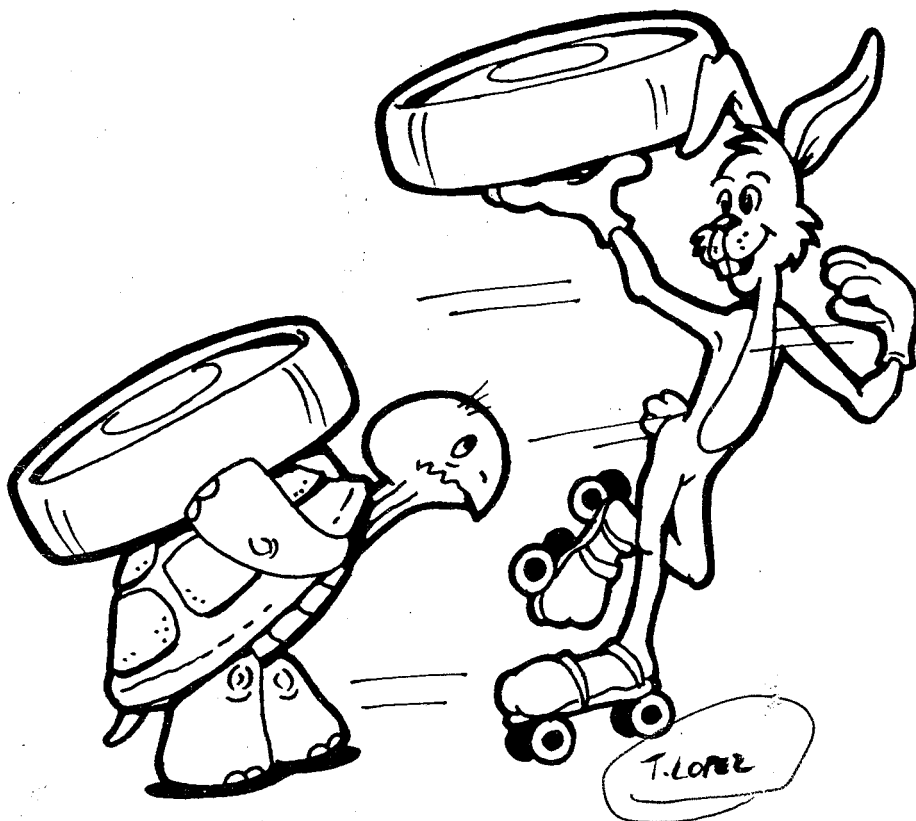


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# WELCOME! 1988

We're glad you're here! We hope this 4th Annual Board Talk Tournament will be one of your most enjoyable shuffleboard experiences.

Take a moment now to review this program. It contains more than just a schedule of events. It also contains the rules by which we will play, so that everyone knows, going in, what is expected of them in terms of play and of sportsmanship.

It contains well-deserved recognition of co-sponsors whose investments have allowed us to provide door prizes and trophies, and advertisers who helped defray the expenses of staging this tournament. They deserve your appreciation and patronage.

It also contains a "Winners' Circle" honor roll of the previous three Board Talk tournament winners and a place for you to fill in this year's winners.

We know that some of you like to take notes on auction action and tournament results, so we've left a couple blank pages for that purpose. We've also noted, from other tournaments we've attended, that shuffleboarders like to collect the autographs of players from other states. There's room in this program to collect and save these "famous" signatures.

There's also a page that gives you the history of shuffleboard, tracing its origin back to the 15th Century.

We encourage you to take an extra copy of this program back home with you and share it with your shuffleboard friends -- so they'll know what they missed!

If there's anything we can do to make your stay here more enjoyable, or if you have ideas for improving next year's tournament, please let us know.

Enjoy!

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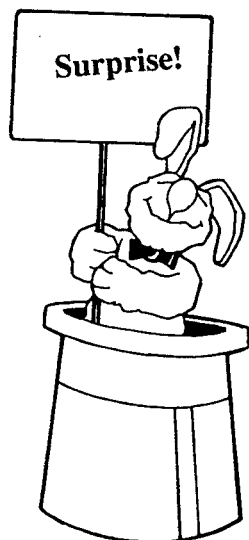
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## TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

1. All games 15 points.
2. Auction for every tournament.
3. Officials will decide whether all and/or which boards will be used for each tournament.
4. Practice all you want or have time for -- absolutely no warm-up practice throws when play starts.
5. All boards will be open for practice at 9 a.m. Friday, July 1.
6. All events will have preassigned times and boards. Participants are urged to check the charts frequently.
7. Evening cut-off time to be determined by officials.
8. Winner of coin flip may choose to start and have choice of color, or take hammer and lose choice of color. The team that scores shoots first each frame thereafter. Hammer changes if no points are scored.
9. You may talk to your partner or look at the weight location at the opposite end; however, unnecessary slow play will be policed -- first, a warning, then a point forfeiture each time thereafter. It shall be the officials' responsibility to make a determination -- not the opposition. More than a minute delay will constitute slow play.
10. Rewax board after each game.
11. Each team shall be ready to play within 5 minutes after rewaxing of boards. Penalty: 1 point per minute. Unusual circumstances will be considered.
12. Altering the level of the table or adding a foreign substance to a weight shall cause a forfeit of game.
13. All entry fees must be paid at time of tournament sign-up.
14. All auction money must be paid after each sale.
15. All weights will be thrown (none carried). Even if player appears to have won game, the last weight must be thrown. Penalty: points forfeited and offender loses hammer.
16. **Open singles will be played according to Shuffleboard Federation rules which are posted.**
17. Courtesy and good sportsmanship will prevail.

**HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

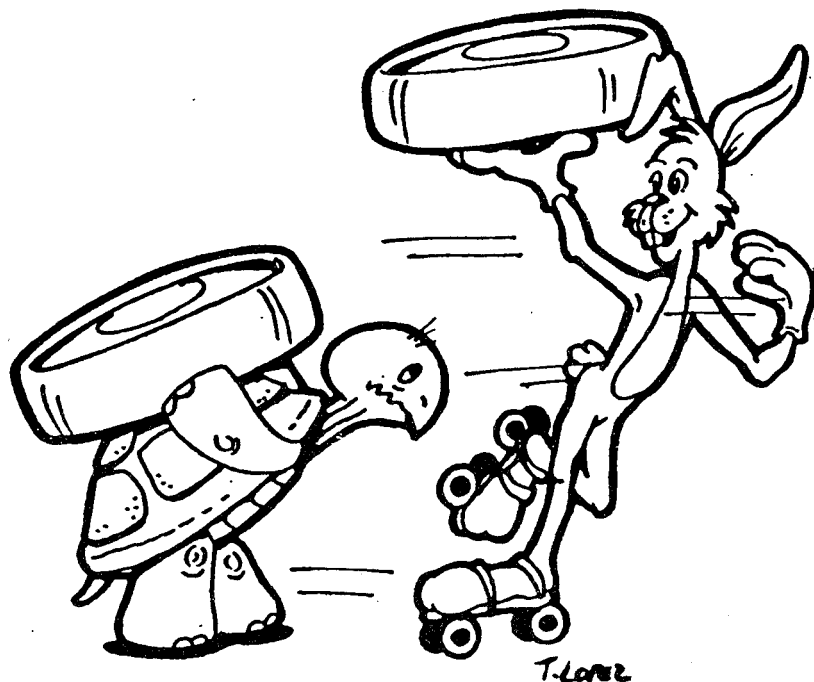
Note: You will have an opportunity to raise any questions on rules not covered here during the Review of Rules on Friday, July 1, 5:00 p.m.

## THE WINNERS' BRACKET

### 1st Annual Board Talk Tournament — 1985

- Draw Your Partner: 1st — Joe Kardos, New Jersey; and Jerry Hershman, Michigan
- 2nd — Larry Creakbaum, Indiana; and Ron Spalding, Michigan
- 3rd — Paul Casula, Missouri; and O.B. Brimm, Michigan
- Open Doubles: 1st — Lee McDonald and J.R. Lopez, Michigan  
2nd — John McDermott, Michigan; and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana  
3rd — Don Casula, Delaware; and John Lukas, Maryland
- Women's Singles: 1st — Cassie Kern, Michigan  
2nd — Rita Yank, Pennsylvania
- Open Singles: 1st — Bobby Voorhis, Indiana  
2nd — Anthony Conch, Pennsylvania  
3rd — Lee McDonald, Michigan
- 4-Person Mixed: 1st — John McDermott, Cheryl and Gordie Collins, Michigan; and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana  
2nd — Jim and Rita Yank, Anthony Conch and Ron Ness, Pennsylvania

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### 2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament — 1986

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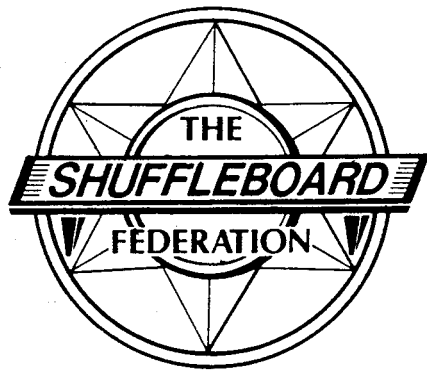
Mixed Doubles: 1st — Jerry Hershman and Marie Sweeney, Michigan  
2nd — Jim Long, Indiana; and Elly Canterbury, Michigan  
3rd — Carol and Wayne Reist, Michigan

Open Doubles: 1st — J.R. Lopez and Lee McDonald, Michigan  
2nd — Jeff Cottrell and Jerry Hershman, Michigan  
3rd — Harvey Groleau and Mike Jacoby, Canada

Open Singles: 1st — Lee McDonald, Michigan  
2nd — Rick Stocker, Indiana  
3rd — Dave Boaz, Indiana

Women's Singles: 1st — Marie Sweeney, Michigan  
2nd — Delores McDonald, Michigan





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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### Friday, July 1

- 9 - 12 noon      **Early Bird Specials** -- Enjoy half-price "eye-openers" while you register for door prizes and tournament entries.
- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.      **Practice the boards**, visit old and new shuffleboard friends.
- 5:00 p.m.      **Announcements, review of rules.**
- 6:00 p.m.      **Auction for Open Singles.**
- At conclusion of auction      **Open Singles Tournament** - \$150 per player, two of three double elimination.

### Saturday, July 2

- 9:00 a.m.      **Continuation of Open Singles.**
- 12 Noon      **Shufflers' Family Picnic** courtesy of Beef's Shamrock Bar.
- 2:00 p.m.      **Auction for Women's Singles and Open Doubles.**
- At conclusion of Open Singles      **Women's Singles** - \$50 per player, single game, double elimination.
- At conclusion of Women's Singles      **Open Doubles** -- \$150 per team, single game, double elimination.

### Sunday, July 3

- 12 Noon      **Continuation of tournament events.**
- 3:00 p.m.      **Auction for Mixed Doubles.**
- At conclusion of Open Doubles      **Mixed Doubles** - \$50 per team, single game, double elimination.

Monday, July 4

9:00 a.m.

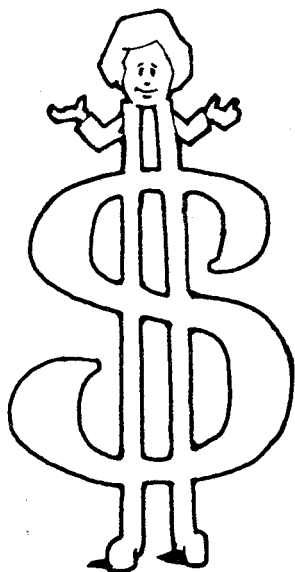
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*Thanks for participating in our 4th Annual Board Talk  
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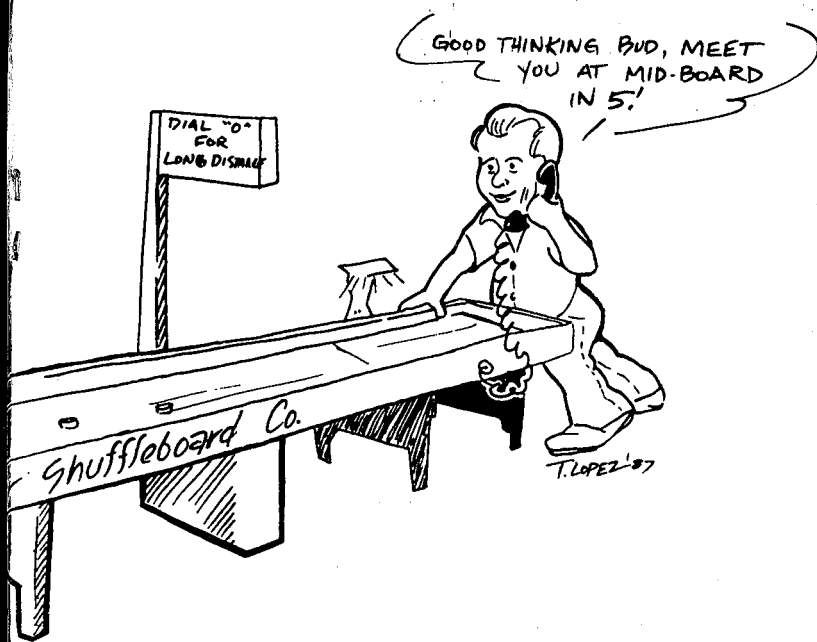


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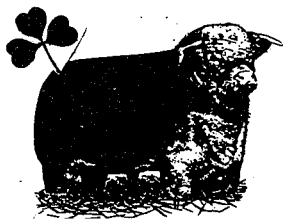
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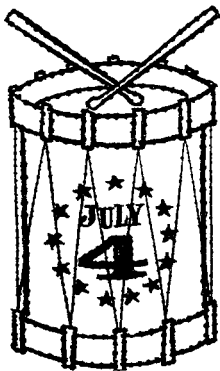
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2nd -- Marie Sweeney, Michigan, and Rick Boyer, Texas  
3rd -- Cheryl Collins and John McDermott, Michigan

Open Singles: 1st -- Rick Boyer, Texas  
2nd -- Bill Lally, Pennsylvania  
3rd -- Mickey Mickens, New Jersey

Women's Singles: 1st -- Cheryl Collins, Michigan  
2nd -- Trish Turner, Michigan  
3rd -- Marie Sweeney, Michigan

Open Doubles: 1st -- Bill Lally, Pennsylvania/Mickey Mickens, New  
Jersey  
2nd -- Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr, Indiana  
3rd -- Jim Long and Jerry Knox, Indiana



**THE WINNERS' BRACKET**

**4th Annual Board Talk Tournament - 1988**

Open Singles: 1st -- Carree Nelson

2nd -- \_\_\_\_\_

3rd -- \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Singles: 1st -- Deb Sommer

2nd -- Rita Zank

3rd -- Cheryl Collins

Open Doubles: 1st -- Bobby Vohra

2nd -- \_\_\_\_\_

3rd -- \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Doubles: 1st -- \_\_\_\_\_

2nd -- \_\_\_\_\_

3rd -- \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HISTORY OF SHUFFLEBOARD

*From the American Shuffleboard Company*

Back in jolly old 15th Century England, they played a game of sliding a "groat" down a table, a groat being a rather large British coin of the day worth about four pence. The game was called shove-groat and/or slide-groat. Later, a silver penny was used and the name of the game became shove-penny and/or shovel-penny.

The game never died. It was played by the young and old, rich and poor. It was a favorite pastime in the great country houses of Staffordshire, Winchester and Wiltshire.

The game shed its crude beginnings when American cabinetmakers like Hepplewhite and Duncan Phyfe turned out some of their finest inlaid cabinet work on shuffleboard game tables for the homes of New York City's wealthy.

By 1897, table shuffleboard rated as much newspaper space as prizefighting and baseball in all the New York City papers.

Shuffleboard made its way across the country. In 1904, gentleman Jim Corbett, an avid player, had a tavern owner named Croll install a table in his Alameda, Calif., pub. "Doc" Croll, his son, claimed it was the first table shuffleboard in that part of the country.

World War II opened the "Swinging Forties" and shuffleboard really came into its own. The intrinsic appeal of the game — skill, diversity, competitiveness, availability to young and old, strong and disabled, the serious game, the fun game, offered the kind of release needed in those turbulent years.

In the Forties, Hollywood climbed on the shuffleboard bandwagon and took it up, at first, as a source of good publicity. Then when the pin-up girls and bandleaders discovered they really liked the game, shuffleboards found their way into the studios and homes of the stars. People like Betty Grable, Harry James, Merv Griffin and Alan Ladd all had their own shuffleboards.

Shuffleboard is not just a barroom game. It is a game that can be played in a bar but it can also be played at the Pentagon, the White House, hospitals, and Army, Navy and Marine bases throughout the world. You will also find the game on college campuses, hotels, motels, recreation centers, Boys Clubs of America and even churches. And, you will find it in many American homes, from modest to affluent.

Table shuffleboard is no flash-in-the-pan game. It is an integral part of American industry in the field of recreation. It is not a game of the past and though its history is a colorful one, it is not a museum piece. It is a game for the future as recreation and leisure become more and more a way of life.

**Notes/Autographs**

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