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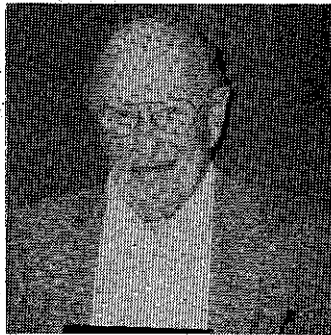
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Sol Lipkin Inducted into Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

In May 1996, Sol Lipkin became the first person inducted into The National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a "promoter" of the game. The news was announced at a special celebration of Sol's 90th birthday. Family, friends, and associates from The World of Shuffleboard were on hand to honor Sol and celebrate his long and successful career.

Sol has been with American Shuffleboard Company (now American International Shuffleboard Corporation) for several decades and is still involved in the business at the age of 90.



The petition for Sol's induction was submitted to the NSHF Board of Directors by Phil Skover and John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., and was supported by many fans and business associates from companies such as Triple Crown, Playfair, Gametime, Sun Glo, RePlay, Play Meter, Dave and Busters', and The Board Talk.

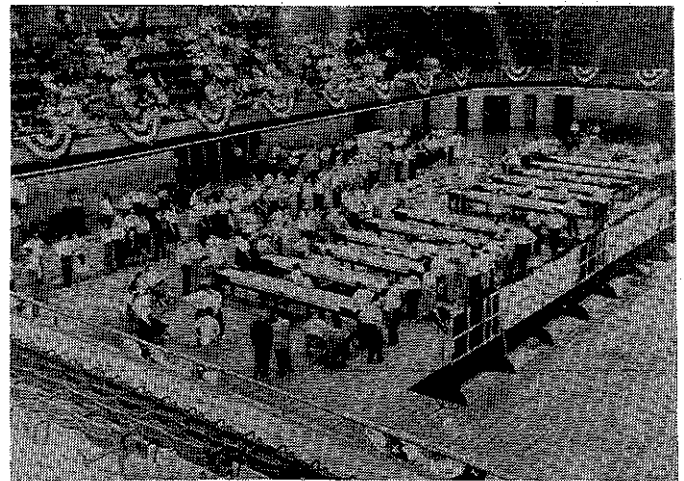
According to his son Bruce and others who know Sol, his primary motivation has always been love of the game of shuffleboard. The financial compensation was not large and the personal hardships he endured being on the road so much of the time is evidence that Sol truly cared about the sport.

In the '30s, he started his long career in shuffleboard as a salesperson for the National Shuffleboard Company, then became a representative for the American Shuffleboard Company. Competition between the shuffleboard manufacturers (National, American, Modern, Rockola, Valley, etc.) was intense then and many believe Sol established American boards as the industry standard.

He was first introduced to table shuffleboard in a church basement. "There was a time," he said, "when churches and exclusive hotels that catered to the rich

were the only places that offered shuffleboard. It wasn't until the early '30s when taverns were dying despite 5-cent beer and free food, that boards were purchased with a small down payment and smaller weekly payments, to attract customers during the Depression." Sol admits to eating his share of the free food as he set up those deals!

During the '50s, Sol traveled the country selling boards, running tournaments, and setting up distributorships. In 1950, he staged a tournament in Illinois involving 574 teams from 14 states. He placed 12 boards in a rented, newly-built armory and used the services of an American Bowling Congress official to run the tournament. Why bowling? "We knew in order for it to click, we'd have to run it on frames -- 10 frames, five on each end," Sol said. And click it did. The single elimination, best 4 out of 7 tournament, started on a Friday and ended by 4 p.m. on Sunday.



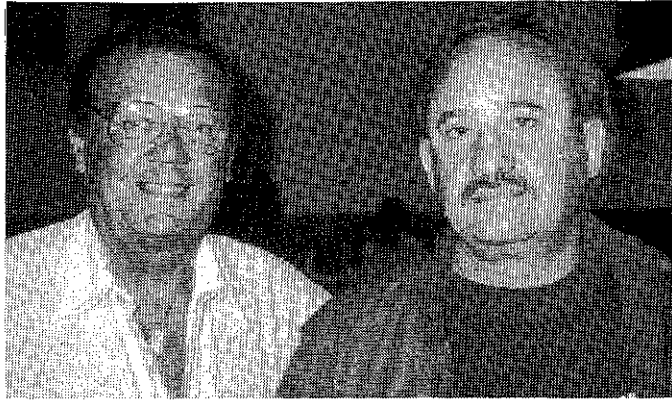
Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson (later a presidential contender) wrote a letter to Sol expressing his regrets that gubernatorial duties prevented him from attending this big tournament.

The pot for this big event was \$2,500 to be split among the top eight teams, with \$750 for first place, plus a new shuffleboard for the tavern owner who sponsored

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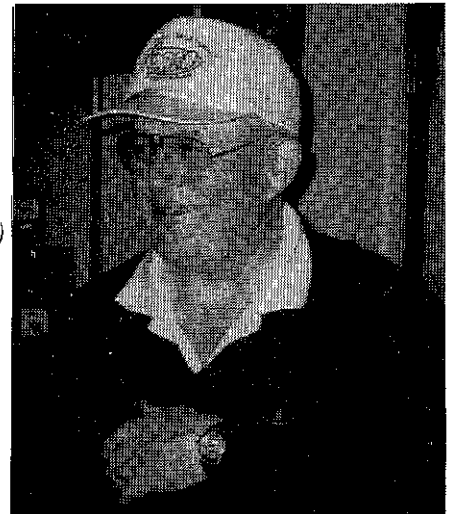
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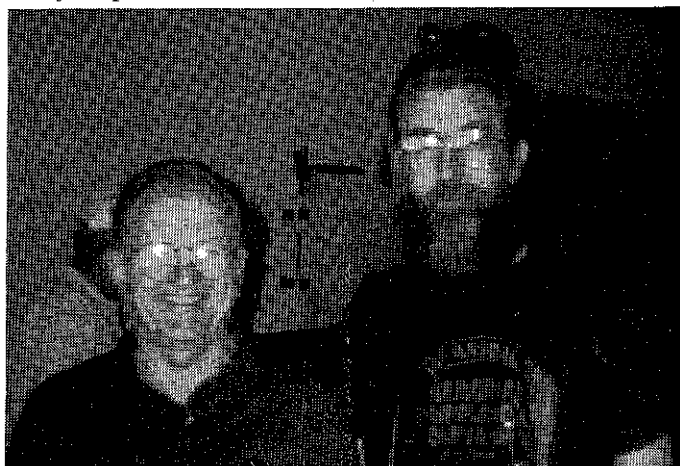
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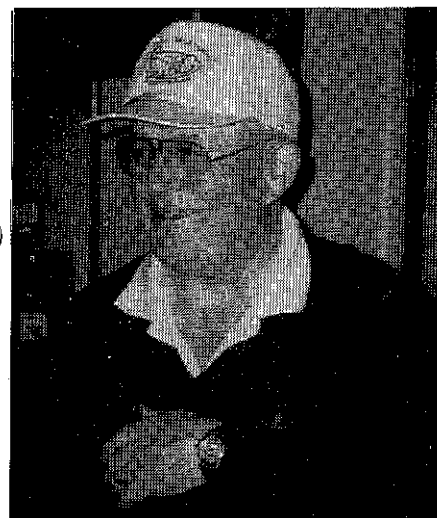
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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Texas

TEXAS OPEN SET FOR GOLD NUGGET, AUG. 28-SEPT. 2

The 1996 Texas Open has been moved from the Texas Mist in Austin to the Gold Nugget in Arlington to accommodate the huge turnout expected for this event on August 28 through Sept. 2. There will be 12 good boards to play the various events and challenge matches.

Action will start on Wednesday, Aug. 28, with a co-ed draw, single game, double elimination. On Thursday, there will be a "true" A-B draw, single game, double elimination. Friday will feature a singles, with graduated entry fees, 2 out of 3, double elimination, with sale starting at 2 p.m.

A bring partner event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 31, with sale at 3 p.m. Single game, double elimination; pros must play with a 2 or higher-rated player and O's must play with a 1 or higher.

Everyone -- no matter what their rating -- may play in the 6-person draft team event set for Sunday. Format will be 5 out of 9, double elimination.

Ron and Debbie Bowers will help coordinate play and events. And "yes, we will have the sponsor shirts again this year and would appreciate all of last year's

sponsors ordering early," said Bobby Williams.

Food will be served on Saturday and Sunday.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site to spread the word about this big event. In the meantime, for information, call: David Williams, 817-451-9583; Bobby Williams, 817-265-7045; or Tom Johnson, 817-277-4029.

Washington

7TH ANNUAL GRAND MASTERS PLUS, WHISTLING OYSTER, JULY 31-AUG. 4

The Grand Masters Plus at the Whistling Oyster Cocktail Lounge in Quilcene always attracts the best in the Great Northwest and beyond -- and this 7th annual event, scheduled for July 31-Aug. 4, will be no exception. Hosts Bill and Sandee report that entries are already coming in and lodging is filling up!

The first "plus" event will be a mixed doubles draw on Wednesday, July 31, \$50 per team entry, no sale, starting at noon. An open singles, \$100 entry, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 1, with sale at noon and play immediately following. Following the conclusion of the singles on Friday, there will be a doubles draw, \$25 per



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player, with no sale. Next comes the Grand Masters on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3-4, \$150 per team, 2 out of 3 in the winner's bracket and 21 points in the loser's bracket. The sponsor sale is set for noon on Saturday with play immediately following. Last year's Grand Masters were Darrol Nelson of Oregon and Dan Hitt of Washington.

No matter how far you have to travel, or whether you win or lose, it's worth the trip to the thriving metropolis of Quilcene just for the Whistling Oyster's famous seafood buffet served FREE on Saturday and Sunday. Something new will be added this year -- Karaoke on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights -- an opportunity for shuffling "hams" to show their stuff before a live audience!

If you have an RV, you'll love the also-famous "pit" at the Whistling Oyster, or there are nearby motels (see enclosed flyer), but get your reservations in early. For further information, contact Bill Bailey, 360-765-9508 or 765-3436, or Jim Foran, 206-474-2724. To save your spot in the tournament, send check (payable to the Whistling Oyster) to the Whistling Oyster, P.O. Box 580, Quilcene, WA 98376-0580.

New York

SHERBURNE AMERICAN LEGION TOURNEY, SEPT. 6-8

The American Legion in Sherburne will host a 3-event tournament on Sept. 6-8 featuring five boards. The first event will be a draw partner, \$15 per person entry, on Friday, Sept. 6, limited to the first 50 paid sign-ups. If this event is not completed by 2 a.m., it will start again at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

A bring partner, \$30 per team entry, will start with drawing and bidding at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The event is limited to the first 32 teams paid. An open singles, \$25 entry, is on the schedule for Sunday, with drawing and bidding beginning at 11 a.m., limited to the first 24 sign-ups. All events are double elimination and no back-to-back play on the same boards.

Because entries are limited, advance registration is urged. Send checks (payable to Milton Benedict) to tournament director Milt Benedict, R.D.#1, Box 99A, Sherburne, NY 13460. For further information, contact Milt at 607-674-4571, or the American Legion, 607-674-9201.

The American Legion will serve an open buffet for daily participants and their kitchen will be open throughout the tournament.

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\$500 ADDED AT RIVERSIDE, EARLVILLE, OCT. 11-13

There will be three events, plus round robins, on the agenda for participants in the Oct. 11-13 tournament hosted by the Riverside Hotel in Earlville. The single game, double elimination events will be played on four boards.

Round robins will be held on Friday starting at 7 p.m., with singles starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. A draw partner is scheduled for Saturday at 3 p.m. On Sunday, starting at 11:30 a.m., will be the bring partner, to which host Roger Sawyer is adding \$500!

For information, call Roger at 315-691-3081, or Dale Law, 607-674-6580.

Colorado

PRO-AM DRAW AT BALLOON INN, ARVADA, AUG. 23-25

A single game, double elimination Pro-Am draw partner tournament will be held at the Balloon Inn in Arvada on Aug. 23-25, with a \$25 entry fee for all players. If you plan to participate, please sign up by Aug. 22 so you can be rated.

On Friday at 8 p.m., a sponsor sale will follow the drawing for partners. When the sale is completed, a \$10 blind draw will be held. Pro-Am competition will start at noon on Saturday and continue at noon on Sunday.

For further information, contact Balloon Inn hosts Ron or Gwen Vogt, 303-425-9823.

Maryland

GRAND OPENING 3-EVENT TOURNEY AT RIVER INN, WILLIAMSPORT, AUG. 16-18

A grand opening of the East Coast's newest shuffleboard site, the River Inn, 119 N. Conococheague St., Williamsport, has been set for Aug. 16-18. In addition to three events, there will also be a special cook-out and dancing!

Events include a \$10 draw partner on Friday night; a bring partner on Saturday, \$25 per team; and an open singles on Sunday, \$25 entry.

Plan to participate in this fun-filled weekend. For information, call Glen Arvin at 301-223-7072.

*More Upcoming Events
on Page 12!*

As the Puck Turns....

By George & Donna Wilber

This issue will be in the mail by the time we arrive in Downey, California, for the 4th Annual 4th of July Dixie Belle Tournament and 12th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. We're looking forward to seeing new and old friends from the West Coast at that event. Our only regret is that we can't also be at the Southwest Open at the American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, and the Yankee Doodle Dandee Tournament at J & C's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There was a time when we worried about competing events on the same Holiday weekend, but no more! Our sport is alive and well in all parts of the country and we are confident all events over the 4th of July will be star-spangled events!

Before we even get to our 12th "reunion," we have received invitations to have the 13th at Bus Voorhis' Locker Bar in Marion, Indiana, and the 14th at the Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas. Would anyone be interested in hosting the 15th in 1999 or the 16th in 2000?

One of the traditions of our "reunion" tournaments has been a printed program that includes listings of the winners of all the previous tournaments, messages from those who serve The World of Shuffleboard, and a history of our sport, which started in Jolly Old England in the 15th Century and then made its way to the U.S.A.

In our research to update that history, we found that the reason for the demise of the sport in the '60s and '70s was the hard-line territorialism, lack of communication and cooperation, jealousies, etc. between the various entities of The World of Shuffleboard. There was a time during the '80s when we feared we would see a repeat of that disaster.

That's why it was so gratifying to put this particular issue "to bed." We recorded how all segments -- in most cases, competitors -- of our sport stood together behind the nomination of Sol Lipkin to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We recorded how The Shuffleboard Federation is recognizing the efforts of a couple in Texas to open new avenues of opportunity for expanded involvement in our sport and using its resources to spread that effort across the U.S.A. and Canada, and willingly

share that information with other entities with the same objectives.

In our humble opinion, we believe shuffleboard has reached a crossroads and has taken the right turn!

That was the good news -- here's the bad news. Third-class mailings have received another "hit" and we simply can't absorb that increase. We've only had one subscription increase in the 12-1/2 years we've been in business and we've put off another as long as we possibly could. But we're going to give you plenty of "lead" time, so you can take advantage of the current rate.

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the winning team. It took tight organization to make this event involving 574 teams happen, including hiring young people for \$1.50 an hour to post scores, verified by judges, on large scoreboards at the end of each board. Sol appointed a five-member grievance committee made up of well-known, highly-respected people in Illinois shuffleboard circles, but, he remembers, "We never had a dispute."

It wasn't just taverns where Sol promoted the sport and American shuffleboards. Churches, Salvation Army centers, the military, senior citizens, colleges, boys' clubs --were on the American customer lists.



During World War II, WACS, WAVES, and others in the armed services learned to love shuffleboard thanks, in large part, to Sol's efforts.

A special challenge faced by Sol and other ASC staff during the '60s was installing a shuffleboard in a Polaris submarine "down the hatch on a torpedo rack." During the long periods underwater, the sport of shuffleboard helped ease the stress of servicemen and provided exciting tournament play. The event could well be recorded as the first underwater shuffleboard tournament in history! ASC also placed shuffleboards in the recreation center at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Sol has always been actively involved in shuffleboard league organization and support and was instrumental in the writing of the American Shuffleboard Rule Book, one of the most widely-referenced rule books in shuffleboard even today. Although he was the architect of the book, he realized it was out of date by the time the sport was undergoing a "revival" in the '80s and '90s. Despite the refusal of his employers to allow The Shuffleboard Federation to update the book, Sol went ahead and gave permission and took personal responsibility for doing so.

Sol has always been generous with his knowledge, expertise, and resources with others in The World of Shuffleboard. Two new entities born in the '80s -- The

Board Talk and The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., credit Sol's unwavering support with their "survival," sometimes against what seemed insurmountable odds.

In 1987, Sol was presented with a "Pioneer Award" from Bill Moore of Texas, and in 1992, he received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from The Shuffleboard Federation. The Federation also established a Sol Lipkin Award presented to individuals as a symbol of utmost respect for "extraordinary contributions to the advancement of shuffleboard."

Just because Sol has reached his 90-year landmark doesn't mean he's ready to put the "gone fishing" sign on his New Jersey door. His most recent achievement was the successful negotiation and placement of shuffleboard tables in "Dave and Buster's," a national chain of huge entertainment complexes for the entire family in various metropolitan areas around the country. The average location has five boards and attracts about 1 million customers a year. The placement of boards in these places is a big step in bringing exposure and recognition to shuffleboard to an entirely new and very large audience.

He's also still involved in community service and recently sold the most American Legion poppies in his area -- 543 at \$1 a pop! Widowed for a number of years now, he reports that he's "looking" (a healthy attitude for a 90-year-old).

As Sol told John McDermott : "Johnny (Sol's the only person who dares to call him that), attitude is everything!"

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"Shuffleboard Virgin" (cont. from Page 2)

felt anything unusual about a woman walking in there to play. It didn't seem to matter to any of the other people there. Evelyn and I talked "girl talk" and exchanged a couple of jokes and seemed to form a fast friendship which served to settle my nerves. With six boards, a round robin didn't take long. I played three or four rounds, got to know a few of the local folks and the boards.

After that, I should have gone to my motel for a rest, but I was afraid I might miss something, so I stayed. Sure enough, here came people I knew from Oklahoma City, Midwest City, and Del City. There was a lot of hand-shaking, back-slapping and hugging going on. It was as if we hadn't just seen each other the night before at the Bristol Station tournament, but I guess the fact that we were away from home gave us a stick-together, all-for-one, one-for-all attitude.

The Wagon Wheel got more and more crowded. It got smokier and smokier as the parking lot filled with cars from several states, along with campers, trailers, pickup trucks and a couple of tents. Vehicles spilled down the road and down neighboring streets. Meanwhile, back inside, placards filled the walls of the bar telling of all the cafes that would deliver what sorts of food for the contestants. We had a pizza with beef from the Wagon Wheel. It was great and I even learned to like "red beer" that weekend.

The very first rattle out of the box, I drew a guy from Tulsa named John Cason for my sweetheart partner. I hadn't been a real shuffleboarder that long, so I didn't know who he was. So, I said, "Who in the heck is John Cason?" Most of the people around me agreed that he might possibly be one of the best shooters to come out of Tulsa. All other players within earshot of my question gave him great praise, I began to feel just a little bit nervous again. Finally someone pointed him out to me, so I went over to say hello and let him know I was his partner. He said it was nice to meet me and, with that, he disappeared into the smoke-filled room and I never saw hide nor hair of him until they called us to play.

Now, I'm usually in bed by 10:15 p.m., right after *Headline News*, so needless to say, I am just about shot physically and mentally with my elevator stuck on the ninth floor. I hadn't seen my partner for a long time since our short hello and I thought maybe he had wondered: "Who is she?" (no one knew) and with that decided to just go home! Just when I was really starting to panic, John Cason appeared from out of the smoke at about 1:15 a.m. With his appearance, we went over to our assigned table where Tommy and Sally from Tulsa systematically took us apart -- and John Cason disappeared again into the smoke.

After the game was over, I walked around wondering what had hit us. We had been instructed to be back

at 9:30 a.m., so I went back to my motel and got in bed at around 2:30 a.m. I thought about my day and was so tired and disappointed in the way I had played that I really didn't want to go back in the morning. However, even with little sleep, I did. I must have looked like death warmed over when Lou came over and said: "Gosh, I feel so tired and there you are looking so fresh and perky!" Well, I thought, if she thinks I look fresh and perky, maybe everyone else will think I look fresh and perky. The next thing I know, I'm feeling fresh and perky! By now, it is Friday morning and by 11:30, I still had not seen John Cason. Just then, they called our table and he appeared out of the smoke just as he had the night before. We played against Jannette from Amarillo and my old buddy, Bill Holly. We played a whole lot better this round. It was a low scoring game and we played tit-for-tat all the way. They beat us in the end and, as I shook hands with Jannette and Bill, I watched John Cason disappear into the smoke for the last time and thought: nice to meet you, John.

The tales which I had heard from the guys at Bristol's didn't seem to be too far from the truth as I stayed on and watched great shuffleboard. The games I watched just about came up to some of the stories. The one thing they didn't tell me was that some of the gals are pretty pushy and tell their partners exactly what to do and how to do it -- in no uncertain terms. Bristol Station guys -- just wait 'til I get back. I'll set you all straight for sure! Watch out, Deno, Ken and Jim Farley.

I went back to my motel again and got some sleep. On Saturday morning, I went back to the Wheel to watch some more games. I didn't get into any of the events because I'm just not ready. Maybe next year!

Oh, yes, Alan Primrose, you can bet the farm I'll be back next year.

Sue Lewis, Midwest City, Oklahoma

Seldom, if ever, do we get such a colorful report from a "loser" in a major tournament. We put "loser" in quotes because you are definitely not that! There are going to be more readers who relate to your experience than those who finished in the winner's circle. Keep on moving, Sue! We expect to see your name in the winner's bracket someday soon, like maybe at the 4th of July Tournament in Del City.

More Notebook on Page 20

You are welcome to respond to the viewpoints printed in Notebook, or to express your opinion on other issues. Contributions must be received by the 15th of each month to appear in the next issue. Send to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906

Top's Action *(continued from Page 3)*

Woodie Cockrum from Springfield and Cuba, for making the trip and participating in the tournament, and special thanks to Pat Gainey of Austin, Texas, for making his appearance.

Top's also tips its hat to Mike Simpson who came in the money for the third straight tournament in the metropolitan area.

Check the calendar for upcoming events at Top's.

Riverside's 1st Annual Memorial Tourney is Big Success

The 1st Annual Memorial Tournament at the Riverside Hotel in Earlville, New York, attracted teams from four states vying for a total purse surpassing the \$5,000 mark.



Lonzo Knight of Maryland took top honors in the singles. Steve Bennett of New York took second place honors, with Dick Losee, also of New York, in third place.

Dick Losee (left) and Arlow Johnson, both of New York, were winners of the draw partner event. Russ Reynolds and Ken Van Zile Sr. took second place, with Bob White and Ryan Fuller in third, and Dave P. and John Canino in fourth.



Bob Carpenter (left) and Marv Smith came from the loser's bracket to finish first in the bring partner event. "It was a day filled with upsets," reports Dale Law.

Jeff Davies and Bill Bergner took second place, with third going to Ken Van Zile Sr. and Dave Fridley, and fourth to John Canino and Arlo Johnson.

The tournament was kicked off on Friday night with round robins. The first was taken by Dick Losee and Alice Church, with Bob White and Arlow Johnson in second. The second round was won by Bob Carpenter and Jeff Davies, with Jane Johnson and Bill Bergner in second place.

Host Roger Sawyer put on a pig roast for the players, with plenty of food left over. After the tournament, players relaxed with card games and a bon fire. See Upcoming Events for details on the next tournament at Riverside Hotel.

On May 12, the Riverside hosted a draw partner "limited calcutta" tournament with a maximum bid of \$30 and a \$5 entry fee. The event attracted 16 players, vying for a pot of nearly \$400 -- "not bad for a \$20 investment," reports Dale Law.

Dale and Ken Van Zile won both finals to take first place, with Rita Truax and Bob Carpenter in second.

"A special thanks to Rita for preparing the buffet and Bob for running the brackets," said Dale.

ADDITIONS TO "PLAY YOUR WAY ACROSS THE U.S.A."

Please make the following additions to the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." quarterly listing which was published in May 1996:

Alaska: American Legion Post #1, 840 W. Fireweed Lane, Anchorage 99503; phone 907-272-5242

California: Silver Spur, 25041 East 9th St. San Bernardino 92410; phone 909-884-0615

Idaho: Bill-n-Lynn's Place, 35 E. Fairview, Meridian 83642; phone 208-888-4075 (**Note: newest addition to the Shuffleboard Directory**)

Michigan: Majestic Cafe, 156 Oakland Ave., Pontiac 48342

Missouri: Barbara's Beer Garden & Cocktail Lounge, 2109 Glenstone-Suite H, Springfield 65801; phone 866-9871

Nebraska: Kuta's Korner, 3824 Q St., Omaha 68107; phone 402-733-9777

Ohio: Pleasure Inn, 112 E. Main, Mason 45040; phone 513-398-5976

Texas: Lakewood Landing, 5818 Live Oak St., Dallas; phone 214-823-2410

Washington: Wigwam Tavern, 2911 Cascade View, Bremerton 98310; phone 360-405-0522

Additions-- **Indiana:** Add phone number to Locker Bar, Marion; 317-662-0041

The next "Play Your Way" listing will be in the August issue.

Upcoming Events (continued from Page 5)**Maryland****1ST ANNUAL EAST COAST SHOWDOWN, HARVEY'S PLACE, STREET, OCT. 25-27**

The 1st Annual East Coast Showdown will be held at Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, on Oct. 25-26.

The first event will be an open draw on Friday, Oct. 25, \$25 entry with drawing and bidding at 7 p.m. and play immediately following. An open doubles, \$100 per team, is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m., limited to the first 24 paid sign-ups. An open singles, \$50 per person, will start at noon on Sunday, limited to the first paid 24 sign-ups. All events will be single game, double elimination, played on four or more boards.

For further information, contact tournament director Dave Shewbridge, 410-437-1078, or Louise Freer, 215-661-0108.

Indiana**LOCKER BAR, MARION, TO HOST DOUBLES/SINGLES ON SEPT. 21-22**

The Locker Bar, 100 S. Branson St., Marion, will host a doubles and singles tournament on Sept. 21-22. Both will be double elimination events played on two boards. Entry fee for the doubles on Saturday is \$40 per team, and \$20 for the singles on Sunday.

For further information, call Bus Voorhis at 317-662-0041. The Locker Bar will host The Board Talk's 13th Annual Shufflers' Reunion in 1987.

Michigan**"CELEBRATION OF LIFE" TOURNAMENT TO HONOR MEMORY OF RUDY STOBER**

A tournament honoring the memory of Rudy Stober, popular sponsor, promoter and player who passed away on May 19, will be held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, on Aug. 2-4.

Events include an open singles, \$25 entry, on Friday, with sponsor sale at 8:30 p.m. and play immediately following, continuing on Saturday at 11 a.m.; an open doubles, \$50 per team, following the finish of the singles on Saturday; and a mixed draw, \$30 per team, on Sunday, with sale at 2 p.m. All events are single game,

double elimination. You are invited to participate in any or all events. Participants are urged to make a contribution to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in Rudy's name.

For further information and/or to save your spot, contact tournament director Ron Bown, 517-484-0834.

6TH ANNUAL SKIP'S/BOARD TALK FALL BASH, HOUGHTON LAKE, SEPT. 6-8

The "capital" of Michigan's Water Wonderland, Houghton Lake, will once again be the scene of the annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash at Skip's Lounge on Sept. 6-8. No. 6 will be another fun-filled weekend for participants, who have grown in numbers every year.

Events will include a draw partner (pros and players rated 1 and 2 will draw from remaining registered players) on Saturday, \$20 per person entry; and an open singles, \$40 per player, on Sunday. Both events are single game, double elimination, and may be mark 4, play to 15 depending upon number of entries. The sponsor sale for both events will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Come Friday night for the warm-up round robins.

For tournament information, call George at The Board Talk, 517-371-2538; for lodging and/or camping information, call Skip, 517-422-5631.

You just won't find more congenial hosts than Skip and Carole Sliwa and their staff and the area is beautiful with lots of local attractions. Mark your calendars now!

Nevada**NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, RENO, OCT. 28-NOV. 3**

By John McDermott

Wow! The flyers have only been out a couple of weeks, but the phones are ringing off the hook and entries are coming in already. Response to the Pro/Am Draft Team Event has been great and everyone seems thrilled that a bring your own Amateur Team Event has been brought back. The expansion of the player ratings (see related article in this issue) should help to make this a monster tournament.

All of the players who attend naturally want a capacity turnout just as much as we do. One thing that everyone who is coming can do to help is to send in their registration as soon as possible. As we get closer to tournament time, there will be many calls from people who are thinking about coming to Reno. The more early sign-ups there are, the better the chances that those

undecided people will decide to participate. So, if you are coming to the tournament, please send your registration as soon as possible.

Everyone who attends is eligible for five events. There will be 18 boards, up to \$15,000 in added money, and world-class scheduling/bracketing by Rob Kern. A great hotel with reasonable room rates, where everyone gets a room in one of their three towers. You can even save money by purchasing a room and airfare package (as long as you stay at the Sands Regency). These packages are offered by most of the major airlines and travel agencies. We put everything together in a layout that provides a players-only playing area and great spectator seating, both served by cocktail waitresses.

There will be extra playing surfaces on hand, so if there is a bad board, it can be replaced. There is even a Keno tournament with added money and prizes just for shuffleboard players. To top it off, there is a contest to determine the 1996 North American Champion. With the format being used for this, the winner could be a Division II player or a pro. Everyone has a chance to win. The Grand Prize is a free Jacuzzi suite for seven days at the 1997 North American Championships! What are you waiting for? How many more reasons do you need to come to this tournament? Don't get shut out! Send your registration today (enclosed in this issue).

For more information, call The Shuffleboard Federation at 810-380-9300.

Cockrums Up, Dunns Downed, Jerry and Doug New Champs at Sonny Boys

In Sonny Boys' (Cuba, Missouri) 2nd Annual Tournament, Woodie and Jean Cockrum pre-celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in style. It was the only time during the tourney that all the cheers were on the same side, but after everyone downed a slug of beer, the honeymoon was over!

All the teams set their sights on trying to dethrone Jim and Donna Dunn, 1995 Champions. The Dunns cut no one any slack and rode the winners bracket like true champions should, all the way to the end and then sat back and waited for the other teams to come to them. The most focussed game of the event was the second game. Woodie, tournament director and board keeper, along with his new young partner, Connie McCall, drew the team predicted to win it all -- Jerry Sabourin and Doug Zurmuelen. The other teams felt if some team could put the favorites in the loser's bracket, they would all have a better chance.

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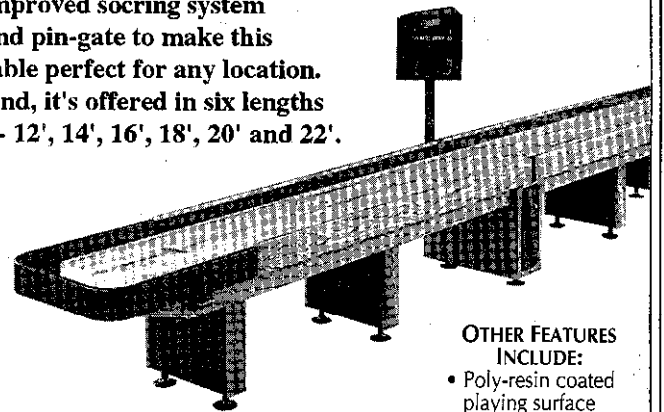
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Third Board, "True" Round Robin Style Events, Equals Success for J & C's Tavern Tournament

J & C's Tavern, 6601 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, hosted a draw partner and bring partner tournament on June 7-9. Owner Joe Orfanelli has given a big boost to Philadelphia action by recently adding a third board. "One of the reasons why tournaments in the Philadelphia area haven't been as popular as in other areas is the lack of establishments that have more than one or two shuffleboards," reports Rita Yank.

The format for both events was "true" round robin style. "Most of the participating players had never played this style of tournament before, and all agreed it was a very interesting and challenging way to play," said Rita. "The decision was made on the spur of the moment by votes of all participants just before the start of the Friday night draw, and was such a success that it was repeated on Saturday as well. Since it was 'spur of the moment,' the directors had just a little (!) difficulty in figuring out how it should be set up, especially since there were an odd number of teams. If there is anyone out there who is familiar with this style of play and has already made up brackets they'd like to share, please send them to J & C's so we won't scratch our heads quite so often next time."

Friday night's draw was won by Ben Evans Jr. of Drexel Hill and Joe Orfanelli. Second went to Jim Yank Sr. and Louise Freer.

Saturday's bring partner was won by Bill Pollock of Upper Darby and Judy Gartland from Northeast Philadelphia. Second place (again!) was taken by Jim Yank Sr. and Louise Freer. Even though both teams had only lost one game each and Yank and Louise defeated Bill and Judy, in total points Bill and Judy came out ahead. The dark horse team of Mike Quinn and Linda Marchell, both of West Philadelphia, finished third "by a nose" after getting off to a pretty rough start.

Tournament director Jim Yank thanks Rita, Al DiBella and Louise Freer for their help in running the tournament brackets, sponsor sales, etc. and to Joe Orfanelli for maximizing the sponsor sale potential with his incremental bids.

J & C's hosted their 2nd Annual Yankee Doodle Dandy tournament on July 4-7. See next month's issue for results.

Action at Syd's in Noblesville, Ind.

Winner of the open singles at Syd's Bar in Noblesville, Indiana, on April 13 was Bob Rummell with second going to John Spillman.

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☺ **Friday, Aug. 2: OPEN SINGLES, \$25 entry**

8:30 p.m. sponsor sale, play starts immediately following and will continue on Saturday at 11 a.m., single game, double elimination.

☺ **Saturday, Aug. 3: OPEN DOUBLES, \$50 team**

Sale and play following finish of singles. Single game, double elimination.

☺ **Sunday, Aug. 4: MIXED DRAW, \$30 team**

Sale and play starts at 2 p.m., single game, double elimination.

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◆ **Thursday, Aug. 1, OPEN SINGLES, \$100 entry**

Sale at noon, play immediately following.

◆ **Friday, Aug. 2, DOUBLES DRAW, \$25 per player**

No sale, play after singles.

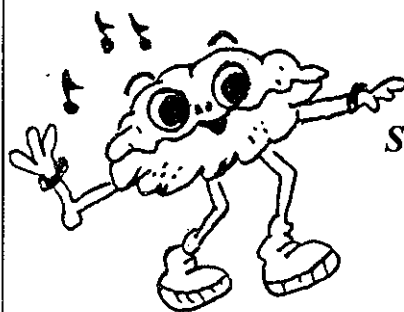
◆ **Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 3-4**

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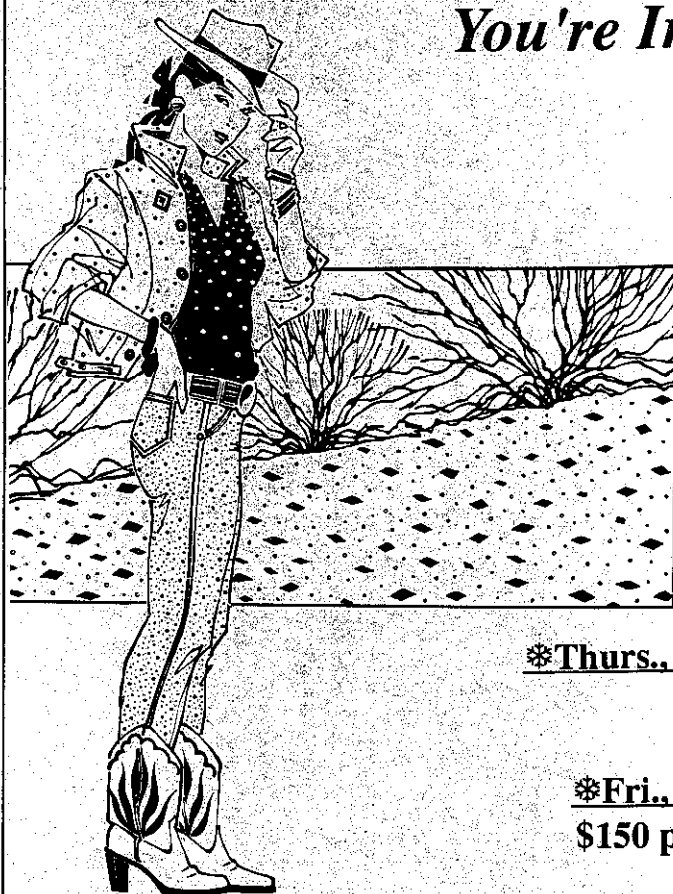


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***Thurs., Aug. 29, 6 p.m., TRUE A-B DRAW, \$50 entry,
single game, double elimination**

***Fri., Aug. 30, 2 p.m., SINGLES, graduated entries:
\$150 pros, \$125 0's, \$100 1's, \$75 2's, \$25 3's and 4's,
2 out of 3, double elimination**

***Sat., Aug. 31, 3 p.m., BRING-PARTNER DOUBLES, \$150 per team, single game,
double elimination. Pros must play with a "2" or higher; 0's must play with a "1" or
higher; all others can play with any other rating.**

***Sun., Sept. 1, 6-PERSON DRAFT TEAM EVENT, 5 out of 9, double elimination.
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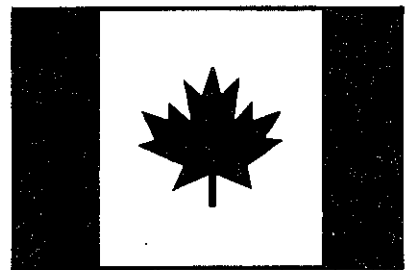
\$20 Canadian entry fee, 6:30 p.m. start;
entries close at 6 p.m. for Open Doubles.

Singles, Aug. 31

\$50 Canadian entry fee; entries close at
5 p.m.; sale at 6:30 p.m., play immediately
following.

Doubles, Sept. 1, \$1000 added

\$100 Canadian entry fee; sale at 10 a.m.
Saturday morning, 11 a.m. start.



NOTE: Losers' bracket must come back and win 3 straight over A to win.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Biltmore Motor Hotel, 395 Kingsway, 1-604-872-5252 or
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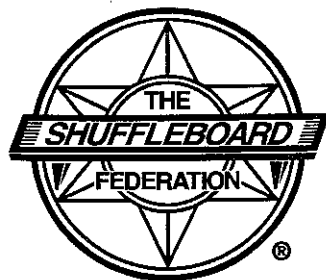
Mail entries (Canadian funds) no later than Aug. 30, 1996, to: Marg Okum,
4103 Welwyn St., Vancouver, B.C. V5N3Z1 (phone: 1-604-874-8911).

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Event Information (more details on the back of this page)

Event	Entry Fee	Starts	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team Event	\$50.00 per player	Monday, October 28 (2:00 pm)	Tuesday	144 players
Pro/Division I Doubles	\$100.00 per player	Wednesday, October 30	Thursday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$50.00 per player	Wednesday, October 30	Wednesday	32 teams
Division I Singles	\$100.00 per player	Thursday, October 31	Thursday	32 players
Division II Open Singles	\$50.00 per player	Thursday, October 31	Thursday	48 players
Division II Ladies Singles	\$25.00 per player	Thursday, October 31	Thursday	24 players
Pro Draw Partners	\$50.00 per player	Thursday, October 31	Thursday	32 players
Amateur Team Event	\$50.00 per player	Friday, November 1	Sunday	32 teams
Pro Singles	\$300.00 per player	Friday, November 1	Saturday/Sunday	32 players
Legends Draw	\$50.00 per player	Saturday, November 2	Sunday	32 players
Deuces Wild®	\$25.00 per player	Sunday, November 3	Sunday	128 players

- All participants *must* be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. Room rates are \$53.41, including tax. Room/airfare packages are allowed, as long as you stay at the Sands Regency.
- Entries for each event will be accepted until that event is full, or until the day prior to that event, whichever comes first. Entries received after October 10 are subject to a \$5.00 penalty for registration, and for each event entered.
- For more information, contact The Shuffleboard Federation at (810) 380-9300, 41761 Onaway Drive, Northville, Michigan 48167-2411.

May 11, the winner was Doyle Greer, with second again going to John Spillman.

The winner of Syd's 2nd Annual Open Doubles on June 8 was Ady Snyder and Doyle Greer -- "the best team in Noblesville," according to Butch Thomas.

Stewart/McDermott/Blade Winners at Wetlands Memorial Weekend

The top players in the Midwest were on hand for the 3rd Annual Memorial Tournament at the Wetlands in Royal Oak, Michigan, which was co-sponsored by Decker Shuffleboard, Toledo, Ohio.

The first event was a doubles with a format that did not allow players rated -1 or 0 to be partners. Doug Stewart of Detroit, playing his first tournament since the '80s, teamed up with John McDermott of Northville, to go undefeated on their way to capturing first-place honors. This was a sign of things to come, as this was the first tournament ever at Wetlands in which nobody was double-dipped. Bobby and Debbie Voorhis of Indiana recovered from an early loss and got back to the finals before bowing out in second place. Third place went to locals Jeff Cottrell and Chris Lemieux.

In the singles, it was Frank Blade going all the way. Nobody had more of an interest in ending the double-dip tradition than Frank, having been on the receiving end two years in a row. This time, he avenged his loss in last year's finals with a convincing win against Bobby Voorhis, who finished second. Jeff Cottrell picked up his second third-place finish of the weekend. Jeff used a seemingly endless supply of three lags and combination shots to get to the winner's bracket finals, before being defeated by top finishers Frank and Bobby.

Next up at Wetlands is the 2nd Annual Six-Person Team Event on Aug. 23-25. For more information, call The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300, or Mike Papa at Wetlands, 810-543-2626.

Sonny Boys (continued from Page 13)

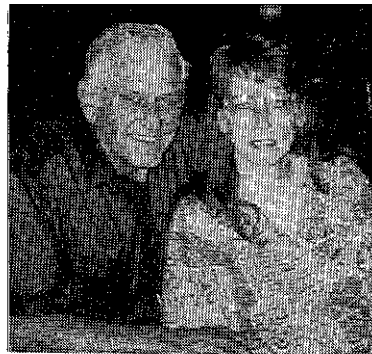
Woodie and Connie's game plan was for Connie to hold the "big boy" down and let Woodie show Doug some wrinkles on the board that he had not seen before - - and it worked. The "old man" played the best game of his life and put the favorites in the loser's bracket.

However, the cream will always come to the top and when the same two teams met again, trying for the second spot, Woodie and Connie's plan didn't work. By the time Jerry and Doug had worked their way back to the top, there was no board advantage and Doug dazzled Woodie with some of his own shots. The best two games of the tournament were the last between Jim and Donna Dunn and Jerry and Doug, after most of the losers

and spectators had left. The Dunns did not give up their crown easily. It came down to the last game and the last shot when Jerry had to stick a hard deuce or go down in defeat. Jerry, the pro that he is with nerves of steel, went on and did what he had to do and he and Doug became the new champs of Sonny Boys 2nd Annual Tournament. Second place went to Jim and Donna Dunn and third to Woodie Cockrum and Connie McCall, with fourth to two-time champions of the Texas County yearly tournament in Houston, Missouri, Moe Miller and Dean Pinkston.



Judy Mull (center), owner of Sonny Boys, congratulates new champions Doug Zurmuelen and Jerry Sabourin (right) following their defeat of defending champs Donna and Jim Dunn.



Giving everyone a run for their money were "old man" Woodie Cockrum and his partner Connie McCall. Woodie and Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at this big event.

"This tournament ended up being the overall largest played in the state of Missouri," reports Woodie.

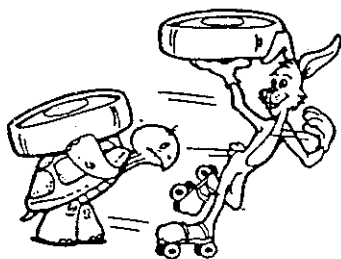
"Twenty teams matched the citywide tournament in Springfield and the \$1,790 pot and gifts from the sponsors made it the richest.

"I would like to thank Timmy Lee, the P.R. man from Grellner Sales (Miller Beer), The Board Talk for the gift subscriptions, and The Shuffleboard Federation for furnishing the weights (Henry Williams bought the weights right off the board). Shirley Cothran won the door prize valued at \$150 from Grellner Sales.

"I would also like to thank all those who helped me put this match on: Charlie Riley from Houston, Chuck Muelhauser from St. Louis, Mike Hearthill from Cook's Station, Super Sam Eveland from St. Louis, Doug Zurmuelen from St. Louis, and Mike Moran from Mountain Home, Arkansas," said Woodie.

Looking Back.....

1991



Editor's Note: To mark our 12 years of publication, we started this new column in December, highlighting the winners of some past major tournaments. Because of space restrictions, we can't include them all. This month.....1991.

●**PCSA Extravaganza II, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 29-Feb. 2: (Amateur Team Event)** 1st -- Acme Tavern, Washington; 2nd--DJ's, Indiana; 3rd--Friends, Oklahoma; 4th--Phoenix CBS, Arizona. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd--Carolyn Jones, Oklahoma; 3rd--Chris Danke, California; 4th--Ruthie Miles, Oregon. **(Open Singles):** 1st--Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 2nd--Jim Allis, Washington; 3rd--Darrol Nelson, Oregon; 4th--Bill Melton, Oklahoma. **(Open Doubles):** 1st--Darrol Nelson, Oregon/Jim Allis, Washington; 2nd--Mike Waters and Rick Gindt, Oregon; 3rd--Gordie Collins, Michigan/Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 4th--Gregg McFarland and Frank Bentley, California. **(Mixed Doubles):** 1st--Leroy Ledford and Chris Danke, California; 2nd--Terry Burns and Joanie Millar, Canada; 3rd--Eric Waldman, Montana, and Diana Hoffman, Ohio; 4th--Gene Davis, Colorado, and Cheryl Collins, Michigan.

●**Arizona Open, Cono Lodge, Phoenix, March 27-31: (Singles)** 1st -- Rick Boyer, Michigan; 2nd--Karl Spickelmier, California; 3rd--Jody Slack, Colorado. **(Women's Singles)** 1st--Chris Danke, California; 2nd--Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska. **(Open Doubles):** 1st--David Williams and Bob Shaw, Texas; 2nd--Chuck Norris, Oregon/Jim Allis, Washington.

●**Washington's Birthday Tournament, Corporate Image, Fort Worth, Texas, April 24-28: (Pro-Am):** 1st--Bud Hillburn, Oklahoma/Evelyn Harris, Texas; 2nd--Greg Tedford and Bobby Williams, Texas. **(Amateur Singles):** 1st--Bobby Williams, Texas; 2nd--Jay Watson, Nebraska; 3rd--Mike Melton, Oklahoma; 4th--Denny Busch, Nebraska. **(Pro Singles):** 1st--Frank Blade, Oklahoma; 2nd--Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd--Diana Hagen, Texas.

●**Spring Doubles Tournament, American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana, May 4:** 1st--Jerry Siebert and Bjerne Sunde, Michigan; 2nd--Buddy Broka, Indiana/Bob Perry,

Illinois; 3rd--Ron Shaw and Shawn, Illinois; 4th--Bobby Voorhis, Indiana/John McDermott, Michigan.

●**5th Annual Arbuckle Open, Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, May 23-27: (Open Draw):** 1st--Lisa Melton, Oklahoma/Bill Wooldridge, Texas; 2nd--Dave Davidson and Jim Griggs, Oklahoma; 3rd--Shirley Robertson, Oklahoma/Larry Vance, Indiana; 4th--Maggie Worley, Nebraska/Cindy Sweatt, Oklahoma. **(Sweetheart Draw):** 1st--Sandy Swift and Keith Oyler, Oklahoma; 2nd--Brenda Watts and Ronnie Gamble, Oklahoma; 3rd--Lisa Melton and Gene Phillips, Oklahoma; 4th--Evelyn Harris, Texas/Ronnie Snelgroves, Oklahoma. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Sandy Swift, Oklahoma; 2nd--Lisa Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd--Maggie Worley, Nebraska; 4th--Sally Goff, Oklahoma. **(Men's Singles):** 1st--Denny Busch, Nebraska; 2nd--Mike Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd--Bud Hillburn, Oklahoma; 4th--Ron Campbell, Nebraska; **(Doubles):** 1st--Dino Fleming and Mark Foust, Oklahoma; 2nd--Tim Petrie and Lonnie Pfost, Oklahoma; 3rd--Don Zahn and Tim Piccolo, Nebraska; 4th--Maggie Worley and Ron Campbell, Nebraska.

●**7th Annual Board Talk Reunion, Holiday Inn, Kulpville, Pennsylvania, 4th of July Weekend: (Draw Partner):** 1st--Doug Fridley Jr., New York/Scratch Todd, Maryland; 2nd--Bobby Voorhis, Indiana/George Wilber, Michigan; 3rd--Bill Stoops, Oklahoma/Joe Williams, Pennsylvania; 4th--Gene Gach, Michigan/Ed Galke, New York. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Judy Gartland, Pennsylvania; 2nd--Gail Schultz, Michigan; 3rd--Anna Dell, Maryland. **(Open Singles):** 1st--John McDermott, Michigan; 2nd--Bill Lally, Pennsylvania; 3rd--Bobby Voorhis, Indiana. **(Singles Classic):** 1st--John Lukas, Maryland; 2nd--Len Dell, Maryland; 3rd--Tom Schaeffer, Pennsylvania; 4th--Mickey Mickens, New Jersey. **(Doubles Classic):** 1st--Jim Yank and Mike Kennedy, Pennsylvania; 2nd--Len Dell and Scratch Todd, Maryland; 3rd--Bjerne Sunde and Phil McGrew, Michigan; 4th--Terry Broka, Ohio/Judy Iseman, Maryland. **(4-Person Team Event):** 1st--Kathy's Klowns (Kathy and Terry Broka, Ohio; Bjerne Sunde and John McDermott, Michigan); 2nd--Al DiBella, Louise Freer and Joe Williams, Pennsylvania, and Jimmy Kumpula, Florida/Michigan; 3rd--Dew Drop Inn, New York (John Arndt, Doug Jr. and Sr. and Tracie Fridley).

●**U.S. Open, Howard Johnson Hotel, Austin, Texas, Aug. 27-Sept. 2: (Pro Singles):** 1st--David Williams, Texas; 2nd--Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd--Darrol Nelson, Oregon. **(Pro Doubles):** 1st--Billy Mays, Texas/Darrol Nelson, Oregon; 2nd--Bill Melton, Oklahoma/David Williams, Texas; 3rd--Sam Summers and Glen Davidson, Oklahoma. **(Pro-Am Draw):** 1st--John McDermott, Michigan/Tammy Denson, Texas; 2nd--Sam Summers and

NEXT MONTH: Who were the "headliners" in 1992? Will YOUR name be there?

J.D. Sweet, Oklahoma; 3rd--Bill Melton, Oklahoma/Ron Bowers, Texas. **(Semi-Pro Singles):** 1st--Don Valk, Texas; 2nd--Johnny Ballard, Texas; 3rd--Bill Wooldridge, Texas; 4th--Dale Koteris, Texas. **(Semi-Pro Doubles):** 1st--Gordie and Cheryl Collins, Michigan; 2nd--Greg Tedford and Lisa Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd--Tony Howard and Bob Shaw, Texas. **(Semi-Pro Draw):** 1st--Brenda Moore, Texas/Jody Slack, Colorado; 2nd--Charlie Walker and Hal St. Leger; 3rd--Don Valk and Bobby Williams, Texas. **(6-Member Team):** 1st--Houston Hangers; 2nd--Corporate Image; 3rd--San Antonio Sportsman's.

●**North American Championships, Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Reno, Nevada, Oct. 30-Nov. 3: (Doubles):** 1st--Sam Sweatt and Mark Foust, Oklahoma; 2nd--Bill Meyer and Bjerne Sunde, Michigan; 3rd--Bobby Williams and Bill Wooldridge, Texas; 4th--Diana Hagen and Dale Koteris, Texas. **(Mixed Doubles):** 1st--Cheryl Collins, Michigan/Bubba Warren, California; 2nd--Diana Hagen, Texas/Cliff Goff, Oklahoma; 3rd--Kathy Broka, Ohio/Lonnie Pfost, Oklahoma; 4th--George Ostrum, Colorado/Gail Schultz, Michigan. **(Women's Singles):** 1st--Shirley Robertson, Oklahoma; 2nd--Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska; 3rd--Debbie Voorhis, Indiana; 4th--Sandy Swift, Oklahoma. **(Open Singles):** 1st--Bob Shaw, Texas; 2nd--Don Valk, Texas; 3rd--Jim Filkins, Nebraska; 4th--Bobby Williams, Texas. **(Semi-Pro):** 1st--Gail Schultz, Michigan/Lenny Dell, Maryland; 2nd--Stan Hiatt and Don Young; 3rd--Cliff Goff and Steve Walker, Oklahoma; 4th--Larry Barthel, Oklahoma/Rich Warren, California. **(Legends Draw):** 1st--Bud Hillburn and Jay Kimble; 2nd--Lloyd Coffelt and Troy Tolbert; 3rd--Bill Robinson and Don Tompkins; 4th--Art Busch and Bill Wooldridge. **(Amateur Team):** 1st--Rogue's Ga Gallery (Betty Brantley, Larry Cooper, Tammy Denson, Lisa Melton, Bob Shaw, Bobby Williams); 2nd--The Lost Texans (Rusty Center, Pam Harden, Gary Kennedy, Brenda Moore, Terry Moore, Gregg Tedford); 3rd--The Cornhuskers (Art Busch, Denny Busch, Gwyn Orsi, Tim Piccolo, Charlotte Rahn, Joel Rahn); 4th--Bremerton II (Gene Brown, Vera Brown, Les Burt, Janice Devitt, Gerry Stoncopher, Don Young).

Lilac City Memorial a Grand Event!

It was showtime from start to finish in the 15th Annual Lilac City Memorial Tournament at Litz's Pub & Eatery in Spokane, Washington.

The "top dogs" from the Coast put the hurt to the locals in the singles, with Dave Arndt, Rick Gindt and Loren Lampley finishing first, second and third. Dan Hitt and Chuck Norris, both considered heavy contenders, had one of those nights you'd rather forget. Mike Pond, the only Spokaneite, finished fourth. In Friday night's draw, Chuck Norris and Darryl Pond clinched first place. Earl Cole and Al Pease fought hard for their second-

Other Significant Happenings in 1991:

(January) Chris Danke reports that over \$6,000 has been raised for the Jamie Maxwell Benefit. Jamie's mother, Sharon, reports that Jamie is "holding her own" with the new treatments.

(February) The "tinsel town" of Las Vegas is tied with yellow ribbons as a tribute to those serving in "Desert Storm," and families of those participating in Extravaganza III worry about loved ones flying on planes in the U.S.A. that Hussein has threatened.

(April) A landmark has been achieved when The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., announces that the host of their '91 North American Championships, the Sands Regency Hotel Casino in Reno, will add big bucks to the tournament. Fred and Lois Thumann share the sad news that shuffleboard promoter Bill Jennings has passed away.

(June) Lou Lusero of California sets up a scholarship at his alma mater, California State University, supported by the shuffleboard community and raises \$5,000 which will be matched by the university. *The Board Talk* announces that its 7th Annual Shufflers' Reunion will be held in honor of Bellflower Bruce Hale from the West Coast and Dick Gorman from the East Coast as key promoters of shuffleboard.

(July) Glen Davidson celebrates his 61st birthday by taking the singles at Ted Z's 4th of July tournament at the Best Little Warehouse in Temecula, California. In Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, a destructive wind and rain storm hit the Holiday Inn, putting the Board Talk's Shufflers' Reunion in the dark. With only dim auxiliary lights, Kathy Broka conducted the sponsor sale for the 4-person team event and Rob Kern rounded up blackboards on which to record the scores of the 10 teams competing.

(August) The World of Shuffleboard suffers the loss of a leading character in the sport's revival, Roy Lembke of California.

(September) Gil Aragon, shuffler from Arizona, was elected to the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame.

place finish, and Gary George and his partner took third.

The doubles event was the local boys' last chance to redeem themselves -- and they did. Steve Aalimarski and Earl Cole raced through the winner's bracket, only to be spanked by Mike Pond and Al Pease the first two games of the final. Regaining their composure and switching boards, Steve and Earl returned to capture the number one spot. John Fisher and Carl Roush maneuvered their way to third place, with Dave Arndt and Gary George in fourth.

This year's tournament brought some new shooters -- Rick Shaw and Lisa Langston shot in their first

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Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, "Tacoma Tim" had a gun pointed at his head by a guy Lil and Eddie thought was one of Dollar Dan's hired hit-men. They all thought this was the end....)

The tension in the room was beyond description. The "hit man" had told them he would get some real pleasure when he "blew away" Tacoma Tim -- because Tim had tried to get the drop on him earlier.

He had a sneer on his face as he cocked his revolver. The sound of that "click" spelled doom for Tim. He had a jumbled mass of parts of his life flashing through his head, and at the same time, he was trying to talk to God. Then came the terrifying loud sound!

The loud sound came from Lil's terrified voice! She screamed out: "Hold it, for God's Sake! Do you know who Tony Russo is? He's my ex-husband, and you'll never get away with this! Don't pull that trigger!"

The scar-faced man turned to look into Lil's eyes, but he still kept the revolver to Tim's head. He made a reply then: "I'd like to know what the hell's goin' on here. If I don't 'do' this guy right now, I'M in a whole lot of trouble -- from your 'ex,' Tony Russo! This here guy tried to do me in outside the house there, and he works for a guy called 'Dollar Dan -- the Money Man.' I should think you'd be happy about this!"

The lump in Lil's throat was almost keeping her from getting the words out, but in a very deliberate voice she said: "Put that damned thing down right now. That man next to you happens to be one of my very best friends!"

The man slowly lowered his revolver and in a soft voice said: "Well, now, that's really nice to know, Ms. Lil. We almost made a little mistake here, didn't we?" He looked down at Tacoma Tim, who had huge beads of sweat pouring off his forehead. Tim lowered his head then....and he gave thanks.

The man turned his body toward Lil as he backed away from Tim. He looked into Lil's eyes as he said: "I don't know what's goin' on here, but I'll tell you this. Originally, I never intended to pull the trigger. Tony's instructions were to scare the living hell out of anyone who may have bothered you because of the deal down in Texas. You know he wouldn't get anyone dead for a lousy \$10,000."

He went on: "I really don't know what would have happened if you hadn't shouted out when you did, though, 'cause I was thinking that I might be dead now if I hadn't second-guessed our man Tim here. Of course, now I feel foolish, and I hope you won't fault me with Tony over this."

Lil questioned the man then: "We knew that you were following us to and from the restaurant. You must have seen three people together, didn't you? I'm amazed that you didn't know who was who!"

The man replied: "If you knew I was following you, you must also have seen how far back I was parked at the restaurant and back here. I saw three people alright, but I certainly couldn't identify Tim here. And besides that, I saw the two of you on the porch, talking to someone inside the house. Of course, I figured that the person inside was the man who owned the house and was the same one who was with you in the car. I figured that when Tim and I had worked our way out front that the 'mystery man' had taken off and was long gone. How would I know any different?!"

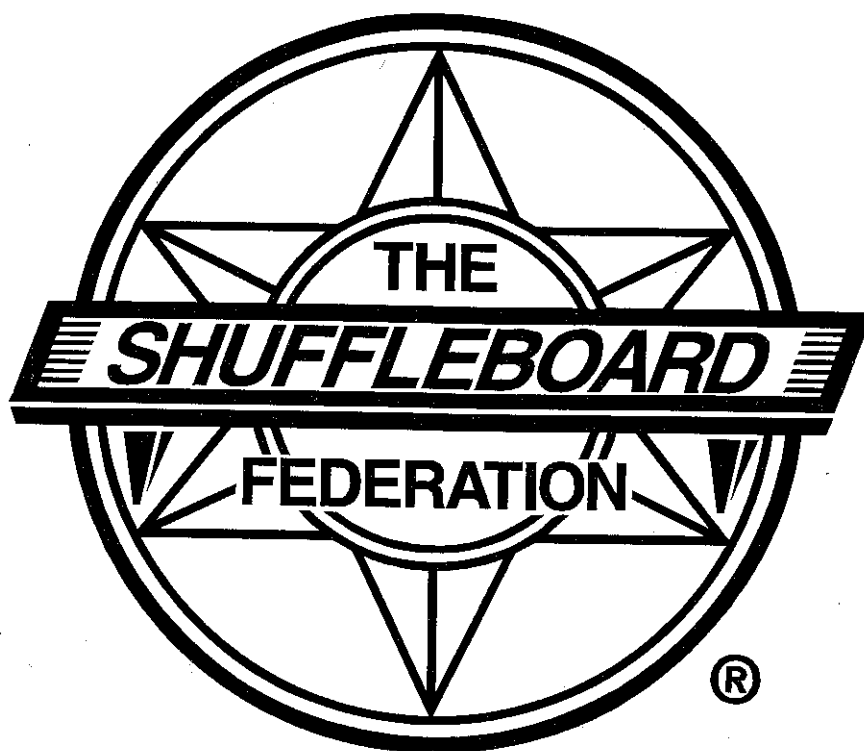
Lil looked him square in the eyes then and said: "Look, I don't even want to know who you are, but two things are going to happen here. You're going to disappear out that front door for one. But, before you do that, I want you to get on your knees and look Tim in the eyes -- and give him a serious apology."

The man wasn't used to this kind of humility and he hesitated for a moment. The look in Lil's eyes, however, told him that he had better follow the instructions. After he got on his knees, Tim finally raised his head. The man apologized and it sounded very sincere. Tim didn't reply right then, but after the man had gotten up and was about to leave, he did say, in a very shaky voice: "You know, I never intended to shoot you either -- I just wanted to scare you off." Then he added, kind of as an after-thought: "By the way, before you leave, drop my rifle off on the front porch, O.K.?" He couldn't say anymore.

The man didn't look back as he exited the front door. The three of them were left speechless now. They were just exchanging looks. Eddie didn't say anything, but his mind was doing a lot of talking. It was telling him that this latest ordeal had settled everything for him. He was OUT! This wasn't a game any more. He would take the first flight home. It was finished....It was over now.

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More Notebook (continued from Page 10)**The Controversial Issue of Use of Weights Addressed by Bobby W.**

In Alan's (Primrose) great tournament in Wynnewood, there was controversy over the use of weights. Since then, I have heard this discussed often in Texas. Should a player be allowed to switch tops and play with the same four weights all the time? I have heard several theories as to why this should not be allowed.

I feel that, without doubt, a player should be allowed to play with his best four weights. Why would we tell someone who physically or psychologically depends on a certain set of weights to make his best shots that he or she cannot use them? Would you tell a bowler, a golfer, a tennis player, that they may not use a certain ball, set of clubs, or racquet? You sure would not want to tell a dart player or pool player not to use their set of darts or cue.

If someone, through luck or having the finances to experiment endlessly, finds four weights that mesh with the way he delivers or the way a certain board is running that game, more power to him or her.

Bobby Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

You have opened a subject that has been debated at several tournaments, Bobby, and one which needs a discussion and resolution. We welcome all viewpoints on this issue.

Remember: viewpoints must be received by the 15th of each month to be in the next issue.

Bowers Rating System to Expand

Everyone who reads *The Board Talk* is probably aware of the tremendous crowds that are flocking to tournaments in Oklahoma and Texas. They are obviously doing something right. One of the common denominators in those tournaments has been the inclusion of at least one event that uses some type of handicap. In other words, there are events that beginners and average players have a chance to win. The great job Ron and Debbie Bowers have done in gathering the data to generate accurate player ratings has been a major contributor to the success of those tournaments.

For those not familiar with what Ron and Debbie have done, here it is in a nutshell.... They have assembled a group of approximately 20 players to act as "raters." Using rating criteria developed by The Shuffleboard Federation, they each rate players between "5" (beginner) and "-1" (pro). The ratings have led to handicap draw partner, doubles and team events that are generating

capacity crowds and bringing many new players to the tournament scene.

They are several years into this project and the number of people on the rating committee, as well as the number of rated players and the accuracy of their data, has grown substantially. We use the Bowers' ratings for all of the Texas and Oklahoma players who come to Reno.

We are pleased to announce that the ratings effort has spread to the West Coast. Approximately 20 players from the West Coast have been asked to rate a list of several hundred of their fellow players. Every one of the people we asked to participate agreed to do so. This is another positive indication that the growing spirit of cooperation in the shuffleboard community is going to continue to flourish. Special thanks to P.C.S.A. reps Karl Spickelmier and Bob Brunskill for agreeing to take part in this project. The Shuffleboard Federation will share all of the ratings data with the P.C.S.A., which should help both organizations with their respective tournaments.

As with all things that are new, there will be a few bugs to work out. It will, however, get better every year and we certainly hope that the shuffleboard community will recognize the importance of this project and will support and respect the efforts of the people who are helping to get this off the ground.

To all of our friends in our home base, the Midwest, and to all the players on the East Coast, please do not feel slighted that we made the West our top priority. Because the largest number of participants in our tournament in Reno are from the West Coast, it was crucial to get that area done as soon as possible so that everyone coming to Reno for the team event can get their teams together. All of this new information will be forwarded to Ron and Debbie for inclusion in their ratings. We think they have done a great job and our efforts in this area are meant to assist them -- not to undermine what they have accomplished. If anyone from the East Coast or the Midwest would like to get involved, please contact The Shuffleboard Federation.

If there are any nay-sayers on this subject, here is some food for thought: at the upcoming Southwest Open, there is a reasonably good chance that there will be a hundred teams in the handicap doubles. So, if you are one of those people who criticize the concept and those volunteers who are making it happen, perhaps you should bite your tongue and, at the very least, take a wait-and-see approach.

We would naturally like to see the ratings done from coast to coast. Anything that increases the number of participants is good for everyone individually as well as the game as a whole. Our thanks go out to the

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10th Arbuckle Open Attracts Overflow Crowd

With a record-breaking 133 registered entries in the 10th Annual Arbuckle Open at Prim's Wagon Wheel in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, over the Memorial weekend, it became "painfully obvious" to host Alan Primrose that the event had outgrown its location. "My apologies to all the contestants who had to wait so long between games," he said. "All efforts will be made to find larger facilities in the future."

Two individuals who have supported the Arbuckle Open since its beginning received special honors this year.



Host Alan Primrose (center) awarded special plaques to Mike Melton of Melton Shuffleboard Co. (right) and Cliff Goff for "Ten Consecutive Years of Attendance, Support, and Friendship."

The big event started with a record-setting 43 teams in the Sweetheart Draw.



Winners were Brenda Watts, Wynnewood, and Johnny Wayne, Dallas, Texas (right). Second place honors went to Gwyn Orsi and Ron Campbell (left) of Nebraska. Rena Fleming (top) of Moore and Rick Brock (not shown) of Tulsa took third place.

Others in the winners' circle for the Sweetheart draw were: Shari Foust and DG Lane of Tulsa, 4th; Evelyn Harris and Jim Dobson, Dallas, 5th; and Brenda Moore, San Antonio, and Bill Wooldridge, Fort Worth, 6th place.

Thanks from Alan Primrose

**C.W. Walker, with the assistance of Rena Fleming, did a brilliant job keeping the bracket boards.

**Bill Wooldridge came to the rescue with his auctioneering talents.

**Brenda Watts, with the assistance of Kathy Yingst, handled the registrations, entries, and sales.

**Special thanks to the local sponsors who donated toward the cost of the award plaques. This is the most support ever received from the merchants in this community and I hope players supported them in return:

- Washita Crossing Restaurant
- Pak-A-Way
- Doc's Conoco
- Savage Drive Inn
- Budget Inn
- Cherokee Strip
- Kent's Restaurant
- David's Food Center
- Down Town Diner
- Sonic Drive Inn
- E-Z Mart

**Thanks also to my regular and part-time employees, Kenny Brewer for his electrical work, Evelyn Harris for running the round robins, Don Blackburn for running the many errands during the tournament, and Red River Distributing (Budweiser) for furnishing the lights and signs.

Another record 98 entrants participated in the open draw.

Top winners in the open draw were Ron Huddleston and Rick Jones of Oklahoma City. Dino Fleming of Oklahoma City and Lisa Melton of Davis took second place honors.



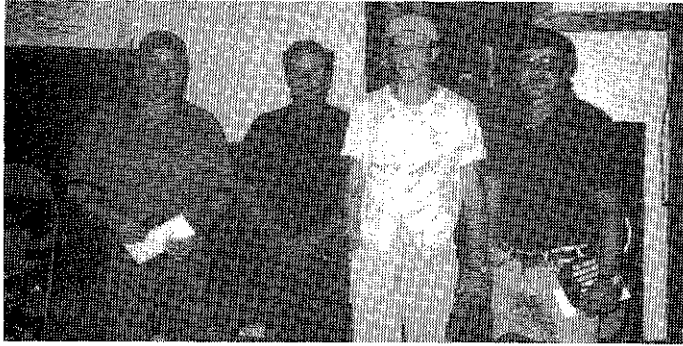
Other winners were: DG Lane, Tulsa, and Eddie Wood, Dallas, 3rd; Kathy Yingst, Tulsa, and Ron Grove, Wynnewood, 4th; Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, and Gary Nelson, Dallas, 5th; Lynn Tice, Pauls Valley, and Rick Yingst, Tulsa, 6th.

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Arbuckle Open (continued from Page 21)



Scotty Steinmyer of Lincoln, Nebraska, was winner of the Division I Singles. Brenda Watts took second place, with Ron Campbell, also of Lincoln, in third.



Mitch Melton (second from right) was winner of the Division II singles, with Larry Laws (right) from Omaha taking second place honors. Third went to Vaughn Chavoya of Dallas (left).

Fred Boyd of Dallas finished fourth in the Division II singles, with Terry Gerrod and Jim Kennedy, both of Tulsa, in fifth and sixth spots.



Rick Yingst (left) and John Cason (right -- the man who disappears in the smoke), were tops in the Division I Doubles. Johnny Ballard of Houston (second from right) and Johnny Wayne Crawford of Dallas took second place. Greg Tedford of Sonora, Texas, and Ken Storck of Oklahoma City finished third.

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Jim Kennedy and Terry Gerrod, both of Tulsa (left), were winners of the Division II Doubles. Runners-up were Vicki Simants and Larry Laws of Omaha, Nebraska. That's bracketman C.W. Walker in the background.



And Betty Brantley of Davis, Oklahoma, and Terry Roberts of Omaha, don't look too unhappy with their third place plaques in the Division II Doubles.



(Editors' Note: In past issues, nobody recognized John Lukas's "best buns" at Bourbon, or Doug Buhl's "best legs" at the Whistling Oyster. Now, how about this one -- what do we call it? Whatever it (they) belong to, the editors don't know. However, we'll add a free year's subscription to The Board Talk to whatever Al Primrose is offering for identification of whoever owns it (these). Please contact Al with your "guess" because we honestly don't know!

National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Last month in *The Board Talk*, we published a list of players over the age of 60 that we thought would be possible candidates to the Hall of Fame. We are hoping for feedback regarding those people and any others that The World of Shuffleboard feels are worthy of nomination. The NSHF Board of Directors is trying very hard to make the necessary preparations to be able to officially nominate inductees in the near future, but your input is necessary. As a reminder, please feel free to write or call your suggestions for the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

A big "thank you" to George and Donna Wilber for sending us the forms they developed for the board's consideration. We really appreciate their hard work and time in putting together the forms, and I am in the process of trying to get opinions on it from the other board members. The purpose of the forms is to help make the nomination process easier for all concerned. George and Donna say that they have heard people expressing their frustrations because they'd like to nominate someone, but just don't know how.

Hello out there! Anybody home? Sometimes I swear I feel like I'm speaking and writing in a foreign language! Anyway, my frustrations aside, I hope this form, or a likeness thereof, can be distributed to key people who aren't afraid to get involved in furthering the game of shuffleboard as well as the already formed regional committees so that the nomination process is easier.

Another point to consider and respond to: one writer let us know that he thought the requirement for at least 20 signatures was too high. That person's opinion was, because they live in an area where there aren't that many shuffleboard players, gathering the 20 signatures would be an undue hardship and that it should be lowered. What do you all think?

The Hall of Fame is an organization for the shuffleboard community. Your input, both critical and/or complimentary, will help make it **as you'd like it to be!** Mention it at your tournaments, talk about it with your friends, talk with the board members when you run into us, but above all -- get involved in **some way!**

Louise Freer, Secretary, National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame
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(Editors' Note: For many months now, the six volunteers who serve on the NSHF Board of Directors have been struggling -- long distance because they represent all parts of our "World" -- to reach their objectives which will enhance the integrity and longevity of our sport. Isn't it time that YOU took some responsibility to ensure that those objectives are met? What can you do?

●Provide your input to the board on the process and criteria of the nomination process. As Louise stated, they're open to that input, whether positive or negative.

●Nominate some person you think is worthy of induction into the Hall of Fame.

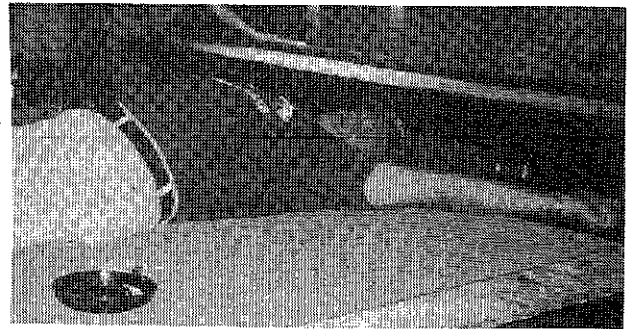
●If you have memorabilia (stories, photos, video tapes, news clippings) that should be displayed in the Hall of Fame, send them to the board.

●If you are sponsoring and/or directing a tournament, encourage participants to make a donation to the NSHF. This is especially appropriate if you have a local/area player/sponsor/promoter you are nominating to the Hall of Fame.

●Make your own personal contribution. It's going to take some financial commitment to "build" a Hall of Fame so that future generations will know and appreciate their heritage. Send your contribution, made payable to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, to Secretary Louise Freer.

We urge you to take time NOW to, as Louise pleases, **DO SOMETHING!** This has been a long-held dream; it's time to help make it a reality. The board has carried the ball, virtually alone, for too long. That "ball" is now in **YOUR court!**

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JULY

July 2-7

Southwest Open
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

July 2-7

4th Annual 4th of July/12th
Board Talk Reunion
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

July 4-7

2nd Annual Yankee Doodle
J & C's
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 6-7

Arndt-Fridley Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

July 13

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

July 19-20

Missouri State Championships
Longbranch Lounge
Springfield, Missouri

July 26-27

Hangover Drag Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

AUGUST

July 31-Aug. 4

7th Annual Grand Masters
Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

Aug. 2-4

Summer National Tournament
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Aug. 2-4

Rudy Stober Memorial Tourney
Stober's Cocktail Lounge
Lansing, Michigan

Aug. 10

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Aug. 16-17

A-B Blind Draw
Top's, That Other Place Saloon
St. Louis, Missouri

Aug. 16-18

Grand Opening Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Aug. 23-25

2nd Annual 6-Person Team
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Aug. 23-25

Pro-Am Draw Partner
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Aug. 25 - Sept. 2

Labor Day Tournament
Blinky's Sports Cafe
Santa Clara, California

Aug. 28-Sept. 2

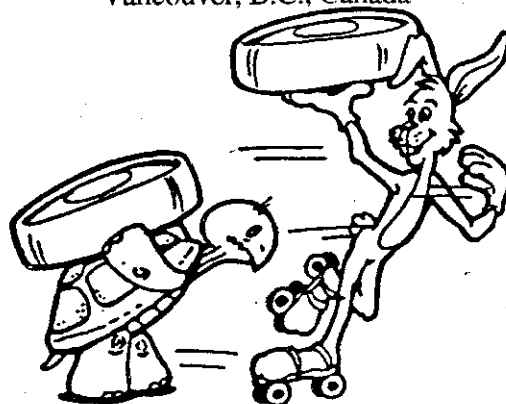
Texas Open
The Gold Nugget
Arlington, Texas

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

8th Annual Labor Day Tourney
Full House
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Aug. 30-Sept. 1

6th Annual Crazy Canucks
Labor Day Tournament
AN & AF #68
Vancouver, B.C., Canada



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6-8

6th Annual Skip's/Board Talk
Skip's Lounge
Houghton Lake, Michigan

Sept. 6-8

3-Event Tournament
American Legion
Sherburne, New York

Sept. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

2nd Annual ABC Draw
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Sept. 21-22

Singles/Doubles Tourney
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Sept. 27-28

Bring Partner Champions
Top's, That Other Place Saloon
St. Louis, Missouri

OCTOBER

Oct. 5

Annual Fall Bourbon Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 11-13

2nd Annual Ladies' Weekend
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

Oct. 12

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

1996 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

Oct. 11-13

3-Event Tournament
Riverside Hotel
Earlville, New York

Oct. 18-19

Pre-Halloween Bring Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Oct. 18-20

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Oct. 18-20

Bring Partner Mixed Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 19-20

Bring Partner Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 25-27

1st East Coast Showdown
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Oct. 28-Nov. 3

7th Annual North American
Championships
Sands Regency Hotel Casino
Reno, Nevada

NOVEMBER

Nov. 9

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Nov. 15-16

Pre-Thanksgiving Bring Partner
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Nov. 15-17

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Nov. 28-Dec. 1

11th Annual State of Michigan
Championships
McCabe's, Saginaw, Michigan

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Over 55 Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

DECEMBER

Dec. 7-8

Singles/Doubles Tournament
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

Dec. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Dec. 14-15

8th Santa Classic Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 20-21

Christmas Holiday Tournament
Top's, That Other Place
St. Louis, Missouri

JANUARY, 1997

Jan. 28-Feb. 2

PCSA Extravaganza IX
The Showboat
Las Vegas, Nevada

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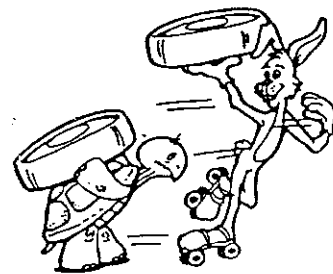
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following people for making the commitment to get involved and help our sport move forward: Bob Lewis and Al Salazar from Arizona; Bob Brunskill, Bob Hunt, Nelson Jennings, Karl Spickelmier, Rick Thomas and Bubba Warren from California; Darrol Nelson and Chuck Norris from Oregon; Dave Arndt, Dan Hitt, Jim Foran and Jim Manders from Washington; and Brian Burchynsky, Gordie Ritchie, and Gordy Smith from Canada. Several more are yet to be added. As this was written, there were still some people we have been unable to reach. More information in the August issue.

Our friends in Canada are going to select several additional players to add to the Canadian raters, and are going to forward information on the approximately 150 registered players from the Vancouver, British Columbia, area.

Well done, everyone -- and thank you!

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

We heartily endorse your salute to Ron and Debbie Bowers for their efforts, which have done more to expand the game of shuffleboard in the '90s than any other single activity. They may just find themselves in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame one day! We also salute you for taking the initiative to spread their good work from coast to coast. (More comments in "As The Puck Turns.")

Lilac City Memorial *(cont. from Page 17)*

sanctioned tournament. "Good to see some new blood; keep coming back," reports Blue. "Eric Hanson and John Rostollan, both local shooters, made a strong showing, surprising many of the veteran players. It's a safe bet their next calcutta won't be \$40!"

Also having his first encounter with a sanctioned (by the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association) event was the new owner of Litz's Tavern, Todd Blackburn. Todd had mixed emotions about the tournament. He was glad to see some of the top players from the coast show up, but he also expressed his concern over the fact that there were two sanctioned events scheduled for the same day. Due to that, both tournaments suffered. Todd has yet to take up the game himself, but is already searching for ways to get new players involved.

"The shufflers here in Spokane thank Todd for hosting this grand event, and all those who came from afar for helping make this tournament a success. Hope to do it again next year! See you then," said Blue.

(Editor's Note: The scheduling of tournaments was on the agenda of the ESA's meeting on June 15. Check the next ESA Newsletter for action taken.)

Arndt Leads ESA Point Race

As of June, Dave Arndt leads the Everygreen Shuffleboard Association's points standings with 122. He is followed by Darrol Nelson, with 112. Others in the "top 10" are: Mike Thorpe, Mike Waters, Dan Hitt, Doug Buhl, Rick Gindt, Jim Foran, Larry Pearson, and John Martin.

"CRAZY CANUCKS" 6TH ANNUAL, VANCOUVER, B.C., AUG. 30-SEPT. 1

The AN & AF #68, 1837 Main St., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, will once again be the site of the "Crazy Canucks" annual tournament over the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Action will start with the "Winston Jim" open draw doubles on Thursday evening, \$20 Canadian entry fee. Next comes the singles on Friday night, \$50 Canadian entry fee. \$1,000 will be added to the doubles (\$100 Canadian entry fee) which start on Saturday morning.

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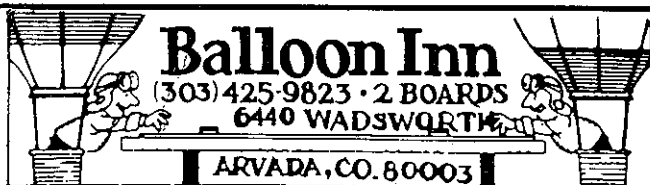
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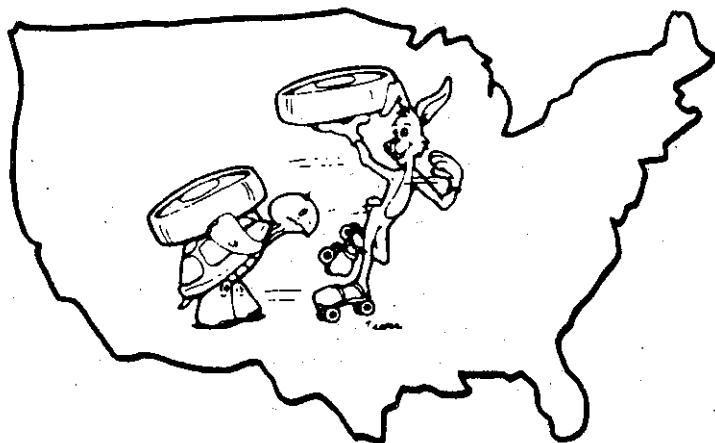
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