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Something New for Nebraska: Raffling Bars!

By Annie Sloger

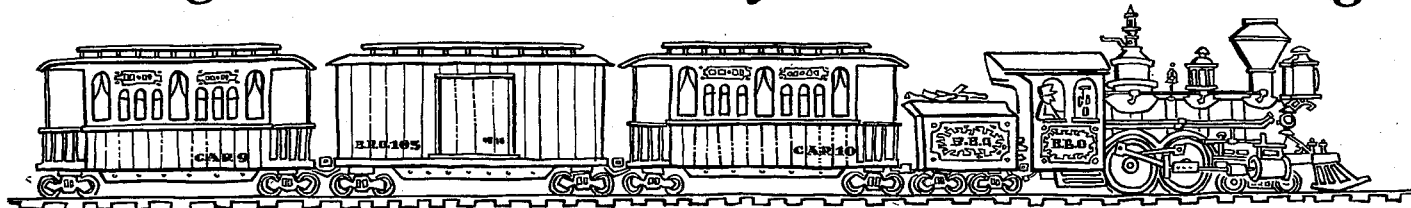
On Oct. 4 and 5, Omaha, Nebraska, held a raffle tournament for the first time. Ten bars paid \$50 each to enter the raffle. The bars' names were thrown in a hat; they were paired by location and the winning bars of the raffle got to hold the tournament. None of the 28 teams that entered knew where the tournament was being held until an hour before it started. Therefore, there was no practice time allowed. Baretta's Again and Joe Banana's were the winners of the raffle.

The tournament started Friday night and finished at 3:15 Sunday morning. It probably wouldn't have lasted so late, but we had to take a break between 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, so we could watch the Huskers spank Kansas State.

Total prize money was \$1230. First place was Scotty "Dog" Steinmeyer and Terry Roberts. Second place went to Don Zahm and Jeff Soseman. Third was Joel Rahn and Justin Voycheske (the tallest team) and fourth was Chuck

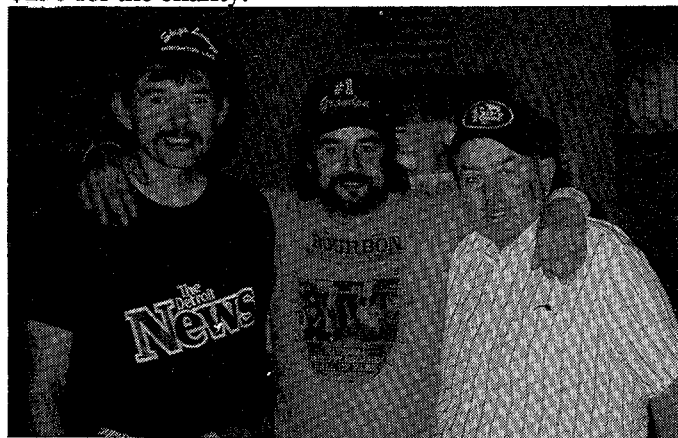
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Michigan Has New Tourney Site: Club Car Lounge



Durand, once the "railroad capital" of Michigan, is now the home of the state's newest tournament site -- the Club Car Lounge. With ample room for spectators and players, three in-house boards, and a menu of Italian food (with live country music when shufflers aren't shuffling), it promises to be a favorite spot for shuffleboard

tournament action. The first of those events, a Toys for Tots Tournament, took place on Sept. 22, netting over \$250 for the charity.



Wayne Snellenberger (center) of Saginaw was winner of the open singles. Bud Spier (left) of Weidman took second place honors, with John Addington of Lansing in third place.

J.R. Lopez of Lansing finished fourth with Ray

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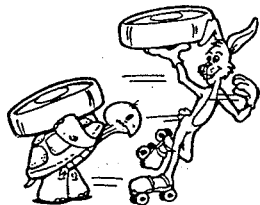
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Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

Jack Shares Another T.A. Tale

Truman Adams -- what a gentleman and what a player! In the mid-'60s, I was hosting a match at my Boondox Tavern in Longview between Tacoma and Portland. It was on a Saturday night and, in those days, taverns had to close at midnight Saturday (it was a sin to drink on Sunday). At midnight the match was tied four games apiece. I had the waitress clear all the beer off the tables -- soft drinks only.

When I opened the tavern, I bought four American shuffleboards from Les Lystad, president of American Shuffleboard in Seattle, and he had given me about a dozen old trophies. So I went back in my store room and picked out the biggest, ugliest one, almost 4 feet tall, and told both teams that if the liquor inspector showed up, that's what they were playing for. I had a wad of prize money in my pocket that would choke a cow. Sure enough, at 1 a.m., here came the liquor inspector with two deputy sheriffs. He said, "What's going on here, Jack?" I said, "Well, we started early enough, but nobody's lagging anything. The games are just going a point at a time." He said, "What are they playing for -- money?" I said, "Oh, no -- that nice trophy" and pointed at that ugly thing behind the bar.

Tacoma finally won the match and I grabbed the trophy and presented it to them, slipped the wad of bills to someone (could it have been Jim Foran?) and out the door they ran, yelling and screaming, "We won the trophy, we won the trophy." The liquor inspector said, "I'll be back to see you Monday morning, Jack," and left.

Truman came down to the end of the bar and had that little grin of his. He said, "I was watching you while that liquor inspector was here, and you put on a performance that would put Barrymore to shame." He gave me his

number and said if I got any action to call him, and I did a couple of times, and he was a joy to watch -- so smooth. He will be missed.

The liquor inspector came back Monday and gave me a warning and let me know if it happened again, I'd automatically get a 30-day closure.

(Re: the West Coast player ratings in the September issue) I feel miffed that I wasn't ranked right up there with Jim Allis and Darrol Nelson -- Ha!

Jack Tyler, Desert Hot Springs, California

Thanks for sharing this delightful story, Jack. We're sure our readers will enjoy it.

The Forans Hear from Irish Joanie; She Misses Her Friends!

We received this postcard from Joanie Millar, our Canadian friend. She is originally from Ireland and has gone back to be with her mother and family. She may be gone two years or longer. Many people have asked us about her. As you can see as you read the card, she misses all of her friends very much:

"Please give my love to all my shuffleboard friends in America. Miss you all a lot. My Mom is doing very well and I am enjoying being back home and seeing all my old friends and family. Different lifestyle than what I was living. I am sure I will be back in Canada but just don't know when. Please give my love to everyone. Love you all dearly. Your ever-loving Irish friend, Joanie Millar."

Jim and Michelle Foran, Tacoma, Washington

Joanie's many shuffling friends will be glad to know that she is enjoying her stay in Ireland. Thanks so much for sharing her message.

Woodie Reports a Missouri First

The Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston, Missouri, is the first establishment in the state to add a second shuffleboard. We sent some letters out and made some phone calls and filled the house with some pretty good talent, some well-known to the Shuffleboard World. Manny and Millie Lane formerly owned a tavern and played shuffleboard in Michigan. They would like to say hello to the gang up that way. They are in the cattle business in Pocahontas, Arkansas, now.

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"The Hitt Man" Takes Two Firsts at Washington State Championships

By Co-Director Larry Pearson

Shotze's Rack-N-Roll in Everett was the site of the 2nd Annual Washington State Championships. This year's event was loaded with talent. Players from Pacific Beach to Spokane went toe to toe in what can only be described as great shuffleboard.

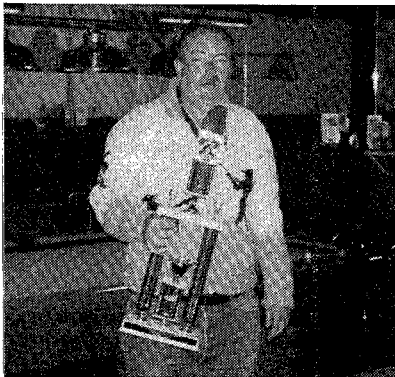
Once again displaying an exceptional all-around game, Dan "The Hitt Man" Hitt took first place honors in the open singles event. Tough as always and definitely one of Washington's best, Mike Thorpe, finished second.



First and second place finishers Dan Hitt (right) and Mike Thorpe show off their "hardware."

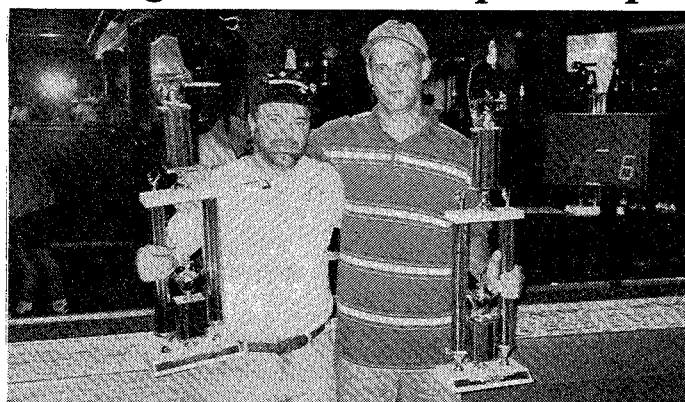
This one/two finish was the finalization of a goal established by two young talents in Spokane, Washington, some six years ago.

Proving why he is regarded as a legend by many, Art Green lost his first match, then battled through a monstrous field of players to finish in third. It appears that some of the stories about Art Green might not be so far from true!

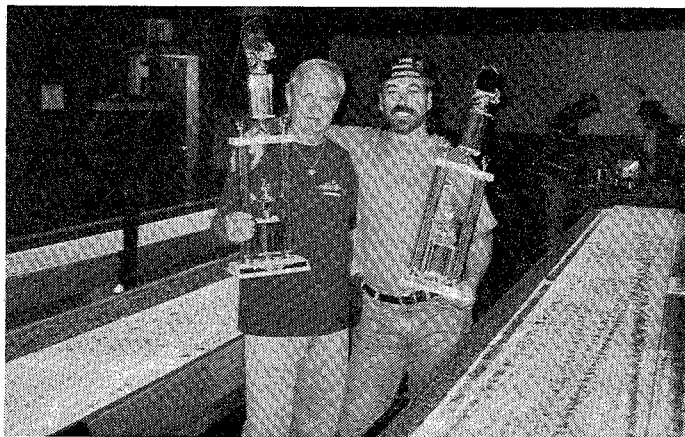


The legendary Art Green proved he's still got what it takes and collected the third-place trophy in the open singles.

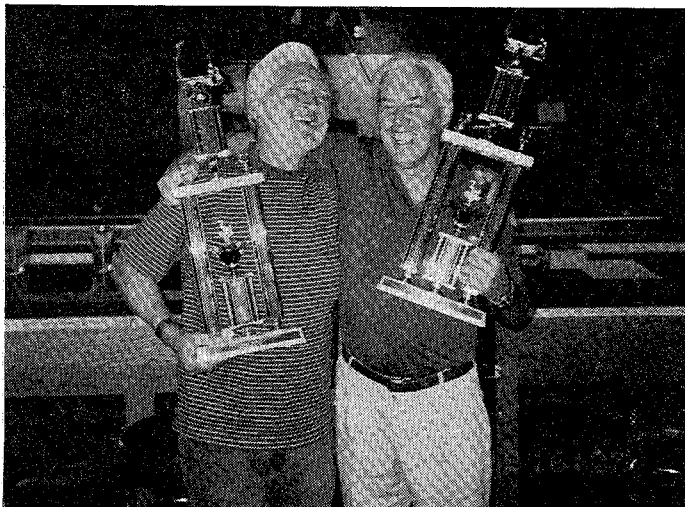
The Hitt Man wasn't about to settle for merely one first-place trophy. He teamed up with a hot-shooting Jeff Adams to prove unbeatable and took the open doubles title also.



Jeff Adams and The Hitt Man took the Washington State Championship title in the doubles.



Jim Foran (left) and Rick Gindt were tough to beat as usual and finished in second place.



Russ "The Colonel" Miller (left) and Dan McDinnon beat the determined team of Jim Allis and Al Pease to finish in third.

Special thanks to Shotze's for providing the hardware and a terrific atmosphere for this event. Thanks also to co-directors Rick Gindt and Jeff Adams, without whose efforts there would not have been a Washington State Championship.

Upcoming Events Across the Nation

Missouri

THANKSGIVING TOURNEY AT EAGLES 3911, HOUSTON

Everyone except O's and pros is invited to participate in a Thanksgiving Tournament at the Eagles Lodge 3911 in Houston, Missouri. There will be a draw partner round robin at 6 p.m., Nov. 28, \$10 per person entry fee. On Friday, Nov. 29, a bring your own partner event starts at 4 p.m., \$30 per team entry. Following conclusion of the doubles on Saturday, there will be an open singles, \$10 per person.

The Eagles Lodge 3911, located on So. Hwy. 63, now has two boards.

For information, call tournament director Charlie Riley at the Eagles, 417-967-2169.

Nevada

PCSA EXTRAVAGANZA IX, SHOWBOAT, LAS VEGAS, JAN. 28-FEB. 2

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association's 9th Annual Shuffleboard Extravaganza will be held at the Showboat Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Jan. 28 through Feb. 2.

There are six events on the agenda, beginning with a bring your partner amateur doubles, \$100 per team entry, on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The sale is set for 9 a.m., with play beginning at 10 a.m. That evening, the sale for the A-B Draw will start at 8 p.m., with play beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Entry fee for the A-B Draw is \$50 per player. The sales for the pro singles and amateur team events will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

The pro singles, \$300 entry, will start at 8 a.m. on Thursday, along with the Amateur Team Event, \$300 per team entry. The sales for the pro doubles and women's singles will start at 10 p.m. Thursday night.

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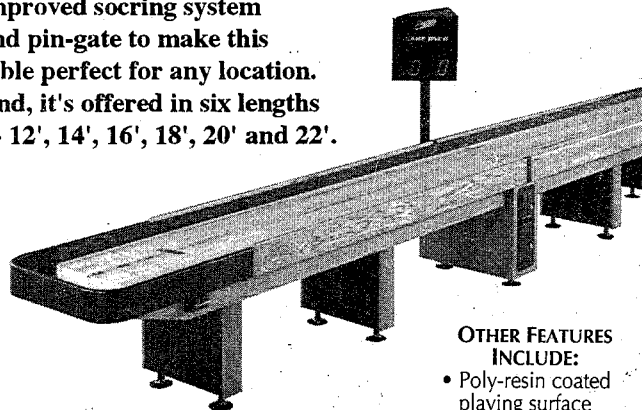
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The pro doubles, \$200 per team entry, will start at 8 a.m. Friday morning, with the pro singles finals scheduled for 1 p.m. The Women's singles, \$100 entry, will begin on Saturday morning at 8 a.m., with the amateur team finals set for 1 p.m.

The pro doubles and women's singles finals will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2.

The PCSA is accepting money for entries and room reservations now (the firm deadline for both is Dec. 31). Rooms at the Showboat are \$53 per night (double occupancy) and must be made through the PCSA to qualify for participation in Extravaganza IX events.

Use the enclosed registration form to save your spot. For further information, call the PCSA at 310-926-2152.

Michigan

MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP AT McCABE'S, SAGINAW, NOV. 29-DEC. 1

Michigan shufflers will be vying for titles at the 11th Annual State of Michigan Championships, scheduled this year for M.J. McCabes Food & Spirits, 54 E. Morley Drive in Saginaw, on Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

There are five events on the schedule: a mixed doubles, \$15 per player, at noon on Friday (entry deadline, 10:30 a.m.); Division II singles, \$20 per player; ladies' singles, \$15 per player; and open singles, \$40 per player, all starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday; and an open doubles, \$20 per player, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Sale times are 11 a.m. Friday for the mixed doubles, 9 a.m. for all singles events, and noon Sunday for the open doubles. There will be a \$5 per player event registration fee which goes to Rob Kern, who will serve as tournament director.

To get to McCabe's, take I-75 to exit 149A and go east approximately 1/2 mile. The bar opens daily at 7 a.m. and serves great food. There will be four boards available for the tournament.

For information, call Dave at McCabe's, 517-754-3621, or The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-9300.

Colorado

8TH ANNUAL SANTA CLASSIC OPEN DOUBLES, BALLOON INN, DEC. 14-15

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, will host its 8th Annual Santa Classic Open Doubles on Dec. 14-15. Entry fee is \$100 per team and the format is best 2

out of 3, double elimination. The sale is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., followed by \$10 blind draws and open challenges.

Competition will start at noon on Saturday and continue at noon on Sunday.

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

Maryland

1ST ANNUAL EAST COAST SHOWDOWN, HARVEY'S PLACE, STREET, NOV. 8-10

The 1st Annual East Coast Showdown will be held on Nov. 8-10 at Harvey's Place in Street. Action will start at 7 p.m. Friday with an open draw, \$25 per person. An open doubles is on the schedule for Saturday at 1 p.m., \$100 per team entry. The open singles, \$50 per person, will start at noon on Sunday. The doubles and singles are limited to the first 24 paid sign-ups.

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

Texas

12TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CLASSIC, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, NOV. 27-DEC. 1

The Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, will host the 12th Annual Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 27-Dec. 1. Events include a Co-Ed Draw and Left-Over Draw, \$25 entry for each, on Wednesday at 7 p.m., single game, double elimination (pros and 0's may not draw up); Draw Partners for -1's through 2's (no two pros), \$50 entry, and for 3's, 4's and 5's, \$25 entry, at 6 p.m. on Thursday; Bring Partners for pros through 2's, \$150 entry (pros must play with 2 or higher ranked player, 0's must play with 1 or higher ranked player), and 3's, 4's and 5's, \$100 per team entry, on Friday at 3 p.m. The Singles will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday: pros, \$150; 0's, \$125; 1's, \$100; 2's, \$75; 3's, \$50; 4's and 5's, \$25.

Check the enclosed flyer for details. A Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday.

For further information, contact David Williams, 817-451-9583 or 473-4029; Bobby Williams, 817-496-8972 or 265-7045; or Tom Johnson, 817-277-4029.

This will be another BIG one -- don't miss it!

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Chuck Norris Makes It Three in a Row at Crazy Canucks Tourney

By Marg Okum

Another successful Crazy Canucks Tournament at the AN & AF #68 in Vancouver, British Columbia, over the Labor Day weekend is completed -- great players and excellent action on the boards.

Players began arriving on Monday from out of town for this tournament, with Jim Cockrell always the first. "Winston Jim," as he is fondly known by all of us, comes early to play crib and practice board. The crib board wasn't kind to him this year. I managed to keep some of his money this time -- the first in six years.

We welcomed some new players this year -- Don Heaton from Winnipeg, Canada, and Char Waugaman and Morey Balins from Denver, Colorado.

We started our Winston Jim Open Draw on Thursday night with 28 entries. Mike Thorpe of Washington and Ray Blair from Vancouver were the eventual winners.

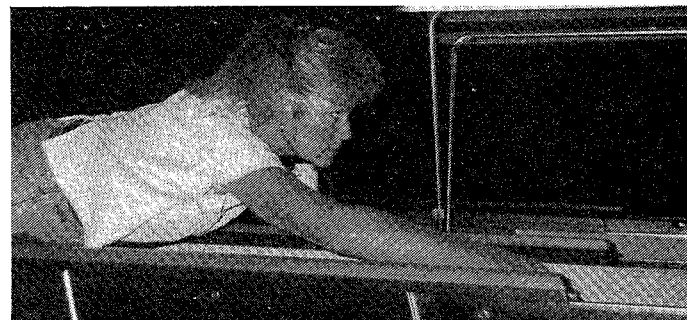
The singles got underway on Friday night with a field of 27 entries and a pot totaling \$1,215.



It was a repeat of last year -- and the year before that -- as Chuck Norris (left) of Oregon once again claimed the singles crown. He is congratulated by Mike Thorpe of Washington, who finished in 6th place this year.

Chuck Norris, always the gentleman, retained his singles title three years straight despite not feeling well and in some pain. Truly a remarkable man!

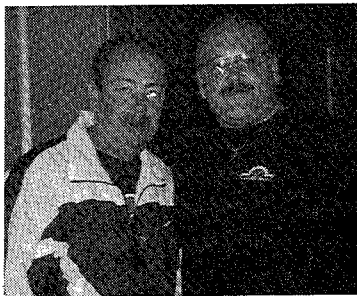
Loren Lampley of Shelton, Washington, took second place honors, with Morey Balins of Denver in third.



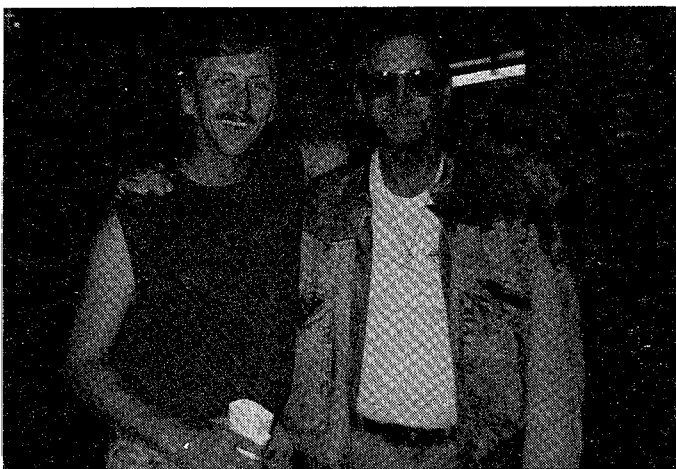
Char Waugaman of Denver took fourth in the singles.

Larry Pearson of Marysville, Washington, finished in 5th place, with Mike Thorpe of Washington, in 6th spot.

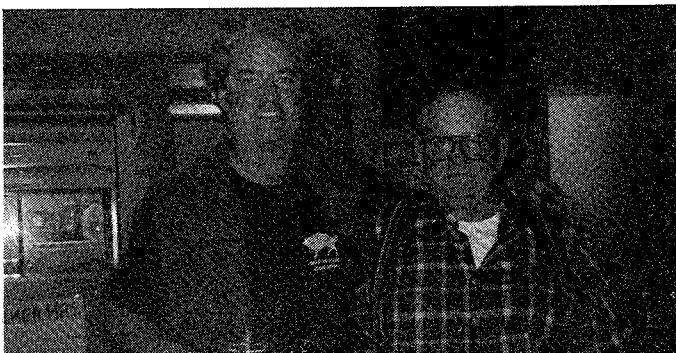
Saturday night's doubles had 16 teams vying for a pot of \$2,440. As always, the calibre of play in these matches is superb -- great excitement for all the spectators. With five boards in play, there is a lot of going from board to board to watch your favorites in action. Sunday afternoon, when the field was narrowed down and the wax had settled, the eventual winners were:



Larry Pearson and Art Bell of Washington, 1996 Doubles winners.



Mike Thorpe and Dave Arndt of Washington took second place honors.



Don Heaton of Winnipeg, Canada, and "Winston Jim" Cockrell of Oregon, finished in third place.

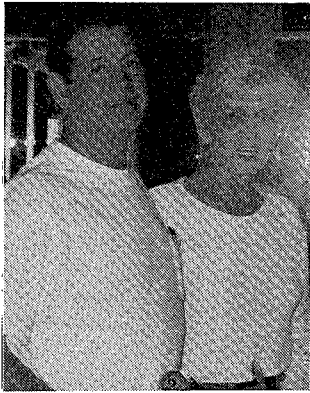
Chuck Norris of Oregon and Dick Heflin of Washington took fourth, with Teresa Cartwright and Diana Madsen of Vancouver in fifth place, with Desi Guches and Mike Kinney of Oregon in sixth.

Dick Heflin has a new name in Canada -- the Kenny
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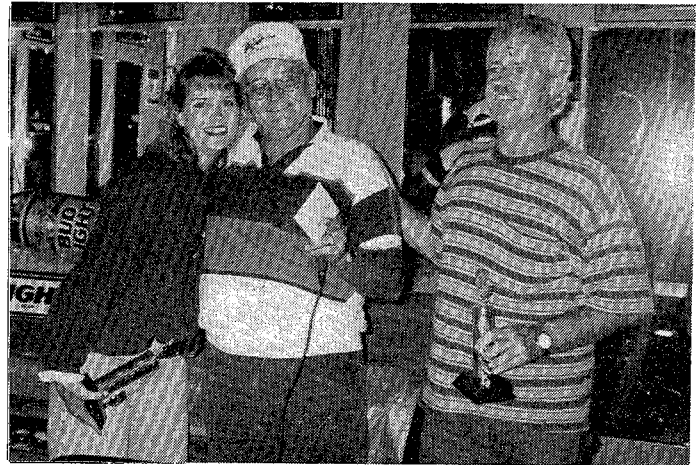
"Little Buddy's" Action Lounge Labor Day Debut is Success

"Little Buddy" Hillburn made his 1st Annual Labor Day Tournament at the Action Lounge, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, an event to remember. All the players and participants could readily see why Bud's nickname no longer applies.

The first event was a draw partner and Bud, whether little or not, showed he still had his stuff by winning with partner Larry Barthel.



A surprise second place finish was scored by local patrons U.J. West and Shirla Porter. Fred Washington and Charlie Sawyer finished in third place.



Sally Goff (again!), this time with hubby Cliff, gets a hug from "Little Buddy" along with a trophy for finishing first in the Sweetheart Draw.

Fred Washington and Shari Faust took second in the Sweetheart Draw. Third place went to Janie Weible and Terry Yingst.

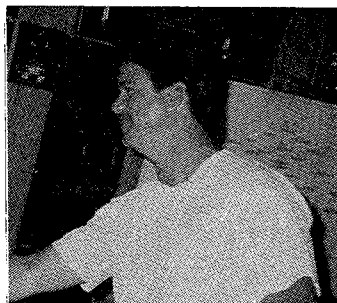
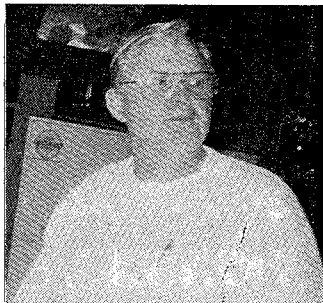


The Action Lounge served a big spread on Saturday followed by pizzas on Sunday. Bud was glad to see Don Crall (Del City American Legion Post 24 manager) come by to check everything out. Bud noted that he got there in time for the pizza.

"A big thank you to all the players and attendees for making this tournament a big success," said Bud. "We are all looking forward to next year."

Host Bud Hillburn (right) congratulates Bring Your Own Partner event winners Rick Yingst and Sally Goff.

Taking second place honors in the Bring Your Own Partner were Keith Oiler and Jim Kennedy, with John Cason and Terry Gee in third.



Jim Kennedy (left) and Keith Oiler finished second in the Bring Your Own Partner event.

Broka and Johnson Winners of Bourbon Spring Tournament

Buddy Broka and Mike Johnson of Indiana teamed up to take top honors in the annual fall doubles at American Legion 424, Bourbon, Indiana. Finishing second in the field of 22 teams were Billy Melton of Oklahoma and Bob Shaw of Texas. Hoosiers Terry Dowell and Bobby Voorhis took third place.

As The Puck Turns.....

By George & Donna Wilber

For years now, California has led the list of Top Shuffleboard States in the U.S.A. -- and still does. But guess who is "sneaking" up on California? None other than Texas, which has been the No. 2 state for as long as California has been No. 1. What is so gratifying about Texas is that the new subscribers are individual shufflers. We don't know who's spreading the word in the Lone Star State, but whoever it is, we appreciate it!

Washington holds a strong No. 3 position and we appreciate their continued support. We're not as proud of our own home state -- Michigan -- which is now in a tie with neighbor Indiana. Perhaps shufflers in the home state of The Board Talk believe they have special privileges, like keeping them on the mailing list far after their subscriptions have run out (sorry, guys!).

Last month, Florida and Maryland were tied, but this month, Maryland pulled ahead. For that, we have East Coast promoter Dick Gorman to thank. It's not his job to collect renewals, but local shufflers seem to think he should pay his 32 cents to send in their renewals. Come on, now, take responsibility for your own red checks!

We call your attention to Page 10 and the list of additions/changes to the "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." Please note these on your most recent quarterly listing which was published in September -- and remember to put that list in your glove compartment when you travel. Seldom does a month go by when we don't receive a call from some travelling shuffler who has left his/her list at home and wants to know where the action is in whatever location they're visiting. The next quarterly listing will be in the December issue, so if your favorite shuffleboard site isn't currently on the map, sign them up before Nov. 15.

Note that California has 10 new subscriber locations, thanks to A.Z. Turnbo, our Board Talk Ambassador of the Month. Thanks, A.Z.!

Christmas is just around the corner and two of our new advertisers -- Pecan Producers, Inc., and the Houston Shuffleboard Community -- have some ideas for gift-giving for those on your list. Pecan Producers' representative, shuffler Dave Davidson, suggests filling Christmas stockings with a choice of pecan products. The Houston shuffleboard community, sponsors of the

Houston Holiday Open at Danny's Sports Bar (another new advertiser), Dec. 27-30, suggests that a great Christmas gift would be sponsor shirts, entry fees, and/or a motel gift certificate. Think about it! Any of your shuffling friends would really appreciate such gifts. For those special people on your Christmas list, you might also consider adding a gift subscription to The Board Talk (remember, subscription fee goes from \$15 a year to \$20 effective Jan. 1, 1997).

As always, whether it's Christmas time or not, we strongly encourage you to patronize Board Talk advertisers. They are the ones that have kept us going for nearly 13 years and will continue to do so in the future!

Speaking of Christmas, your mail carrier is overloaded with catalogs and flyers this time of year. We got more than the usual number of calls this month complaining: "We didn't receive our Board Talk." When we receive these calls, we always send out that issue first-class, which really adds to our expenses. It wouldn't hurt to tell your mail carrier that, even though The Board Talk is mailed bulk rate, you don't consider it "junk mail" that should be dumped when his/her load gets too heavy.

Also, we remind you again (and again and again) that notifying the Post Office when you move will not guarantee that your Board Talk will be forwarded to your new address. It will not! And we don't get back those issues you haven't received so we know you've moved. You must fill out the form on the back page and send it to us with your new address. Your best guarantee of not missing any issues is to send us that form before you move!

By the time you receive this issue, we will be at the North American Championships in Reno, an event (and a break in the action here at home) that we're really looking forward to. Please, if you're there, come up and say "hello." It's a great experience for us to relate a name on our mailing list to a face and personality. Look forward to seeing you there!

Although this has been a challenging year for us, we still have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. YOU are at the top of the list of reasons why!

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"Crazy Canucks" (continued from Page 6)

Rogers of shuffleboard. Some people were sure of it. Desi Guches was one of the winners of the Molsons racing jackets. Sorry I couldn't get you one, Mike.

Our auctioneers -- Loren Lampley, John Martin and Mike Thorpe -- a special thanks! Without you guys doing this for me, the sales wouldn't be half the fun. Thanks to The Shuffleboard Federation for their support and donations of wax and silicone. Thanks to my three helpers behind the scenes -- Diana Dawber for jacket ticket sales, Shirley Gillis and Sandi Greenfield for help in getting the cold buffet ready Saturday night. Great job -- wouldn't have made it without you! Thanks to tournament director Brian Burchynski, to Gord Smith for all the work on the boards, and Gord Ritchie and Paula Madsen for helping Brian. Thanks to our sports director Frank Storus for the t-shirts and hats, and to AN & AF #68 manager Bill Weir and staff and all the members who are great hosts and help make this tournament fun.

Thanks, everyone! Until we meet again in '97, take care.



Paula Madsen (left), who with her partner Teresa Cartwright finished fifth in the open doubles, is one of the many people Marg thanks for their help in making the Crazy Canucks Tournament a success this year.

Additions to "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." Listing

The following shuffleboard establishments have joined (or rejoined) our network since the last "Play Your Way Across the U.S.A." listing was published in September. Please make these additions and/or corrections to your current listing and -- DON'T TRAVEL WITHOUT IT! When you stop in at any of these shuffleboard establishments, please be sure to tell them The Board Talk sent you and thank them for their support of your favorite sport. The next quarterly listing will be published in the December issue.

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- Maltas Lounge, 3466 Willow Pass Rd., Concord, phone: 510-689-1868
- Harvest Park Bowl, 5000 Balfour Rd., Brentwood, phone: 510-516-1221
- The Palace, 148 Alta St., Gonzales, phone: 408-675-3401
- V & E Lounge, 2071 1st St., Livermore, phone: 510-447-3293
- 133 Club, 133 W. Yosemite Ave., Manteca, phone: 209-823-4877

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- Our Place Saloon, 6815 Riveredge Dr., Bellwood, phone: 407-268-1088
- Jack's & Gloria's Pub, 487 N. Washington Ave., Titusville, phone: 407-383-7647

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- Finnigan's Bar, 114 3rd St., Bay City, phone: 517-895-9510
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- Lucky's, 400 Baker St., Lansing, phone: 517-372-4070

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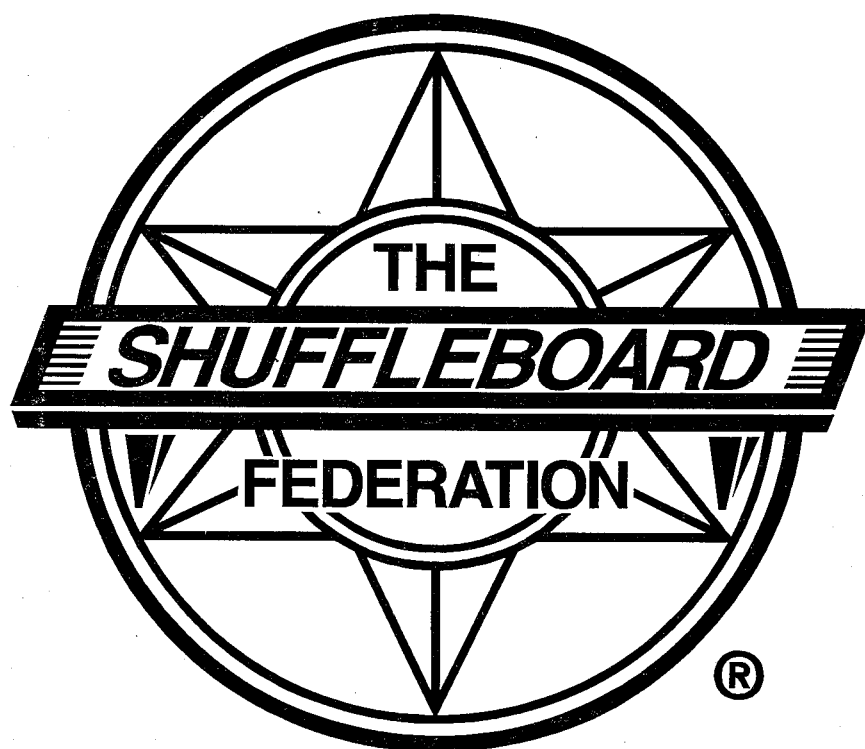
- Weldon's Bar, Hwy. 77, Stratford, phone: 405-759-3354
- Chuck Wagon, Hwy. 77, Davis, phone: 405-369-9029

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- Sportsman Ice House, 715 West Ave., San Antonio, phone: 210-738-1129
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Upcoming Events *(continued from Page 5)***1ST ANNUAL HOUSTON
HOLIDAY OPEN AT DANNY'S
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"Ya'll come -- husbands, wives, friends, pros and their proteges -- there is an event for everyone, everyday," says the Houston Shuffleboard Community about the 1st Annual Houston Holiday Open, scheduled for Dec. 27-30 at Danny's Sports Bar, 12126 Westheimer in Houston, Texas.

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The Houston Shuffleboard Community and their friends are hosting and adding money to the tournament. Monogrammed sponsor shirts will be offered by Nov. 25 (\$65 each or two for \$120). The total amount of added money and additional information will be announced in the next issue.

Events include: Friday, Dec. 27, Division I (-1, 0, 1's and 2's) (-1's and 0's may not play together) Draw, \$50 per player entry, and Division II (3's, 4's and 5's) Draw, \$25 entry; Saturday, Dec. 28, 4-Person Team Event (team ratings must add up to 6 or more points and must include one female player), \$125 per team entry, and a handicapped "leftover" draw, \$25 entry; Sunday, Dec. 29, Division I (-1, 0, 1's and 2's) Handicapped Singles, \$100 entry, and Division II (3's, 4's and 5's) Handicapped Singles, \$25 entry; Monday, Dec. 30, Division I Bring Partner (team ratings must add to 1 or more points), \$150 per team, and Division II Handicapped Bring Partner (team ratings must add to 5 or more points), \$50 per team.

For more information, contact any of the following: Diana Hagen, 713-587-8048; Johnny Ballard, 713-922-1346; Jack Scott, 713-398-3999; or Dickie Wooten, 713-541-6134.

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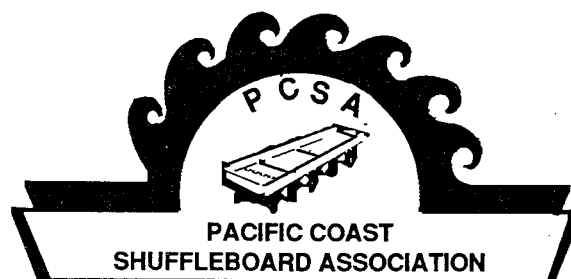
Six Events: January 28 thru February 2, 1997

- Tue., Jan. 28** Auction 9 am. Bring your Partner Amateur Doubles, \$100 per team, play starts at 10:00 am. Limit 48 teams.
Auction of A-B Draw at 8 pm.
- Wed., Jan. 29** A-B Draw, \$50 per player. Limit 128 players, play begins at 8:00 am.
Auction Pro Singles and Amateur Team at 8 pm.
- Thu., Jan. 30** Pro Singles, \$300 entry. Limited to 32 players, play begins at 8 am.
Amateur Team (must have 2 women players) \$300 per Team, Limit 28 Teams,
play begins at 8:00 am.
Auction of Pro Doubles - Women's Singles at 10:00 pm.
- Fri., Jan. 31** Pro Doubles, \$200 per team, Limit 32 Teams, play begins at 8 am.
Pro Singles Finals 1:00 pm
- Sat., Feb. 1** Womens Singles, \$100 Entry, Limited to 24 players, play begins 8 am.
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Sunday 12/29 - *Division I* (-1, 0, 1 and 2's) Handicapped Singles: \$100 entry fee. *Division II* (3, 4, and 5's) Handicapped Singles: \$25 entry fee.

Monday 12/30 - *Division I* Bring Partner (Team ratings must add to 1 or more points): \$150 entry fee per team; *Division II* Bring Partner - Handicapped (Team ratings must add to 5 or more points): \$50 entry fee per team.

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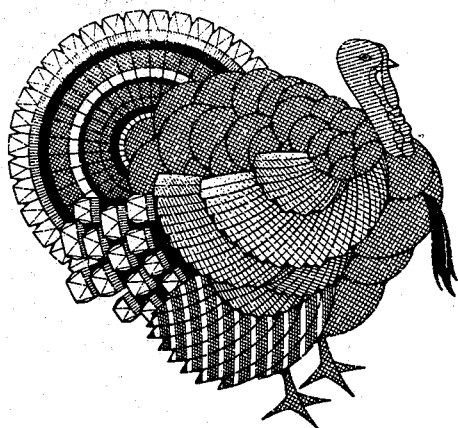
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Friday: Nov. 29, 3:00 p.m.: Bring Partner, Pros through 2's, \$150 entry (pros must play with 2 or higher ranked player, 0's must play with 1 or higher ranked player), 2 out of 3 if time permits///// 3's, 4's and 5's, \$100 per team entry, single game, double elimination.



Saturday, Nov. 30, 2:00 p.m.: Singles, pros, \$150 entry; 0's, \$125; 1's, \$100; 2's, \$75; 2 out of 3 if time permits. 3's, \$50///// 4's and 5's, \$25, single game, double elimination.

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For information on the tournament and/or lodging recommendations, call Beef or Margie at 219-347-9965.

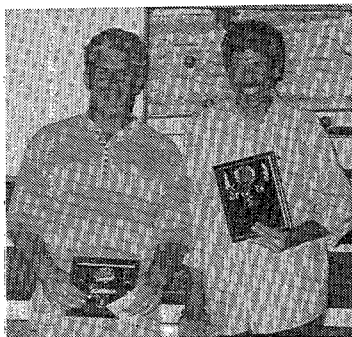
New for Nebraska (continued from Page 1)

Busch and Vicki Simants.



Scotty "Dog" Steinmeyer and Terry Roberts were winners of the Nebraska Raffle.

Taking second place honors were Jeff Soseman and Don Zahm.



Joel Rahn and Justin Voycheske finished in third place.



Chuck Busch and Vicki Simants finished in fourth.

Special thanks to Joe and Connie Monastero and Tony and Jody Baratta for letting us use their bars. Thanks to Denny "No Show" Busch for setting up the brackets. Thanks to Vicki Simants and Larry Laws for organizing the whole thing and to Jim Keller for getting the trophies. And thanks to all those great players who entered the tournament. A good time was had by all!

Our next tournament was the Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Tournament, Oct. 25-27. This was an A-B Draw partner event held at three different locations within about a mile radius -- My Way, Harold's, and Sideline. Two-thirds of the prize money went to Cystic Fibrosis with one-third being paid back to the players. Trophies were also awarded for first, second and third places. This is an annual tournament which is now in its third year. Look for results in next month's issue.

1-2-3 Season Starts at Harvey's

By Dick Gorman

October 11-13 started the 1996-97 season at Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland. Harvey Comer, host and owner, started the four weekend program in a 1-2-3 fashion, taking for himself a first on Friday night, a third on Saturday and a second on Sunday in the three scheduled events.

Remember when you waited all year for a tournament? This weekend, there were three tournaments competing for players, and there was still a good turnout for the season inaugural. The regular tournaments have a Friday night draw, Saturday bring partner and Sunday second chance draw. During the season at Harvey's on his five available boards, special events are held, such as the tournament on Nov. 8-10 which includes a \$25 draw on Friday night, a \$100 per team bring partner on Saturday, and a \$50 singles on Sunday.

Friday night's draw this weekend was no exception to stiff competition. Harvey Comer teamed up with Jim

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More Notebook *(continued from Page 2)*

Harvey Walden of Memphis, Tennessee; Mick Moran of Mt. Home, Arkansas; Chuck Muehlhauser of St. Louis; Jim Thompson, Connie McCall, Terry and Sandy of Springfield; Larry and Shirley Cothran of Cook Station; and Louis and Jim Stanley from Cuba, Mo., all made the long trip. We had two 14-team round robins. I was lucky enough to draw my traveling partner, Connie McCall, and we took the first one. The second one was won by Chuck Muehlhauser and Julie Hartman.

Charlie Riley, the director of shuffleboard there, would like to invite everyone except the 0's and pros to their Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 28 (see details in Upcoming Events).

The Eagles Lodge 3911 is located on So. Hwy. 63, Houston, Missouri. Their new phone number is 417-967-2169.

Woodie Cockrum, Cuba, Missouri

Thanks, Woodie, for the update on some old friends and the good news about a second board at Eagles Lodge 3911. That will certainly be an attraction to travelling shufflers and to potential tournament participants. We hope they get lots of "company" as a result of your promotion.

A Report from Travelling Glen....

We just got back from our trip to the Great Lakes -- Lansing and Saginaw in Michigan, and Fairmount, Anderson and Marion in Indiana. At Anderson, Bobby V and I captured the doubles at the Get-A-Way Club which was directed by Steve Hart. It was good seeing Emmett, Jerry, Bill, Jeff, Ray, Tom, Jim, the Massies (who came in second in a very close game) and all the local players at the tourney. Jeff and Ray finished third. Thanks to the two owners and the women behind the bar for a great weekend of shuffleboard and thanks for the hook-up for the RV.

At Marion, Buzz Voorhis' Locker Bar staged its first tournament, a doubles and singles. Terry Dowell and I captured the doubles with a determined Debbie Voorhis and Larry Brown Sr. snapping at our heels to take second. In the singles, Debbie again was closing in on me and just missed first by a smidgen. Mary Brown beat hubby Larry to take third. I had to come from the loser's bracket and play two tough ladies, Mary and Debbie. Bobby V was laid up with a back ailment. He had the nerve to ask me how long it had been since I won a women's tournament. Smart Aleck! Thanks to Buzz and all his staff for an unforgettable event at the Locker Bar.

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Harvey's Place *(continued from Page 13)*

Wallace of Port Deposit to take first place, with Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Bob Overbay, Darlington, forcing a second final game to take second. Third place went to a tough team of Chuck King, Greenwood, Del., and Al Pinner, Glen Burnie, Md. Fourth place was won by two happy ladies, hostess Darlyne Belcher and Brenda Wallace from Port Deposit. Fifth and final money spot went to Butch Kelly, Springfield, Pa., and Jim McDaniels, Darlington.

Saturday's bring partner event also brought some surprises. Taking first place was the Philadelphia team of Al DiBella and Jim Yank Sr., beating out second place finishers Jim McDaniels and Wayne Nichols, Conowingo. Third place went to Harvey Comer and Chuck King. Fourth place was taken by another Philadelphia team of Jerry Herrmann and Butch Kelly. Fifth place was paid to Lindsay Hall, Baltimore, and Bob Overbay.

Sunday's second chance draw partner was won by Brenda Wallace and her partner, Dick Gorman. Second place was won by Darlyne Belcher and Harvey Comer. Brenda and Darlyne also finished sixth on Saturday, one spot out of the money.

Some may ask: where was Len Dell? He was there as well as a lot of others. We particularly enjoyed having a group of new players from the Philadelphia area EDSL League; hope they keep coming. There are some real shooters there.

After the Nov. 8-10 tournament, the next of the regular format will be on Dec. 6-8. Ever-innovative Harvey and Darlyne are trying to organize some more changes that may add new attractions at Harvey's Place. Suggest you call 410-836-8881 to save a place for yourself and a friend for the next tournaments.

Thorpe/Madsen Tops at Corner Tavern's Mixed Doubles

The Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, hosted its first mixed doubles fall tournament on Sept. 28-29. The weekend activities started with the Friday night \$20 draw. Local talent Richard Larson and Cheryl Goodman took first and Karen Robinson and Rick Goodman in second. Dave Arndt and Eve Anderson finished third, with Phil DePree and Caveman in fourth.

There was a lot of stiff competition and close matches in the small (due to lack of available women) but fun mixed doubles event. Russ Miller and Cheryl Goodman, both from the Bow area, stayed in the winner's bracket until their Sunday match when they lost to Mike Thorpe and Diane Madsen. That put them into the loser's bracket where they came out in third place after losing to Dave

Arndt and Hazel Thorpe, both from the Seattle area.

The final match came down to Mike and Diane against Dave and Hazel. After playing 2 out of 3 matches twice (really good games and long!), Mike and Diane (from Canada) took first place, with Dave and Hazel (Mike's wife who gave her husband no slack) in second.

Richard Larson (co-director with Russ Miller) and his partner, Karen Robinson, played great all weekend (just out of the money), as did all the participants: George and Dee Hichenbothom, Steve and Nancy Hudson, Caveman and Kathy Ledent, Rick Goodman and Eve Anderson, and last but not least, Gordy Smith and Pat Preymak from Canada.

The Corner Tavern thanks everyone for a great weekend and hope to see you in the spring for the annual draw partner event on April 4-5, 1997.

More Notebook *(continued from Page 14)*

About Gary Moore's interest in the Hall of Fame and the qualifications and behavior of its members. The only thing I can say is you have to look at where the game came from and the people who brought to light that it's a great game and **worked** toward getting rules enforced and approved, holding tournaments and forming leagues. All these people **work** on their own (no money -- no thanks) most of the time. They keep **working** because they know there will be a great future for the sport if people will pitch in and help get things done. Instead of worrying about yesterday or tomorrow, they focus on today, here and now.

I read a story about the generals that served under Grant in the North/South War who informed the President that he stayed drunk or drank whiskey while in battle. The response from President Lincoln was: find out what brand he drinks and join in. What's good for one is tragic for another. Everyone to their own way of life or passion. I don't know of any sport that doesn't have a drug problem. As long as you are not involved, why worry about it?

Besides, we don't have any million dollar contracts to worry about either.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

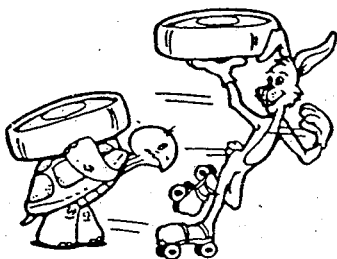
Thanks to Bobby Carpenter!

We apologize to Bobby Carpenter for neglecting to give him credit for the crucial role he played in our Sept. 6-8 tournament at the American Legion. He even celebrated his birthday while doing a great job with the brackets all weekend. Thanks, Bobby!

Milt and Betty Benedict, Sherburne, New York

Looking Back.....

1994



Editors' Note: To mark 12 years of publication, we started this new column in December 1995, highlighting the winners of past major tournaments. Because of space restrictions, we can't include them all. This month....1994.

●PCSA Extravaganza V, Aladdin, Las Vegas, Feb. 1-6: (6-member Pro Team)--

Oklahoma (Glen Davidson, Bill Melton, Billy Melton, Mike Melton, Ron Huddleston, Tom Hendrix), 1st. **(A-B Draw #1):**--Milt Benedict, New York, and Bill Melton, 1st; Buddy Broka, Indiana, and John Lathala, Washington, 2nd; Bud Hillburn, Oklahoma, and Rollie Westerhoff, 3rd; Rick Gindt, Washington, and Paul Elliot, Indiana, 4th; Fred Thuman, California, and Terry Dowell, Indiana, 5th; Bjerne Sunde, Michigan, and Dennis Bird, Nebraska, 6th; Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, and Larry Vance, Indiana, 7th; Billy Melton, Oklahoma, and Jolene Lembke, California, 8th. **(A-B Draw #2):** Rick Royal, Indiana, and Jimmy Kumpula, Florida, 1st; Bob Perry, Illinois, and Fred Washington, Oklahoma, 2nd; Billy Maxwell, California, and John Luke, 3rd; Karl Spickelmier, California, and Rod Fitch, 4th. **(Women's Singles):** Rena Hendrix, Oklahoma, 1st; Diana Hagen, Texas, 2nd; Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, 3rd; Sandy Swift, Oklahoma, 4th. **(Pro Singles):** Doug Buhl, Oregon, 1st; Bill Melton, Oklahoma, 2nd; Denny Busch, Nebraska, 3rd; Darrol Nelson, Oregon, 4th; Al Pease, Washington, 5th; Rick Gindt, Washington, 6th; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 7th; Mike Pond, Washington, 8th. **(Pro Doubles):** Bill Melton, Oklahoma, and David Williams, Texas, 1st; Doug Buhl and Darrol Nelson, 2nd; Diana Hagen and Bob Shaw, Texas, 3rd; Billy Maxwell and Ted Zariphes, California, 4th; Milt Benedict and Dick Losee, New York, 5th; Fred Thuman and Nelson Jennings, California, 6th; Leroy Ledford, California, and Steve Wilson, 7th; Bubba Warren and A.Z. Turnbo, California, 8th. **(Amateur Team Event):** Acme Tavern, Washington (Rosa White, Earl Cole, Bob Shirley, Steve Kalamanski, Doug DeBois, Michelle Foran, Dick Heflin, Billy Powell, Chris Danke), 1st; Oklahoma Friends, 2nd; Kimmel Inn #2, Indiana, 3rd; Dixie Belle, California, 4th; Gathering Team, Michigan, 5th; Deluxe Liquor, Las Vegas, 6th.

●Bourbon Spring Tournament, American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana, May 7: Bobby Voorhis, Indiana,

and Jim Allis, Washington, 1st; Bjerne Sunde, Michigan, and Frank Blade, Texas, 2nd; Bob Perry, Illinois, and Buddy Broka, Indiana, 3rd; Denny Busch, Nebraska, and Billy Melton, Oklahoma, 4th; Greg and Tom Massie, Indiana, 5th; Terry Dowell and Steve Blue, Indiana, 6th; John McGinnis and Joe Muniz, California, 7th; Larry Creakbaum and Jerry Knox, Indiana, 8th.

●5th Annual Grand Masters/10th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion, Whistling Oyster, Quilcene,

Washington, Aug. 3-7: (4-Person Team): L.A. Invaders (John Fisher, Billy Chiles, Jim Kennedy, California, and Ruthie Miles, Oregon), 1st; Dream Team, Washington (Jim and Michelle Foran, Rick Gindt, Mike Waters), 2nd; Four Play, Washington (John Luhtala, Nancy Johannsen, Don Schaffer, Jeff Adams), 3rd; Three Short Fat Guys and a Canuck (Gary George and Jim Allis, Washington, Don Cox, California, and Diane Madsen, Canada), 4th.

(Open Singles): Darrol Nelson, Oregon, 1st; Chuck Norris, Oregon, 2nd; Dan Hitt, Washington, 3rd; Don Cox, California, 4th; Mike Thorpe, Washington, 5th; Billy Maxwell, California, 6th. **(Open Draw):** Dave Davidson, Oklahoma, and Bob Shirley, Washington, Ed Olson and Jim Manders, Washington, shared 1st; Darrol Nelson, Oregon, and Larry Sawyer, Washington, 3rd; Jim Thornton and Ron Wicks, 4th; Jeff Adams and John Luhtala, Ken Wochnick and Dick Doak, 5th and 6th; Dan Hitt and Dottie Bastanchury, Don Cox and Jim Buhl, 7th and 8th. **(Grand Masters):** Doug Buhl, Oregon, and Steve Wilson, Washington, 1st; Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Don Cox, California, 2nd; Mike Pond and Marv White, Washington, 3rd; Jim Allis, Washington, and Darrol Nelson, Oregon, 4th; Al Pease and Mike Waters, Ed Olson and Pat Van Cleve, Washington, 5th and 6th.

●North American Championships, Sands Regency, Reno, Nevada, July 25-31: (A-B Draw):

Glen Davidson and Sheriff Hallberg, 1st; Chris Danke and Bob Jacobsen, 2nd; Doug Buhl and Lisa Melton, 3rd; Joe Spielman and Larry Pearson, 4th. **(Div. I Singles):** Bobby Williams, 1st; Joe Spielman, 2nd; Paul Parks, 3rd; Bob Hunt, 4th. **(Div. II Singles):** Larry Pearson, 1st; Charlie Busch, 2nd; Ron Bowers, 3rd; Leroy Burkhart, 4th. **(Ladies' Singles):** Viola Reaves, 1st; Penny Cottrell, 2nd; Debbie Bowers, 3rd; Pat Burkhart, 4th. **(Div. I Doubles):** Steve Wilson and Chris Danke, 1st; Dan Mourgos and Steve Perry, 2nd; Mike and Billy Melton, 3rd; Johnny Ballard and Bobby Williams, 4th. **Div. II Doubles):** Bob Jacobsen and Larry Pearson, 1st; Leroy Burkhart and Butch Robinson, 2nd; Jim Filkins and Jim Tanner, 3rd; Bill Wooldridge and Tom Clubb, 4th. **(Pro Singles):** Bill Melton, 1st; Darrol Nelson, 2nd; Doug Buhl, 3rd; Bob Shaw, 4th. **(Pro/Div. I Doubles):** Rick

Boyer and Billy Melton, 1st; Bill Melton and Bobby Williams, 2nd; Mike Melton and Bob Hunt, 3rd; Bob Shaw and Joe Hudson, 4th. **(Team Event):** Texas Tornados (Sheriff Hallberg, Ron and Debbie Bowers, Betty Rickman, Tom Clubb, Bill Wooldridge), 1st; Buckley's Catch Sports Club, 2nd; Tolo Tavern, 3rd; Dunes Lounge, 4th. **(Legends Draw):** Joe Hudson and Jimmy Kumpula, 1st; Bill Wooldridge and Dot Bastanchury, 2nd; Dick Gorman and Marty Allen, 3rd; Lloyd Coffelt and Mike Reddinger, 4th.

●**Fall Doubles, Bourbon American Legion, Bourbon, Indiana, Oct. 1:** Billy Melton, Oklahoma, and Bob Shaw, Texas, 1st; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, and Bill Melton, Oklahoma, 2nd; Ron Campbell and Bill Loos, Nebraska, 3rd.

Other Significant Happenings in 1994:

March -- Florida is well-known for its deck shuffleboard events, but this year the state's first table shuffleboard tournament is held at **Huddle's Sports Cafe** in Pembroke Pines. It was a successful "first" and would not be the "last." Florida shufflers develop a state charter for the Florida Table Shuffleboard Association.

April -- Support for the induction of **Bob Miles** into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is launched. The only problem is -- there isn't one yet! The **Gold Nugget** in Arlington, Texas, holds an **Earl Kelly** Benefit and raises more than \$1500 to help pay the medical expenses for the ailing shuffler.

June -- A **Franco J. Billotta** Memorial Trust is set up to build a park in Sacramento, California, to honor the memory of **Bob and Vicki Hunt's** two-year-old grandson, who passed away in April, the victim of a drowning accident. As usual, shuffleboarders respond to a worthy cause. Even though there still isn't an official Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, The Board Talk publishes a 4-page tribute to **Bob Miles** with endorsements and memories from his peers. The **Shuffleboard Federation** honors him as the first inductee at its North American Championships in Reno. A fund to assist the two children of **Billy Maxwell** of California is established to help Jamie and Nicholas after their mother was killed. The **Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association** stages a benefit tournament and nets \$4,000 for the fund.

September -- A shuffleboard legend, **Mickey Mickens** of New Jersey, passed away unexpectedly. Sentiment grows to have him inducted into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

December -- The World of Shuffleboard loses another great, **Earl Kelly** of Texas. Many believe that he, too, belongs in the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, but as this year ends, it remains yet a dream.

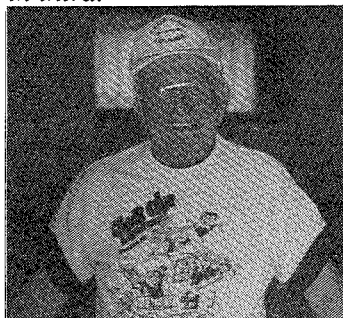
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Bogard of Durand in fourth place

Coming out on top of a field of 12 teams in the draw doubles were Gene Hagerman of Flint and local Ray Bogard. The Olund brothers, Tom of Durand and Chuck of Bancroft, took second place, with Kirt Runyon and owner/host Dennis Bittner in third. Charlie Stewart of Durand and Wilma Hagerman of Flint finished fourth.



Winners of the doubles were (center) Gene Hagerman and Ray Bogart, with Tom and Chuck Olund (right) in second place, and Kirt Runyan and Dennis Bittner (left) in third.



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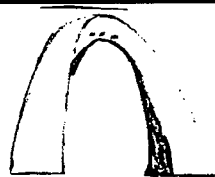
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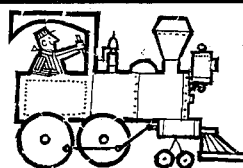
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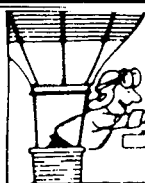
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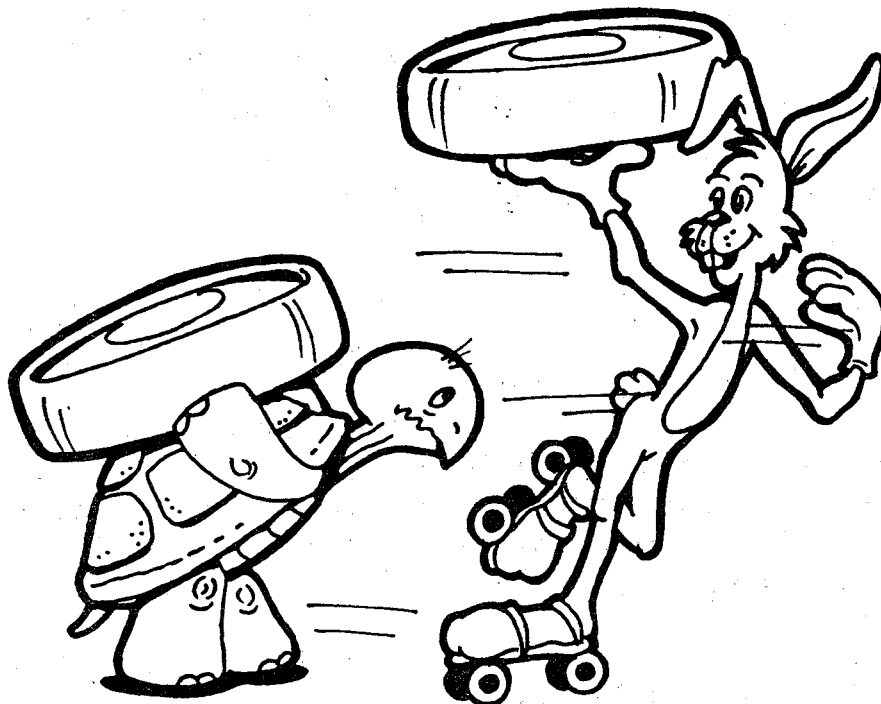


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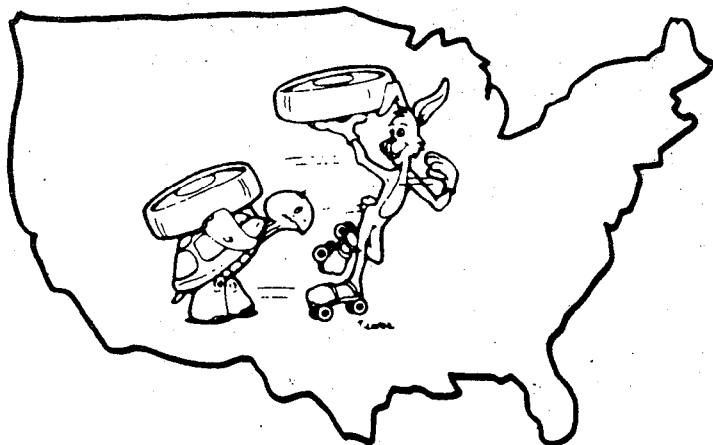
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