

The Board Talk

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"Snowbirds" Fly Away with Top Honors at Florida Open

By Marty Allen

Officially it's called the Florida Open but, for 1995 at least, the "Snowbirds" from Maryland, Michigan and New York dominated this 2nd Annual Tournament. And, for good reason! Consider this strong shuffleboard field:

From Michigan -- Bjerne Sunde, John Tischler, John Myles, Neil Fetter, Mike Tobin, Jeff and Penny Cottrell, and Bob Auten.

From Maryland -- Len Dell, Lonzo Knight, Johnny Gardner, George Chamberlain, and Harvey Comer (Harvey's Place, Street).

From New York -- Dick Smedberg (a great favorite in Florida).

The Florida players were thrilled to meet and compete against some of the best players in The World of Shuffleboard. In fairness, Florida had nine late cancellations, for various reasons, including defending champ Dudley Hutcherson and powerhouse Pete O'Neill. Florida hereby promises to be more competitive in 1996 (fair warning!). Now, take a look at our "Snowbird" winners:

Doubles, Saturday, March 25:

1st -- Len Dell, Maryland, and John Myles, Michigan

2nd -- Dick Smedberg, New York, and Jimmy Kumpula, Michigan/Florida

3rd -- Lonzo Knight, Maryland, and Harvey Comer, Maryland

4th -- Bjerne Sunde, Michigan, and John Tischler, Michigan

Singles, Sunday, March 26:

1st -- Len Dell, Maryland -- *Confirms his reputation with the double win.*

2nd -- Johnny Gardner, Maryland -- *Came on strong Sunday.*

3rd -- Lonzo Knight, Maryland -- *Smooth as silk.*

4th -- John Tischler, Michigan -- *Good tough, steady player.*



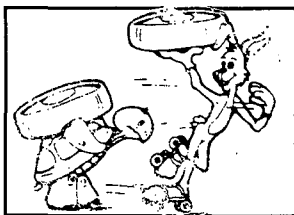
Doubles winners (left to right) John Myles and Len Dell, 1st; Jimmy Kumpula and Dick Smedberg, 2nd; and Lonzo Knight and Harvey Comer, 3rd.

Thanks to all of the participating players; hope to see you again in 1996.

Thanks to the Huddles Sports Cafe, Pembroke Pines, Florida, and our host Charlie Fisher and our official photographer Bob Baxter. Super job, guys!

Thanks to *The Board Talk* for their great support

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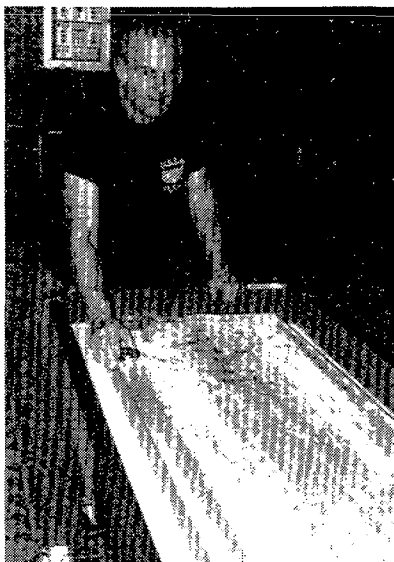


Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

Bill Moore Shares Some Earl Kelley "Classics"

I recently dug through my albums and came up with a few classics of Earl Kelley (I made copies and gave them to Billy for the family).



Earl takes his familiar stance to send that weight zooming down the board to send his opponent's pucks off -- and stick!



In Austin, Texas, Earl uses a walkman to get prepared for a championship doubles match: Earl and Billy Mays vs. Bill Melton and David Williams.

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In Las Vegas in 1984, Earl poses with his pal and often times partner, Billy Mays, and Billy's daughter.



Earl and Billy chat with No. 1 Board Talk subscriber Porter White (standing) at a Vegas tournament.

The World of Shuffleboard will miss Earl Kelley!

George and Donna, thanks for *The Board Talk*. I'm missing a few back issues to make my collection complete, so if you or anyone out there can help me, I'd sure appreciate it.

I bid you peace!

Bill Moore, Big Spring, Texas

Thank you, Bill, for sharing these "classics" with The World of Shuffleboard and with Earl's family. His family is now a part of our network and we know they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We thank you, also, for recognizing Porter White as our Number One Subscriber. Not only has he been with us since we first started in 1984, he also supports us through his listing in the Shuffleboard Directory.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

California

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

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

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

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

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

4TH OF JULY TOURNEY AT THE DIXIE BELLE

The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, California, will host a 4th of July tournament with three big events.

The first event will be an A-B-C Draw, \$25 per player, 2 out of 3 double elimination (time permitting). The sponsor sale starts at 7 p.m. Friday with play immediately following.

The second event is an open doubles, \$100 per player, 2 out of 3 double elimination. The sale is set for Friday at 8 p.m., with play beginning Saturday morning.

The final event is an open singles, \$100 entry fee, 2 out of 3 double elimination. The sale will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, with play beginning on Sunday.

A buffet will be served on Sunday afternoon.

The enclosed flyer lists lodging recommendations, along with costs. For other information, call 310-803-4943 and ask for Eileen.

Eileen, Wes, Dixie Debbie and all the friendly crew at The Dixie Belle are looking forward to seeing you there!

Washington

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN DOUBLES, WHISTLING OYSTER, MAY 11-14

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

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

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

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

For further information, contact Bill Bailey at 360-765-9508 or 765-3436, or Jim Foran, 206-474-2724.

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

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

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

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

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!

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

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

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

EVERETT INVITATIONAL AT SHOTZE'S, JUNE 17-18

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

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

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

DOUBLES AT SPORTSMAN TAVERN, JULY 1-2

The Sportsman Tavern in Stanwood, Washington, will host its 1st Annual Doubles Tournament, July 1-2, \$50 per team entry fee, with sponsor sale at 10 a.m. Saturday. A draw partner, \$20 per person, will be held on Friday night starting at 7 p.m.

For information, call tournament director Murl Kindie, 360-652-5031, or assistant director Dan McKinnon, 360-659-4644, or the Tavern, 360-629-3930. Recommended lodging is the Arlington Motor Inn, 360-652-9595.

Maryland

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

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

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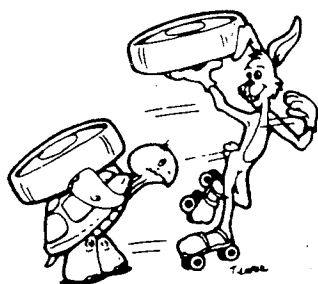


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As the Puck Turns...

By George & Donna Wilber

We were saddened by the recent death of Ziggy Sliwa, father of Skip Sliwa, host of our popular Skip's/Board Talk tournaments at Houghton Lake, Michigan. Those of you who have participated in those events for the past four years will likely remember Ziggy. He wasn't much of a talker, but he won a lot of friends with his quiet manner.



At the 1994 Skip's/Board Talk tournament, Ziggy and Chris Danke were fifth-place finishers in the A/B Draw.

If you'd like to express your sympathy to the Sliwa family, send your messages to Skip and Carole Sliwa, Skip's Lounge, 8895 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629.

On our way to Michigan's Upper Peninsula for a brief (long enough to drop a few dollars at the various casinos) visit recently, we stopped at Skip's to verify that there would be a 5th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Tournament. Skip reports that he's already received some inquiries about the event, so it likely will be another big one. Mark your calendars now for the weekend after Labor Day, Sept. 8-10, and watch for details in upcoming issues of *The Board Talk*.

On our way back from the U.P., we stopped at Houghton Lake again, this time to check up on how our friend, Reggie Surfus, was doing. Formerly from the Pontiac area, he recently purchased the Lakeside North Family Bar at Houghton Lake. It's a very nice place, with plenty of room for the two shuffleboards he plans to install. He expressed an interest in having a tournament next spring, so be watching for details. In the meantime, when you're in Michigan's Vacation Wonderland, after you've checked out the action at Skip's, travel on down the road to 700 E. Houghton Lake Road in Prudenville and welcome Reggie to The World of Shuffleboard. With

these two great hosts and promoters, Houghton Lake could well become known as the "Shuffleboard Wonderland."

A special Board Talk salute to our top subscription solicitors for March and April: Dick Gorman of Delaware; Jolene Lembke of California, and Eugene McLeod of Missouri. All three have a great "track record" of promoting *The Board Talk*, and we appreciate their efforts.

While they and others are great "flag-bearers" for this publication, we also appreciate the one-on-one interaction that goes on -- one subscriber telling a non-subscriber that there is a national shuffleboard newsletter. Not a week goes by that we don't get a call from a shuffler who found out about the publication because another shuffler told him/her that it exists. That's been more effective than any "contests" we've held in the past and the retention record of those new subscribers is A+! Thanks to all of you!

Every month, we print a special form on the back page which says in bold print that if you move, notifying the Post Office is not sufficient. That's because, with our bulk permit, the P.O. does not forward your newsletter, nor do they notify us that you have moved, so we keep on sending your Board Talk to your old address. That only costs us in the neighborhood of 27 cents, but your publication gets "dumped," so it's wasted money. Then, when we get a call from you that you didn't receive your last issue, we invest over a dollar to send it by first-class mail to your new address.

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Congratulations to Sun-Glo Corporation on their new logo. Very snazzy, folks!

In last month's issue, we published a photo of the newly-elected U.S. Shuffleboard Association officers. We didn't know then that trustee Carol is a member of the Billy Mays family. Nice to know she's following in his footsteps.

Reminder: all news and views from The World of Shuffleboard and advertising must be received by the 15th of each month to appear in the next issue.

Buhl/Allis Take Masters at Fir Cone Tavern

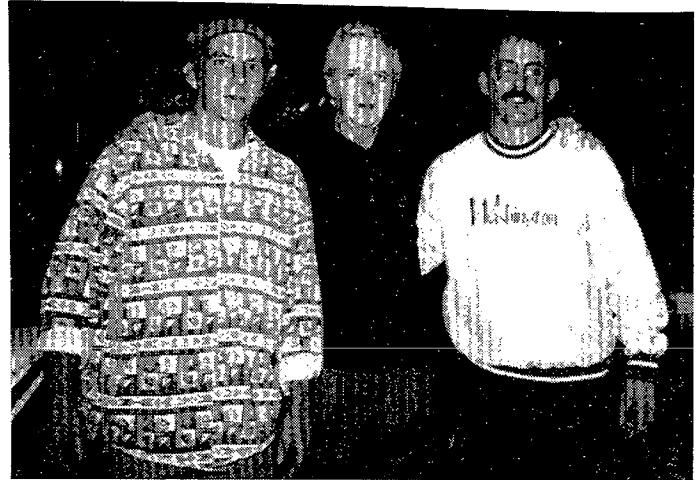
Doug Buhl and Jim Allis teamed up to take top honors at the 14th Annual Masters Tournament, hosted by the Fir Cone Tavern in Shelton, Washington, on Feb. 25-26. With a field of 24 teams, Rick Gindt and Gary George finished second, with Fred Johns and Dick Hanley in third place.



Doug Buhl (left) and Jim Allis show off their impressive Masters trophy.



Looking not too unhappy with their second-place earnings were Gary George (left) and Rick Gindt.



Fir Cone Tavern owner Buddy Smith (center) congratulates tournament directors Bill Shanahan and Vern Gonzales for a job well-done.



And Dave Arndt gets a chuckle from napping Chuck Norris!

The next event at the Fir Cone Tavern will be a doubles tournament on June 3-4.

Martin/Millar Tops at Old Edison Inn

John Martin of Marysville, Washington, and Joannie Millar of Richmond, B.C., Canada, outlasted a tough field of 14 teams to win the Old Edison Inn's 10th Annual Mixed Doubles on March 11-12 in Edison, Washington. The winners took home the major portion of a \$2,000 total pot.

Giving John and Joannie a tough battle in the finals were Doug DeBois, Rainier, Oregon, and Tina Olson of Longview, Wash. Third place went to Larry Sawyer, Anacortes, Wash., and Michelle Foran of Tacoma. Larry Pearson of Everett and first-year shooter Cheryl Goodman, Mount Vernon, knocked off teams in the

loser's bracket through four rounds to take fourth place.

Joannie got everybody in the spirit for St. Patrick's Day with her ever-popular medley of Irish songs to cap the two-day event. Clara Kyle's chili and Jim "Caveman" Ward's barbecued salmon kept everyone full through the weekend.

"Another good tourney," said director Phil DePree. "There isn't a lot else happening in this quaint but tiny old town, so hosts Mini and Sandy go the extra mile to keep everyone entertained and comfortable. Each year we see a few new faces, and they usually come back."

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Martin/Millar Win *(continued from Page 7)*

The next scheduled event at the Old Edison Inn is a bring partner on Sept. 16-17. This will be the Edison's first-ever open doubles tourney, with a \$100 a pair entry. The popular annual draw partners event, previously held on these dates, will be rescheduled, Phil reports. Watch *The Board Talk* and the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association newsletter for more information on these two tournaments.

Voorhis/Boaz Win Beef's "Series of Five"

The final in the "Series of Five" doubles tournaments at Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, was held on March 25, with the leaders up to that point, Bobby Voorhis and Dave Boaz, again taking first place. Fighting all the way were second place finishers Chris Danke and Steve Wilson. Phil Ladd and Terry Dowell took third place, with Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum in fourth.

The series ended with Bobby and Dave in first, Chris and Steve in second, Larry Huffer and Larry Brown in third. Tying for fourth place were Greg and Tom Massie, and Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum.



Winners of Beef's "Series of Five" were Bobby V and Dave Boaz.

Watch next month's issue for results of the singles tournament at Beef's on April 29.

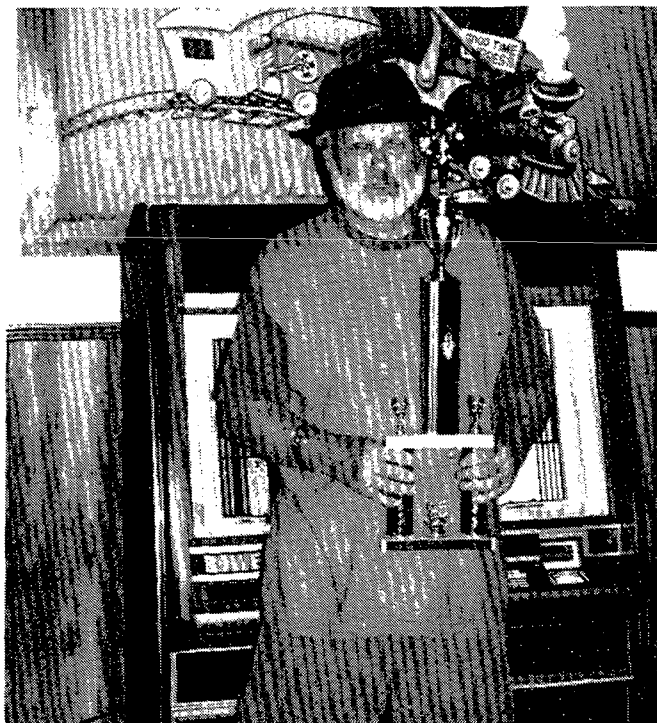
"Snowbirds" Tops in Florida

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and encouragement, and to Jimmy "The Cop" Kumpula and Ray Boyett for their never-ending promotion of the Florida Open. Thanks also to Floyd and Joanne Stein of Triple Crown Supplies, Omaha, Nebraska, for their donation -- a bucket of speed powder and a set of Triple Crown weights (won by "Lucky" Cass Grubbs of Florida).

Thanks to Paul Maccarrone, Jeff Cottrell, and John Tischler for their help on the bracket board and board preparations -- super jobs! And to Ray Boyett and Penny Cottrell for helping me with the sponsor sales.

God bless!



Len Dell of Maryland (who always looks so ecstatic with his wins) collects his first-place singles trophy at Huddles Sports Cafe.



You may be Number One, Len, but watch this lag by Penny Cottrell. Bjerne Sunde agrees it's pretty good!



Johnny Gardner, also of Maryland, finished second in the singles.



Part of the large Michigan delegation at the Florida Open were (from left) Jeff Cottrell and John Tischler, who helped with the brackets, and Bjerne Sunde.

(Editor's Note: Thanks for the great report, Marty! We have an idea....Why don't you Florida shooters seek revenge against the "Snowbirds" in their own territory -- at the 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/ Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland, on June 12-18?)

Manitoba Championships Held

The 26th Annual Manitoba Shuffleboard Championships were held at the A.N.A.F. Rockwood Legion on March 31-April 2. "We had the best turnout in probably 10 years, with lots of new and old players," reports Harold Schmidt. "We had in excess of 150 participants and just as many spectators watching the action on six new boards."

The winners were: men's singles, Harold Schmidt; ladies' singles, Kim Schmidt; men's doubles, Greg Taylor and Rob Vandal; ladies' doubles, Wendy Popkes and Cynthia Chudyk; mixed doubles, Don Heaton and Kim Schmidt.

A salute to Kim Schmidt for most improved player in the league and for winning two events in the championships after playing for only two seasons.

The winners received an all-expense trip to Edmonton, Alberta, including accommodations, to play in the Canadian Championships, Oct. 3-7. Each province across Canada must determine their winners by the end of September and must wear their provincial colors.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, is hospitality night with appetizers and complimentary drinks being served. The mixed event is scheduled for Wednesday, with the singles events on Thursday, and the doubles on Friday, with all finals held on Saturday. All events start at 9 a.m.

Immediately following the finals, cocktails are served in the banquet room prior to a complimentary dinner.

The presentation of trophies are made after dinner, and dancing to a live band usually rounds up this gala event, Harold reports.

"More than likely, there are some parties in the hotel rooms 'til the early hours of the morning, with celebrations of victories or the agony of defeat," he said.

Arizona 10-Day Spring Tourney is Big Success!

The first Arizona 10-Day Spring Tournament, held at Phil Gardner's Pro Lounge in Glendale March 10-19, was a great success (even though it was a last-minute deal, reports Al Salazar), with 12 different winners taking first place honors and a total of 31 cashing in the eight events.

In the first event, an A-B blind draw, Bob Shirley of Washington and Terry Hurtgen of Arizona took first place, going through the field of 19 teams without a loss. Coming in second were Peggie Whatley and Pat (Hoogie) Hogan, with Denise Yohn and Bob Lewis in third. Marilyn Roberts and Leroy Wilson finished fourth.

Next up was the amateur doubles with a field of 16 competing in the 2 out of 3 double elimination event. Nancy Salazar and Dwayne Maxwell came out on top, going through the winner's bracket without a loss. Al Smith and Darlene Barnes took second place honors, with Janet Blakenship and Jerry Papa in third, and Alta and Clay Chance in fourth.

Sunday was the mixed doubles draw, with Peggie Whatley and Al Smith taking top honors. Cindy Clark and Clay Chance finished second, with Shannon Zarda and Bill Thomas in third, and Alice Arredondo and Don (Rooster) Cary in fourth, out of the 12 teams competing.

In the amateur singles, Dwayne Maxwell became the only double winner of the tournament, taking first out of 16 entries. Don Cary finished second, Bob Phister, third, and Clay Chance, fourth.

The women's singles title went to Marilyn Roberts, with Alice Arredondo second of the 12 women competing. Peggie Whatley was third and Linda Aragon finished in fourth spot.

The open draw had 18 contestants and Bob Lewis and Bill Gibbs were the best. Peggie Whatley and Gil Aragon were good for second. Rich (Bubba) Warren and Wendell Herbison came in third, with Alice Arredondo and Al Smith in fourth place.

In the open doubles event, Al Salazar of Arizona teamed up with Billy Chiles of California to take first from the 16 competitors. They just outlasted Bill Thomas and Bill Gibbs, both locals, who forced a final match coming out of the loser's bracket. Alice Arredondo and Gil Aragon finished third, with Dwayne Maxwell and Wendell Herbison in fourth place.

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Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

We were able to help you fill the voids in your collection except for the following: January and February of 1990; May and July of 1991; and July of 1994. Of those particular issues, we have only our single file copies. If any of you readers have those missing issues and would be willing to part with them, please contact Bill at 814 W. Eighth Street, Big Spring, TX 79720. He is willing to pay for them. He also has some extra copies of some back issues (dating back to 1984), so maybe you can negotiate a trade if you, too, are a collector.

A Welcome Salute from Canada

I have been a subscriber to *The Board Talk* since your very first issue and I am impressed with the work you have done in promoting this game in Upcoming Events, Play Your Way Across the Nation, and the articles and advertising.

On behalf of our players here in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, we wish to express to you, George and Donna, "A JOB WELL DONE."

Harold Schmidt, Manitoba Shuffleboard Association

Thank you, Harold, and all our Canadian friends for your continued support. We admire how well-organized and active you are. Readers: take note of recent M.S.A. championships on Page 9 and plans for a New Year's Eve Extravaganza on Page 12.

A Word About Al Ryan....

About two years ago during a visit to Austin, I stopped by The Texas Mist to get a photograph to show a friend of mine, Al Ryan, a resident of Brooklyn, New York.

Al is a shuffleboard player who has played along the East Coast for years and enjoys a really good game. Al's name may be familiar to you, since he subscribes to *The Board Talk* and recently took out a full-page ad to honor the memory of his friend, Mickey Mickens. Al stated that Mickey was the best shuffleboard player on the East Coast. In the next issue of *The Board Talk*, Mickey was touted as one of the top players in the U.S.A.

A few weeks ago, Al had surgery to replace his right knee and is now home recuperating, counting the hours until he will be able to play the board again. Al is a devout reader of *The Board Talk* and I thought it would be nice if there was some small mention in an upcoming issue regarding his condition. Could you arrange for such a notice? It would truly be appreciated by many of us on the East Coast.

In closing, I would like to thank *The Board Talk* for including Brooklyn's Corrigan-Kiernan V.F.W. Post in

"Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." We at Corrigan-Kiernan Post are very proud to be included in that list.

John B. Duffy, Commander, Corrigan-Kiernan Post

First, sincere thanks to Don McCurry of The Texas Mist for passing your letter on to us. We and many other players -- not just on the East Coast -- but in other parts of the country as well, consider Al a friend. He's been a supporter of this publication and our annual tournaments for many, many years and we appreciate him and wish him a speedy recovery. If others would like to drop him a note to let him know you're thinking of him, send to Al Ryan, 817 Friel Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11218. Last, but certainly not least, we are proud to have the Corrigan-Kiernan Post on our shuffleboard network. We hope to meet you when we hold our 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tourney in Street, Maryland, in June.

A Growing Pennsylvania League

Another successful season has ended for the Eastern Delco Shuffleboard League (E.D.S.L.), located in Delaware County in Pennsylvania (I'm very proud to be president of the league for the third year). The league started 10 years ago with six teams. It now consists of 17 teams and will probably be 20 next year.

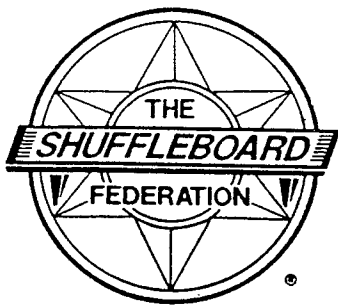
We ended the season with playoffs using the "Sweet 16" format. Craig's "A" won for the seventh year in a row, with Colwyn Fire Company coming in second. Anthony "Conch" did an excellent job as captain of Craig's "A" again, and having Louise Freer on the team this year didn't hurt them at all.

Shuffleboard doesn't stop when the season is over. One of our shooters, Jim Wolf, organizes round robins for the summer. Last year, it was held at two establishments -- Gambol's Cafe and Knights of Columbus. This was a great way to bring in new shooters.

Regina Smith, Darby, Pennsylvania

We salute you, Regina, Conch, Louise, Jim, and all the others who have contributed to this record of continued growth. Keep on going and growing! Special thanks to Jim for purchasing an ad for our 11th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion/Mickey Mickens Memorial Tournament printed program. A portion of his ad revenue will be used for a door prize drawing and a contribution to the newly-formed National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We hope to meet you and others from the E.D.S.L. and the "Best of Philly" tournaments at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, in June.

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Upcoming Events *(continued from Page 5)*

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

Texas

THREE-EVENT TOURNEY AT STICKS BILLIARDS, JUNE 16-18

Sticks Billiards, 13201 Pond Springs Rd., Austin, Texas, will host a three-event tournament on June 16-18.

Action will start Friday night with an open draw, \$10 entry fee, single game, single elimination, limited to 32 entries (this event may have to be finished on Saturday morning). At noon on Saturday, the bring partner event will start, \$60 per team entry and no pros and O's may team up together. Single game, double elimination, limited to 16 teams. Sticks will add \$250 to this pot.

Sunday's event will be an A/B draw, \$20 per person entry, starting at noon, single game, double elimination. Pros, semi-pros and 1's will be rated A's; 2's, 3's and 4's as B's.

For further information, contact Nonie at Sticks, 512-335-9177. See ad in this issue and plan to participate.

Canada

NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRA- GANZA SET FOR WINNIPEG

A New Year's Eve Extravaganza Tournament is being planned for Dec. 31-Jan. 2 at the Winnipeg Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Food and champagne will be supplied by the Manitoba Shuffleboard Association.

The amount of entries for the various events will determine the number of boards. Watch for flyers in

future issues. For information, call Harold Schmidt, 204-956-1572.

Oklahoma

SOUTHWEST OPEN SET FOR JUNE 29-JULY 4, DEL CITY

An event that has become a 4th of July tradition is the Southwest Open, set this year for June 29-July 4, and once again at the spacious American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma.

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(Editor's Note: We've always admired Ron as an innovative tournament director and we could hardly

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Arizona 10-Day Spring Tourney

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In the open singles, Bill Thomas came through the loser's bracket and forced a final match. But, in the end, Bubba Warren took first-place honors back to California. Bob Lewis took third out of the 12 participants.

"Special thanks go out to everyone who made this event possible," said Al. "Bob Lewis donated the boards, wax, cleaners, silicone, set-up and time. Phil Gardner, who acquired the Pro Lounge the first of this year, was a great host and the entire Pro Lounge crew made sure everything was just what we wanted. Special thanks to Bill Thomas, Peggie Whatley, Alice Arredondo, Bob Shirley, Nancy Salazar, Bill Gibbs, Cindy Clark and everyone I'm sure I missed. Thanks, also, to all our out-of-town guests. We hope to see you all next year."

CC's 3rd Annual A-B-C Tourney is a Winner!

The 3rd annual A-B-C tournament at CC's Sports Bar, Anaheim Ramada Inn, in Anaheim, California, was another big success with 33 players vying for just over \$2,000 in entry and sponsor sale monies.



Taking first place honors were co-director of the tournament Vern Booth, Sam Blanco (his first-ever, but hopefully not last tournament) and Ben Blair.



Paul Weber, Michele Lamo and co-director Bob Brunskill took second place honors. Because of a job relocation to Reno, Bob Lukens was unable to co-direct with Vern and Bob.



John McGinnis, Theresa Litton, and Tony Bastanchury finished in third place.

"In addition to a contingent from Amato's, a crowd from the Dixie Belle, headed by Wes and Eileen, showed up," report Anna Brunskill and Gloria Duron. "Coming out of retirement and lagging three 3's in his first game was Jerry (Humdinger) Harp.

"CC's manager, Mary Bickler, did an outstanding job with the food and coordinating all the behind-the-scenes efforts that made for a smooth-running tournament. A very pleasant surprise was the unadvertised free breakfast provided on Sunday morning. Many thanks also go to the bartenders and servers for an outstanding job," they said.

Bob and Anna Brunskill thank John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation for the seven-day stay in Reno for the North American Championships on Oct. 30-Nov. 5, which they won in a drawing at the PCSA tournament in Vegas. They are planning on being there, John!

Shufflers Celebrate St. Pat's Day at The Dixie Belle

A St. Patrick's Day weekend tournament at The Dixie Belle in Downey, California, included a Pro-Am Bring Partner event and a B-C Draw.



Paul Elliott (left), formerly from Indiana and now from California, and Jimmy Alford took first-place honors in the Pro-Am Draw at The Dixie Belle.

Tim O'Brien and Frank Bentley took second place, with Leroy Waggoner and Lou Lucero in third.



Chris Bonner and Dodie Alford (wife of first-place finisher in the Pro-Am Bring Partner) won the B-C Draw.

In second place in the Pro-Am Bring Partner were Gary Jones and Janice Devitt. "Gary has only been playing shuffleboard for two years and he's a great example of the new players we have," reports Dixie Debbie. "Janice is from Washington, lots of fun plus a

good competitor. Everyone was glad she came and played in this tournament."

Taking third place were Paul Weber and Michelle Lamo. "Paul says he had a fine time playing in this event and is very proud of his 'C' partner, Michelle," Debbie said. "Honorable mention should go to Les Burt of Washington. Wes thanks him and Janice for joining us at the Belle. Everyone really enjoyed their visit."

Another Big One at Wetlands!

The Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak, Michigan, hosted its second on a schedule of eight events on March 17-19, attracting players from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. This one included an A-B draw, an open singles and an open doubles.

Winners of the A-B draw were Mike Tobin and Wayne Atkinson of Michigan, with Bobby Voorhis of Indiana and Dave Gilliam of Michigan taking second place honors. Locals Roland Metivier and Dan Goszczynski took third, with Dave Boaz of Indiana and local Roger Mills in fourth. Tied for fifth and sixth were Frank Parrish and Bob Scott, and Mark Holland and Phil Watts, all of Michigan.

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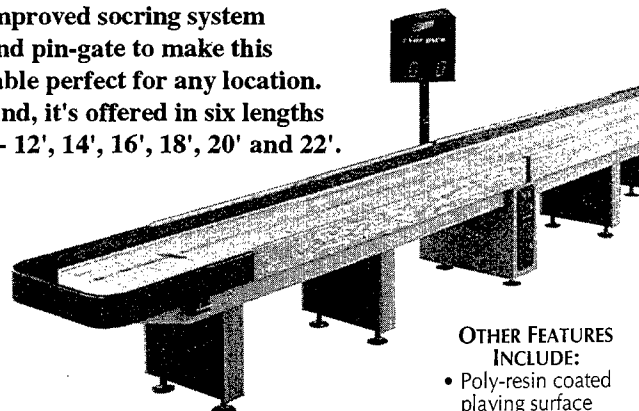
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Notebook (continued from Page 10)**Notes from Dixie Debbie....**

I was at Amato's (Huntington Beach, Cal.) a couple of weeks ago visiting the "infamous" Saturday Men's Club. While there, I met two wonderful women who have, unfortunately, retired from shuffleboard. Joyce and Doloras were telling stories about a few of the games they had participated in, and also about a few of the men they had beaten. Bellflower Bruce was there backing up their stories, as was Jim Martin. Being new to shuffleboard, I had never heard of Horsecollar, but this was one of Joyce's and Doloras's favorite games. It's nice to know there is more than one game to skin an opponent. I hope these "girls" can find time to rejoin The World of Shuffleboard.

Tim O'Brien, my league team captain, was also seen at Amato's for the first time, and Californian Paul Elliott (formerly from Indiana) has also become a regular on Saturdays. It's a good day and a good place to get in a few round robins. These guys are great players and love shuffleboard.

CC's Sports Bar in Anaheim recently held a tournament in which a few of our DB'ers competed. We had a great time and the buffet on Saturday was terrific. I'm sure they will have the results in this issue, so I just offer up our thanks for a good time.

Wes, Eileen and all of us at The Dixie Belle hope to see as many of you as possible at our 4th of July tournament (see enclosed flyer) to celebrate freedom with us, and join in a monster good tournament.

Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

Readers: check results of the CC's Sports Bar tournament and the St. Pat's weekend tournament at The Dixie Belle on Page 14. Keep on sending those photos, Debbie -- they are great!

P.C.S.A. Update

We would like to thank everyone involved in this year's tournament. It was such a great tournament, we've already started to plan the PCSA Shuffleboard Extravaganza VIII!

Our next Las Vegas tournament will be held at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino beginning on Jan. 30, 1996. There will be a major change in room reservations, so please watch for more information in *The Board Talk*.

This year was our first loss on our Crap Table Caper. Maybe John McDermott can participate before next year. We are now five wins and one loss. We'll be back in '96.

Once again, we need to thank the following for helping to make our 1995 tournament such a success:

- Al Stewart and Mike Melton for setting up the boards;
 - Triple Crown for the silicone;
 - The Shuffleboard Federation for the board wipes;
 - Sun Glow for all the wax and three sets of weights;
 - All the behind-the-scenes crew;
 - And, of course, all the participants!
- Thank you!

Joe Muniz, Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association

And we thank the PCSA and Bellflower Bruce for the privilege of once again covering this awesome event. We look forward to Extravaganza VIII!

Wetlands (continued from Page 15)

In the open singles, John McDermott of Michigan emerged the victor, with Jim Stockmaster of Ohio in second and local Jeff Cottrell in third place.

That mighty Michigan duo of Bjerne Sunde and Frank Blade took top honors in the open doubles, with Lansing's Mark Holland and J.R. Lopez in second place. Hoosiers Bobby V and Dave Boaz took third place.

The next event on the Wetlands schedule is the 2nd Annual Memorial Day Tournament, which will feature a singles and doubles (see enclosed flyer).

Important Notice!

Dear Readers:

Because of the serious illness of George's Dad, we have been unable to respond to your calls in a timely manner. Our sincere apologies.

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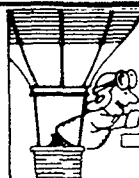
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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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(In last month's episode, Eddie and Lil had gone to the Horse's Head Saloon, hoping for some action. The "Texas Kid" had just entered the establishment and Lil warned Eddie he'd have his hands full with this shooter.....)

The man they call the "Texas Kid" (whose real name was Tommy Starks) strolled into the Horse's Head Saloon, but he hadn't noticed Lil or Eddie yet. This gave Eddie a chance to size him up a little.

The man was impressive-looking -- tall, about 6 foot two, and very slim. He was dressed in Western clothes: Levi's, a fancy shirt, a cowboy hat, and an expensive-looking pair of boots. He was obviously well-known at the Horse's Head, because several of the patrons gave him "hi's" and "howdies." After several greetings, the Kid noticed Lil. He immediately got a smile on his face.

He came right over then, extended his hand, and said: "Well, how about you, Long Beach Lil. It's been a long time. You look just as sexy as ever." Lil was smiling also as she replied: "Looks like you've been taking care of yourself, too."

After some small talk, Lil introduced Eddie as "a kid she was trying to show how to play the game of shuffle-board." The two men stared intently at each other as they shook hands. Texas Kid asked: "What brings you to town, Lil -- pleasure or business?" Lil replied: "Both, my man. It'd be a pleasure to do some shuffleboard business with you. How about we get something on?"

The Kid answered Lil: "Well, now, how about I make a call and we'll see if we can accommodate ya', Lil." He went to the phone at the rear of the bar then.

After he was out of ear-shot, Lil told Eddie: "Here's what's going down, Champ. He's goin' back there to call his partner, and probably also to call his 'backer.' He has a man named Daniel Goldman, who some call 'Dollar Dan - the Money Man,' and he puts up his stake for him if he needs it."

Eddie kind of laughed at that, but Lil reproved him by saying: "Listen close now -- these guys aren't anything to fool around with, especially the 'Money Man.' He's mean, and he hates to lose. We're going to have to be very careful here, O.K.? Don't volunteer anything, and just follow my lead, or this whole thing could blow up on us." Eddie was a little puzzled, but he said: "O.K., Lil, whatever you say."

After a few minutes, Texas Kid returned and said: "I called my partner and he's on his way down. It'll be a short while -- why don't we have a drink in the meantime?" He motioned to the bartender then, who produced

a bottle of Wild Turkey bourbon with his name on it. He held up three fingers and received three shot glasses in return. He said: "Will you join me in a drink?" Lil nodded her head and Eddie followed her motion. They "toasted" then, with the Kid saying: "Here's to some good shuffle-board action."

The two boards were split on either side of the half-racetrack shaped bar. Lil selected the one closest to the entrance door. They began some practice shots. The board was very fast and "low-centered." The left and right cross-lags ended up several boards in and close to the center of the table. However, Lil noticed that the left-cross from her end would "ride the rail" if you hit on just the right spot. She pointed that out to Eddie, along with some other little curves that could be used to advantage.

The Kid poured himself another shot of Wild Turkey, as he watched them try to learn the board. He especially kept his eye on Eddie's style of shooting. After Eddie and Lil were satisfied with their practice session, they sat back down. One of Texas Kid's followers got up to tend the board. He spray-waxed it first, and then applied a fresh coat of "Lightning Flash" powdered wax.

Soon after he was finished, three men walked in the door. One was a fellow Lil knew. He was the Kid's partner, a very short, heavy man called "Fat Max." The second was a huge "ape-like" looking guy who Lil didn't recognize, and the third was the one Lil feared might show up. It was "Dollar Dan - the Money Man."

Don't miss the next exciting episode to find out the results of Eddie's first encounter with the "big guns" on Lil's itinerary. Does she have good reason to fear the Money Man?

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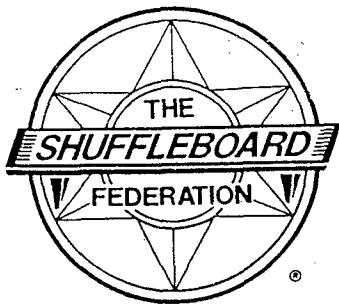
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Bourbon, Indiana

May 6-7

5th Annual Draw Partners
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

May 11-14

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

May 19-21

Spring Tournament
Glenn's Tavern
Funkstown, Maryland

May 25-28

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

May 25-29

9th Annual Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 26-29

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

May 27-29

Memorial Weekend Tourney
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

May 27-29

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

May 27-29

Memorial Weekend Tourney
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

JUNE

June 3-4

Doubles Tournament
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

June 10

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

June 12-18

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

June 16-18

3-Event Tournament
Sticks Billiards
Austin, Texas

June 17-18

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

June 17-18

5th Annual Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

JULY

July 1-2

1st Annual Doubles
Sportsman Tavern
Stanwood, Washington

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

July 22-23

Shuffleboard Affair Doubles
Town Tavern
Sequim, Washington

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

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

Aug. 12

Doubles Tournament
Tim Timber Tavern
Kelso, Washington

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

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Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

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Vancouver, Canada

Aug. 31-Sept. 4

Annual Texas Open
Location to be announced
Austin, Texas

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-4

Labor Day Weekend Tourney
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

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

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

Doubles Tournament
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Oct. 14-15

Mixed Doubles Bring
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Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 21

"Best of Philly" Series
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DECEMBER

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wait to see what a draw singles would be. That's an inside joke, folks. If you're curious, ask Ron.)

9TH ANNUAL ARBUCKLE OPEN, MAY 25-29, PRIM'S WAGON WHEEL

A repeat of that popular Arbuckle Open is on the schedule for Thursday, May 25, through Memorial Day at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

Action will start on Thursday with a sweetheart draw, \$25 per person, with sale at 7 p.m. On Friday, there will be an open draw, \$25 per person, sale at 7 p.m.

The Division I (\$50 entry) and Division II (\$25 entry) singles will start after the conclusion of the open draw on Saturday. The Division I (\$100 per team) and Division II (\$50 per team) doubles will start following the conclusion of the singles on Sunday.

For further information, contact Al Primrose, 405-665-2566. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

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2ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND SHOOTOUT AT WETLANDS, MAY 26-29

The third in a series of eight events at the Wetlands Bar & Grill, 1008 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan, will be the 2nd Annual Memorial Weekend Shootout on May 26-29.

An A-B doubles (bring partner), \$100 per team entry, will start at 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, with the open singles, \$75 entry, scheduled for Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. The sponsor sale for both events will be held on Friday at 7 p.m.

The doubles is limited to 20 teams and the singles to 20 players, so use the registration form on the enclosed flyer to save your spot.

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

--NEWS FLASH!--

There's important news about The Shuffleboard Federation's North American Championships, October 31 - Nov. 5, Reno, Nevada, on page 19.

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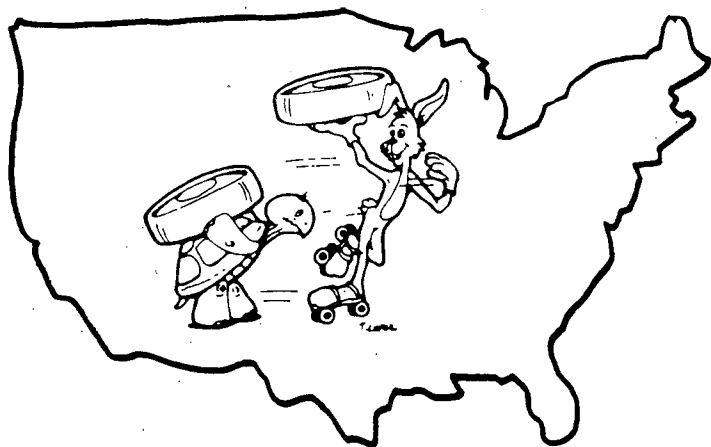
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