

The Board Talk

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Rudy Stober Memorial

"This is the first shuffleboard tournament in this bar at which my Dad has not been present. I'm sure you will all spend time with your own thoughts and personal recollections about my Dad this weekend. We all feel a terrible sadness at the loss of such a unique person. This tournament is our way of paying tribute to Rudy Stober."

With those eloquently delivered words, Linda Stober welcomed long-time friends to the Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament, held at Stober's Cocktail Lounge in Lansing, Michigan, on Aug. 2-4. Rudy, who came to America from Germany in 1951 and worked as a bricklayer until he purchased the bar in 1963, died in May. He had been a leading sponsor of shuffleboard for 35 years.

"Though you may have been attracted to this bar because of shuffleboard, you kept coming back because of Rudy Stober, the person," Linda told the memorial tournament participants. "My Dad was born terribly poor, had a limited education, and as a young boy knew starvation. As a teenager and a soldier, he knew war, death and suffering."



Linda and Dad Rudy

"The Rudy we knew valued life and loved people. He loved comradeship, he loved honesty and loyalty, he was giving and compassionate. And he was always a great host. When someone came in the bar, they were not just a

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Grand Masters Plus Another Big Success!

By Bill Bailey

They started arriving two weeks in advance, all trying to memorize our five shuffleboards that we have at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, Washington. The weather prior to the tournament was not cooperating with temperatures in the '90s. But by Wednesday, July 31, you couldn't ask for better weather, with temps in the comfortable '70s. Seventy people signed up to vie for part of the \$27,000 in prize monies.

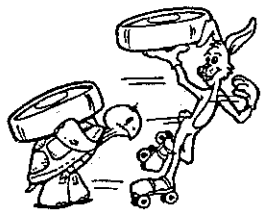
In the first event, we changed the format from a mixed doubles draw to an A-B-C draw because of the small show of women players. All went smooth in this event, thanks to Bubba Warren and Paul Weber in getting it set up and run. By midnight, the event was over with Al Pease and Linda Steffensen of Washington and Mike Kinney of Oregon taking first place. Dave Arndt, D.K. and Norm McVeigh, all of Washington, finished second. Bubba Warren of California and Carl Rousch and Jim Watson of Washington took third place. Larry Pearson, Jim Buhl, both of Washington, and Jan Manes of California finished fourth. This is going to be a definite event in the future!

By 2:30 on Thursday, we had 32 players signed up and ready to play for part of the \$10,000 pot. These were some of the best games ever! Darrol Nelson of Oregon was put in the losers bracket very early in this event, but being the true champion that he is, he came back never to lose another game, and was crowned the number one player in this event again. (Is there anybody out there who can beat Darrol at this tournament?)

Running a very close second was his doubles partner, Dan Hitt of Washington. Other winners in the singles were Al Pease, Washington, 3rd; Rick Gindt, Washington, 4th; Jim Manders, Washington, 5th; and Desi Guches, Oregon, 6th place.

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Frisco Eddie's adventures on Page 18**



Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

"Miracle at the End of 24th Street....."

I'm a 13-year never-rated amateur shuffler. I went to Bristol Station in Midwest City after work to see friends and played in their annual golf tournaments. My sport was basically golf, but I would play cheap blind draw single elimination robins, with encouragement to occasionally play in weekly tournaments. After a while, I began to go to other clubs with boards in nearby Oklahoma City. I remember my first such venture in about 1991 to Friends for a Thursday blind draw tournament. They had two boards and I was impressed with how much faster the tournament played or how much more shuffleboard you could play in the same time. I drew my travelling buddy, Jim Farley, as partner and we were teamed in our first match with Fred Washington, who I knew briefly from tournaments at Bristol's, and Glen Davidson, who I didn't know. Jim and I were hot. We had them 12-0 before things began to change.

Between frames, people began to come up to ask who we were and where we were from. They would also tell us about our opponents. Fred was well-known locally, but I found out for the first time about Glen Davidson. Needless to say, by the time we got to 12 points, it all began to soak in and Jim and I never made another point.

My next level of growth and realization of the World of Shuffleboard was to be asked to play on a Bristol Station team in the 1993 Southwest Open at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City. I remember the pressure I felt at this level, but played better than expected. We didn't win a thing, but I remember how long it took to finish -- two whole days and nights. This impressed upon me the time and dedication it must take to achieve greatness in this sport. I watched pros and semi-pro matches during my games and came away with a lot more respect for the game and tournament players. I might add that my game improved after that, but I never considered expanding my involvement in the game beyond this level. I realized I was just a recreational player and would have to be content at that level. And I was until recently.....

I got to know Glen Davidson better because he began to come to Bristol Station more often. I would listen in on some of his stories between frames/games but knew very little of his life and times in The World of Shuffleboard. Since I wasn't a Board Talk subscriber, I was limited to my knowledge of the game to those I played with and who

they talked about. Then one night in April of 1996, my level of involvement began to change. Glen took me aside and told me he was being considered for induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He asked me a question that blew my mind: "Would I give the nomination speech at the induction ceremony?" Since I've been a member of Toastmasters International since 1981, the nomination speech request was a minor "threat" at that time.

I subsequently scheduled a meeting at Glen's home to get more information about him and the NSHF. I started by interviewing him on audio tape about his birth, childhood, service in the Marine Corps, his shuffleboard career, and some of the other firsts in his life. I was so interested in getting the information out of his head and into mine that I took very little time to digest it at the time. I read back copies of The Board Talk about the NSHF, a copy of the NSHF charter, and began a study that has expanded my horizons of the game. He also showed me video tapes of shuffleboard matches across America, interviews with great players, and a short video on the four players previously inducted into the NSHF. He told me those four had passed away before they could have official induction ceremonies. He asked my help in designing an induction program that would set a standard for future inductions.

As you know from having been to the Southwest Open in Del City, Oklahoma, you have to go to the end of 24th Street to get to the American Legion Post 73. That's why I title this letter "The Miracle at the End of 24th Street." It was a miracle for Glen Davidson to run into Alan Martin at the time he did, with the dream he had, and that I was able and had the time to help make his dream come true. It's also miraculous that we were able to convince Legion Manager Don Crall and Tournament Director Ron Huddleston that we could conduct a respectable ceremony during an increasingly popular national tournament like the '96 Southwest Open. Once they saw our printed program and heard our singer, Kelly Bartow, they were great supporters of the miracle. It's miraculous that we were able to get Eddie Wayne Mitchell of Music Express to donate his audiovisual expertise and his time to this venture. Another miracle was when local appliance dealers turned down the opportunity to provide us with big screen TVs and a good friend of Dave Davidson (Glen's brother) loaned us some smaller sets from his shop. It was a miracle that Larry Creakbaum, an NSHF Director, was already planning to come to the Southwest Open and that his plane landed safely so he could

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"Many thanks to Randy and to his fine staff -- Mark, Eddie, Trish, Sanda and Kim," said Ken.

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Upcoming Events Across the Nation

California

"BIRTHDAY BASH" AT THE DIXIE BELLE, DOWNEY, SEPT. 20-21, \$500 ADDED!

A "Birthday Bash" celebrating the births of two popular Dixie Bellers, Chris Brown and Dixie Debbie, will be held on Sept. 20-21 at The Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy. in Downey, site of the recent 12th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion. Entry fee for the amateur mixed doubles event is \$25 per person, with sponsor sale on Friday at 8 p.m. and play beginning on Saturday at 10 a.m. \$500 is being added to the pot.

For information on the tournament, lodging recommendations, and/or to save your spot, call Eileen Eades or Jim Anderson at the Dixie Belle, 310-80 DIXIE, or 310-803-4943. See Dixie Debbie's comments in Notebook on Page 20.

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Michigan

A-B-C TEAM EVENT AT WETLANDS, ROYAL OAK, SEPT. 20-22

The 2nd Annual three-person A-B-C team event, for which we can thank the Southern California shuffleboard community, returns to the Wetlands Bar & Grill in Royal Oak on Sept. 20-22.

"Last year, interest in this event was lukewarm at best," said John McDermott. "That was before everyone had a chance to give it a try and subsequently found out what a great format it really is. The players who participated had a great time and promised to be back for the second annual."

George and Donna Wilber, Board Talk publishers, saw one of these events for the first time at the 12th Annual Shufflers' Reunion/4th Annual Dixie Belle 4th of July Tournament in Downey, California. They were so impressed that a three-person A-B-C team event will replace the very popular A-B draw at the upcoming 6th Annual Skip's/Board Talk Fall Bash. That means that most of the players from the midwest will be reading



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this issue at Skip's, where they will be experiencing this great format personally.

Entry fee for this event is \$25 per player, including the registration fee that goes to tournament director Rob Kern. Hope to see you there, says John. If you have any questions, please call The Shuffleboard Federation, 810-380-3033.

Indiana

SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT AT LOCKER BAR, MARION, SEPT. 21-22, DEC. 7-8

The Voorhis Family -- Marisa, Bobby and Debbie, Charles (Bus) and Martha -- invite you to the Locker Bar, 100 S Branson in Marion for a singles and doubles tournament on Sept. 21-22 and Dec. 7-8. Entry fee for the Saturday doubles is \$40 per team and \$20 for the Sunday singles.

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Washington

"FAREWELL TO SUMMER" TOURNEY AT OLD EDISON INN, SEPT. 14-15

The Old Edison Inn, Edison, will host its 2nd Annual "Farewell to Summer" open doubles tournament on Sept. 14-15. Entry is \$50 per team for the double elimination event, with play beginning immediately following the 11 a.m. sponsor sale on Saturday.

Owners Mini and Sandy will once again add money to the pot in proportion to the turnout and also provide a super feed on Saturday. Other attractions, including the usual -- and often unusual -- door prizes, and the laid-back country atmosphere of rural Edison, should make for a fun-filled weekend.

For information on lodging, RV parking, etc., contact Phil DePree at the Edison, 360-766-6266 or 766-5301. Co-director will be Russ (the Colonel) Miller.

Last year's winners of this event were Dan Hitt and Jeff Adams.

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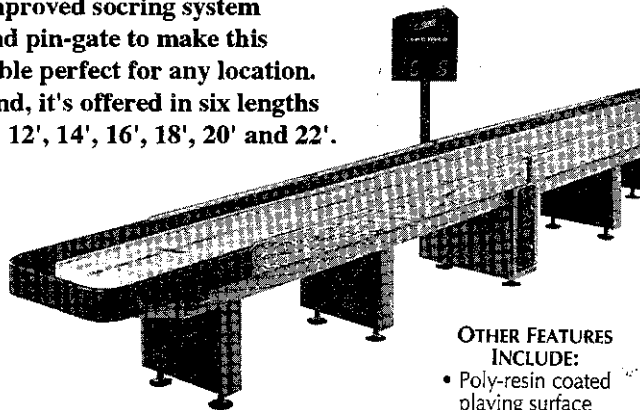
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customer to him -- they were a friend. I think he would be very proud and happy to see this gathering of friends who are all here with people we care about to play a game we love....As a tribute to Rudy Stober, play your best, enjoy yourself, and enjoy each other," Linda said.

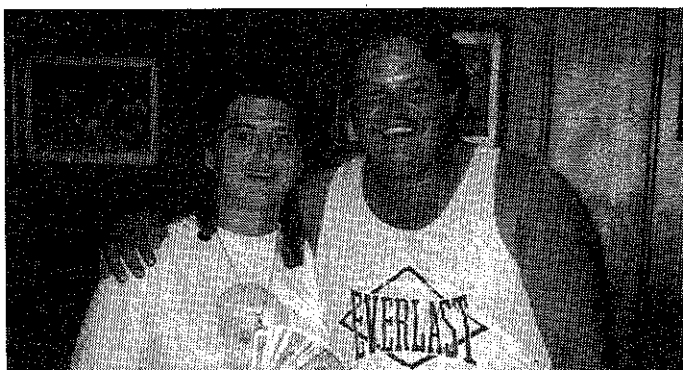
The participants did just that, and they also made personal contributions to endorse their nomination of Rudy Stober to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Rudy would not have been surprised at the results of the open doubles; in fact, he probably would have bought them in the sponsor sale! It was long-time friends J.R. Lopez of Lansing and Buddy Broka of Bourbon, Indiana, who took top honors. Giving them a run for their money was that dynamic Hoosier duo, Larry Creakbaum (National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Director) and Jim Long. Taking third place were locals Ron Bown and Ron Palmer.

J.R. paid tribute to Rudy's memory again as he took first place in the open singles. Larry Creakbaum finished second, with Carrie Clifton of Lansing in third, and Buddy Broka in fourth place.



Locals Tony Jackson and Bill Clifton flash their first-place winnings in Sunday's open draw.



Kim and Frank Parrish of the Pontiac area drew each other to take second place. This was appropriate because Frank's Mom, Betty, played a leading role in gaining petition signatures to induct Rudy to the Hall of Fame!

There was one person missing from the memorial tournament and his absence was felt by all who participated -- Bob Gross, *Lansing State Journal* sports writer who most certainly would have been there to cover the event had he not been brutally murdered shortly after he wrote Rudy's eulogy:

"If there are bricks, shuffleboards, softball and a men's clothing store in Heaven, then Rudy Stober will be welcomed with open arms," Bob wrote. "....And so a gentle man leaves us. So sad, but a man who will never be forgotten. A man who will be greatly missed. Thanks, Rudy, from all of us. Bon voyage."

A Word from the Hall of Fame Chairman....

It feels great to be in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. It also feels great to know that we've got the Hall established that people can use and/or make it better through the years.

We're going to be having a meeting to discuss each state having a Hall of Fame. Nebraska has had one for 10 or 15 years to honor deserving people in their state.

These are some of the ideas under discussion:

(1) Each state should have a committee with a minimum of five members with officers -- chairman, secretary and treasurer. In a state like California, which has many older shufflers who should be nominated, you may want to have two committees.

(2) Each state would surface potential inductees into their Hall of Fame, vote on them, get all the necessary data on what they have contributed to the sport.

(3) Inductees should be involved in shuffleboard for 20 years or more and be over 60 years old (We'll start out with that and then when all those in that age category are inducted, then we'll move down to 50, etc.).

(4) After a person has been inducted into a State Hall of Fame, the committee can acquire the necessary petition signatures and information and forward it to the National Hall of Fame for consideration. (It is my personal opinion that a person should be in a state hall for at least a year before being nominated to the NSHF.)

What about the women? We don't have as many over-60 women who have been involved in shuffleboard as we do men. Ladies, if you have ideas, please send them to us.

Oklahoma, under the leadership of Cliff Goff, has formed a great committee of about 50 or 60 who are all interested in the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. If they can do it, why can't you? If you need assistance in forming your committee, contact me or any member of the NSHF.

Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg St., Oklahoma City, OK 73150; phone: 405-733-4430

As The Puck Turns.....

By George & Donna Wilber

We apologized last month for being a week late with delivery of The Board Talk due to illness of one of our two-person staff. Little did we know then that we would have to apologize again! The U.S. Post Office, in order to make mail delivery "more efficient," instituted new regulations effective July 1. For that more efficient delivery, we would pay 4-cents more for each piece. Woe is us! We did not meet those new regulations, despite our hours of study, and had to bring back home our packed bags from the Post Office, re-pack and re-label, return the bags to the P.O., stand in line for hours to see if we did it right this time, and beg to have it sent even though we didn't fully comply. We have to admit, during all this chaos, that we questioned: why are we doing this?

We're working double-time to ensure that you get the September issue in a timely manner. (Maybe you'll get September before you get August! This is "efficiency"?)

The people we have to apologize to most are our advertisers, who had events going on over the Labor Day weekend. A good example of why you should advertise early -- you never know when the P.O. will "run interference."

We were honored recently with a visit from the only living inductee into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Glen Davidson, and his lovely partner, Madge Goff (who you just can't keep out of the kitchen sink doing dishes every time a used one appeared). We were glad to hear that the NSHF Board is considering shifting emphasis from national to state inductions. It just makes good sense. While Glen is fairly well known from coast to coast, such is not the case with most of the other inductees. People on the East Coast never heard of PeeWee Ramos; people on the West Coast never heard of Mickey Mickens. That certainly doesn't mean they are not worthy of induction; it's just that most shufflers aren't going to be committed to building a shrine for someone they don't know.

The closer people are to a "cause," the more willing they are to support it. State halls of fame, with inductees who are known and respected by area shufflers, and a history that is meaningful to them, would establish a feeling of ownership that's vital to enthusiastic support and financial stability. State inductees, if their contributions have had a positive impact beyond their home base, could then be nominated to the NSHF.

As with any worthwhile effort, it would take the dedication of local people to make it happen. If you'd like to serve on a state committee, write to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446, and request guidelines.

No, Jan Manes has not grown a mustache and George has not shed a number of decades! The photo on Page 20 of the August issue was supposed to be this one -- not John Fisher and Dan Hitt!



Board Talk Editor George Wilber congratulates Jan for winning the door prize contributed by The Shuffleboard Federation, Inc., at the 4th Annual Dixie Belle 4th of July Tournament/12th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion -- a gift certificate for a set of weights.

Seems like somebody put a hex on our August issue!

We were personally very impressed with and proud of the performance of Linda Stober at the Rudy Stober Memorial Tournament. Give Rudy or George (one of the tournament organizers) a microphone and they featured themselves as TV commentary hosts (or comedians). Not so for Linda. "It does not feel natural for me to stand behind a microphone, but as I was grasping for the right words to say today, a voice in my head kept pushing me on, saying: 'Dad would want you to do it. Dad would want you to do it.' So here I am." If Dad was listening, he would be mighty proud!

We wish Linda and Rudy's wife, Heidi, the very best as they strive to keep Stober's Cocktail Lounge a haven for shuffleboard players.

We welcome a new advertiser this month, George's Concepts, and hope he gets a good response from his investment. We can't encourage you enough to please support our advertisers. It is they who make this publication possible.

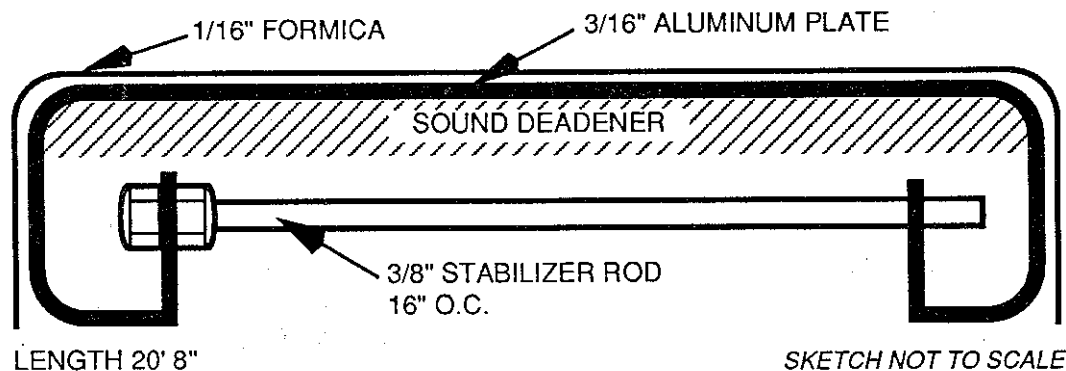
Check the back panel, too. You'll see there are some changes this month in the top shuffleboard subscriber states. Washington (bless their hearts!) replaces Michigan in the #3 spot with our home state sharing the #4-5 spot with Indiana. Two new states appear: Maryland and Florida tied for #7-8. Good work! Keep on growing!

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represent the NSHF Board of Directors in our program. Kelly Bartow, Karaokemeister at Holiday Inn East, was in miraculous voice during the ceremony and literally brought tears and goosebumps to some of the nearly 300 attendees.

Words were spoken that have never been spoken at a national tournament. Some of them about the Hall of Fame have been expressed in The Board Talk but never more profound than up close and personal, live and in living color, with music, humor and respect for the game and those who play it and promote it.

Glen's dream was to set a precedence, a standard for others to at least emulate and hopefully build upon to increase the credibility and support for the NSHF for which it so richly deserves.

Another miracle for me was to meet some of the people I'd read about in all the back issues of The Board Talk which I borrowed from Madge Goff. I would go up to them and introduce myself, but until the night of the ceremony, nobody knew me. I consider it an honor to have met many other people there -- Doug from St. Louis, who was attending his biggest tournament ever and I was able to point out Ken Storck to him so he could copy Ken's program for reading and mapping out the nuances on as many as 21 tables like they had at Southwest Open '96. And I know of at least three out-of-towners who got their cars and trucks repaired very reasonably by a good friend, Danny, at D & D Auto Repair in Del City.

These are miracles that happen that you never forget and all of them and more happened at the end of 24th Street.

Alan Martin, Midwest City, Oklahoma

Even though we could not be there for this historic event, we felt those same goosebumps while we watched the video of the induction. It will be a "miracle," Alan, if other state Hall of Fame Committees are as fortunate as Oklahoma to have a professional like you to design and produce such a moving induction program. It was a "miracle" that Glen met you in a shuffleboard match! We remind readers (and especially state committees) that they can get a copy of the video for \$50 with all proceeds except for actual expenses going to the NSHF (contact Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg St., Oklahoma City, OK 73150). Someday, when the NSHF is fully-funded, the Board might be able to hire you to travel across the U.S.A. and Canada for induction programs. In the meantime (which may be a long time), if you could make recommendations for using local resources such as you did, The World of Shuffleboard would be grateful!

T.A. Gets Salute from Darrol....

Shuffleboard has lost one of its true greats! Truman Adams has passed on. Truman, better known as T.A., began playing in California in about 1960. He later moved to Oregon and was, by far, the best player in my home area when I first began playing in about 1965. A few years later, T.A. moved to Portland where many very good players lived. He and Ed Graves travelled throughout the whole country playing shuffleboard. T.A. was the person most responsible for beginning, to the best of my knowledge, the modern tournament era. He guaranteed \$10,000 at the first "World Series of Shuffleboard" tournament held at the Black Cat Tavern in Portland in 1975.

The last tournament I know of that T.A. played was in Auburn, California, in about 1978. With Billy Mays and all of the West's finest players in attendance, T.A. won the singles.

Besides being one of the best players of his era, Truman brought a great deal of his own style of energy to the game. He was one of the most flamboyant and charming people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

We miss you, T.A. Go with love. Truman belongs in the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!

Darrol Nelson, Cheshire, Oregon

We did not have the pleasure of knowing T.A., but were impressed with the sense of loss expressed by participants at the Dixie Belle's 4th of July Tournament in California. He sounds like a very worthy candidate for induction into the Hall of Fame. You have a lot of clout in your area, Darrol. Encourage the formation of a state committee and get a petition going for T.A. You certainly would have no problem getting signatures in Oregon, Washington (see Jim Foran's letter in the August issue), or California.

Dixie Belle Gets Thanks!

We would like to thank Eileen and Wes, Evie and Jim, for an unbelievable week at the Dixie Belle over the 4th of July. The hospitality was something else and we can't wait until next year. Bubba and Karl did a great job with the brackets, and Joe and Paul with the sale. We thank everybody! On top of that, we met a lot of new friends. It's pretty hard to beat that week.

Thank you!

Gordie Smith and Pat Preymak, Coquitlam, B.C.
Russ and Sue Miller, Mt. Vernon, Washington

We agree -- it was hard to beat! Thanks for being there!

Debbie Puts Grippers in Their Rightful Place!

I would really like to thank Ron and Sharon Huddleston and Don Crall for all the hard work they did putting on the Southwest Open Shuffleboard Tournament. My Ron and I had a wonderful time (even if we didn't win anything). We enjoyed playing and watching some great matches. Putting on such a large tournament takes a whole lot of work and a whole lot of time for very little, if any, compensation. I don't know too many people willing to devote all that just for us.

For those of you who complained about having to get up early and play the next day, think of Ron, Sharon and Don having to get up before you did so they could sweep the floors, clean the boards, fill the dust jars, etc.

For those of you who griped about the boards, well, learn to adjust; your opponent apparently did. Show me a tournament with that many boards that didn't have a few squirrely ones and I'll eat a bucket of shuffleboard wax.

I've never been to a shuffleboard tournament where everything went just perfect; there is just no way, no how, that could happen. There will always be someone, somewhere, around to put their two cents in (and that's just about what it's worth). You can please some of the people all the time, but you can't please all the people all the time.

So, the next time you participate in a shuffleboard tournament, just remember the hard work and devotion it takes to run a tournament and that the person(s) running it are doing it for all of us. So go up and give them a hug and thank them for doing a wonderful job.

Thanks again, Ron, Sharon, and Don for all your hard work.

Debbie Bowers, Austin, Texas

Very well said, Debbie! Every tournament director (including us) will appreciate your verbal spanking of the chronic complainers. Most directors welcome constructive suggestions to make the next event better, including Ron and Sharon, but they sure don't need the two-cents-worth criticism. Very seldom do you see those complainers invest the time, hard work and frustrations that are involved in staging a tournament of any size!

Sparky Spreads the Word!

Chuck Norris and I are trying to promote a little action and get Portland back on the shuffleboard map. We located a new place called Buddy's Sports Action Bar that has two new American boards. They never knew there were any tournaments going on, so I told them I would get them started on The Board Talk.

It is a really nice bar with lots of pool action and soon lots of shuffle action. A new place to play in Portland!

Sparky Sparkman, Sandy, Oregon

We're delighted to add Buddy's to the shuffleboard map (included in this issue) and encourage all readers who are in the Portland, Oregon, area to stop by for some action and welcome them to The World of Shuffleboard.

Litz's Tavern Speaks Up!

Who said the Memorial Day Tournament at Litz's Tavern in Spokane, Washington, is fading out? We would like to squash that horrid little rumor. We've held this tournament for 15 years now and all of us shuffleboard players in Spokane have no intentions of fading out.

Over the past few years, shuffleboard in Spokane has endured through quite a bit of hardship. Litz's Tavern was forced to move (lease was up) and recently a new owner has taken over. Marv and Rosa White have taken a break from the game for a while. That was a blow to all the shufflers' morale. We still feel the void. Dan Hitt recently dove into the ranks of the self-employed and Steve Kalamarski, too, so some priorities have changed for now. Mike Thorpe moved to Seattle, Ron Graff moved to Montana -- and now he's back. Earl busted up his arm, Mike Pond was gone for a while for a hip replacement. It's been a tough few years, but let's keep things in perspective.

We aren't fading out; we are growing. In the past two years, we've been able to bring in quite a few new shooters. They're in every week -- religiously -- and so are the old timers.

So, just to set the record straight -- we are NOT fading out!

Shufflers from Litz's Tavern, Spokane, Washington

There are few shuffleboard sites that have not gone through a "tough few years" because of a change in priorities or circumstances by its shuffleboard leadership. That's why local support and dedication is so important. We salute you for surviving the challenges and hope you will continue to grow.

Your Viewpoints Welcome!

Your viewpoints on all aspects of the game of shuffleboard are welcome. Deadline is the 15th of each month. Letters must be signed and must not be of a nature that would be damaging to a person's/entity's reputation. Send to: The Board Talk, 421 E. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

Upcoming Events (continued from Page 5)**Washington****ANNUAL DOUBLES AT SHAMROCK, LONGVIEW, OCT. 19-20**

Winners of this annual doubles event (better known as the Nelson/Buhl Tournament) at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, on Oct. 19-20 will get their entry fee paid in the PCSA Extravaganza IX doubles in Las Vegas, Jan. 28-Feb. 2. Entry fee is \$50 per player with the bar adding \$10 per player, and payoff will be 55-30-10-5. Food will be served on Saturday and Sunday and there are lots of nearby lodging, plus some RV parking at the Shamrock.

For information, call 360-577-7444.

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

There will be three events, plus round robins, on the agenda for participants in the Oct. 11-13 tournament hosted by the Riverside Hotel in Earlville. The single game, double elimination events will be played on four boards and host Roger Sawyer will add \$500 to the bring partner tournament.

Round robins will be held on Friday starting at 7 p.m., with singles starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. A draw partner is scheduled for Saturday at 3 p.m., with the bring partner starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

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

Missouri**BARBARA'S TO HOST SOUTHWEST MISSOURI INVITATIONAL, SEPT. 27-28**

Barbara's Beer Garden & Lounge, 2109 N. Glenstone in Springfield, will host the Southwest Missouri Invitational on Sept. 27-28. It will be a double elimination bring your own partner event, \$25 per team entry fee (must be paid by Sept. 1). There is a 20-team limit so send your entries now to: Barbara's Beer Garden, 2109 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803.

Recommended lodging for this event are the Skyline Motel, 417-866-4356, or Maple, 417-865-5566.

For further information, call Barbara's, 417-866-9871.

Maryland**HARVEY'S PLACE FIRST SEASON EVENT, OCT. 11-13**

Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Place, Street, Maryland, has scheduled its 1996-97 calendar of events, starting with a three-tournament event on Oct. 11-13. Action will start on Friday night with a draw partner, \$12 entry fee, limited to the first 40 sign-ups. Saturday will feature a bring partner, \$30 per team entry fee. On Sunday, there will be a "second chance" amateur draw, \$12 per person, starting at noon.

This same format will be used for the remainder of the schedule: Dec. 6-8, Feb. 28-March 2, and April 11-13.

Harvey's has five in-house boards and holds a draw partner event every Saturday night starting at 8 p.m.

For information and/or to save your spot, call 410-836-8881.

Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

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

Please note that the dates for the 1st Annual East Coast Showdown have been changed to 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.

Nevada**UPDATE ON RENO TOURNEY, OCT. 28-NOV. 3**

The most frequently asked question so far regarding the 7th North American Championships has been: what times does the Pro/Am Draft Team event start? The answer is: 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28. It is easy to understand why people are excited about this event. It gives them a chance to play for a day and a half on a team captained by one of the best players in the world. Remember, there is a limit of 144 players for this event, including 24 spots for the captains. That leaves only 120 amateur spots. If you want to play in this event and have not yet sent in your registration, you are advised to do so

immediately. A partial list of the pro captains includes Darrol Nelson (who was the first pro signed up), Bill and Billy Melton, David Williams, Bobby Voorhis, Fred Thumann, Sam Summers, Chuck Norris, Rick Boyer, Jim Allis, Denny Busch and Bob Shaw.

The Amateur Six Person Team Event is also generating a lot of interest. With seven teams already signed up, it looks as though reaching the "magic number" of at least 24 teams will be no problem. Between \$3,000 and \$7,000 is being added to the Amateur Team Event, provided there are at least 24 teams. Don't forget about the \$200 prize for the team with the best name.

The format for both team events is best five out of nine, double elimination, with the match played on three boards. There will be no deviation from that format. Depending on the number of teams, either one or both of the team events may have 11 point games. These are the only two events in which that is a possibility.

Many people are saving money by taking advantage of "package deals" that include airfare and a room at the Sands Regency. More than 100 people have already done so. Of course, as everyone already knows, all participants must be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel. If you are thinking about purchasing a package, it is highly recommended that you do so as soon as possible. There are a limited number available and they tend to sell out well in advance. For more information, contact a travel agent or the Vacation Department of the following airlines: American (800) 321-2121, Delta (800) 872-8876, Northwest (800) 727-1111, Reno Air (800) 736-6747, Southwest (800) 423-5683, TWA (800) 438-2929, or United (800) 328-6877. Please note that there are usually only one or two airlines in each area that offer these packages, so it may be easier to go through a travel agent.

Here are just a few of the reasons why the 1996 North American Championships is generating so much excitement in the shuffleboard community. It starts with our host/sponsor, the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. In addition to providing up to \$15,000 in added money, they have a great facility with 1,000 rooms in three towers. Everybody gets a deluxe room that is clean and comfortable. There will be 18 boards and everyone is eligible for five events. Plenty of great spectator seating surrounds the spacious "players only" playing area, both of which are served by cocktail waitresses.

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To top it all off, there is the North American Champion contest. If you are an average player, your chances of winning it are just as good as those of a pro. Everyone earns points based on their performance in each of the five eligible events they enter. The top three players in each division (Pro, Division I and Division II) will divide \$1,800. The top finisher overall will be recognized as the 1996 North American Champion and will win the grand prize -- a free Jacuzzi Suite for seven nights at the 1997 Tournament. The retail value of this prize is more than \$1,500.

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

The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association will move its Extravaganza IX back to the original location, the Showboat Hotel & Casino. There will be six big events on the schedule from Jan. 28 through Feb. 2.

There will be complete details in the next issue. In the meantime, mark your calendars now for No. 9! Questions? Call the PCSA at 310-926-2152.

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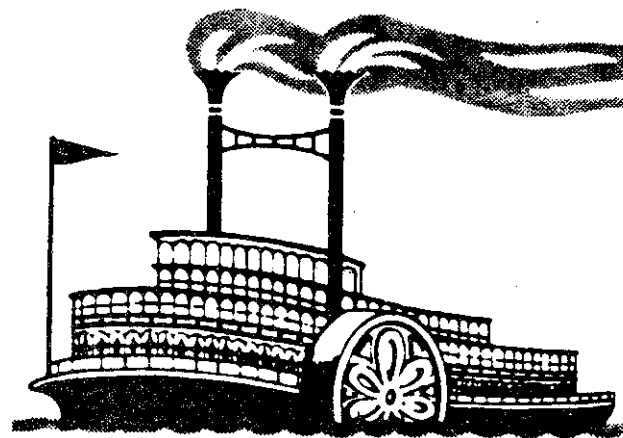
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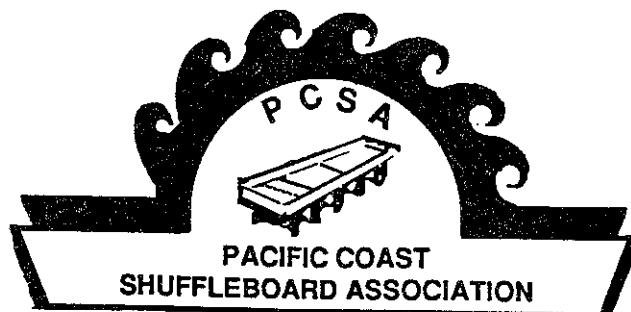
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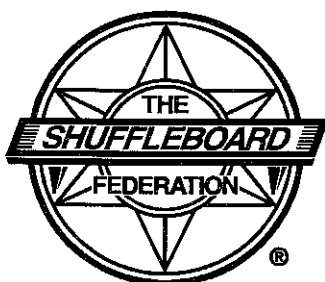
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Event	Entry Fee	Starts	Finishes	Limit
Pro/Am Draft Team Event	\$50.00 per player	Monday, October 28 (2:00 pm)	Tuesday	144 players
Pro/Division I Doubles	\$100.00 per player	Wednesday, October 30	Thursday	32 teams
Division II Doubles	\$50.00 per player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

- All participants *must* be registered guests of the Sands Regency Hotel Casino. Room rates are \$53.41, including tax. Room/airfare packages are allowed, as long as you stay at the Sands Regency.
- Entries for each event will be accepted until that event is full, or until the day prior to that event, whichever comes first. Entries received after October 10 are subject to a \$5.00 penalty for registration, and for each event entered.
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BURCHYNSKY, LORRAIN	2.75	3.00	GANN, ROBBIE	2.75	3.00	LADENT, JERRY	2.00	2.00
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MORTENSEN, JOHN	3.00	3.00	SHANAHAN, BILL	1.63	2.00	WISDOM, KATHLEEN	3.40	3.00
MOURGOS, DAN	-0.32	0.00	SHIRLEY, BOB	1.18	1.00	WORKMAN, TOMMY	0.33	0.00
MOURGOS, JANE	2.30	2.00	SKOGSTAD, JERRY	1.90	2.00	ZARIPHES, TED	-0.50	0.00

More Notebook (continued from Page 11)**Glen Remembers T.A.**

I knew Truman Admas since the early '60s. We played in Springfield, Oregon, and Longview, Washington, in 1961 against each other and as partners. We took a trip one time from Portland to San Diego and back to Portland. We won some and lost some. We were more or less on a party!

Truman was a top player at that time. He and Portland Eddie went on a trip from Portland across the USA to New Jersey-East, San Diego-South and all in between. They stopped over in Tulsa, on to Dallas, Amarillo, Lubbock, and from what I hear, they won a lot more than they lost. Oh, yes! They played Broka, Inc. in Toledo, Ohio, and from that encounter, Bud and Truman became good friends, a friendship that lasted until T.A.'s death.

Truman was at all the tournaments in California at that time and won quite a few of them.



Truman Adams (center) accepts a trophy from Bill Jennings at a tournament in the '70s, while Mickey Gomez and (now) Hall of Famer Bob Miles offer their congratulations.

Rest well, comrade. We will miss you. Our condolences go out to all family and friends, and especially his good friend, Portland Eddie.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Thanks from Bob & Lois.....

We want to thank all of our shuffleboard friends for their concern and prayers when Lois ended up in the hospital the weekend of the Grand Masters at Quilcene, Washington. The cause was an allergic reaction (respiratory arrest) to a pot of boiling tiger shrimp.

A special thanks to Jeff Adams for being my guardian angel and making sure I got help. Thanks also to the Quilcene Fire Department (volunteer) for getting me to the hospital in Port Townsend in time for treatment.

I'm recovering fine.

Bob & Lois Shirley, Spokane, Washington

Thanks from Dominick's Life Partner for Remembering.....

Thanks to all the shuffleboard friends of Leonard F. Dominick for the kind thoughts and prayers, for the loving cards, notes and flowers, and for the warm visits and calls which all filled his heart with joy and appreciation during his last few days before he passed away on June 5, 1996.

Thanks also for remembering him with love during the July 4th tournament at the Dixie Belle in Downey, California.

I am not a player; Dominick was. When he started playing shuffleboard again in the late '80s after quite a few years of rest from it (he first started playing when he was a teenager and in the '50s after his service in the Army), he introduced me to the sport. Pretty soon, we had a shuffleboard at home. I knew from the start that I couldn't play the game, but I became an enthusiast. He taught me how it is played and by just watching the game, I would enjoy it.

He'd take me to those bars some Friday nights and he'd play some games and I'd watch. Sometimes we'd come back together on Saturday or Sunday, depending on our work schedules. Sometimes he'd go out with friends and he'd call me from the bar, no matter what time, to pick him up because he wouldn't drink and drive. He went to some out-of-town tourneys, too. On those Las Vegas tournaments, which we always enjoyed, he'd go with friends earlier at the start of the tournament, and I'd fly to join him there on Friday and we'd come home together on Sunday.

During the last years, while he kept his playing schedules on Friday nights and weekends, he had taken into restoring shuffleboards in the garage at home. The weekends and nights became even more busy for him. He made and sold beautiful shuffleboards; perfecting the woodcraftsmanship was almost like an obsession for him. He was just applying what he had perfected as being one of the best furniture makers here in the South Bay area of Los Angeles, as what the designers and decorators he had worked with would say about him.

I have so much to say about my Leonard and his shuffleboard games and restoration work that my letter, I'm afraid, would be too long. Thanks a million to all of you.

Amy Floralde, Carson, California

Thanks, Amy, for this personal perspective on a man who will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.. We're glad you're staying with us. Who knows? Someday, you may be reading about Leonard's induction into the California Hall of Fame.

Bourbon Action *(continued from Page 3)*

Another singles and doubles was held at Bourbon on Aug. 16-17. Watch next month's issue for results.

Ohio Players Tops at Noblesville

It was two Ohio players, Dale Gushman and Terry Wolfun, who won the 2nd annual open doubles at Syd's Bar in Noblesville, Indiana, on July 13. They beat Syd's "best," Doyle Greer and Ady Snyder, for the money.

"Terry was lagging 2's and 3's every shot (that's right -- every shot!)" reports Butch Thomas. "Terry wanted to take our board back to Ohio."

Another out-of-towner, Chuck Muehlhauser of St. Louis, Missouri, was the winner of the open singles on August 10. Ady Snyder finished second.

Three States in Winner's Circle at J & C's Yankee Doodle Tourney

Players from Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania took top honors at the 2nd Annual Yankee Doodle Dandy Tournament over the 4th of July weekend at J & C's Tavern, located at 66th and Lansdowne in Philadelphia.

The tournament opened on July 4 with a "B" bring partner event. When the wax settled, three Philly teams took top honors. Linda Marchell and Mike Quinn took first place; John Casher and his partner were second, with Larry Ettore and Keith Lazos in third place.

On Friday a draw partner contest was on the agenda and the winners were Dick Smedberg of New York and Joey Williams of Pennsylvania. Buddy Broka of Indiana and Ed Hammon of Pennsylvania took second place honors. The final money spot went to Steve Blue of Indiana and Butch Kelly, Pennsylvania.

The bring partner event was held on the 6th with a lengthy sponsor sale. Buddy Broka and Steve Blue of Indiana came out on top without losing a game. Al DeBella and Louise Freer of Pennsylvania settled for second, with Mike Johnson of Indiana and Dick Smedberg of New York taking third place.

On Sunday, an open singles was held with a lot of big heads and upset stomachs from the post game party the night before. When it was over, an Indiana player found himself on top again. Steve Blue outlasted everyone to take top honors, with father and son, Jim Yank Sr. and Jim Yank Jr. coming in second and third respectively.

Tournament director Jim Yank Sr. reports that everyone had a great time and are looking forward to the next event at J & C's. However, he was disappointed by the non-participation of the Maryland and Delaware players. "For close to 10 years, Pennsylvania players have supported their tournaments and the favor should

be returned," said Jim.

Quotes of the tourney went to two Indiana players: Buddy Broka ("When you come to the East, you have to act like a Beast!") and Steve Blue ("Is that guy in the sunglasses nuts?").

Grand Masters Plus *(cont. from Page 1)*



Bob Shirley (right) congratulates Darrol on another singles win at Whistling Oyster. See Bob's and Lois' letter in Notebook.

Friday afternoon's draw partner event brought on 60 players. When the dust settled at about 3:30 in the morning, Bill Maxwell of California and Chuck Norris of Oregon were triumphant in capturing first place. Larry Pearson of Washington and Ken Wochnich of Oregon took second place honors. Larry Sawyer and John Rostollan of Washington finished third, with Mike Pond of Washington and Ted Curtice of California in fourth.

On Saturday, for the seventh time, we had a field of 54 of the best players around, all quality shooters looking for a piece of the \$14,200 pie. Some of the best games went down on Sunday and by evening we had a new Grand Masters: Dave Arndt and Mike Pond, both of Washington.



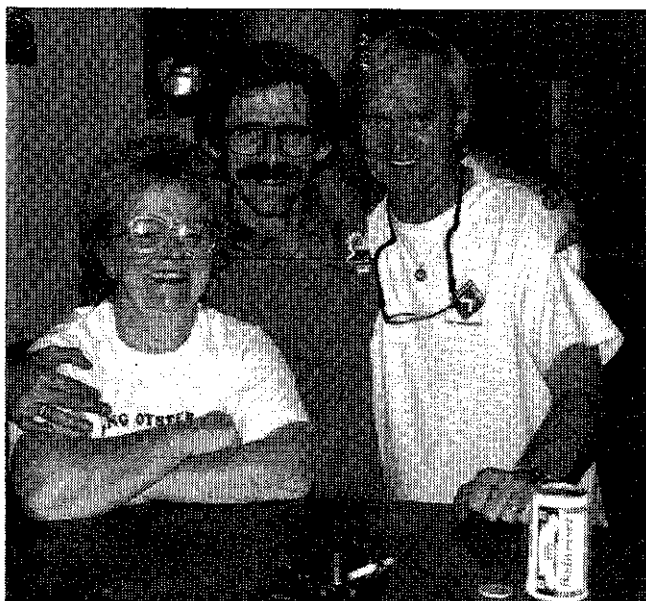
New Grand Masters Dave Arndt (right) and Mike Pond with their happy sponsor Paul Major (center). They prevailed over a field of 52 other top players.



Finishing a very strong second were Nels Anderson and Dick Doak, both of Washington.

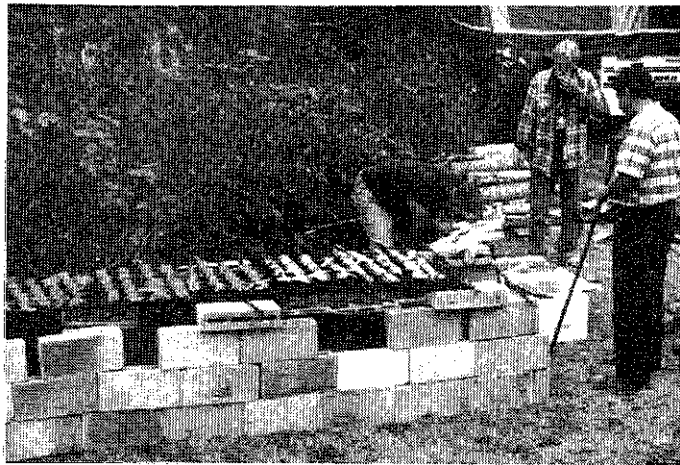
Third place went to Desi Guches and Mike Kinney of Oregon, with Doug Buhl of Oregon and Jim Allis of Washington in fourth. Darrol Nelson and Dan Hitt finished fifth, with Carl Rousch and Jeff Adams of Washington in sixth place.

I repeat myself every year by giving my heartfelt thanks to so many wonderful people. A successful tournament is by no means a one or two person job. I know that I won't remember everyone, but special thanks go to Sandee, my partner, for all the before and after bookkeeping, bartending, cooking, cleaning, etc. and for keeping me together. Special thanks to Grenda Curtise for all her help in making our seafood buffet a success, and Marv and Claude Wilbur, two fine people, for another great salmon barbecue. Thanks to Dick Doak and Kevin Reede for a great job of shucking oysters. I can't ever say enough good about Jim Foran for his great job on directing and sales. Also thanks to Dick Martell and Loren Lampley for bracketeering and sales.



Hosts Sandee and Bill and tournament director Jim Foran give a collective sigh of relief over another successful Grand Masters Plus.

Thanks to everyone who participated and to those who came to watch and just plain have fun, particularly Paul Weber, Joe Muniz and the Dixie Belle bunch: Bob and Vickie Hunt, Bubba Warren, Paul Parks, John McGinnis and Linda Wright, Curt and Grenda Curtice. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We hope they can all make it back next July 30-Aug. 3.



The famous Wilbur Brothers doing their salmon barbecue.



Just plain having fun at the Whistling Oyster were California visitors John McGinnis and Linda Wright.

Reporting from Quilcene: Dixie Debbie.....

Shuffleboard -- it's more than a game; it's a community, so many different personalities and temperments all melding together over a common interest. Such was, again, the case in Quilcene, Washington, at the Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters.

Bill Bailey and Sandee VanWagenen were, as always, most hospitable hosts for this annual occasion. Their five boards were each a challenge. A wide range of skills were needed to play everything from a very slow board with lots of personality to a very fast board where there is an opportunity for everyone to use all the finesse shots in

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Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, Eddie was at the airport just about to take the next flight home when he remembered that he still had the \$10,000 that he and Lil had won in Texas....)

Eddie's arms were folded over his brief case; and inside the case was the \$10,000 that he and Lil had won in Texas from Dollar Dan--the Money Man.

He had backed away from the ticket counter and was sitting in the waiting area. His brain was whirling as he tried to figure out exactly what his next move would be.

He thought for a long time, and then came to his decision. He got up from the bench (with his bag in hand) and started to make his way to the arriving flight area. He knew he wouldn't have to wait long for a cab there.

He exited the door and entered the crisp, clean, late evening air. As he hailed a cab, he was thinking about how beautiful this part of the country was. He didn't have to wait but a half a minute and his ride was there. He gave the driver a rough description of where they were going as he got into the back seat of the cab.

Eddie explained to the driver that he would have to wait a short time at their destination and then take him back to the airport. The cabbie replied: "That's fine with me, mister, but I'll have to keep the meter running." Eddie said: "No sweat," and they were underway.

A lot of possibilities were going through Eddie's mind now. He had been at the airport long enough that, if it was Lil's intention, she had plenty of time to track him down there. The rare prospect that Lil hadn't thought about the \$10,000 also existed. However, he didn't place much weight on that theory.

He selected his strategy. He would go to the door, face Lil and explain that it was never his plan to make off with the money. They would split the cash up fair -- and then he would leave and return to the airport.

They had made their way out of the city now and were in Puyallup. By coincidence, the driver took them past the steak house where they had eaten earlier. His mouth began to water as he thought of the juicy steak he had there. He surmised that if it hadn't been for the unpleasantness of the "hustle" part of the deal (among other things), this could have been a pretty pleasant trip.

They were nearing Tim's house now and he gave the driver the rest of the instructions on how to get there. His anxiety level rose slightly as they approached the house. He noticed that Tim's van was still parked outside. He also noticed that there were some lights on in the front of the house.

He again reminded the driver to wait and said that he

wouldn't be long. As he approached the door, he wondered what kind of reception he would get. He said to himself: "the hell with it," and knocked on the door.

Almost immediately Lil opened the door. She looked into Eddie's eyes and said: "Well, now, it's nice to have you back, stranger. Come on in!"

After Eddie entered, he said: "I'm not BACK, Lil. I'm here 'cause I have the \$10,000 and we need to split it up. I'm on my way after that. You must have forgotten about the money."

Lil replied: "No, Eddie, I knew you had it when you walked out of here. I also know what kind of man you are. I was never worried about the money."

Eddie asked where Tim was as he was taking the money out of his travel bag. Lil told him that he'd gone to bed. He'd said he had enough of the whole deal.

Eddie placed the money on the coffee table and said: "There it is. You split it up however you want and I'll be on my way. I turned in the rental car and have a cab waiting outside."

The money was divided by Lil into two \$5,000 bundles. She picked one of them up and handed it to Eddie. He said: "This isn't quite fair. You paid almost all of the expenses, Lil." Lil replied: "But you did most of the work, remember? Nothing would have worked out if you hadn't been there."

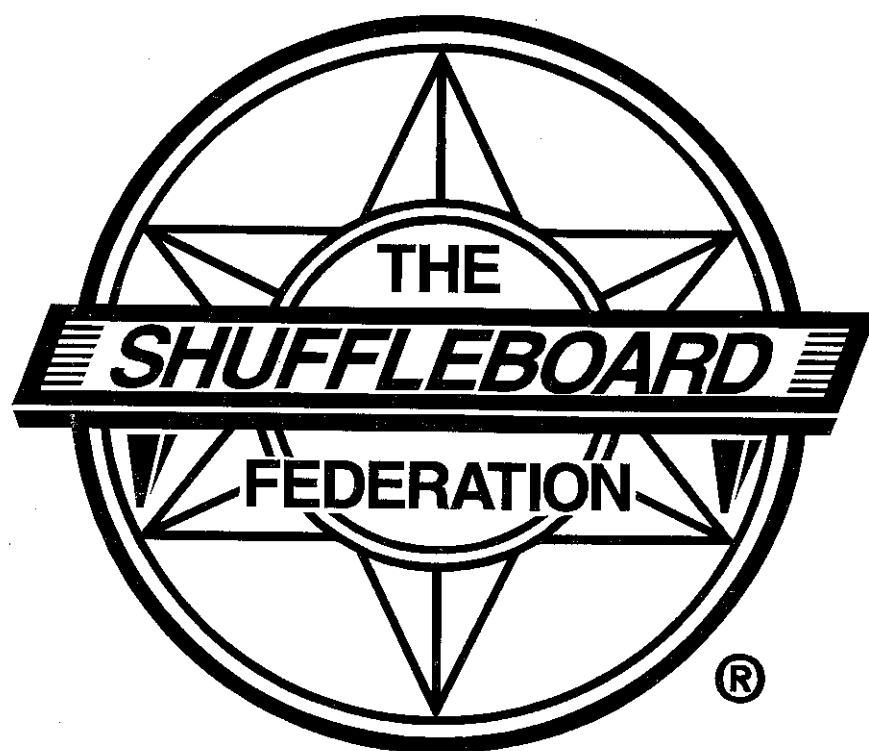
Eddie took the money and placed it in his bag. Then he started for the door. Just as his hand touched the knob, Lil said: "Wait! Wait, Eddie." She came to him and before he knew it, she had her arms around his neck and she gave him a long, passionate kiss. She whispered in his ear in a low, desperate voice as her grip tightened: "We made some mistakes, but we can play it clean and honest from here on out. I can't go on without you, Eddie...I need you! Please stay, please!"

After she let him go, Eddie looked at her face. There were tears in her eyes -- they looked like real tears, and Eddie was sure the pained expression on her face was also for real. Behind her tears, she said: "You can leave or stay. I won't try to stop you, Eddie, but remember this...I'll always need you, and want you."

Eddie turned then and opened the door. He closed it on his way out. As he was approaching the cab, his mind was totally "jacked-up" and his heart was pounding. Should he get in the cab and go? Or pay off the driver and return to Lil?

He opened the front passenger side of the cab and placed his travel bag on the seat. He hesitated for a moment and then told the driver: "I want to...."

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Dixie Debbie *(continued from Page 17)*

in their repertoires.

Some of the Dixie Bellers were able to attend this year's Grand Masters. Paul Weber bravely travelled with Chris Brown, Jan Manes and me. We arrived Wednesday just in time for an A-B-C draw, where Jan's team placed fourth. Way to go, Jan!

Joe (Moon Over) Muniz and Billy Maxwell arrived Thursday night. They partnered in the open doubles where they "didn't have a lot of fun." Billy had a lot more fun, as you can see by the stats without, as Joe says, "packmuling" him around the boards. Mr. Moon Over Muniz does stir up a lot of excitement on the boards, however, and is always an interesting, to put it mildly, opponent.

Chris Brown teamed up with Paul Weber in the open doubles and I believe she was the only woman entered (correct me if I'm wrong). Chris played very well in this tough field of some of the best West Coast players, becoming slowly but surely one of them.

Rich (Bubba) Warren arrived in Quilcene early in the week after making a road trip up through Blinky's in Santa Clara, California. John Fisher was able to fly up for the weekend to join the tournament in time for the open doubles. Ted and Glenda Curtise drove their motor home up the coast, doing some vacationing along the way. They helped make a visit to "The Jungle" this year a little more domestic, though I understand Darrol Nelson was one of the "wild things" helping to perpetuate the Jungle's reputation.

Chris, Jan and I took a little side trip to Sequim while we were up in the Great Northwest. It's only 50 miles or so from Quilcene and Jim Manders of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association had told me how beautiful it is. He is right! Great weather -- only 16" of rain a year -- can you believe it? We dropped into the Town Tavern where they have two boards which were empty since everyone was in Quilcene. We took advantage of this and spent an enjoyable afternoon in the hospitable Town Tavern. I would like to thank that cowboy who took our picture; we sure appreciate it.

Lois Shirley, we hope you have recovered and are well again. We missed you the last days of the tournament.

Jim Foran, thanks for helping, along with Michelle, us feel welcome. You two are great!

Kevin Larkin, it's a good thing The Board Talk wasn't out before this tournament with that mug of yours plastered all through it. You might have gone a little higher in the sales. Nice wins.

Sparky -- what a story teller, what a player, what stories told about you. We hope to see you and your wife at the Dixie Belle soon.

It is impossible to mention everyone, but know that we appreciate each and everyone who attended the Grand

Masters. Because of the great World of Shuffleboard, we had major fun!

Dixie Debbie taking notes at the Whistling Oyster's Grand Masters Plus in Quilcene, Washington. She and other Dixie Bellers had "major fun" at this annual event.



News From The Dixie Belle

In our Saturday night Tournament of Champions, which goes on every Saturday except during tournaments the winners of the Spring/Summer season were: Jack Brown and Joel Ruiz, 1st; Dave Brennan and Susan Atkinson, 2nd; and Bob Ruiz and Jan Manes, 3rd. Congratulations to the winners.

Anyone wishing to participate in this, all you have to do is drop in any Saturday night. Play starts at 7 p.m. and is an A-B draw format.

Chris Brown and I are looking forward to our Birthday Bash on Sept. 20-21 (flyer in August issue). Anyone wishing to participate should give us a call at the Dixie Belle (310-803-4943). We are going to party out!

Steve Floyd, we would sure like to see a couple of teams from Visalia. If I recall correctly, you had some pretty good amateur women and men down here over the 4th of July and we would sure like to have some of them visit again. We have a good roster of teams signed up but will not close entries until we have 32 teams. Bubba Warren is the final word on amateur/pro standings for this tournament. The format is amateur mixed doubles bring partner, double elimination, 2 out of 3 to 15 in the winner's bracket, single game to 21 in the loser's bracket. Come party out with Chris and me and all the other Dixie Bellers.

Along with Head Party Animal Wes Eades and his wonderful wife, Eileen, we hope to see you all soon.

Dixie Debbie, The Dixie Belle, Downey, California

If The Board Talk ever gets in the position where we can hire a Public Relations Specialist, we will try our best to "steal" you away from Wes and Eileen, Debbie. Of course, you'd have to change your name to Board Talk Debbie (just doesn't have the same ring to it) and you'd have to put up with Michigan's freezing winters (tough to type when your fingers are frost-bitten). Oh, well, we can dream, can't we?

West Coast Ratings

Included in this issue is a one-page flyer with the ratings of nearly 300 players as established by the West Coast Rating Committee. There will be an addendum in the October issue that will include the names of quite a few players who were not on the original list. On behalf of the entire shuffleboard community, all of whom will benefit from the establishment and growth of player ratings, we would like to thank the people who have made this happen. They are: Dave Arndt, Bob Brunskill, Brian Burchynsky, Paul Elliot, Jim Foran, Dan Hitt, Bob Hunt, Nelson Jennings, Bob Lewis, Jim Manders, Darrol Nelson, Chuck Norris, Gordy Ritchie, Al Salazar, Gordy Smith, Karl Spickelmier, Don Stallsworth, Rick Thomas, Fred Thumann, Bubba Warren, and Marv White. Of course, this would not be happening if Ron and Debbie Bowers had not taken the initiative to get the ball rolling.

Several years ago, many were skeptical about the whole idea of player ratings and whether there was any place for such an idea in our sport. History has certainly shown that player ratings are a tremendous asset and are a huge factor in the success of tournaments like the Southwest Open. Perhaps this demonstrates that the shuffleboard community should get behind those people who have taken it upon themselves to establish the Hall of

Fame. The shuffleboard community has everything to gain and nothing to lose where the Hall of Fame is concerned. We feel they deserve the support of the entire community.

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

Once again, we second your recognition of Ron and Debbie Bowers for initiating a player rating system. We believe it will have a powerful, positive impact on the future of shuffleboard.

Thanks, also, for your endorsement of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. As with all new entities, the NSHF is going through some growing pains and it will take the entire shuffleboard community to make this long-held dream a reality. Readers -- PLEASE don't let it die! Send your input (positive and negative), petitions for induction, financial contributions, and volunteer to form state committees. The six volunteers who are serving as YOUR NSHF Board of Directors are getting discouraged and some are talking about resigning because of lack of support from the shuffleboard community. Take responsibility to see that doesn't happen!



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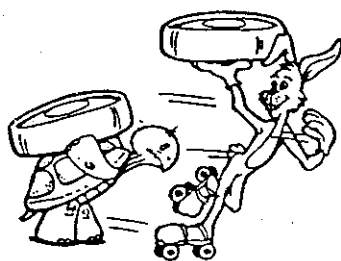
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Looking Back.....

1992



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....1992.

●PCSA Extravaganza IV, Showboat, Las Vegas, Jan.

28-Feb. 2: (Draw Partner) --Bud Hillburn, Oklahoma, and Darlene Docile, Canada, 1st; Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, and Tom Hendrix, Oklahoma, 2nd; Shirley Robertson, Oklahoma, and Bob Shirley, Canada, 3rd; Cliff Goff and Tom Mitchell, Oklahoma, 4th; Bill Melton, Oklahoma, and Diane Madsen, Canada, Sam Summers, Oklahoma, and Joanie Millar, Canada, 5th and 6th; Marty Atkinson, Canada, and Mary Koteris, Texas, David Williams, Texas, and Gordie Richie, Canada, 7th and 8th.

(Women's Singles)--Janet Weidner, Texas, 1st; Diana Hagen, Texas, 2nd; Lisa Melton, Oklahoma, 3rd; Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, 4th; Chris Danke, California, and Debbie Voorhis, Indiana, 5th and 6th. **(Men's Singles)**--Darrol Nelson, Oregon, 1st; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 2nd; Sam Summers, Oklahoma, 3rd; Denny Busch, Nebraska, 4th; Rick Boyer, California, and Bob Shaw, Texas, 5th and 6th; Jody Slack, Colorado, and Billy Mays, Texas, 7th and 8th. **(Pro Doubles)**--Sam Summers, Oklahoma, and John McDermott, Michigan, 1st; Darrol Nelson, Oregon, and Jim Allis, Washington, 2nd; Bob Shaw and Diana Hagen, Texas, 3rd; Sparky Sparkman and Troy Tolbert, California, 4th; Fred Thumann and Don Cox, California, Eric Waldman, Montana, and Chuck Norris, Oregon, 5th and sixth. **(Amateur Team Event)**--Bommer Sooners, Oklahoma (Ron Huddleston, Mike Melton, Dave Davidson, Al Primrose, Brenda Watts, Steve Walker, John Breathwitt, Bettye Brantley), 1st; Mr. G's, California, 2nd; Balloon Inn, Colorado, 3rd; Oklahoma Friends, 4th; Last Chance Lagers, California, and The Dunes, Arizona, 5th and 6th; DJ's, Indiana, and The Sportsman, Texas, 7th and 8th.

●Spring Doubles, American Legion, Bourbon,

Indiana, May 2: Lee McDonald and John McDermott, Michigan, 1st; Dave Boaz and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 2nd; Buddy Broka, Indiana, and Bob Perry, Illinois, 3rd; Steve Hart and Jim DeWitt, Indiana, 4th; Charlie Thompson and Skip Jackson, Jim Yard and Don K., all

of Indiana, 5th and 6th; Gordie Collins, Michigan, and Fritz Broka, Indiana, George Wilber and Bruce Thomison, Michigan, 7th and 8th.

●Arbuckle Open, Prim's Wagon Wheel, Wynnewood,

Oklahoma, Memorial Weekend: (Sweetheart Draw)--

Dave Davidson and Shirley Robertson, Oklahoma, 1st; Brenda Moore, Texas, and Ron Campbell, Nebraska, 2nd; Cindy Sweatt, Oklahoma, and Bill Holloway, Texas, 3rd; Rena Hendrix and Skip McCaskill, Oklahoma, 4th; Brenda Watts and Tom Hendrix, Oklahoma, 5th; Sally Goff and Dino Flemming, Oklahoma, 6th. **(Open Draw)**--Bud Hillburn, Oklahoma, and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 1st; Billy Mays, Texas, and Dave Davidson, Oklahoma, 2nd; Johnny Ballard, Texas, and Bill Holley, Oklahoma, 3rd; Alan Primrose and Sam Summers, Oklahoma, 4th; Bob Shaw, Texas, and Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, 5th; Glen Davidson, Oklahoma, and Stan Hiatt, Texas, 6th. **(Pro Singles)**--Bill Melton, Oklahoma, 1st; Frank Blade, Oklahoma, 2nd; Denny Busch, Nebraska, 3rd; Johnny Ballard, Texas, 4th. **(Open Singles)**--Shirley Robertson, Oklahoma, 1st; Ron Campbell, Nebraska, 2nd; Dino Flemming, Oklahoma, 3rd; Mike Melton, Oklahoma, 4th; Bill Hallbery, Texas, 5th. **(Women's Singles)**--Rena Hendrix, 1st; Carolyn Jones, 2nd; Nancy Tice, 3rd, all from Oklahoma. **(Amateur Doubles)**--Mark Foust and Dino Flemming, 1st; Billy Melton and Sam Sweatt, 2nd; Lisa Melton and Lonnie Phost, 3rd, all from Oklahoma.

●8th Annual Board Talk Shufflers Reunion, Holiday Inn, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 4th of July: (Open

Draw)--Al DiBella, Pennsylvania, and John Lukas, Maryland, 1st; Mickey Mickens, New Jersey, and Terry Broka, Ohio, 2nd; Bob Morrell, Pennsylvania, and Jimmy Kumpula, Michigan/Florida, 3rd; Jim Yank Jr., Pennsylvania, and Doug Fridley Jr., New York, 4th. **(Round Robin Singles)**--John McDermott, Michigan, 1st; Chuckie King, Delaware, 2nd; Doug Fridley Jr., New York, 3rd. **(Women's Singles)**--Louise Freer, Pennsylvania, 1st; Cassie Kern, Michigan, 2nd; Judith Iseman, Maryland, 3rd. **(Open Doubles)**--Paul Maccarrone, Florida, and Doug Fridley Jr., New York, 1st; Bob Morrell and Jerry Herrmann, Pennsylvania, 2nd; John Lukas and Mark Grove, Maryland, 3rd; Jim Yank Jr. and Al Schall, Pennsylvania, 4th; Jim Yank Sr., Pennsylvania, and John Gardner, Maryland, Tom Schaeffer and Ron Herrmann, Pennsylvania, 5th and 6th. **(Open Singles)**--John McDermott, Michigan, 1st; Paul Maccarrone, Florida, 2nd; John Gardner, Maryland, 3rd; Chuck King, Delaware, 4th; Scratch Todd, Maryland, and Tom Schaeffer, Pennsylvania, 5th and 6th. **(4-Person Team Event)**--Greenwood Tavern (Judy Iseman, Chuck King, Len Dell, Scratch Todd), 1st; Philly's Finest, 2nd; Kathy's Klowns, 3rd.

●Southwest Open, American Legion, Del City,

Oklahoma, 4th of July Weekend: (Open Draw)--Alan Primrose and Rena Hendrix, 1st; Charlie Sawyer and Frank Blade, 2nd; David Williams and Ron Blalock, 3rd. **(Pro Singles)**--Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 1st; Johnny Ballard, Texas, 2nd; Bill Melton, Oklahoma, 3rd. **(Semi-Pro Doubles)**--Larry Barthel and Ken Storck, 1st; Ron Huddleston and Rena Hendrix, 2nd; Janet Weidner and Ed White, 3rd. **(Semi-Pro Singles)**--Mark Foust, 1st; Lonnie Pfost, 2nd; Larry Vance, 3rd. **(6-Person Team Event)**--Weldon's Bar & Garden, 1st; Prim's Wagon Wheel, 2nd.

●25th Fall Doubles, American Legion, Bourbon,

Indiana, Oct. 3: Terry and Greg Broka, Ohio, 1st; Bob Brown Sr. and Bob Brown Jr., Indiana, 2nd; Bill and Billy Melton, Oklahoma, 3rd; Joe Jorouche and Steve, Ohio, 4th; Bjerne Sunde and John Tischler, Michigan, Joe DeRosa, Illinois, and John McDermott, Michigan, 5th and 6th.

●North American Championships, Sands Regency,

Reno, Nevada, Nov. 10-15: (Division II/III Draw)--Jane Johnson, New York, and Charlie Busch, California, 1st; Rollie Westerhoff, Colorado, and Slick Parrish, Michigan, 2nd; Jim Filkins, Nebraska, and Dick Smedberg, New York, 3rd; Ken Hawks, Colorado, and Gary Kennedy, Texas, 4th. **(Division I Draw)**--Andy Brorsen, California, and Denny Busch, Nebraska, 1st; Bjerne Sunde, Michigan, and Gwyn Orsi, Nebraska, 2nd; George Ostrum, Colorado, and Mark Foust, Oklahoma, 3rd. **(Division I Singles)**--Diana Hagen, Texas, 1st; Mark Foust, Oklahoma, 2nd; Johnny Ballard, Texas, 3rd; Rod Cameron, Texas, 4th; Bobby Williams, Texas, 5th; Terry Smith, Illinois, 6th. **(Division II/III Singles)**--Dale Williams, Texas, 1st; Mary Koteras, Texas, 2nd; Charlie Busch, California, 3rd; Sher Blessing, Michigan, 4th; Jimmy Kumpula, Michigan/Florida, Bill Moody, 5th and 6th. **(Division I Doubles)**--Dave Cowan and George Ostrum, Colorado, 1st; Mark Foust and Sam Sweatt, Oklahoma, 2nd; Bob Lewis and Bill Thomas, Arizona, 3rd; Dale Koteras and Bobby Williams, Texas, 4th. **(Division II/III Doubles)**--Leroy Burkhart and Butch Robinson, Oregon, 1st; George Main and Steve Luttrell, California, 2nd; Al DiBella and Louise Freer, Pennsylvania, 3rd; Billy Poole and John Cason, Oklahoma, 4th; Larry Balzer and Don Stallsworth, Oregon, Jim Filkins, Nebraska, and Bob Jacobsen, Arizona, 5th and 6th. **(Pro Doubles)**--Bill Melton, Oklahoma, and David Williams, Texas, 1st; Billy Melton, Oklahoma, and Bob Shaw, Texas, 2nd; Rick Boyer and Jody Slack, Colorado, 3rd. **(Pro Singles)**--Sam Summers, Oklahoma, 1st; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana, 2nd; Fred Thumann, California, 3rd. **(Legends Draw)**--

Terry Smith, Illinois, and Larry Barthel, Texas, 1st; John Wiggs, Texas, and Jimmy Kumpula, Michigan, 2nd; Bjerne Sunde, Michigan, and Carl Guidici, Nevada, 3rd. **(NASL Team Event)**--Houston Gang (Mary Koteras, Diana Hagen, Dale Williams, Sheriff Hallbery, Ty Migliore, Gary Kennedy), 1st; Balloon Inn, Colorado, 2nd; No Name, Texas, 3rd.

Other Significant Happenings in 1992:

April -- The Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association stages a benefit at the Stagger Inn, Bellflower, California, and raises \$4492 to help pay the health-related expenses of fellow shuffler Billy Chiles.

June -- Dick Gorman, East Coast shuffleboard promoter, is "roasted and toasted" at a testimonial tournament at Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun, Maryland.

August -- The Balloon Inn, Arvada, Colorado, holds a benefit for "Gentleman George" Ostrom to help pay his medical bills.

October -- Glen Davidson of Oklahoma and Doc Khan from Michigan start a Board Talk "revival" drive and gain a multitude of new subscribers.

November -- The Board Talk is honored by The Shuffleboard Federation with the Sol Lipkin Award in recognition of its "extraordinary contributions to the advancement of shuffleboard."

December -- Don and Donna Cox thank The World of Shuffleboard for helping them rebuild their home after a tragic fire.

More Notebook -- A Salute from Ina....

You folks can probably never know just how much I love you, how special you really are, how much you mean to so many of us! It was the day after I read about Bellflower Bruce's health that my mother lapsed from her come into the next world. So it took me a couple days to write Bruce, and I haven't been free to visit him. Special friends and loved ones are "what it's all about" to me, which is possibly the most compelling reason why The Board Talk is the most special (or anyway among the most) important publications in the world!

Please keep updating us on what's going on with Bruce. As an important ambassador of our sport, his well-being is paramount to many of us (besides that, he knows he's the "love of my life").

Ina Rogers, Santa Ana, California

We feel the same way you do about Bruce, Ina, and we're happy to report that when we were at the Dixie Belle, he was "looking good." Thanks for your support!

1996-97 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6-8

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

Sept. 6-8

3-Event Tournament
American Legion
Sherburne, New York

Sept. 7

Open Doubles
Get-A-Way
Anderson, Indiana

Sept. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Sept. 14-15

2nd Annual "Farewell to
Summer" Open Doubles
Old Edison Inn
Edison, Washington

Sept. 14-15

Open Doubles/Over 50 Senior
Doubles
Amvets Post 26
Pendleton, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

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

Sept. 21-22

Singles/Doubles Tournament
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

Sept. 20-22

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Sept. 20-21

Chris Brown/Dixie Debbie
Birthday Bash Mixed Doubles
The Dixie Belle
Downey, California

Sept. 27-28

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

Sept. 27-28

Southwest Missouri Invitational
Barbara's Beer Garden & Lounge
Springfield, Missouri

OCTOBER

Oct. 5

Annual Fall Bourbon Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

Oct. 11-13

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

Oct. 11-13

3-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Oct. 12

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Oct. 11-13

3-Event Tournament
Riverside Hotel
Earlville, New York

Oct. 18-19

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

Oct. 18-20

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Oct. 18-20

Bring Partner Mixed Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Oct. 19-20

Bring Partner Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

Oct. 28-Nov. 3

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

NOVEMBER

Nov. 8-10

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

Nov. 9

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Nov. 15-16

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

Nov. 15-17

3-Event Tournament
The River Inn
Williamsport, Maryland

Nov. 16-17

Draw/Bring Partner Tourney
Dew Drop Inn
Waterloo, New York

Nov. 28-Dec. 1

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

Nov. 29-30

2nd Thanksgiving Tournament
Eagles Lodge FOE 3911
Houston, Missouri

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Indiana State Championships
Chances R
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Over 55 Tournament
Shamrock Tavern
Longview, Washington

1996-97 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS

DECEMBER

Dec. 6-8

3-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

Dec. 7-8

Singles/Doubles Tournament
Locker Bar
Marion, Indiana

Dec. 14

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Dec. 14-15

8th Santa Classic Doubles
Balloon Inn
Arvada, Colorado

Dec. 20-21

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

JANUARY, 1997

Jan. 18

Open Singles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Jan. 28-Feb. 2

PCSA Extravaganza IX
The Showboat
Las Vegas, Nevada

FEBRUARY, 1997

Feb. 15

Open Doubles
Syd's Bar
Noblesville, Indiana

Feb. 21-23

16th Annual Masters
Fir Cone Tavern
Shelton, Washington

APRIL 1997

April 11-13

3-Event Tournament
Harvey's Place
Street, Maryland

MAY 1997

May 3

36th Annual Spring Doubles
American Legion 424
Bourbon, Indiana

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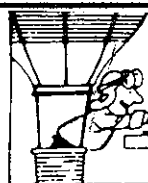
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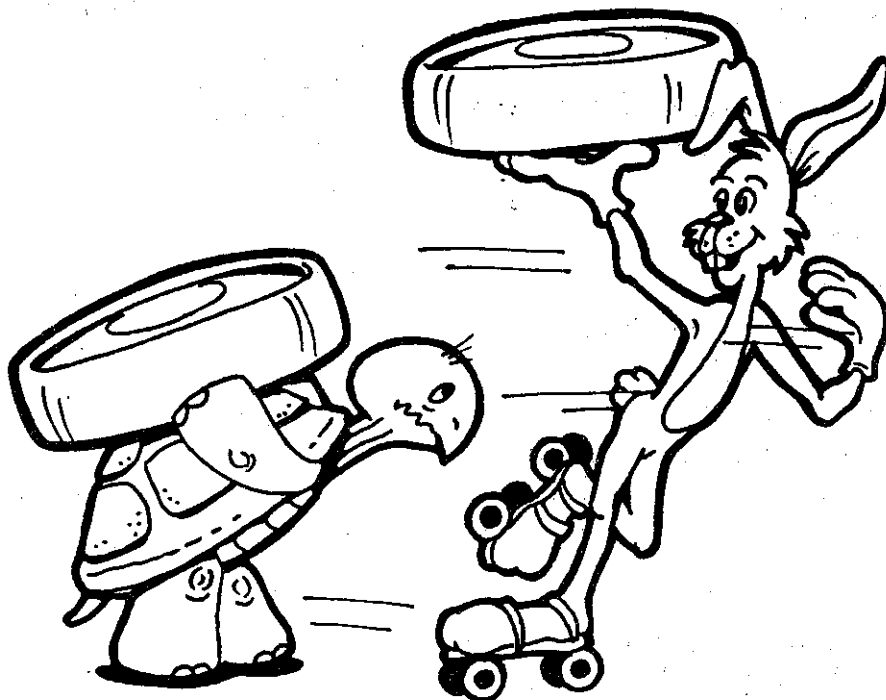
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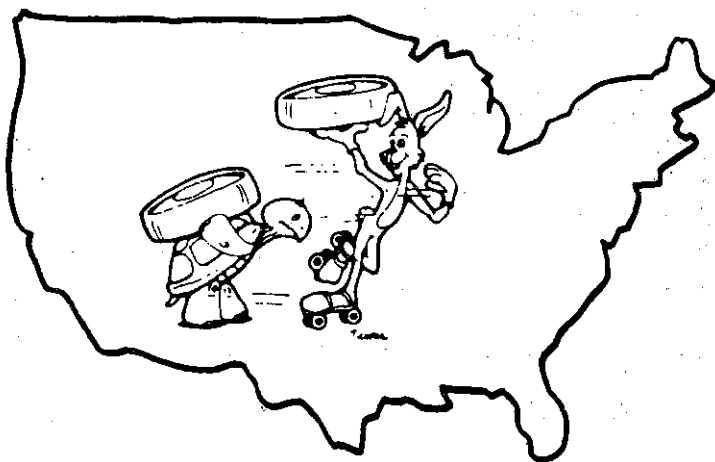
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