

# The Board Talk

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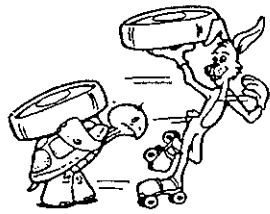
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*1996 was a very good year for shuffleboard!*



*1997 will be even better! Happy New Year!*



# Shufflers' Notebook

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

## "A Salute to a Very Caring Shooter" from the Yanks

We would like to salute one of the most competitive shooters this game of shuffleboard has seen in some time. And not just for her astute shooting ability, but for her passion for the game and all that she does to make the game better for all players across the country.

Of course, we are talking about the one and only Louise Freer of Pennsylvania. To her shooting credits, which are many, she has just added a great singles victory at the East Coast Showdown at Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland.

What impresses us more than her shooting expertise is all she has done for our game of shuffleboard, from running pro leagues, promoting tournaments, volunteering to help in any way she can, to being a league official, and finally, for all she does as secretary of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Her insights into the game are fresh and inventive and she has more true grit than players with 20 times more time than she has in the game. It is hard to believe that a player with only five years experience has done this much for our game. Imagine if we all put forth just one-tenth of the effort she has, how much better our game would be.

Thank you very, very, very much, Louise. Keep up the good work.

Rita and Jim Yank Sr., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*And thank you, Rita and Jim, for this very well-deserved salute to Louise. Hopefully, your words will provide her with the courage, fortitude and desire to keep up her good work! This game needs the likes of her to keep it going and growing.*

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## Al Has Suggestion for Hall of Fame Directors

I have a suggestion to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Board of Directors concerning who to induct from years past.

Who was known in the East was never heard of in the West. Same with those great players from all over years ago. However, they all "paid their dues" to make the game what it is today and should be recognized for their contributions to shuffleboard.

It is my understanding that many of them do not meet the requirements to be formally inducted into the Hall. Therefore, I suggest we collect all the information possible on these people (pictures, stories, feats, etc.) and place it in the Hall of Fame under the title of "The Early Years," or any other appropriate name. This way, they will be included in the Hall and some very colorful people, and a vital part of the history of our game, will be preserved for the future players.

Alan Primrose, Wynnewood, Oklahoma

*Because the sport has changed so much from what it was years ago, deciding how to honor those individuals from that era has been one of the greatest challenges for the NSHF Board of Directors. The "measuring stick" they have for induction today just doesn't fit yesterday's pioneers who played mostly for their own glory and pockets rather than advancement of the sport. They didn't have the tournaments, organization, rules and disciplines that shuffleboard has today, so they can't be judged by the same criteria. However, as you say, they "paid their dues" and should be recognized somehow. Your suggestion is a good one and we're sure the board will appreciate your input. It's going to take the cooperation and caring of a lot of people to gather the information and memorabilia to make it a fitting tribute. If you can help, please contact the NSHF Board by writing to Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446.*

*While the NSHF has made great strides since its inception, there is still the matter of a structure that will house the Hall where people can go to learn about the history of their sport. Steve Blue, a dedicated Indiana shuffler who has made his mark in national circles, recognizes that we have to start somewhere, even if it's*

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## Upcoming Events Across the Nation

### Indiana

#### 3RD ANNUAL WINTER OPEN DOUBLES, CHANCE'S 'R', MUNCIE, JANUARY 11

Chances 'R', 3421 S. Walnut, Muncie, will host their 3rd Annual Winter Open Doubles on Jan. 11. The double elimination event will start following the 11 a.m. sponsor sale. Entry fee is \$40 per team and payout will be 50-30-15-5 for 16 teams or more.

Steve Hart and Bob Brown will co-direct the tournament and your hosts are Bob and Karen Schounce, 317-384-0855.

### 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.

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.

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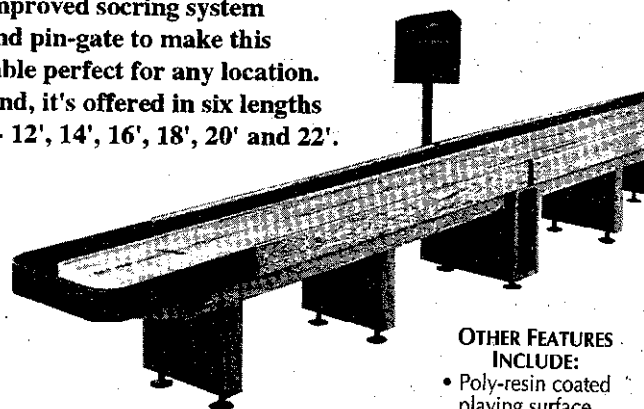
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### Colorado

## **MIXED DOUBLES AT BALLOON INN, ARVADA, JAN. 16-18**

The Balloon Inn, 6440 Wadsworth, Arvada, will host a bring partner mixed doubles on Jan. 16-18. Entry fee is \$50 per team and the format is best 2 out of 3, double elimination. The sale is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m., followed by \$20 blind draws. Competition starts at noon on Saturday and will continue at noon on Sunday. For further information, contact Gwen or Ron Vogt, 303-425-9823.

The next event at the Balloon Inn will be a Sadie Hawkins tourney on Feb. 14-16.

### Nebraska

## **1ST ANNUAL SWEETHEART TOURNEY AT HART'S TAVERN, OMAHA, FEB. 14-16**

Hart's Tavern, 3802 "L" St., Omaha (under the bridge), will host their 1st Annual Sweetheart Tournament Mixed Doubles on Feb. 14-16. Entry fee for the handicapped event is \$30 per team and the drawing will be held on Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. It will be 100% payback with money added.

For information, call Hart's at 402-734-9068.

### New York

## **\$500 ADDED AT RIVERSIDE, EARLVILLE, MAY 22-25**

There will be four events, plus round robins, on the agenda for participants in the May 22-25 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 kick off the tournament Thursday night starting at 7 p.m. Friday night at 7 p.m. will be the mixed doubles, \$30 entry per team. Saturday at 10 a.m. will be the singles, \$20 entry, and at 3 p.m. will be the draw partner, \$15 per person. The bring partner will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, \$30 per team. Drawing

and sales will start at the above times. You must be present at posted times to enter each event.

The last tournament paid over \$7,000, so don't miss out. For more information, call Roger Sawyer at the Riverside, 315-691-3081, or Dale Law, 607-674-6580. Please call and let them know which events you are planning to enter.

### Texas

## **1ST ANNUAL MOTHER'S SPRING FLING DOUBLES, CORPUS CHRISTI, MAR. 22**

"Start Spring off in beautiful Corpus Christi with a great draw partner, double elimination tournament at the best shuffleboard establishment in town, with the two fastest wood boards in captivity," encourages Neil Garvin (see letter in Notebook).

There will be \$500 added prize money and free "Mother's" menu food. The bar will open at 10 a.m. and the draw will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, with no sponsor sale scheduled at this time.

Due to time, space and table limitations, only 32 players will be admitted. The first 16 places will go to the first 16 first-place winners of Mother's regular Friday night draw partners tournaments starting Jan. 3 through March 14. Two more places will go to the highest place finishers of the tournament held on March 21 that have not already been registered. The final 14 places will go to the first 14 entries received. These 14 entries will cost \$40 each.

The total purse should be \$1420, paying five places.

Entry fees and lodging inquiries should be sent to: Neil Garvin, 1421 Casa Grande Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78411, or call 512-854-3632.

Time permitting, \$10 blind draws and open challenges will follow the tournament. If enough interest is shown, an early single elimination tournament may be held on Sunday.

Mother's Pizza & Por Boys is located at 12135 Leopard St. in Corpus Christi. They are a new addition to our national shuffleboard network.

## **NO MORE TOURNEYS AT SYD'S BAR, NOBLESVILLE**

According to Butch Thomas, Syd's Bar in Noblesville, Indiana, has been sold to a pro golfer who has no interest in shuffleboard. Therefore, all future tournaments at that location have been cancelled. "It hurt me very bad.....but the game of shuffleboard will not die in Indiana because of some little ball!" he said.

## *As The Puck Turns.....*

By George & Donna Wilber

Thanks to all of you who remembered us with your Holiday greetings. They helped lift our spirits which had plunged to an all-time low when we lost our beloved son-in-law on Dec. 12 at the age of 47. Many of you endeared yourselves to our daughter Teri when she pinch-hit for Donna with her Dad at the 1992 Reno tournament. If you'd like to let her know you're thinking of her during this difficult time, send your messages to Teri Elkins, 2725 Northwest Ave., Lansing, MI 48906.

While we mourned our loss, we rejoiced in the addition of a new member of our family, our GREAT grandson, Quentin Tyler Elkins. Objectively speaking, he is the most beautiful, smartest boy in the whole wide world! So, life goes on.....

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We were quite overwhelmed by the number of subscribers who took advantage of our offer of renewing for three years at the now-old \$15 rate. Thanks for your vote of confidence! As we start our 14th year of publication, we pledge our continued support for the growth of shuffleboard -- with the help of our advertisers and subscribers (without you, we just wouldn't be!). When we look back at our first meager 4-pager newsletters and compare it to our average 24 to 32 pages of today, the 4 or 5 upcoming events listed in 1984 and compare it with 1997's multiple listing, the half-page listing of shuffleboard establishments grown to a 4-page pull-out section, the phenomenal increase of reports and viewpoints -- then we can sit back and say: "We (shuffleboard and us) have come a long way, Baby!"

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Our sincere apologies to **Time Out #2 Sports Bar**, 307 Eldorado, Webster, Texas, phone 713-480-3444, for omitting them from last month's Play Your Way Across the U.S.A. Please add them to your map! The computer "ate" portions of our listing so instead of just updating the list, we had to reconstruct. There may have been others who were victims of that reconstruction. If you know of any that got missed, please let us know. Shufflers use that quarterly listing in their travels, so it's important to have it complete and accurate.

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We hope your 1997 will be filled with health, happiness, prosperity, and lots of shufflin' fun!

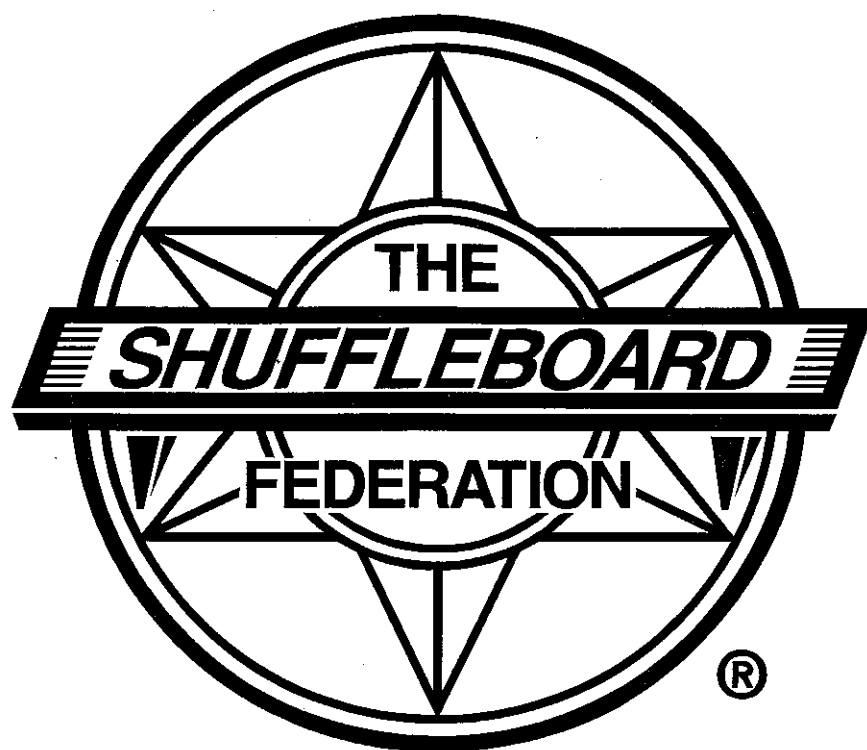
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# Colletta and Marty Score Rare Triple Crown Sweep

## -- But it Wasn't Easy!

By Marty Allen

### Special from West Palm Beach:

I'm sure, at times, it looked like a "sightseeing tour" because of all the players and spectators walking the one block between Corbitt's Hideaway and Happy Days Cafe, sites of the Florida State Championships. This went on all day and night and all weekend as we were playing three boards with no back-to-back play on any one board.

Our hosts this year were Alan Vanasse of Corbitt's Hideaway and Carmine Talerico of Happy Days Cafe. We thank them and their staffs for opening early and closing late to serve our needs. Of course, with "Jimmy the Cop" in town, you know we had some great draw partner games and lots of side action and, believe me, Jimmy played our old American boards as well as anyone in our tournament.

I wish to personally thank my West Palm Beach area and statewide friends for participating. We all strive to win, but winning is experience and experience is playing against tough competition and watching the different styles, practice the different styles, and learning the basic strategic moves, and DEFENSE, DEFENSE, DEFENSE. I once asked one of the top players in the world and one of the best ladders of all time what he considered was the strongest part of his game. Well, Bobby Voorhis of Indiana looked me straight in the eye and said: "Marty, I pride myself on my defense and.....a good game plan." Enough said -- I rest my case.

A special thanks to Al Lambert for keeping the boards in tip-top shape and to Alvis Ramey for spraying the boards every morning and showing me the correct way.

### Mr. Everything:

My good friend Ray Boyett and his wonderful computer printed out our rules and tournament format and sent them out statewide. Ray also has a home workshop and made 18 shuffleboard replica wood plaques to donate to our state tournament. To my critical eye, they were almost on a par with the famous Lisa Melton wood plaques. Ray is in charge of our bracket board during the tournament and, as such, explained the concept of no back-to-back board play to our new friends from Pensacola Beach, the brothers Mike and Don Williamson and Ron Magee. Pretty impressive so far, huh?

Ray's son, Chris Boyett, was in charge of the sponsor sales; he is great and misses nothing. Case in point, if you're ever in Largo, Florida, stop in at the Whiskey Depot and ask owner Bob Boostedt about his amusing story on our sponsor sale and Chris. Ray's wife, Carole Boyett, checks all outgoing literature for correctness of

phrase and spelling and she has saved us many times over (much like The Board Talk's George and Donna). So, the next time you see one of the Boyetts, please shake their hands and thank them for supporting Florida shuffleboard in a big way.

### And the Winners Were.....

In their first step toward their triple crown, Colletta Stanley of Palm Beach Gardens and Marty Allen of West Palm Beach were winners of the open doubles.



Colletta and Marty (right), 1996 Open Doubles Champs, with second-place finishers Alvis Ramey of Titusville and Jimmy Kumpula, South Daytona (center), and Richey Maxson and Rick Dube of West Palm Beach, third place. Bob Boostedt and Gary Kelter of Largo finished in fourth place.



For the second straight year, Colletta Stanley (right) was the ladies' singles champion. Cindy Nault of Wellington (center) took second place honors, with Kelley Vaughan of West Palm Beach in third. Carole Boyett of Homestead finished fourth.

# Happy New Year



1996 Men's Singles Champ Marty Allen (right) with second-place finisher Jimmy Kumpula (center) and Chuck Dewees of Jupiter, who finished third. Fourth place went to Ray Boyett of Homestead.



Scoring one more first were Colletta Stanley and Marty Allen (right) in the mixed couples championship event. Cindy Nault and Chuck Dewees (center) took second, with Kelley Vaughan and Sammy Bass of West Palm Beach in third place.

## Riverside (Earlville, New York) Tourney Pays Over \$7,000

The Riverside in Earlville, New York, hosted a weekend tournament in October, with round robins on Friday night, singles on Saturday morning, draw partner on Saturday afternoon, and a bring partner on Sunday, bringing the pot to over \$7,000.

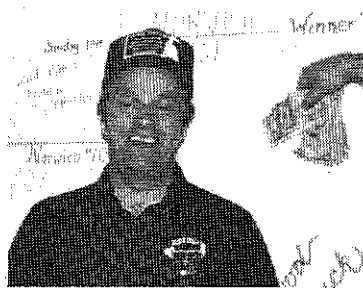
In the \$10 round robin, Lonzo Knight and Tom Lattenhauer came out on top of a field of 32 players, with Fred Truax and Al Robidoux in second place. In the \$20 round robin, Denise Russell and Bob Carpenter took first in a field of 24, with Ralph Barker and Jerrico Wright in second place.

Doug Fridley Jr. of Waterloo took first in the singles event, with Lonzo Knight in second and Don Perry in third place.

The draw partner event attracted 30 players vying for a pot of nearly \$2,000. Keith Jones and Arlo Johnson

captured first place and Lonzo Knight and Tom Lattenhauer finished second. Ken Van Zile and Alice Church took third, with Steve Bennett and Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula in fourth place.

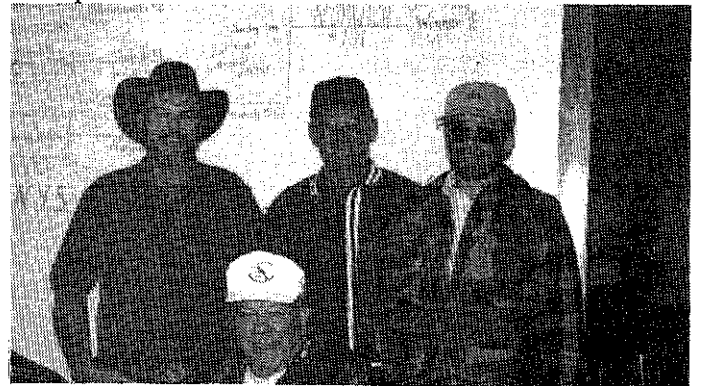
There were 18 teams in the bring partner event with a payoff of over \$3200. Steve Bennett and Bob Carpenter completed the winner's bracket to take first, with Dick Losee and Russ Reynolds in second place. Bill Bergner and Jim Braun finished third, with John and Sharon Canino in fourth place.



Doug Fridley Jr. sports a big smile as he collects his first-place winnings in the singles at Riverside.



Doubles winners Steve Bennett and Bob Carpenter (front), with second place finishers Russ Reynolds and Dick Losee (left back) and Bill Bergner and Jim Braun third place winners.



Host Roger Sawyer (left) thanks the Michigan crew of Slick Parrish, "One-Arm John" and Jimmy "the cop" for their participation in this event. Roger also thanks Steve Bennett for the sponsor sales, Dale Law and Bob Carpenter for the brackets, and Buck for the chili.

"With the effort of Roger and others, this tournament keeps growing," said Dale Law. "Keep up the good work!"



## Nelson/Lampley Winners of BZ's Annual Thanksgiving Tournament

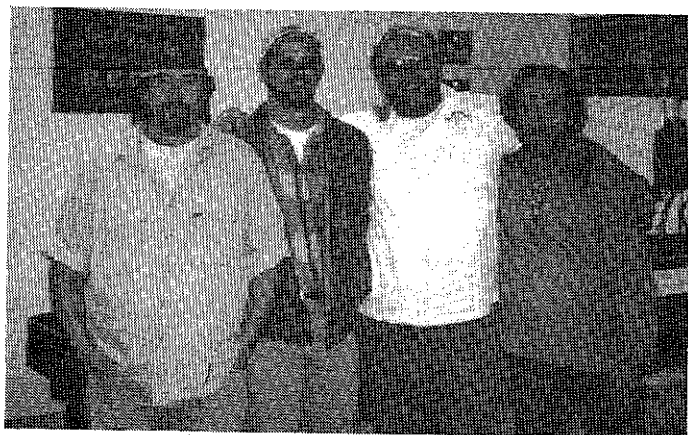
BZ's Sports Bar & Grill in Seattle, Washington, hosted their annual Thanksgiving tournament with 14 teams vying for a share of \$3,200, with \$500 added money, thanks to owners Craig and Lisa. When the 2 out of 3, double elimination event was over on Sunday evening, it was a repeat of last year's top winners.



Winners Loren Lampley (left) and Darrol Nelson get a special congratulations from Loren's friend, Paulette McKinney. Loren also won the \$20 draw on Friday night with partner Dan "The Hitt Man" Hitt in a field of 32 players.



Chuck Norris (left) and Jim Allis took second place honors.



Al Pease and Dan Hitt (left) took third, with Larry Pearson and Jim "Caveman" Ward in fourth.

"We hope in the future to get more teams like we used to have, but there has been a conflict with another tournament in the area for the past few years," reports Jim and Michelle Foran. "With the Evergreen Shuffleboard Association intact and working, things have been worked out for the upcoming years.

"Thanks to Mike, the faithful, long-time chef of BZ's, for preparing such a great meal of all you could eat -- chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and corn. Good cookin', Mike!

"Thanks also to Rick, the bartender, for his great service (especially to Jim). Rick has been known to come back early from vacation just to be able to serve shuffleboard players. Didn't you come back early once from Hawaii, Rick? What a guy! Shuffleboard players MUST be great.

"We wish you all good fortune and happiness in the New Year along with the greatest gift of all -- FRIENDSHIP," said Jim and Michelle.

## Farewell to a Close Friend, Al Raia

Denver's shuffleboard circle has lost one of their most dedicated players.

Al Raia suffered a massive heart attack on Nov. 22 and passed away 11 days later on Dec. 3 at the very young age of 54.

Al has been playing in various traveling leagues for approximately 15 years, most recently for the Twin Towers Lounge in the North Section of Denver.

Al is survived by his wife Phyliss and five grown children (three boys and two girls).

Denver's shuffleboard community will definitely miss a great person and a gifted player.

Rest in peace, my good friend.

Bud LaChappell  
Denver, Colorado

(Editor's Note: Shufflers may send their messages of sympathy to Phyliss at 2027 W. 102nd Ave., Thornton, CO 80221.)



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a temporary interim "home" for the Hall. He's offered his business facility, with a nice showcase, as a place to start. Let's face it: it's going to take some big bucks to build a structure like the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and we just don't have those kind of bucks now and it may be a while before we do. We encourage the NSHF to seriously consider his offer. Indiana is a central place and, like Steve says, it's a place to start.

**Philly Gals Say Thanks to Michigan Hosts**

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone at the Wetland Bar's Ladies Weekend Tournament in October in Royal Oak, Michigan, for a very memorable trip and event. It was nice seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. A special thanks to host Mike Papa and his barmaids for treating us like "old" friends and letting us be ourselves.

Four Gals from Philly: Judy, Rita, Mary and Linda

*We salute you "Four Gals" for travelling the long distance to support this annual event, and the hometown*

*people who made it a memorable experience for out-of-state visitors. Supporting each other's events, even though it involves the expenses of travelling, is what makes The World of Shuffleboard grow. We also salute The Shuffleboard Federation for sponsoring an event that provides women with an opportunity to leave hubbies and kids behind and compete against other women who share the common bond of the love of shuffleboard.*

**News from Harvey's Place, Street, Maryland....**

Harvey Comer and Darlyne Belcher, hosts of one of the most active shuffleboard establishments on the East Coast, Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, are constantly adding to their program to increase shuffleboard activity. With five boards available, it gives a distinct advantage in offering various programs.

In early November, a higher stakes weekend tournament was held which included a singles event -- the first in a long time in this area. There will be a repeat of this type tournament in the future (date to be announced; watch The Board Talk for specifics). This will be in addition to the regular four weekend tournaments, the remaining two scheduled for Feb, 28-



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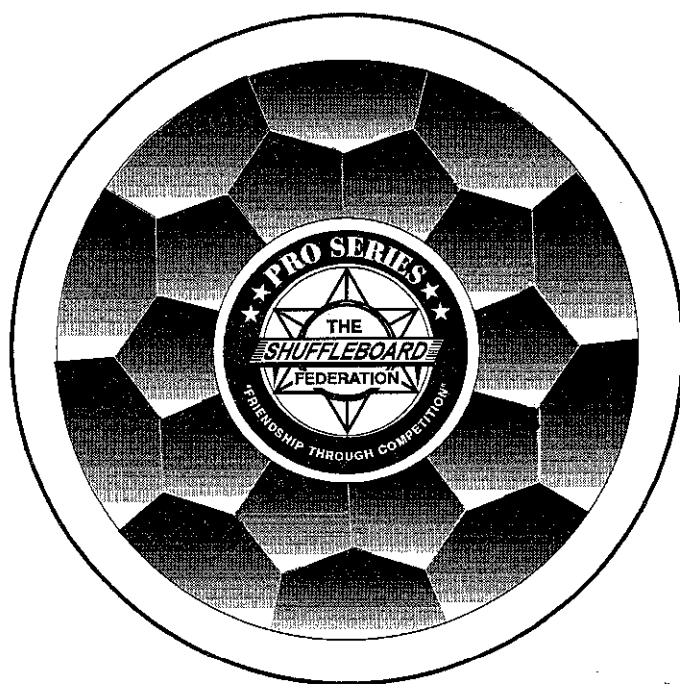
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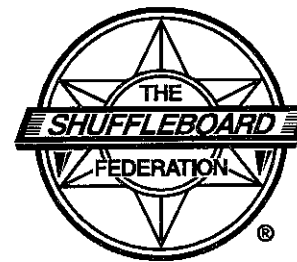
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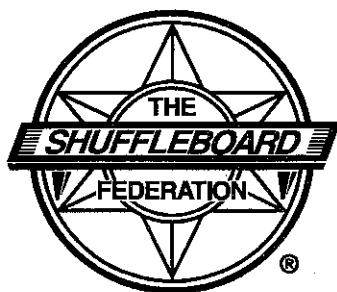
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- ☐ **January 17 - 19**      **3rd Annual Round Robin Singles**
- ☐ **March 14 - 16**      **3rd Annual St. Patrick's Tournament (A-B Draw, Open Singles, Open Doubles)**
- ☐ **April 18-20**      **2nd Annual Mixed Weekend (Mixed Doubles, Mens and Ladies Singles)**
- ☐ **May 23-26**      **4th Annual Memorial Day Tournament (Open Singles and Open Doubles, two out of three, double elimination)**
- ☐ **September 19 - 21**      **3rd Annual Ladies Weekend (Singles, Doubles and Draw Partners)**
- ☐ **December 12 - 13**      **3rd Annual DeucesWild®**

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- Open Singles:** \$25.00 per player, limit of 24 players. Auction at 3:00 on Saturday afternoon, play begins immediately thereafter.

- Boards reserved after 3:00 Friday afternoon for registered tournament players.
- All events are single game, double elimination. Eleven point games in the Draw Partners and Open Doubles, 15 point games in the Open Singles. Constant action format for the Doubles & Singles.
- Entry deadline for the draw is 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21. For the Open Doubles & Open Singles, it is 1 p.m. Saturday.
- There is a \$5.00 registration fee, which goes to Rob Kern who will be the tournament director.

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Every Saturday night, a relatively large crowd shows up for \$5 draw tournaments. It is not uncommon to see Philadelphia, Pa., and Baltimore, Md. (from as far as 60 miles away) show up in addition to Wilmington, Del. and local players. Of course, New Year's Eve always draws a crowd to play at this shuffleboard-oriented place.



*Two familiar faces at Harvey's Place shuffleboard activities are hostess Darlyne Belcher (right) and photographer Brenda Wallace. You'll often see these two in tournament winner's circles.*

Harvey has now announced that the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. will be a \$20 draw partner tournament with a sponsor sale. These get-togethers were quite popular in this area several years ago and players have been expressing a desire to have them again. Harvey and Darlyne are happy to make their boards available and believe it will not conflict with their every Saturday night crowd which starts at 8 p.m.

Pay-off schedules are to change again at Harvey's. Trying to find the most popular pay-off schedule has been a problem and we have experimented, says Harvey. "We will not change for change sake, but will change after responsible input from participants." With that in mind, all major 3-day tournaments and the 1st Saturday of the month draw, the payoff will change to the 1 in 4 concept. For every four players entered, there will be one place paid: 8 teams - 2 places; 12 teams - 3 places, etc. This change is in an effort to increase participation and satisfaction, Harvey said. Hope you will all come to Harvey's Place, 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street, Maryland; phone 410-836-8881.

Dick Gorman, Wilmington, Delaware

*We salute Harvey and Darlyne as hosts and you as tournament director for keeping "in tune" with shufflers' desires and responding to those desires. You can't please all the people all the time -- but you can keep trying to please the majority who support your events.*

## *Glen's Goals for 1997*

As Christmas approaches here in Oklahoma, we have had only one winter storm which lasted only a few days, but we're hoping for a white Christmas. By the time this is read, Christmas and New Years will be in the past and everyone will be set for the new year with their goals and predictions.

As for me, I have one more goal for shuffleboard that I hope to fill in 1997. Some of it will be the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and the people who will be inducted, along with our goals of getting the states involved in induction ceremonies for whomever they induct. So far, all I've heard from is Michigan and Oklahoma. They have plans for inducting players from their respective areas at upcoming tournaments. Anyone interested in more information, write or call me (405-733-4430) or Secretary Louise Freer, 189 Barry Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446. I'm saying that if this doesn't get started this year, then it more than likely never will.

We have this tape of an induction with full honors at the Southwest Open in 1996. If you are interested in this tape to learn from and grow upon, send \$50 to me, 3220 Cragg St., Oklahoma City, OK 73150. All proceeds over expenses will go to the NSHF. From this first of its kind video, you can learn how to set up your ceremonies.

Together we can make things happen. Pitch in, form a committee, call a friend that will help get it started.

Following the Reno tournament, we went over to Auburn, California, and stopped at Fred and Lois Thuman's for a night and then on over the mountains East to see Don and Donna Cox. They have a home in the mountains in a beautiful location on a stream close to Bellflower Bruce's home away from home. Arkie lives there, too. Don and Donna had a cook-out and Fred and Lois drove over for the day. We were down some pretty steep grades and I got lodged high center. Donnie pulled us out and then he drove the motor home to the top of the mountain. Thanks, Don and Donna, for a great adventure deep in the mountains of Sierra Madre.

We will have a NSHF meeting at the Vegas tourney at the Showboat. Your input is welcome.

A last word: if you can't do anything for the game of shuffleboard, don't do anything against it!

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*Once again, we encourage every member of The World of Shuffleboard to support the NSHF with ideas, financial contributions, by forming state committees and inducting worthy individuals into state Halls of Fame. A grassroots effort can make it go! Glad to hear about the Coxes. See Page 14, Glen, for examples of what individuals are doing FOR the game of shuffleboard.*

## **More Notebook** *(continued from Page 13)* **Shuffleboard Growing in St. Louis, Missouri....**

Things have progressed nicely here in St. Louis and elsewhere in Missouri. We get more new players all the time. Old players seem to turn up out of nowhere. Rules are becoming standardized and more in line with the national scene. The conditions of the boards and playing surfaces are improving greatly. We have a few places with multiple boards now and lots of very nice people who apply their time and energy to maintaining and building shuffleboard.

It's been a good and productive two years for us since you introduced me to Woodie Cockrum, and I thank you for that.

Soon, we'll be ready for the next step -- next year, I think. Stay tuned -- you'll hear about it.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Dan Kelly, St. Louis, Missouri

*We salute you and Woodie for your great team effort to surface those "very nice people" and for introducing them to us. Missouri is earning its title of the "Show Me State" by setting the pace for shuffleboard growth. Keep up the good work!*

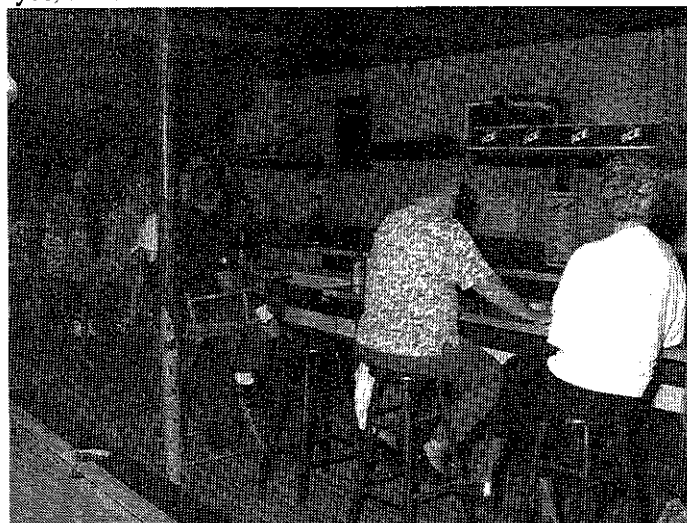
## **Mother's Pizza Shuffleboard History**

In early 1992, while I was promoting shuffleboard play in Corpus Christi, I approached Gail "Mother" Sheets about the possibility of putting on a tournament on the unused 22 ft. board at her bar, despite the fact that it was covered with talcum powder and only had six weights. She told me she didn't own the board and nobody played on it except the kids and I would have to contact the owner. The owner wasn't interested in putting up \$20 for the purse after I got the table playable, so he and I went into negotiations for me to purchase the table. Finally, in July of 1995, we reached an agreement and I purchased my first table on Aug. 1.

Immediately upon paying for the table, I cleaned and adjusted it and tested it with a used set of weights. During the hour it took me to transform that unused board to a

very good playing, very fast table, I had six patrons oggling the board in disbelief. Jerry Sheets, Gail's husband, wanted to try his hand at the table and nearly loosened the cradle end boards at the opposite end when he shoved (?) the weights. He asked if I would consider renting him the table on a 30-day trial basis and direct a tournament on Aug. 11 and I said YES. I brought eight players and, to my surprise, Mother's had eight players for a blind draw, pairing one outsider with one Mother's player, and a great time was had by all. We even had a live band, which played most Fridays for about two years prior to the introduction of Friday Night Shuffleboard. The last we heard the band on Fridays was Aug. 18.

From a good start, we got a steady growth to the point where for two weeks in August 1996, due to time limitations, only 24 players could play. I suggested a second board and discovered that Gail and Jerry had already discussed the possibility. On Sept. 1, I installed another 22 ft. board and now claim to have the two fastest wood boards in captivity. I also made two 2 in. by 12 in. by 8 ft. bars that sit 38 inches high along side one of the tables (the backs and corners are edged with plexiglas). All the players jockey to get a seat at the bar where they have an unobstructed view and a seat. Oh, yes, the bars are lined and numbered like a shuffleboard.



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Neil Garvin, Corpus Christi, Texas

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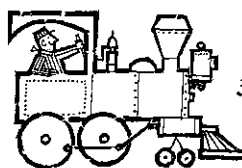
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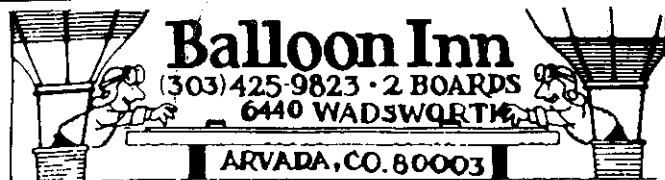
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## ***Pittman/Riley/Dunn Tops at Houston's Eagle Lodge Thanksgiving Event***

The locals dominated the boards at the Thanksgiving Tradition 2nd Annual Tournament at Eagles Lodge 3911, Houston, Missouri. In the bring your partner event, Rick Pittman and Charlie Riley came from the loser's bracket to beat Carolyn Johnston and Dean Pinkston out of the first place spot. Third went to last year's champs, Jim Dunn and Chuck Muehlhauser of St. Louis.

The three-day event was kicked off with a draw-partner get-acquainted tourney late Thanksgiving Day. The winners were Harvey Walden of Memphis, Tennessee, and Dean Pinkston of Houston. Second place honors went to Francis Waters of Salem, Missouri, and John Stenger of Houston. Third went to Chuck Muehlhauser and Dale Gettys of Houston.

The last event of the tournament was the singles, with Jim Dunn coming out on top, followed by Charlie Riley in second and Cuck Muehlhauser in third.

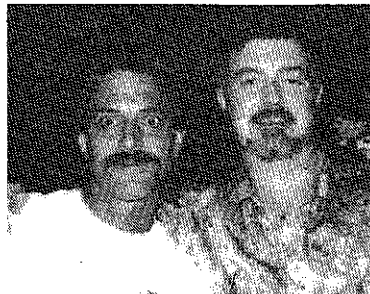
"The bad weather stopped a lot of players from coming in for this tournament, but that didn't stop the Lodge's Ladies' Auxiliary from bringing in lots of home-cooked food," reports Woodie Cockrum. "No question about it. Their great food took first place in this tournament.

"We would like to thank West Plains Beverage Co. for sponsoring this tournament.

"One of the top local players, Moe Miller, spent the entire tournament time in the hospital eating that great hospital food and being pampered by those needle-sticking nurses. Moe, everyone wishes you a great 1997 and we will see you at the next meet," said Woodie.

## ***Bumpers Billiards Hosts First***

Bumpers Billiards in Pflugerville, Texas, Ron and Debbie Bower's new tournament location, hosted their first event on Nov. 15-17. There were 36 players signed up for Friday night's A/B draw partner.



*Tony Fiumara of Austin (left) and Flynt Preston of Houston took top honors in the A/B Draw.*

Second place was won by Lyndon Baize of Austin and Johnny Ballard of Houston, with Gene McLeod of Missouri and Carlos Guzman of Ft. Worth in third.

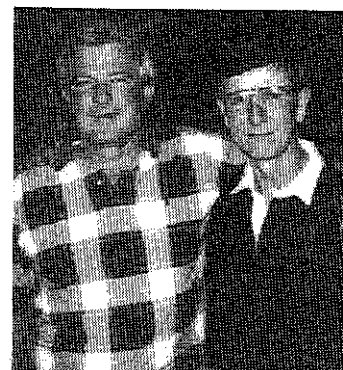


*Lyndon Baize (left) and Johnny Ballard took second place honors in the A-B Draw event.*



*Winners of the bring partner event on Saturday were Bobby Williams and Carlos Guzman of Ft. Worth (center). Second place went to Mark McLeod of Austin (right) and his Dad, Gene McLeod of Missouri (left). They put Flynt Preston and Harvey Kidd of Houston in third place.*

*Eddie Woods of Fort Worth took top honors in the handicap singles event. He beat out home boy, Randy Rogers, who came in second.*



"Ron and I thank all participants for coming and hope they enjoyed themselves," said Debbie. "We also thank everyone who helped with dusting boards, collecting money, etc. And we thank Gene, Sarah and Randy, new managers of Bumpers, for their great food. They were overwhelmed when watching some of the matches. Gene told me, 'Sarah and I know how to play shuffleboard, but you guys are serious about this game!'"

# ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

# *Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return*

*A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert*

*(In the last episode, Tacoma Tim was taking Eddie and Lil to their "moment of decision" -- where would they go for their next shuffleboard adventure?)*

Tim's Bronco was approaching Interstate 5. They were on 512 and still hadn't made up their minds which way they wanted to go. Tacoma/Seattle was on their right, and Olympia and several other towns further south were on their left.

Lil decided to flip a coin. Eddie would call it. It came up "heads" (which was always Eddie's call). He pondered for a moment....then said: "I've never really seen the Seattle area except for the airport and the drive to Puyallup. Why don't we hang a right and give it a shot, O.K.?" Everyone was in agreement to that, so Tim swung onto the freeway and headed north.

Eddie wasn't exactly sure why he had decided to return to Seattle. He wondered to himself if that pretty girl named Tammi he met at the swimming pool when they were in Texas may subconsciously have had something to do with it. After all, she had said to look her up if he ever got in the area. He dismissed the fleeting notion then and said: "Yo, Tim, how are we going to work this thing?"

Tim replied: "Well, there's a spot up the road a ways that has the best action. It's called Gee Bee's. It's the weekend, so they'll have some kind of play going on. They always do."

They drove for about 30 minutes and then Tim exited the freeway. In about five minutes, he pulled into a parking lot and said: "This is it, guys. Let me go in by myself first and check the action. I'll be back in a few minutes."

Eddie could sense that feeling of excitement he was feeling more and more just before he was going to shoot. His nerves and senses were starting to peak. It was a wonderful sensation! After a minute or two, Tim came to the doorway and motioned for them to come up. They joined him just outside the entrance way. He told them that there was a lot of action going on inside and that they'd find it very interesting.

They all entered the place then, and no sooner than Lil got inside, she was acknowledged by several of the players. There were two of the players that Lil knew didn't come from that part of the country, and she surmised that they were there for the same reason she and Eddie were.

They waved to her and Tim between shots and hollered "hellos." Lil and Tim knew these guys were probably "trippin'" around the Northwest area, much the same as she and Eddie were. The one was of average

height, and the other was taller. They both wore glasses. They were playing a game of doubles with a couple of the local players and it was obvious that they had them way out-classed.

The three of them found seats and, after they got settled and had ordered their drinks, the taller of the two men came up to Lil and said: "Long Beach Lil, it's good to see you. It's been a long time." Lil extended her hand as she replied: "Well, now, Indiana Joe, I see you've got your sidekick, 'The Wrapper,' with you." The small talk ended when it was Joe's turn to shoot. The other one came up then and shook hands with Lil and Tim.

Now, these two were hustlers -- good hustlers, and Lil knew she'd have to scheme pretty good if they were going to get out of here with a score. Neither of them knew Eddie. That was obvious when they didn't even pay any attention to him when they entered. Her brain was starting to click now, almost instinctively. This was the part of the action she enjoyed almost as much as lagging out to win a game! Most of any game in these types of situations was won or lost -- even before the quarters went into the slot.

Indiana and Wrapper's game was just about over. There were no challengers because everyone knew they couldn't beat those guys, and much better players were now on the scene. Lil made her move then by placing two quarters near the center of the table and saying: "You two don't mind if we give you a challenge here, do you?" They both smiled and said: "No problem." They knew Tim hadn't competed seriously for a long time, so they figured they wouldn't have any trouble with him in the action.

The game ended with the locals losing by a good margin. Lil very quietly clued Eddie in on the action while the board was being wiped. She told him that one of these guys was from the Midwest and the other was from the Northeast part of the country, and that they teamed up from time to time. She told him to just look "innocent" and not let on anything about himself personally. Eddie asked her: "This isn't going to be a repeat of Texas or anything like that, is it?" She said: "Not this time, sweetheart. These two are pros. They'll take every penny we've got if they can....but there won't be any trouble. You just act like a bystander, O.K.?"

Eddie could barely overhear the other two guys as they were deciding on their game plan. They were convinced they wouldn't have any trouble because of Tim being in the game. They decided that the shorter one would play Tim and the other would go up against Lil.

Eddie felt kind of left out as he saw the board being waxed, and the quarters go in the slot. He wanted in the

action very badly. Just as the toss was being made, Eddie turned to the bartender and ordered a shot of Wild Turkey with a beer chaser.

He figured that, if he couldn't play one way, he would just play.....a different way.

-- TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH --

*Balboa Ron wishes all of his many fans a very Happy New Year and sends special thanks to Ady Snyder and Glen Davidson (they'll know why). The editors encourage all you who will be at the PCSA Extravaganza in Vegas to take a minute to thank Ron for his many contributions.*



# *Happy New Year*

*Our wish is for a year of gentleness and peace for the  
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## ***Thanksgiving Feast and More at Gold Nugget***

The Gold Nugget in Arlington, Texas, hosted a multi-event tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Wednesday's co-ed draw was won by Billy Mays of Dallas and Lilly Kidd from Houston, with second place honors taken by Tammy Denson of Ft. Worth and Harvey Kidd of Houston. In the left-over guys draw, it was J.D. Sweet of Holland and Mike Alvey of Granbury emerging as the winners.

Billy Mays and Tony Howard of Austin were winners of Thursday's Division I draw. Second place went to Bobby Williams and Lee Duncan of Dallas and third place went to Johnny Wayne Crawford and Bobby Wright, both of Dallas. Division II winners were Don Bell of Ft. Worth and Tom French of Austin. Second place went to Carol Audett and Joyce Holmes, both of Dallas.

Friday's bring partner Division I winners were Diana Hagen and Flynt Preston of Houston. Taking second place were Bill and Mitch Melton of Davis, Oklahoma. Division II was won by Weldon Walker and Greg Meyes of Ft. Worth. Second went to Carlos Guzman of Weatherford and Jeri Bellard of Dallas.

Saturday's Division I singles was won by Bill Melton of Davis, Oklahoma, with Billy Melton in second and Diana Hagen in third. In Division II, Flynt Preston finished first, with Fred Boyd of Dallas in second, and Weldon Walker in third.

"Tom Johnson and his great staff and volunteers provided turkey and dressing and all the trimmings for a great Thanksgiving Day meal," reports Bobby Williams.

Bobby and Dave Williams appreciate all the great players who turned out for this Holiday Calssic, with special thanks to the volunteers who helped run it: Rudy Wedgeworth, Tammy Denson, Joy Huitt, and Brenda Watts.

## ***Houston Holiday Open Qualifiers Held***

With major tournament shuffleboard scheduled to return to Houston, Texas, several local area bars held qualifiers for the Houston Holiday Open to be held Dec. 27-30. Organizers of the event extend their appreciation to Frank Badali of Third Base, James of Hunter's Pub, Betty at BJ's Sports Bar, Bill and Beverly of Way-Out-West, and, of course, Danny and Rueben at Danny's Sports Bar, site of the big event, for their great support.

A Board Talk salute to these bar owners from publishers George and Donna Wilber. "It is only through your support that the game will continue to attract new players and grow in popularity," they said.

Winners from the individual qualifiers were:

●Nov. 23 at Third Base, Division I singles: 1st, Brian Walker; 2nd, Dale Koterak; 3rd, Johnny Ballard

●Dec. 7 at Hunter's Pub, Div. II singles: 1st, Wayne Hammond; 2nd, Merle Kennedy

●Dec. 8 at Danny's Sports Bar, open draw: 1st, M. Baker and G. Beard; 2nd, A. Keith and B. Osborne

●Dec. 14 at BJ's Sports Bar, Div. II singles: 1st, Jack Scott; 2nd, Gilbert Beard

●Dec. 15 at Way-Out-West, Div. II bring partner: 1st, J. Scott and A. Keith; 2nd, F. Preston and A. Nguyen

Watch next month's issue for results of the Houston Holiday Open.

## ***Happy Holidays Start at Harvey's***

Harvey's Place in Street, Maryland, held its second event of four scheduled tournaments on Dec. 6-8.

In Friday night's traditional draw partner event, long-time missing Steph McNeil of Rising Sun returned to the tables and drew Butch (coffee-drinking) Kelly of Pennsylvania and went all the way, never losing a match, to take first place. Another long-time missing participant, Dave McManus of Street, who drew Dick Gorman of Wilmington, Delaware, as his partner, took second place honors. Third place went to the high calcutta team of Don Casula, Wilmington, and Len Dell, Baltimore. "The rest of the higher priced calcutta teams went home a little early," reports Dick Gorman.

In Saturday's bring partner event, Len Dell and Chuck King of Greenwood, Del., lived up to everyone's expectations and took first place, but not without a lot of trouble from a class second place team of Butch Kelly and Jim Yank Sr. of Philadelphia. Louise Freer of Lansdale and Judy Gartland of Philadelphia teamed up to take third place.

"On Sunday, the crowd was a little light after a whole weekend of bad weather and Christmas shopping," Dick reports. "By suggestion of the crowd and a popular vote, the always flexible and great host, Harvey Comer, decided to have a true round robin singles event, with everybody playing everybody and the winner declared by total points for all matches. Ten people entered and each played nine matches on the four boards."

Outlasting and out-playing everybody was Jim McDaniels of Darlington, Md. Second place was taken by Jim Wolf of Berwyn, Pa., with third going to Buddy Brammer, Rising Sun.

"The event was enjoyed by all, but took eight hours to complete, but a lot of fun -- tired feet included," Dick said. The only real time out was to stop for the chicken parmasian dinner provided by Harvey and Darlyne and prepared by the great cook, Judy McManus."

The next scheduled tournament at Harvey's is Feb. 28-March 2. Call ahead if you are coming: 410-836-8881.

## ***Michigan Shufflers Vy for Championships at 10th State Tournament***

Nearly 50 players hit the road Thanksgiving weekend and headed for M.J. McCabes in Saginaw to participate in the nation's longest running (to our knowledge) state championships.

"Dave Willett and Kay Henke were superb hosts, securing three excellent boards from Decker Shuffleboard (Toledo, Ohio)," reports John McDermott of The Shuffleboard Federation, sponsor of the event.

"Thanksgiving is all about good friends and, of course, good food. That made Dave's 'signature dish,' a fabulous prime rib, an enjoyable and appropriate part of the festivities."

Nineteen teams competed in the lead-off event, a mixed doubles, which was won by Cher Blessing and Jeff Cottrell. They defeated Claudia Goszczynski and John McDermott, who forced a second game against the winners bracket champs before bowing out. Third place went to the team of Joanna Ingoglia and Bjerne Sunde. They squeaked by Betty and Slick Parrish, who finished fourth.

Saturday featured the open singles, ladies' singles, and Division II singles, running simultaneously. Sounds complicated, but with Rob Kern on hand directing traffic, it ran without a hitch. Local players from the Saginaw/Bay City area had a great showing in all three events.

Linda Mitchell, who always seems to be around at the end, took first place honors in the ladies' singles by beating Sandy Blade in the finals. Third and fourth went to Penny Cottrell and Mary McLaren, respectively.

In Division II, the finals pitted two of the state's most improved players -- the winner, Bud Spier, and second place finisher Alonzo Cottrell. Gene Wendling finished third by defeating the relatively unknown Daryl Darty. Playing in his first state championship tourney, Daryl lost his first game, then got over his jitters and came all the way through the loser's bracket to finish a strong fourth.

In the open singles, John McDermott successfully defended his title by coming out of the loser's bracket to beat Chris Passariello. In third, it was Chuck Ricklefs lagging two 4's on his way to edging out the always-tough Frank Blade, who ended up in fourth place.

Passariello and Ricklefs followed up their strong play in the singles by teaming up and playing even stronger in the doubles en route to coming out of the loser's bracket to win the event. For Chris, it was the second year in a row as doubles champ, this time with a different partner. In second place were the father and son team of Jeff and Alonzo Cottrell. Frank Blade and Bjerne Sunde finished third by beating the fourth place team of Bud Spier and George Wilber.

## ***J & C's, Philadelphia, Holds Successful A-B Draw***

J & C's Tavern, 66th and Lansdown Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, held an A-B draw partner event on Nov. 1 on their three in-house boards. With a minimum and maximum sponsor sale, there were enough B shooters to field nine very competitive teams.

After four hours of tough competition, Wendy Davis and Jim Yank Sr. came out on top without losing a game. Taking second place honors was the strong team of Judy Gartland and Steve Shievers. The last money spot went to Jerry Herrmann and Izzy.

Tournament director Jim Yank Sr. thanks host Joey Orf. for matching the entry pot and hosting a really good time. He also thanks his one and only love, Rita Yank, for all her help in running the brackets and keeping the tournament running so smoothly.

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

The following shuffleboard establishments have joined or rejoined the national network since the last listing in December. Please make these additions to your current listing and be sure to carry it with you in your travels.

**Alaska:** Eddie's Sports Bar, 6300 Old Seward, Anchorage; phone 907-563-3970

**California:** The Edgewood, 10122 Rosecrans, Bellflower; phone 317-866-7849

**Michigan:** Whyte Goose Inn, 108 State St., Bay City; phone 517-895-1451

**New York:** Fiddler's Green, 14-17 150th St., Whitestone; phone 718-746-9512

**Texas:** Time Out #2 Sports Bar (left off in error), 307 Eldorado, Webster; phone 713-480-3444

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# ***1997 CALENDAR OF SHUFFLEBOARD EVENTS***

## **JANUARY 1997**

**Jan. 11**

3rd Winter Open Doubles  
Chances 'R'  
Muncie, Indiana

**Jan. 16-18**

Mixed Bring Partner  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**Jan. 17-19**

Heartland Handicap Tourney  
American Legion #73  
Del City, Oklahoma

**Jan. 17-19**

Round Robin Singles  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

**Jan. 18-19**

2nd Annual ESA Draw Partner  
Shotze's Rack-N-Roll  
Everett, Washington

**Jan. 25**

Bring Partner  
Riverside Hotel  
Earlville, New York

**Jan. 28-Feb. 2**

PCSA Extravaganza IX  
The Showboat  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## **FEBRUARY 1997**

**Feb. 8**

Open Doubles  
Sportsman's Bar  
Muncie, Indiana

**Feb. 14-16**

1st Annual Sweetheart Tourney  
Hart's Tavern  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Feb. 14-16**

Sadie Hawkins Tourney  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**Feb. 15-16**

Sweetheart Tournament  
Blue Goose  
Port Orchard, Washington

**Feb. 21-23**

16th Annual Masters  
Fir Cone Tavern  
Shelton, Washington

**Feb. 21-23**

1st Saginaw Valley Open  
McCabe's  
Saginaw, Michigan

**Feb. 28-March 2**

3-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

## **MARCH 1997**

**March 8**

Open Doubles  
Sportsman's Bar  
Muncie, Indiana

**March 14-16**

3rd St. Pat's Tournament  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

**March 21-23**

2-Event Tournament  
Riverside Hotel  
Earlville, New York

**March 22**

Spring Fling Doubles  
Mother's  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**March 22**

Mixed Doubles  
Beef's  
Kendallville, Indiana

## **APRIL 1997**

**April 4-5**

Annual Bring Partner Tourney  
Corner Tavern  
Bow, Washington

**April 4-6**

3-Event Tournament  
Avons Local 14  
Toledo, Ohio

**April 11-13**

3-Event Tournament  
Harvey's Place  
Street, Maryland

**April 12**

Arnold Cross Memorial Doubles  
Mississinewa Tavern  
Eaton, Indiana

**April 18-20**

Heartland Handicap  
American Legion Post #73  
Del City, Oklahoma

**April 18-20**

Div. I & Under Singles/Doubles  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**April 18-20**

2nd Mixed Weekend Tourney  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

## **MAY 1997**

**May 3**

36th Annual Spring Doubles  
American Legion 424  
Bourbon, Indiana

**May 22-25**

4-Event Tournament  
Riverside Hotel  
Earlville, New York

**May 23-25**

Div. II & Under Singles/Doubles  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**May 23-26**

4th Memorial Day Tournament  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

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## JUNE 1997

**June 19-22**

8th Annual Balloon Open  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

## JULY 1997

**July 1-6**

Southwest Open  
American Legion Post 73  
Del City, Oklahoma

**July 2-6**

5th Annual 4th of July Tourney  
The Dixie Belle  
Downey, California

## AUGUST 1997

**July 30-Aug. 3**

Grand Masters Plus  
Whistling Oyster  
Quilcene, Washington

**Aug. 14-17**

Pro-Am Draw and Singles  
The Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**Aug. 28-31**

Crazy Canucks Labor Day  
Weekend Tournament  
AN & AF Club #68  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

## SEPTEMBER 1997

**Sept. 4-7**

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

**Sept. 19-21**

3rd Annual Ladies' Weekend  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
Royal Oak, Michigan

## OCTOBER 1997

**Oct. 9-12**

Division I Singles & Doubles  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

## DECEMBER 1997

**Dec. 11-14**

9th Annual Santa Classic  
Balloon Inn  
Arvada, Colorado

**Dec. 12-13**

3rd Annual Deuces Wild  
Wetlands Bar & Grill  
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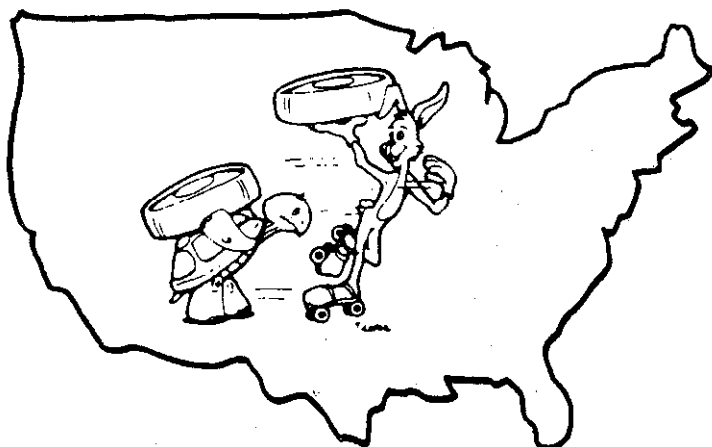
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