

The Board Talk

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Welcome to the First Hall of Fame Tournament!



Bob Miles, Oregon



Mickey Mickens, New Jersey



Earl Kelly, Texas



PeeWee Ramos, California

By George & Donna Wilber

Bourbon, Indiana, May 4, 1996 -- Whether you're here in person, or in spirit, the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (NSHF) Board of Directors and the American Legion Post 424 welcome you to this historic event!

After years of talking and wishing and dreaming about a Hall of Fame for shufflers, a small group of dedicated, determined leaders in our World of Shuffleboard decided to do more than talk and wish and dream. Led by Glen Davidson of Oklahoma, a veteran shuffler whose career has spanned several decades, the group met in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Feb. 3, 1995, during the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's Extravaganza VII, to form the NSHF, a non-profit association. Its purpose: to serve the shuffleboard community with dignity, honor, and prestige in its quest to seek out and recognize excellence for all deserving participants in the world of shuffleboard.

A board of directors was elected: Glen Davidson, president; Hal Perry, California, vice-president; Bob Hunt, California, chief financial officer; Louise Freer, Pennsylvania, secretary; Larry Creakbaum, Indiana, director; and Jim Foran, Washington, director.

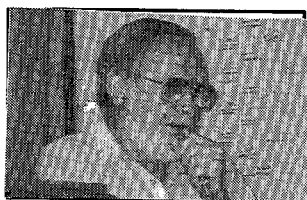
A small segment of the population of The World of Shuffleboard jumped on board immediately with contributions and pledges of support. Most, however, took a "wait and see" attitude and like all "infant" associations, the NSHF had its share of growing pains. The board was frustrated by the lack of feedback from the people it

hoped to serve. It took almost a year before shufflers started responding to the directors' pleas for input on the induction process and for nominations for induction.

To date, four players, all deceased, have been inducted into the NSHF: Bob Miles, Oregon; Mickey Mickens, New Jersey; Earl Kelly, Texas; and PeeWee Ramos, California. It's the directors' goal to honor players over the age of 65 while they are still living.

Another goal of the NSHF Board of Directors is to have a permanent "home" to display all the memorabilia tracing the history of shuffleboard. That takes big bucks and will likely be a long-term goal.

They're Helping Make It Happen.....

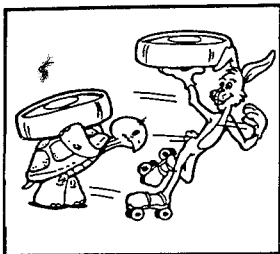


Fritzi Broka (left) will direct the tournament. NSHF Secretary Louise Freer will be there to help make it all happen!

NSHF President Glen Davidson of Oklahoma will be there to see a giant step forward toward his long-time dream.



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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views
from The World
of Shuffleboard

John's Views on Wiping Weights

(Editor's Note: In last month's issue, John McDermott responded to views expressed by Ray Boyett and Ed Galke on a number of issues. We ran out of space before he had the opportunity to challenge Board Talk George on the issue of wiping weights, but promised to continue this month.....)

As you know from our many conversations over the years on the subject of players wiping the weights on their shirt, I strongly disagree with your views. Perhaps the time has come to turn this from a private difference of opinion into a public discussion -- kind of a shuffleboard version of point-counter point.

You do not feel that players should wipe their weights on their clothing because of the possibility that some foreign substance could be applied to the weight. I feel this is ridiculous given the fact that any foreign substance on the board or the weights would harm the performance of the weight, not help it. The whole idea of wiping the weights to begin with is to ensure there is no foreign substance present.

The reason why most of the top players wipe their weights off before shooting is that most of them have probably been cheated at some point in time by someone wetting the bottom of their weight. For those of you who have never experienced this, I hope you never do. It's pretty easy to tell if someone does this to you -- your weight will only go a few feet and there will be a track as wide as the weight because the wet weight will pick up all the wax. This has happened to me only twice in 20 years, although I understand from the older players that this used to happen fairly often. It should be noted that because of players and/or spectators carrying drinks, it is possible that a few drops of moisture from a drink or condensation, or even a drop of sweat in the summer can

end up in the gutter and subsequently affect a weight.

On one of the two occasions where this happened to one of my weights, I did not wipe it on my shirt as I normally do. Because it was summer and very hot in the bar (which had poor air conditioning), many of the players were sweating. It was a crucial situation (he was leading 14 to 13 and it was my hammer). My opponent had a weight about 3/4 of the way down the board. I lagged my weight which proceeded to stop several feet short of the scoreboard. I went and picked up the weight and looked at the bottom and, sure enough, it was wet. The thing I regretted was that it put a doubt in my mind about the integrity of my opponent who, prior to that time, I had no reason to distrust. This could have been avoided if I had wiped off my weight. Because of the conditions in the bar, I had no way of knowing whether it was just an unfortunate break or if I was cheated, but wiping off the weight would have erased those doubts from my mind.

George, you say we could accomplish the same thing by wiping the weight on the carpeting inside the frame. I say this is a poor answer for several reasons. First and foremost, if foreign substances are the concern, someone could easily put a foreign substance on the carpeting inside the frame. Secondly, the inside of virtually every frame I have ever seen has been covered with some type of non-absorbent material. I always wear cotton shirts for this reason.

Most frames have some form of carpeting around the inside. Carpeting is made of synthetic non-absorbent materials. Trying to wipe off a weight on this type of material would be as futile as trying to wipe up a spill with Saran Wrap. Furthermore, these surfaces generally have years of accumulated silicone over spray and nicotine build-up. Many other boards have vinyl padding; no further explanation is required for these types of boards. To sum it up, the inside of the frame is the last place I would consider wiping off a weight.

My problem with this entire subject goes beyond a simple difference of opinion. I have spoken to literally dozens of players who also wipe off their weights. We feel that you are doing an injustice to the game by making an issue out of this. As more and more of your new subscribers fall into the category of "less experienced," you are placing doubts in their minds about the integrity of players they see.

I am sure that this letter will not change your opinions on this subject. However, speaking on behalf

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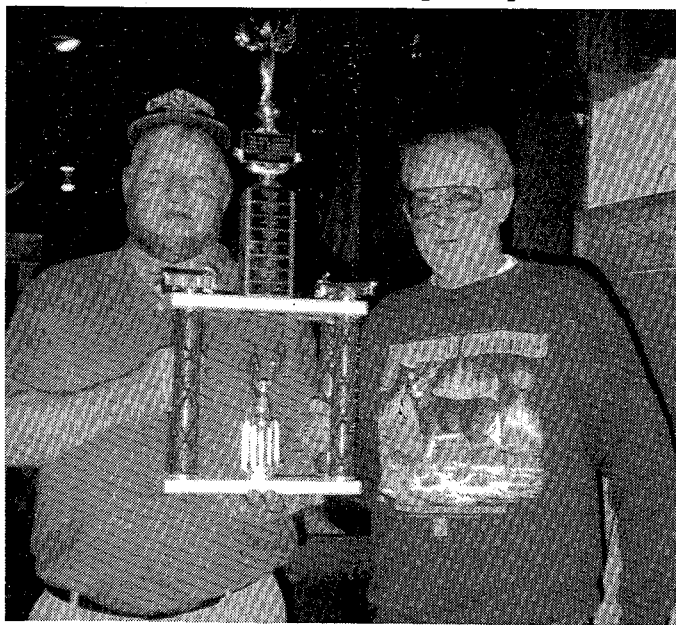
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Sparky/Norris Earn Masters Title at Fir Cone, Shelton, Washington

By Bill Shanahan

It was the 15th Annual Masters Tournament, held at the Fir Cone Tavern, 114 W. Cota St., Shelton, Washington, on Feb. 23-24, but it was a first for new Fir Cone owners, Mel and Jeanette Hohn. Mel has developed (he thinks), in less than a year, into a "daring" player with his famous (hardly) "roto-rotor" shot that, to be honest, sounds better than it really is. Mel teamed up with Grant Manning and had a "respectable" showing.

Twenty-two teams from Canada, Oregon and Washington, competed in, I must say, a very sportsman-like manner for a total purse of nearly \$5,000. Coming back through the losers' bracket by taking the last two matches of a best of three, two consecutive times, was the first place team of Chuck Norris and Sparky Sparkman of Oregon. I'm sure a disappointed team of Jim Allis of Washington and Doug Buhl of Oregon took the second place prize money and tried to ease the loss of first place in a hard-fought championship round.



The "Masters," Sparky Sparkman (left) and Chuck Norris, proudly display their first-place trophy.



While the valiant team of Jim Allis (left) and Doug Buhl settled for second.



Third place went to the Tacoma team of Rick Gindt and Gary George who went beyond the usual handshake to express their glee!



Mike Thorpe (left) of Seattle and Dave Arndt, Tacoma, took fourth place.

We paid the top four finishers, but the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association gives extra points to the 5th and 6th place teams (unless there is a play-off game, 5th and 6th place are equal in our bracket). Those two teams were Loren Lampley from Shelton and Jim Foran from Tacoma, and Tom and Jet Henry from Longview.

The Fir Cone Tavern now has three permanent boards (for now anyway), good playing boards, to offer players; 22 teams were easily accommodated. In fact, a dozen more teams is our goal for next year, when the 16th Annual Masters, on the last full weekend of February, will be in the proper edition of *The Board Talk* for the first time since the best tournament director and auctioneer of all time, Mr. Lonnie Kennedy, ran the show. I apologize for not getting that accomplished.

We had the best assortment of food on Saturday night in many a year, thanks to the Hohns, the Gonzales, and the many friends of the tavern. Buddy Smith, long-time owner of the Fir Cone, came by to see the action and relax by cleaning off the tables, emptying ash trays and chastising the hired help. All in all, it was a very enjoyable TOURNAMENT and, hopefully, we'll see more players from around the country come and try to take some of us from the Great Northwest at the Home of Hospitality, the Fir Cone Tavern.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Missouri

BRING PARTNER AT TOP'S, ST. LOUIS, MAY 17-18

Top's, That Other Place Saloon, 2817 Watson St., St. Louis (see listing in Shuffleboard Directory), will host a double elimination bring partner tournament on May 17-18. Entry fee is \$40 per team, limited to 32 teams. Sponsor sale starts at 7 p.m. Friday, with play beginning shortly after. Payoff will be 50-30-15-5.

For further information, call Top's, 314-645-4033. See Calendar of Events for other upcoming tournaments.

2ND ANNUAL DOUBLES, COCKRUM'S 50TH, AT SONNY BOY'S, JUNE 7-8

Sonny Boy's, 121 Main St., Cuba, will add \$100 to the pot for their bring partner event on June 7-8. This event will also mark the 50th Anniversary of Woodie and Jean Cockrum of Cuba, long-time promoters of shuffleboard and *The Board Talk*.

For further information about this 2nd annual event, call Sonny Boy's at 314-885-9981.

Oklahoma

10TH ARBUCKLE OPEN, MAY 23-27, PRIM'S WAGON WHEEL, WYNNEWOOD

This Memorial Day weekend, May 23-27, will mark a decade of the Arbuckle Open, which has grown in popularity every year. Big No. 10, at Prim's Wagon Wheel, Hwy. 77 North, Wynnewood, will start with a Sweetheart Draw, \$25 per person, on Thursday, with sale at 7:30 p.m. The next event will be an open draw on Friday, \$25 per person, with sale at 7:30 p.m.

Division I (\$50 entry) and II (\$25 entry) singles are scheduled for Saturday, with Division I (\$100 team) and Division II (\$50 per team) on Sunday. Division I events are open to 0 and 1 rated players; Division II events are open to 2 and above rated players.

Monday, Memorial Day, will be open for event finishes and/or time to travel back home.

Advance entries are recommended and should be mailed to Alan Primrose, Box 332, Davis OK 73030. For information, call Al at 405-665-2566.

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Memorial Weekend Tournament **MAY 24-27**

🌸 Friday, May 24, 7 p.m., DRAW PARTNER, \$20 per person

🌸 Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. sale, SINGLES, \$25 entry

🌸 Sunday, May 26, 10 a.m. sale, DOUBLES, \$50 per team

(Tournament to finish Sunday or Monday depending upon entries.)

For Tournament Information and/or Lodging Recommendations, call Pat at 503-664-2656

TOLO TAVERN

7878 Blackwell Rd., Central Point, Oregon

Phone: 503-664-2656

Washington

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHISTLING OYSTER, QUILCENE, MAY 10-12

The Whistling Oyster Tavern in Quilcene, home of the Grand Masters Plus, will host the Pacific Northwest Championships on May 10-12. This open event will include a mixed doubles draw, \$50 per team, on Friday, May 10, single game double elimination, beginning at noon, no sale; an open doubles, \$100 per team, and a women's singles, \$50 entry, played simultaneously on Saturday and Sunday, with sales at noon and play immediately following. The doubles and women's singles will be 2 out of 3 in the winners bracket, 21 points in the losers bracket, with \$500 added.

The Whistling Oyster, which has five in-house boards, will provide a "humongus" Mexican feed on Saturday and Sunday free to all participants.

Lodging is limited so be sure to reserve your spots early. RV parking is available in the famous, fun-filled Whistling Oyster "pit" or: Maple Grove, 360-765-3410; Bayshore, 360-796-4220; Quilcene Hotel, 360-765-3447.

For further information, call Bill Bailey at 360-765-9508 or 360-765-3436.

2ND ANNUAL EVERETT INVITATIONAL AT SHOTZE'S, JUNE 15-16

Shotze's Rack 'N Roll, 9602 Evergreen Way, Everett, will host its 2nd Annual Everett Invitational Tournament on June 15-16. It will be a bring your own partner event, \$50 per team entry, with \$200 added money guaranteed and \$500 if over 20 teams participate. The format will be 2 out of 3 in the winners' bracket and single game 17 points in the loser's bracket. Sponsor sale is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. with play following. Come early for \$10 draw partners on Friday night.

For further information, contact tournament director John Martin, 206-513-1053 or 206-453-9727.

Last year's invitational attracted 24 teams, with Darrol Nelson and Doug Buhl the top winners.

*Spread the word about your upcoming
events through The Board Talk!
Details must be received by the 15th.*

15TH ANNUAL LILAC CITY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, LITZ'S, SPOKANE

The Evergreen Shuffleboard Association and Litz's Pub & Eatery, E. 204 Ermina, Spokane, invite you to participate in the 15th Annual Lilac City Memorial Weekend Tournament, May 23-26.

Events start Thursday noon with an open singles, \$50 entry, double elimination. A single elimination draw partner, \$25 per player, starts at 6 p.m. Friday.

An open doubles, \$50 per team, double elimination, is on the agenda Saturday and Sunday. Sponsor sale will be held at 10 p.m. Friday, May 24, and no entries will be accepted after that. \$500 to \$800 will be added.

There will be a barbeque on Saturday, raffles for shuffleboard jacket, and door prizes. Litz's has plenty of RV parking, but no hookups.

For information, call Mike Pond, 509-921-8010, or Dan Hitt, 509-489-4877.

1ST ANNUAL MIXED DOUBLES, SHAMROCK, LONGVIEW, JUNE 22-23

The Shamrock Tavern, 1131 15th, Longview, will host its 1st Annual Mixed Doubles on June 22-23, \$50 per team entry, with \$10 added for each participant. Format is 2 out of 3, 15 point games in the winner's bracket, one 17 point game in the loser's bracket. Sponsor sale is scheduled for noon on Saturday, June 22, with play immediately following. Tournament directors will be Doug and Norma Debois.

Bernice will once again be serving chili or taco soup. Come early and enjoy the \$10 round robin on Friday, 7 p.m.

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

Pennsylvania

J & C TO HOST WEEKEND TOURNEY, JUNE 7-9

J & C Tavern, 6601 Lansdowne Ave. in Philadelphia, will host a weekend tournament on June 7-9 (originally set for Memorial weekend). Events will include a \$10 open draw on Friday, an open doubles, \$25 per team, on Saturday; and an open singles, \$25 entry, on Sunday.

For further information, contact Jim Yank, 215-879-0840. J & C will also host a 4th of July tourney. Watch for further details.

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As the Puck Turns....

By George & Donna Wilber

April 15 -- an infamous day in history -- the day Adolph Hitler was born, the day the Titanic sank, the day President Lincoln was shot, and, adds George, Donna's birthday (which is a tragedy if he forgets!) -- and Income Tax Day! Like most of you, we've recently gone through the throes of preparing for the latter. One positive of that annual procedure is that it forces you to look at where you've been and where you're going, a wise thing to do. It was especially important for us because it was the first year this publication was on its own, without the support of salaries from the editors' other, more lucrative, jobs from which we're now retired.

We -- and our Tax Man, former shuffler Jim Hoffman -- haven't done a thorough analysis yet, but some adjustments for next year may be necessary. Those adjustments may be in the form of increased subscription and/or advertising rates (we've only had one increase in 13 years), a "downsizing" of some of our free services, a limitation on space for reports/viewpoints, eliminating first-class mailings to those new subscribers who come in after the deadline. Whatever those necessary changes may be, we promise to make them as pain-free as possible and also pledge our continued commitment to the future of shuffleboard.

Our top subscriber states remain the same, with California and Texas holding substantial leads (largely because of their high maintenance records). However, the "race" for third and fourth is tightening. Washington only needs four more subscribers to go ahead of Michigan, *The Board Talk's* home base.

We know all of you are enjoying Balboa Ron's "Frisco Eddie" series. He's thinking about putting his series into book form, along with his cartoons (which only shufflers will appreciate). He can't move forward with those plans until he knows what the interest will be. If you're interested in such a book, let Ron know: Ron Schweikert, 8301 W. Charleston Blvd. #1050, Las Vegas, NV 89117, or *The Board Talk*, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

Also, if you are a book publisher, or know of someone who is, contact Ron to discuss specifications and costs, etc.

There's no more powerful advertising than the testimony of one satisfied subscriber to a non-subscriber, and there are some super-salespersons we salute this month for doing just that: Jolene Lembke of California, Brenda Wallace of Maryland, Marty Allen and the Pellitiers of Florida, and Gene McLeod of Missouri. We hope the new subscribers they signed up will be with us for a long, long time!

Nothing causes us more pain than removing someone from our mailing list who has not responded to their "red checks." In most cases, it's just a matter of overlooking that alert that their subscription has expired, but in a few cases, it could be a real financial challenge that prevents subscribers from renewing, like this anonymous writer:

Answering your inquiry as to why I have not sent you a check, I'm glad you asked me....

I wish to inform you that the condition of my bank account has made it impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, school laws, mothers-in-law, and outlaws. Through these laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, gas tax, liquor tax, carpet tax, stock tax, dog tax, income tax, sales tax, until my brain is taxed.

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I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that happened, I would not enclose this check. The wolf that came to my door had pups in my kitchen. I sold them -- and here's your money.

If your favorite shuffleboard site is not on the enclosed "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing, it could be because the wolf that came to their door didn't have pups. Give them a break. If they can't afford to renew, maybe you could chip in a few bucks so they'll be on the next quarterly listing in August, then November, February and May. Travelling shufflers throughout the U.S.A. use it, so it's a good investment.

George & Donna Wilber, Publishers

Welcome *(continued from Page 1)*

Providing a boost toward realization of that goal was an invitation from Fritz Broka, long-time shuffleboard promoter from Bourbon, Indiana. She issued the invitation for the 1st National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Tournament to be held with the nation's longest running tournament -- the 35th Annual Bourbon Doubles. That invitation was accepted and so here we are -- with an opportunity, not only to participate in this historic first, but to help make a dream become a reality. Buy those tickets that will benefit the Hall of Fame. Visit with the directors (most will be there) and provide them with your ideas, and don't forget to thank them for the time they have spent in their volunteer positions on the NSHF Board of Directors.

And, of course, simply enjoy being a part of this historical event!

Watch next month's issue for the results of this "first" and 35th!



The father and son team of Bill and Billy Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, took top honors in last year's Bourbon Spring Tournament, against 50 other teams. There will be more this year!

Wiping Weights *(continued from Page 2)*

of the many players who disagree with you, our clothing -- as well as our weights -- are available for inspection any time.

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

P.S.: Right on, Frank and Connie Zavala! You hit it right on the head when you called the anonymous letter-writer at the PCSA Tourney a coward. You suggest that the person responsible get out of the sport or go somewhere else. We hope they decide on the former -- get out of the sport. Hopefully, they will not opt for going somewhere else, because nobody needs a person like that at their tournament.

Avon's Local 14 Extends Thanks...

Avon's Local 14 of Toledo, Ohio, would like to thank Fritz Broka and all the participants for a fine showing at their 2nd Annual Spring Tournament.

A special thanks to Lou Decker for bringing in three boards and setting them up to help make the tournament a success.

Thanks again, Fritz and Lou, for all your great help.

LaVonne Bundy, Avon's Local 14 of Toledo, Ohio

Remember, LaVonne, that results of your tournament are welcome in the pages of The Board Talk. Keep us posted.

Special Thanks from an "Addicted" Player in California....

The Board Talk would certainly be missed if we did not receive it every month. Thank you for making it possible for everyone in the game to enjoy all the news and keep up on our many friends' accomplishments.

In 1992 I was introduced to shuffleboard by my now and wonderful wife, Siobhan. I tried a couple times to play, but found it to be the most boring, ridiculous game I'd ever played. So I stopped playing. But since Siobhan loved the game so much, we continued to go and I'd watch her play.

In 1993 we moved to Michigan. Siobhan wanted to play there, so we went looking for a board. Considering the number of players in the Midwest, we figured it would be easy to find a game. No so. In Muskegon, our home, shuffleboard is not very popular. The nearest town with boards was Grand Rapids, 40 miles away. So, needless to say, we never played.

We returned to California in 1995. Siobhan and I entered a tournament in early July at Amato's. That's when my feelings on shuffleboard changed. My team somehow finished third and I began to fall in love with this game.

Please inform Dennis H. MacPherson of Seattle, Washington, that he has now been introduced to his second person in the past five years who has become completely addicted to the game of shuffleboard. I'm not all that good a player -- but I can't stop playing.

Now, if I may, I would like to give thanks to a wonderful group of people for my "addiction." I truly hope the only cure for such an addiction is keep getting better.

(1) Siobhan Coulter Posthumus, alias Shazoom, for tolerating me even when I was intolerable.

(2) Rich "Bubba" Warren. Not only is Rich one of the top players in the country, but also the finest teacher anyone could ask for. The secret to learning Bubba's knowledge of the game is "just ask."

(3) Paul Elliot. A constant even keel in the game, Paul is a great player and inspiration, as well as a good friend.

(4) Billy Chiles. Thanks for talking to me about how to hold my cool.

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Omaha, Nebraska, Shuffleboard Community Welcomes California Visitor

By Jolene Lembke, Yucaipa, California

I recently flew into Omaha, Nebraska, to visit friends and check out the shuffleboard action there. Charlotte Rahn picked me up at the airport and we headed for the Elbow Room where she was playing in a women's league. I observed some spirited playing by the ladies on their two boards.

The next evening, I played in a round robin at a place called Dougers and signed up to play partners with Tom Harvat in a tournament there the next day. The board was very -- uh -- very interesting, but no excuses. Eddie Styles and Charlotte Rahn won that one fair and square.

The next weekend, Tom Galvin partnered with me at Jerry and Suzi's All Nation's Bar on 72nd St. Trophies and prize money were presented to first place winners Junior Butler and Dana Stevenson. Second place went to Terry Roberts and Gwyn Orsi. Joel Rahn and Kurt Kuhlman finished third. Tournament director Wayne Smith did his job well and a delicious buffet was served. This place is a roomy, but cozy, bar with good food. The next time you're playing your way across the U.S.A., stop here for lunch and some shuffleboard. Both are good!



All Nation's Bar (a new member of the national shuffleboard network) tournament director Wayne Smith (center) presents trophies to winners Dana Stevens and Junior Butler.

I tried to make all the stops I'd heard about. We played at Piccolo's one evening. I liked the board there and Nita and Marty are fun bar tenders.

At this point, I had one more tournament on my agenda -- Joe Banana's Annual Hall of Fame Tournament -- with 29 teams entered this year. First place winners were Denny Busch and Gina Rubek. Second place went to Scotty Dog and Ron Campbell. Mike Roach and Bill Simants finished third. The buffet featured feather bones. I'd never heard of this before, but they were quite tasty.



Dick Thompson, Gwyn Orsi, and Pete Larik were inducted into the Hall of Fame 1996. Since 1977, two players have been elected each year from a player base of shuffleboard activity that started in the early '50s.



Of the 29 teams that participated in this year's Hall of Fame Tournament, at Joe Banana's, the winners were: Denny Busch and Gina Rubek, 1st; Scotty Dog and Ron Campbell, 2nd; and Bill Simants and Mike Roach, 3rd.

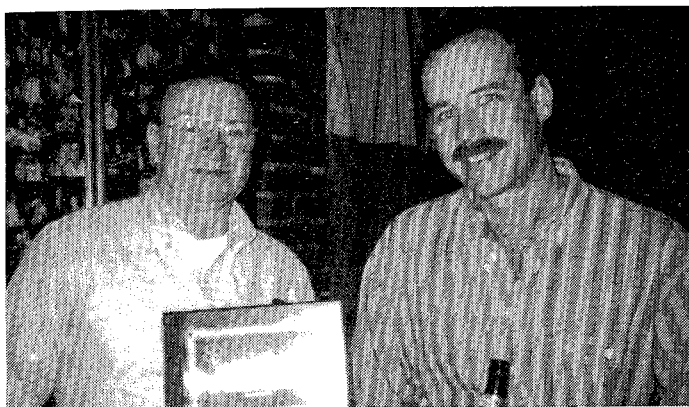
I'd like to thank Tom and Brian Galvin, Jackie and Eddie Styles, Charlotte and Joel Rahn, Vicki, Jody and Tony Baretta, Gwyn Orsi and Denny Busch, Mike Roach, Scotty Dog, Terry Roberts, Junior Butler and all the other nice people I met for making my trip to Omaha a fun and memorable time. I hope to see you all again.

(Editor's Note: We, too, enjoyed our visit in Omaha a couple years ago, and found the shufflers there ready and willing to welcome visitors from near or far. Thanks for expanding our "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." while you were there, Jolene. It appears from your report that Omaha is ahead of the rest of the nation in terms of Hall of Fame inductions. They should consider forming a committee and forwarding their nominations for induction to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Nominations should be sent to: Louise Freer, Secretary, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446, with signatures on the petition and background material regarding the nominees.)

Hart/Muehlhauser Do It Again at 3rd Annual Irish Open Doubles in St. Louis

For the second year in a row, the trophy engraver had to fret over how to fit those names on that little nameplate!

Charley Hart and Chuck Muehlhauser successfully defended their title at the 3rd Annual Irish Open Doubles Shuffleboard Tournament (more fondly known as the Shamrock Tournament), held at Magee's Bar in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 22-23.



Irish Open Doubles winners Charley Hart and Chuck Muehlhauser, "do it again" at the Irish Open.

The competition was fierce this year, with most of the area's top shooters competing. There were two very tough shooters who travelled to St. Louis just to participate -- Mick Moran from Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Gene McLeod from Licking, Missouri.

Chuck and Charley went undefeated to take top honors and the top prize money, but they had to battle the first year's champs to do it. Mike Simpson and Tommy Nahn put up a tough fight to regain their title, and Magee's would like to congratulate them on their second place finish, and Jill Hajek and Dan Neaf on their impressive shooting to take third place honors.

The food and competition were great, and a good time was had by all the competitors and spectators.

Magee's looks forward to next year's tournament (always the weekend after St. Pat's Day) and hope to see even more out-of-town competitors at the 4th Annual Shamrock Tourney!

Is news of YOUR events in this issue?

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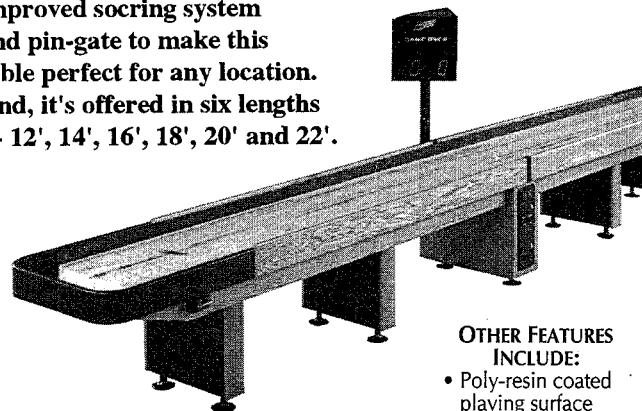
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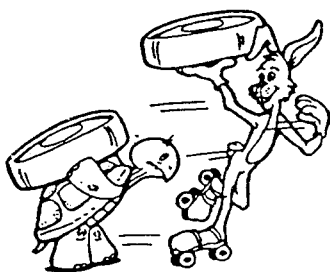
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Looking Back.....

1989



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.....1989.

●**PCSA Extravaganza, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan. 12-16: (Amateur Team Event)** 1st -- Rainbows of Oregon (Roy and Jolene Lembke, Bruce Wechter, Ted White, Georjean Monnarez, Gar Malde, Marv Calhoun, Dick Freer, Don and Judy Campbell); 2nd -- Corporate Image of Texas; 3rd -- Corner Tavern of Washington; 4th -- Amato's of California; 5th and 6th -- Southern California Alley Cats and Las Vegas 15. **(Singles)** 1st -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 2nd -- John McDermott, Michigan; 3rd -- Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 4th -- Ted Zariphes, California; 5th and 6th -- Hal Perry, California, and Jim Allis, Washington. **(Women's Singles)** 1st -- Chris Danke, California; 2nd -- Cheryl Collins, Michigan; 3rd -- Deb Somers, Indiana; 4th -- Brenda Moore, Texas; 5th and 6th -- Peggy Richards, Arizona, and Gail Crane, Michigan. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Billy Chiles, California, and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 2nd -- A.Z. Turnbo, California, and Chuck Norris, Oregon; 3rd -- Eric Waldman, Montana, and Al Pease, Washington; 4th -- John McDermott, Michigan, and Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 5th and 6th -- Leroy Ledford and Fred Thumann, California, and Howard Mouton, Texas, and Hal Perry, California.

●**Washington's Birthday Tournament, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Holiday Inn: (Singles)** 1st -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 2nd -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd -- Rick Boyer, Texas; 4th -- Sam Summers, Oklahoma. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma, and Dave Williams, Texas; 2nd -- John McDermott, Michigan, and Howard Mouton, Texas; 3rd -- Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Billy Mays, Texas; 4th -- Hal Perry, California, and Diana Hagen, Texas. **(Women's Singles)** 1st -- Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd -- Sharon Finch, Texas; 3rd -- Sandy Jenkins, Texas; 4th -- Evelyn Harris, Texas.

●**Arizona Open, Howard Johnson Plaza, Phoenix, March 17-20: (Singles)** 1st -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Don Cox, California; 3rd -- Billy Maxwell, California;

4th -- Glen Davidson, Oklahoma; 5th -- Rick Boyer, Texas. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Diana Hagen, Texas, and Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Frank Blade and Dale Koteras, Texas; 3rd -- Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Fred Thumann, California; 4th -- Billy Mays and Earl Kelly, Texas; 5th -- Greg McFarland and Frank Bentley, California; 6th -- Gordy Collins and Neil Fetter, Michigan. **(Women's Singles)** 1st -- Peggy Richards, Arizona; 2nd -- Chris Danke, California; 3rd -- Janet Cook, Texas.

●**Spring Doubles, American Legion 424, Bourbon, Indiana, May 6:** 1st -- Earl Kelly and Rick Boyer, Texas; 2nd -- Bill Stone and Carl, Illinois; 3rd -- Jimmy Kumpula, Florida, and Doug Stewart, Michigan; 4th -- Jerry Knox and Jim Long, Indiana.

●**Michigan Open, Holiday Inn, Southfield, Memorial Weekend: (Pro-Am)** 1st -- Rick Boyer and Sandy Jenkins, Texas; 2nd -- Roger Holt, Michigan, and Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 3rd -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Mary Koteras, Texas; 4th -- Bob Perry, Illinois, and Brenda Barton, Texas. **(Mixed Doubles)** 1st -- David Williams and Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd -- Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers, Indiana; 3rd -- Gail Crane, Michigan, and Bob Lewis, Arizona; 4th -- Brenda Moore, Texas, and Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 5th and 6th -- Billy Mays and Brenda Barton, Texas, and Sandy Jenkins and Earl Kelly, Texas. **(Women's Singles)** 1st -- Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd -- Brenda Moore, Texas; 3rd -- Gail Crane, Michigan; 4th -- Cheryl Collins, Michigan; 5th and 6th -- Peggy Richards, Arizona, and Deb Somers, Indiana. **(Amateur Team)** 1st -- Lansing (Delores McDonald, Dana Gray, Jim Davis, Mary Lisle, Brian Anderson, Jim Newman); 2nd -- Saginaw II (Chris Passarello, Carie Mark, Linda Mitchell, Pat Matzke, Gene Wendling, Dale DeWaard); 3rd -- Bay City I; 4th -- Grand Rapids. **(Singles)** 1st -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Rick Boyer, Texas/Michigan; 3rd -- Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 4th -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 5th and 6th -- Billy Mays and Earl Kelly, Texas.

●**5th Annual Board Talk Reunion, Holiday Inn, Lansing, 4th of July Weekend: (Singles)** 1st -- John McDermott, Michigan; 2nd -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 3rd -- Neil Fetter, Michigan; 4th -- Tony Howard, Texas; 5th and 6th -- Dick Losee, New York, and Denny Busch, Nebraska. **(Women's Singles)** 1st -- Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd -- Fritzi Broka, Ohio; 3rd -- Gwynette Orsi, Nebraska; 4th -- Marie Sweeney, Michigan. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Earl Kelly and Frank Blade, Texas; 2nd -- John McDermott, Michigan, and Mickey Mickens, New Jersey; 3rd -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Gordy Collins, Michigan; 4th -- Jim Long and Jerry Knox, Indiana; 5th and 6th -- Dick Losee and Milt Benedict, New York, and Terry and Buddy Broka, Ohio.

NEXT MONTH: Who were the "headliners" in 1990? Will YOUR name be there?

(Mixed Doubles) 1st -- Rick Boyer, Texas/Michigan, and Marie Sweeney, Michigan; 2nd -- Buddy and Fritz Broka, Ohio; 3rd -- Bobby Voorhis and Deb Somers, Indiana; 4th -- Sue Spack and Tom Meagher, Michigan.

●U.S. Open, Holiday Inn Town Lake, Austin, Texas,

Aug. 9-14: (Pro-Am) 1st -- Billy Mays and Sharon Finch; 2nd -- Dale Koteras and Hal St. Leger; 3rd -- Frank Blade and Susie McCormick; 4th -- Dave Williams and Roy James; 5th and 6th -- Diana Hagen and Tree Cameron, Joe Roden and Rick Boyer, all from Texas. **(Singles)** 1st -- Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Dave Williams, Texas; 3rd -- John McDermott, Michigan; 4th -- Billy Mays, Texas.

(Women's Singles) 1st -- Diana Hagen, Texas; 2nd -- Deb Somers, Indiana; 3rd -- Sharon Finch, Texas; 4th -- Gail Crane, Michigan. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Frank Blade and Rick Boyer, Texas; 2nd -- Sam Summers, Oklahoma, and John McDermott, Michigan; 3rd -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Earl Kelly, Texas; 4th -- Brenda Moore and Hal St. Leger, Texas.

●1st East Coast Extravaganza, Mechanicsburg,

Pennsylvania, Labor Day Weekend: (Singles) 1st -- David Williams, Texas; 2nd -- John McDermott, Michigan; 3rd -- Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 4th -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana.

(Doubles) 1st -- Bill Melton and Sam Summers, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Gordie and Cheryl Collins, Michigan; 3rd -- Bob Lewis, Arizona, and Jim Snyder, Pennsylvania; 4th -- John McDermott, Michigan, and Dave Williams, Texas.

(Women's Singles) 1st -- Diana Hoffman, Ohio; 2nd -- Pam Draheim, New York; 3rd -- Judy Gartland, Pennsylvania.

●Colorado Open, Holiday Inn Denver-West, Golden,,

Oct. 18-22: (Singles) 1st -- Glen Davidson, Oklahoma; 2nd -- John McDermott, Michigan; 3rd -- Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 4th -- Karl Spickelmier, California. **(Doubles)** 1st -- Frank Blade, Texas, and Bill Melton, Oklahoma; 2nd -- Jody Slack, Colorado, and Rick Boyer, Texas; 3rd -- Karl Spickelmier, California, and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; 4th -- Eric Waldman, Montana, and Dave Williams, Texas.

Other Significant Happenings in 1989

January --



Al and Von Stewart were recognized for their years of distinguished service to shuffleboard with a plaque from The Shuffleboard Federation and a standing ovation from the crowd at the PCSA's Extravaganza in Las Vegas on Jan. 12-16.

March -- At the Arizona Open, **Diana Hagen** of Texas becomes the first woman to take a first-place trophy in an open doubles tournament.

May -- **Al Stewart**, A & M Amusement Service, El Monte, California, thanks all the people who responded when he fell while loading a board for delivery and cracked his ribs. One of his competitors, **Bob Lewis**, flew in from Phoenix, Arizona, and aided by **Joe Muniz**, **Billy Chiles**, **Jay Kimble** and **Andy Smeder**, finished Al's interrupted delivery. Editors travel East for the **Benedict family's** 1st Annual Genesee Open in Sherburne, New York, directed by **Dick Gorman**. Women shufflers write another chapter in the sport's history by taking all three top places in singles event at the "Shufflin' Neighbors" tourney in Omaha, Nebraska: **Cyndi Busch**, **Gwynette Orsi**, and **Maggie Worley**.

July-August -- This has not been a good year for **Al & Von Stewart**. Following his fall, he develops pneumonia, she sprains her ankle, then has a massive heart attack that requires a triple by-pass. They are forced to use all their life savings to pay a portion of the medical bills and then The World of Shuffleboard steps in. The editors' 86-year-old Mom crochets an afghan and **Trudy Broka** of Ohio made a wreath to be auctioned off at the 5th Annual Shufflers' Reunion. Then, West Coast players, under the leadership of **Lou Lusero**, and the PCSA, establish a Stewart Benefit Fund, which helps pay off the staggering \$89,000 medical bill. It was also a year of sadness for **Rod Cameron** of Texas and his family, who lost a 20-month-old grandson in the terrible floods of 1989. At the U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, director **Don Valk** presented a check for \$700 to the American Cancer Society on behalf of participants in memory of "Toad" Smith, an original supporter of the U.S. Open who had lost the battle with cancer.

September -- Editors squelch the rumor that *The Board Talk* is owned and directed by The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc. "The relationship between the two separate entities is one of friendship and a shared commitment to a viable present and a stronger future for the sport of table shuffleboard. If your Board Talk seems stuffed, at times, with Shuffleboard Federation news and promotion, be thankful for it! They pay for their space and their advertising dollars help us deliver this newsletter to you."

December -- The Shuffleboard Federation announces its final point standings for 1989. The top 10 for the men were (in order): **Bill Melton**, **Bobby Voorhis**, **Sam Summers**, **John McDermott**, **Rick Boyer**, **David Williams**, **Earl Kelly**, **Glen Davidson**, **Frank Blade**, **Neil Fetter**. The top 10 for the women were (in order): **Diana Hagen**, **Debbie Somers**, **Cheryl Collins**, **Fritzi Broka**, **Brenda Moore**, **Chris Danke**, **Peggy Richards**, **Gail Crane**, **Diana Hofmann**, **Sharon Finch**. **Jack Tyler** of California shares memories of a tournament with 25 boards, 165 teams, and 6,000 people in attendance in Longview, Washington, in 1969.

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, "Tacoma Tim" gave a cocky Frisco Eddie a few lessons when Eddie challenged him on his own board. They headed for dinner, which Eddie would pay for with his loss, but they're being followed....)

There was a lot of laughing and joking going on in the car as they were driving along to the steak house. It was only after a mile or so, and several turns, that Tim began to notice the headlights behind them. He began to get suspicious as the lights were still locked on them after each turn.

He mentioned to Lil: "You know, I may be crazy, but I think it's possible that we're being followed." They drove on for a while longer as Lil checked it out. She said: "It sure does seem that way. We'll have to keep an eye out and watch our backs. That crazy Dollar Dan from Texas may be following up on his threats. My ex-husband said he'd take care of things, but who knows -- something may have slipped through the cracks."

Tim suggested that they just continue on as planned as they were almost to the restaurant anyway, and just see what happens. He doubted that even if they were being tailed, that whoever it was would try something in a public place. They pulled up in front of the steak house then and quickly got out of the car. As they entered the front door, Tim said: "I think I noticed the car behind pull up about a half-block from here. This whole thing is getting a little fishy."

Tim was well-known at the restaurant and he asked for a table that would give them a view of the front entrance. He knew many of the people who frequented the place and there were a lot of "hi's" and "hello's" as they worked their way to their seats. The waitress came up then and asked what they would like to drink. They all responded: "Coffee, please." They all knew it was time to sober up and start analyzing the situation they were in -- if, indeed, there was a situation.

The waitress returned with a whole pot of steaming coffee. They had looked over the menu while she was gone, so she took their order. They had decided to begin with a fresh vegetable and fruit tray and, on Tim's suggestion, the french onion soup. They each ordered steaks as well.

While they were waiting, they started to try to put some of the pieces of the puzzle together. Lil said: "You know, it wouldn't have been very hard for Dollar Dan to arrange for one of his associates to be standing by at Sea/Tac Airport. He knew exactly what flight we were on, and it's possible we may have picked up our tail right there."

Tim knew Lil's ex-husband, Tony Russo, and he commented to Lil: "You said you were still on good terms with Tony; are you sure about that?" Lil replied: "No sweat, I'm positive about that. He said he would 'fix' this thing and not to worry. There just must have been a slip-up."

The food began to arrive then and that temporarily shifted the focus. There was a fine assortment of various prepared fresh fruit, and several different kinds of fresh vegetables on a large platter. The french onion soup was delicious. It was thick with onions in a rich stock, with a very tasty white cheese melted on top. The hot french bread was also excellent -- crispy on the outside and very chewy on the inside. The conversation slowed somewhat as they all dug in.

In the next course, the steaks arrived. Tim had the fillet, Lil the New York cut, and Eddie had opted for the porterhouse. They were all prime cuts, and came smothered with sauteed fresh mushrooms. The baked potatoes were giant and topped with butter, sour cream and chives. There was also fresh blanched asparagus tips topped with a creamy garlic sauce. They were served a small bowl of steaming au jus, and one of butter sauteed onions on the side as well.

They were totally engrossed now with the food. It was fabulous! The steaks almost melted in their mouths. Eddie (rather loudly) made a comment then: "Man, this stuff is so good, it tastes just like 'an angel kissing your tongue!'" The people all around them had a good laugh at that.

After they had eaten as much as they could possibly hold, they left and got in the car and headed back for the house. Sure enough, the headlights once again showed up in the distance behind them! Tim was getting angry now. He said he was fed up with this ordeal and that he had a plan.

After they arrived home, Tim told them: "Here's what's going down, guys. We're going to go into the house and I'm going to grab one of my rifles. I saw where those lights turned off and I know exactly how to sneak around behind and get the drop on this guy. What I want you two to do is kind of stand partially in the doorway in the light and pretend that all three of us are talking together."

Over some objections, they agreed to the plan. Tim snuck out the back way of the house then. It was very dark, as there were no street lights this far off the main highway. He maneuvered through the trees that lined the road and, sure enough, about a half-block down, he saw the car.

Upcoming Events (continued from Page 11)**Michigan****MEMORIAL WEEKEND
ACTION AT WETLANDS BAR
& GRILL, ROYAL OAK**

Although there will be plenty of tournament action over the Memorial weekend, the Wetlands Bar & Grill, 1008 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, will be the only place, other than the West Coast, that will feature a pro-style format (2 out of 3, double elimination). If you haven't been to Wetlands before, and want to play that weekend, the action will be hot and heavy. There will be at least three world-class boards, and top players from several states are expected to participate.

Entry fees are \$50 per player for the doubles and \$100 per player for the singles. If you come early, there will be plenty of pre-tournament action available.

For more information, call Mike Papa at the Wetlands, 810-543-2626, or John McDermott at The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300.

Nevada**7th ANNUAL NORTH
AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS,
RENO, OCT. 28-NOV. 3**

Please check the center-page spread for the announcement of The Shuffleboard Federation's 7th Annual North American Championships at the Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Reno, Oct. 28-Nov. 3. Note that all participants are eligible for five big events, played on 18 boards. Room rates at the beautiful Sands Regency towers are reasonable and room-airfare packages are available. There will, once again, be lots of money added to this big event.

A registration form will be in next month's issue; in the meantime, if you have questions, call The Federation at 810-380-9300. Mark your calendars now for this biggie!

**PCSA'S EXTRAVAGANZA IX
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site to spread the word about this popular event. Watch future issues regarding events. In the meantime, mark your calendars, save your pennies, and call the PCSA if you have questions: 310-926-2152.

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That popular 4th of July tradition, the Southwest Open, will once again be held at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma, July 2-4. This year, six events, played on 16 boards, will offer the opportunity to win points toward \$1500 added money. Action will start on Tuesday evening, July 2, with a warm-up event, a bring your own 4-person team.

Check out the enclosed flyer for event details and how you can earn points toward that added money. If you have questions, contact Ron Huddleston at 405-843-1615.

The American Legion has a 5-acre park with electric and water hook-ups, and self-contained RVs and campers are welcome.

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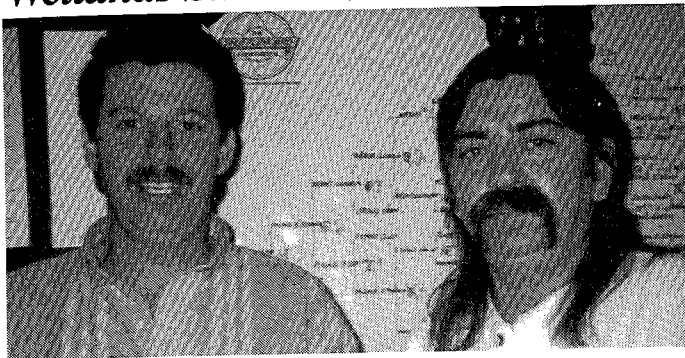
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Wetlands St. Pat's (continued from Page 21)

Jerry Bryant (left) and Chris Lemieux finished fourth.



Buddy Broka (left) finished first in the singles and with partner Fritzi Broka finished third in the doubles. Who's that guy in the center? Probably some big buyer!



Veteran Michigan partners Frank Blade (left) and Bjerne Sunde outlasted the field to take first in the doubles.



And Doug Fridley Jr. (right) made the trip from New York worthwhile by teaming up with John Myles to take second.



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McCall/Cockrum Winners of St. Pat's

Tourney in Houston

Top shufflers from all over the state turned out for the St. Pat's weekend tournament, hosted by the FOE 3911 Eagle's Lodge in Houston, Missouri. None, however, could top Woodie Cockrum from Cuba and Connie McCall from Springfield.



Connie McCall and Woodie Cockrum (center) were winners of this annual event. Dean Pinkston and Moe Miller (right), both from Houston, settled for second, after winning first in 1994 and 1995. Dale Gettys and John Stenger, also from Houston, took third place honors.

"Several new faces were here for this event, including Connie McCall; Francis Waters and Dave Hinkle from Salem; Lee Wood, Robert Mueller, Howard Spence and Cowboy Ray Campbell from Willow Springs," report tournament director Charlie Riley and Carolyn Johnston. "These players were new to us here in Houston, but are certainly not new to the game of shuffleboard."

"We also obtained some new sponsors that helped by furnishing trophies, jackets, etc. Our special thanks go to Great Rivers Distributing of West Plains, Missouri, and The Shuffleboard Federation, Northville, Michigan,



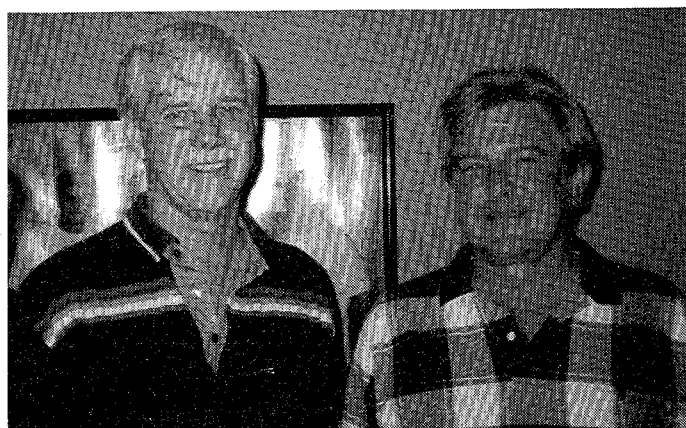
Jim and Donna Dunn of St. Louis finished in 4th place.

along with our old standbys: Sonny Boys of Cuba, C & R Package of Houston, Pitt Stop Package of Houston, and East Inn Tavern of Springfield.

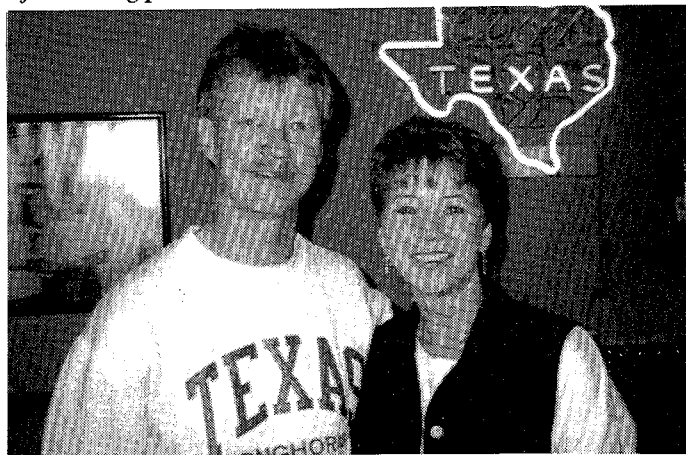
"The Eagle's Lodge members and auxiliary did their usual fine job of supplying finger foods, ham and beans, and topped off on Saturday evening with a meal of mouth-watering corned beef and cabbage for St. Pat's Day," they said.

Crawford/Rogers Win Texas Mist Bring Partner in Austin

The Texas Mist in Austin recently hosted a bring partner tournament, with Johnny Wayne Crawford of Dallas and Randy Rogers of Austin coming out ahead of the field of 19 teams. Second place went to Diana Hagen and Doug Mathews, both from Houston. They put Ron Bowers and Tony Howard of Austin out when Ron and Tony were on 14 and Diana and Doug were on 12. Ron had three weights on the board and Diana lagged a four, left-handed, with her hammer to win the game.



Johnny Wayne Crawford and Randy Rogers were winners of the bring partner event.



Diana Hagen and Doug Mathews earned 2nd place honors, thanks to Diana's powerful drawing ability.

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Texas Mist (continued from Page 23)

The bring partner tournament wasn't the only event for this fun-filled weekend at Texas Mist. Friday night's draw partner event attracted 44 players

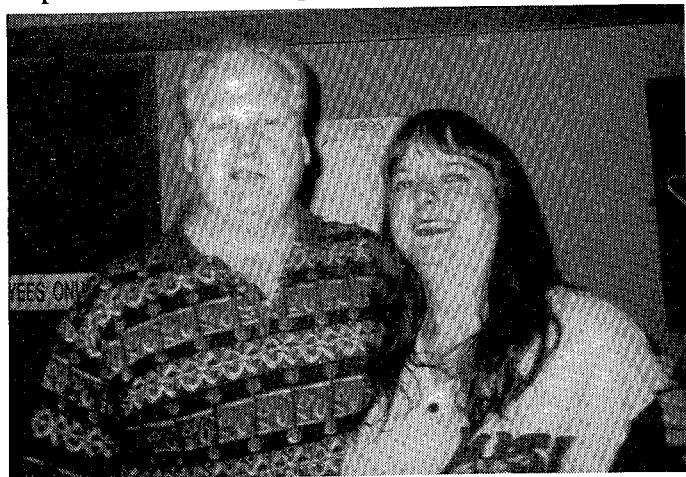


Dale Koteras (left) of Houston and Pat Gainey of Austin were winners of the draw partner event.



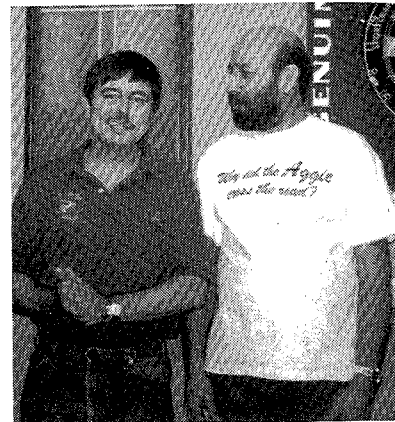
Cindy Yarbough of Dallas and Rost Kaune of Austin took second place.

Mary Koteras and Lee Brady, both from Houston, split third and fourth places with Debbie Bowers of Austin and Bobby Williams of Fort Worth ("We decided to split since we were all pretty tired," said Debbie.



Joy Huitt of Dallas and Brian Walker of Houston were winners of Sunday's A-B Draw Tournament.

Alfred Suarez and Tom French, both of Dallas, finished second in the A-B Draw at Texas Mist.



"I wish to thank Tina Wade for all of her help and for bringing the great cuesto dip," said Debbie Bowers. "And thanks to Mark Melton for entertaining us with his great impression of Elvis on Karaoke night at the other side of the building."

(Editor's Note: Tina -- how about sending in your recipe? We haven't had any contributions for famous shuffleboard recipes since Ralph Duarte sent in the one for Bernice's Taco Soup served at the Shamrock Tavern's tournaments in Longview, Washington.)

Massies Tops in Beef's Series of 5

The fifth and final event in the "Series of 5" was held at Beef's in Kendallville, Indiana, on March 23 -- and guess who came out on top again! None other than those Massie "Boys," Greg and Tom, who captured the big bucks in point money furnished by Playfair Shuffleboard and Dale Gushman.

Finishing in second in both the fifth event and the series were Jim Long and Larry Creakbaum. Keith Nelson and Tim took 3rd (Jim Stockmaster and Gene Newman finished third in the series), with Beef Camp and Greg Broka taking fourth in both the fifth and the series.

Winners of the Triple Crown weights awarded at each of the five events were: Terry Wolfurm, Greg Broka, Jim Stockmaster, Larry Huffer, and Greg Massie.

"We thank Floyd and JoAnne Stein of Triple Crown for donating the weights and also to Dale Gushman and Playfair for the point money," said hostess Marge Camp. "Thanks also to Jim Erdley for the sponsor sales and to everyone else who helped take care of the boards when Beef was busy."

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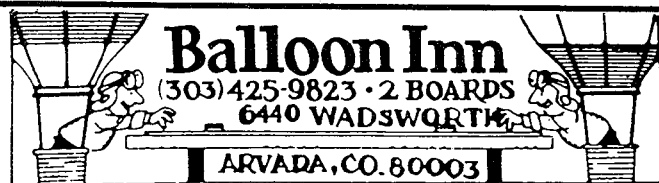
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May 10-12

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Whistling Oyster Tavern
Quilcene, Washington

May 11

Open Doubles
Sportsman's Lounge
Muncie, Indiana

May 11

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

May 17-18

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

May 17-19

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

May 20-27

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

May 23-26

15th Lilac City Memorial
Litz's Pub & Eatery
Spokane, Washington

May 23-27

10th Annual Arbuckle Open
Prim's Wagon Wheel
Wynnewood, Oklahoma

May 24-26

1st Annual Memorial Tournament
Riverside Hotel
Earlville, New York

May 24-27

3rd Annual Memorial Tourney
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

May 24-27

Memorial Weekend Tourney
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 24-27

Memorial Weekend Tourney
Tolo Tavern
Central Point, Oregon

May 24-27

Hal Perry Memorial Day Tourney
Blinky's
Santa Clara, California

JUNE

June 7-8

2nd Annual Bring Partner
Sonny Boy's
Cuba, Missouri

June 7-9

Weekend Tournament
J & C Tavern
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 8

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

June 14-16

2nd Annual Deuces Wild
Wetlands Bar & Grill
Royal Oak, Michigan

June 14-16

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

June 15-16

7th Annual Open Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

June 15-16

2nd Annual Everett Invitational
Shotze's Rack 'N Roll
Everett, Washington

June 21-22

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

June 21-23

New York State Championships
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

June 22-23

1st Annual Mixed Doubles
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

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 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 19-21

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

July 26-27

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

1996 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

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. 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

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Aug. 23-25

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

Aug. 25 - Sept. 2

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

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. 5-8

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

Sept. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

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

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. 11-13

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

Oct. 12

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

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. 19-20

Bring Partner Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 28-Nov. 3

7th Annual North American
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. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Dec. 20-21

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

JANUARY, 1997

Jan. 28-Feb. 1

PCSA Extravaganza IX
The Showboat
Las Vegas, Nevada

FEBRUARY, 1997

Feb. 21-23

16th Annual Masters
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

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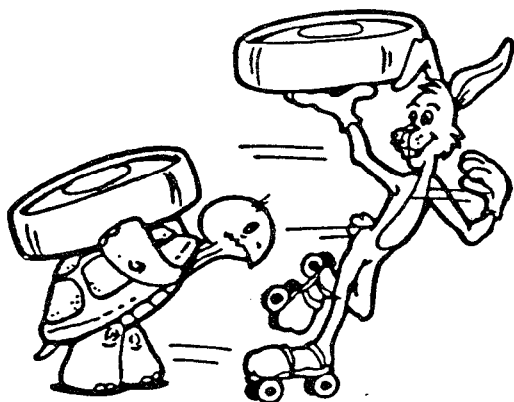
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