

In last month's "As The Puck Turns," we made this statement: "A phone call from a local fraternal organization regarding the sale of their shuffleboard prompted us to start a dialogue about this issue. Why is it that the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, and the Bay Country Moose in Queenstown, Maryland, can be two of the favorite tournament sites in the U.S.A., while other clubs can't even handle local league play because members resent non-members enjoying their facilities? What are the differences? Is it state laws? Or simple the pressure from members? Let's hear from you about this issue and how you handle it."

Bus was the only one who responded to this invitation for a dialogue and he didn't hesitate to tell it like he sees it! So, this "dialogue" has only begun. Let's hear from some of you club/fraternity members and leaders who have to deal with this issue. For example, here in Michigan, where George is a member of the Moose and the Eagles (he hasn't even tried the VFW or American Legion because he did not serve in the armed forces), he has no problem gaining entrance into any of those clubs throughout the state and the nation. It's nice to have that access when you're travelling, and we've met some nice people that way. The laws in Michigan are very strict, and many of our clubs have been cited for non-member violations. Evidently, the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, doesn't have that problem.

What we're trying to find out is why? We've never considered ourselves a "lobbying" organization, but maybe somebody needs to speak up for shuffleboard.

Let's hear from you on this issue.

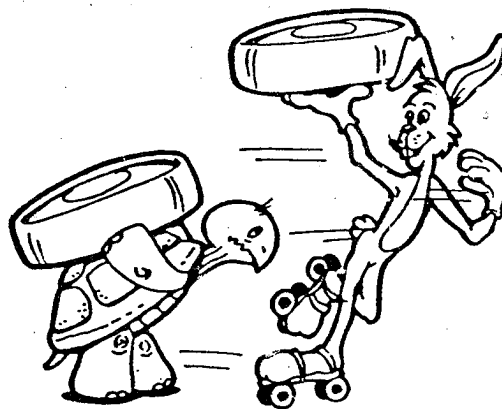
### DEADLINES ARE BUMMERS!

Yeh! They are bummer. They don't always fall within your events dates and your news ends up being late news. We agree, but deadlines are necessary if we are to arrive in the mail boxes of our subscribers in a timely manner. There's nothing we can do but live with them! And the deadline is the 15th of each month. Any articles received after that date (and don't forget the Post Office holidays -- which seem to be many!) will be used in the next issue.

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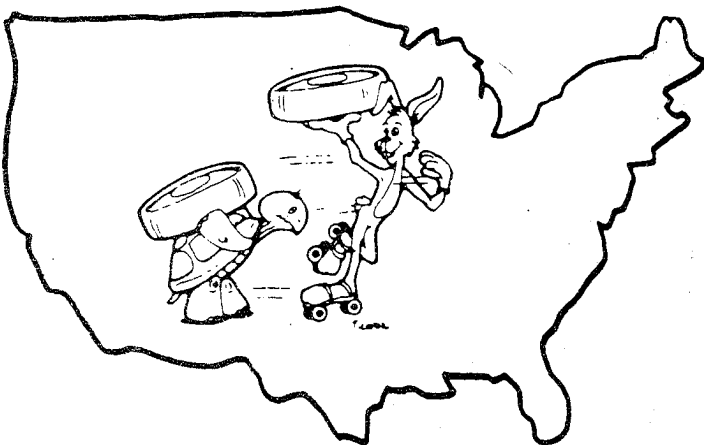
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