

**5th Annual Board Talk
Shufflers'
Reunion
Tournament**



June 30 - July 4, 1989

**Holiday Inn South
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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! We hope this 5th Annual Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion 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, trophies, and helped defray some of the expenses of staging this tournament. They deserve your appreciation and patronage.

It also contains a "Winners' Circle" honor roll of the previous four 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, jot down the address of a new-found friend, or collect autographs of players from other states, so we've left a few blank pages for that purpose.

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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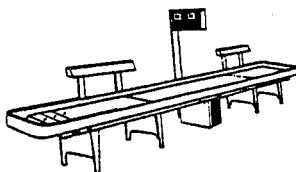
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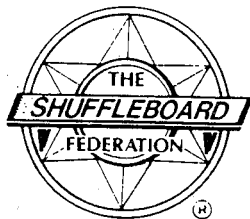
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1. All games are to 15 points.
2. If there is no score in a frame, the hammer switches.
3. If the leading weights in a frame are tied, there is no score and the hammer changes.
4. Any weights in question will be called by a minimum of three people, and five in the finals or in a game situation, and shall be done by a written ballot.
5. Any weight in danger of falling off the end of the board may be made safe by an official at the request of any of the players involved.
6. No blasting on a clear board, no warning; one point penalty.
7. You may wax dry spots on the rails, up to the foul line, on the end of the board you are shooting only. All other re-waxing shall be done by an official at their discretion.
8. All matches shall have pre-designated boards and starting times, which shall be written on the bracket chart prior to the draw; game time is forfeit time; all players should check in with an official 10 minutes prior to the start of their matches.
9. Please show respect for players on the boards next to you.
10. Players shall stand behind their opponent while the opponent is shooting; one warning, then a one point penalty thereafter.
11. All players shall shake hands before and after each match.
12. No physical or verbal harassment of players while shooting; no warning, two point penalty.
13. No drinks, cigarettes, or any foreign objects in hands while shooting.
14. No changing weights from one board to another; automatic disqualification.
15. No tampering with or altering of boards, weights, or wax; automatic disqualification.
16. Flip for choice of hammer or color before the first game; loser of the flip has choice in the second game; if a third game is necessary, flip again.
17. Players shall be allowed to use their own weights, and when doing so, their opponent shall have the option of using them also.
18. All matches in Pro Tour Tournaments which are involved in the point standings will be two out of three, double elimination.
19. Players may walk to the opposite end of the board to look at the position of the weights.
20. More than one minute between shots shall constitute slow play; one point penalty. Also, more than five minutes between games once a match has started shall constitute slow play and a one point per minute penalty will be assessed.
21. In doubles matches, three time-outs of two minutes each will be allowed per team per game.
22. If the object weight has wax on the side which may result in a "soft" or "mush" hit, you may have an official wipe off and re-spot the weight.
23. If a player makes a weight safe and then outlags it, the lag will not count.
24. No double release shots shall be permitted.
25. No player shall play consecutive matches on the same board.
26. Each player in singles, and each team in doubles, shall have five minutes practice before each match.
27. All other generally accepted rules of good sportsmanship should be observed.
28. Each player should consider it his or her responsibility to report any violations of these rules to a tournament official.

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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

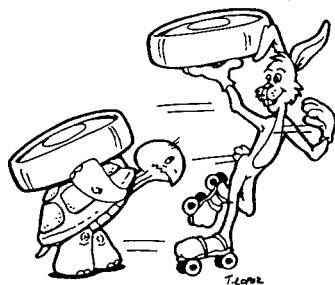
3rd — Lee McDonald, Michigan

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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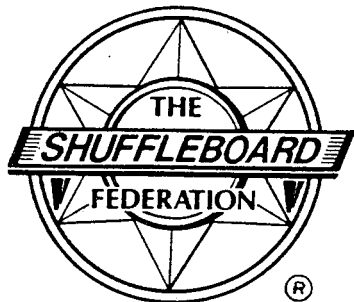
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2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament — 1986

- Draw Your Partner: 1st — Gene Gach, Michigan; and Bobby Voorhis, Indiana
2nd — Jerry Siebert, Michigan; and Shirley Harris, Ohio
- 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
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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 29

9 a.m. - ? Boards open for round robins and practice.

Friday, June 30

? - 7 p.m. Boards open for round robins and practice.

7 p.m. Review of rules, introductions, announcements.

8 p.m. Auctions for men's singles, women's singles, open doubles.

10 p.m. Men's (\$100 entry) and women's singles (\$50 entry) start (4 boards for men, 2 for women). Both events best 2 of 3, double elimination.

Saturday, July 1

8 a.m. Continuation of men's singles and women's singles.

Sunday, July 2

8 a.m. Continuation of events.

Open doubles (\$150 per team) start, best 2 of 3, double elimination.

6 p.m. Auction for mixed doubles.

Monday, July 3

8 a.m. Open doubles continues.

After completion of open doubles, mixed doubles (\$100 per team) will start. Single game, double elimination.

Tuesday, July 4

8 a.m. Completion of mixed doubles, if needed.

Have a safe trip home! See you next year!

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3rd Annual Board Talk Tournament - 1987

Mixed Doubles: 1st -- Trish Turner, Michigan, and Larry Creakbaum,
Indiana
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

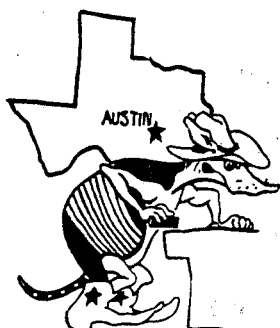
Open Doubles: 1st -- Bill Lally, Pennsylvania/Mickey Mickens, New
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2nd -- Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr, Indiana
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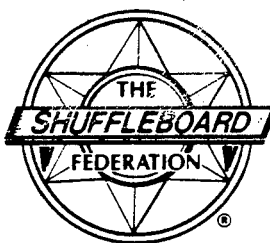
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4th Annual Board Talk Tournament — 1988

Open Singles:	1st —	Darrol Nelson, Oregon
	2nd —	Mickey Mickens, New Jersey
	3rd —	Howard Mouton, Texas
	4th —	Jim DeWitt, Indiana
Women's Singles:	1st —	Deb Somers, Indiana
	2nd —	Rita Yank, Pennsylvania
	3rd —	Cheryl Collins, Michigan
Open Doubles:	1st —	Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr, Indiana
	2nd —	Darrol Nelson, Oregon, and Mickey Mickens, New Jersey
	3rd —	John Lukas, Maryland, and Don Casula, Delaware
Mixed Doubles:	1st —	Janet Cook and Howard Mouton, Texas
	2nd —	Buddy and Fritz Broka, Ohio
	3rd —	Diana Hagen and David Williams, Texas



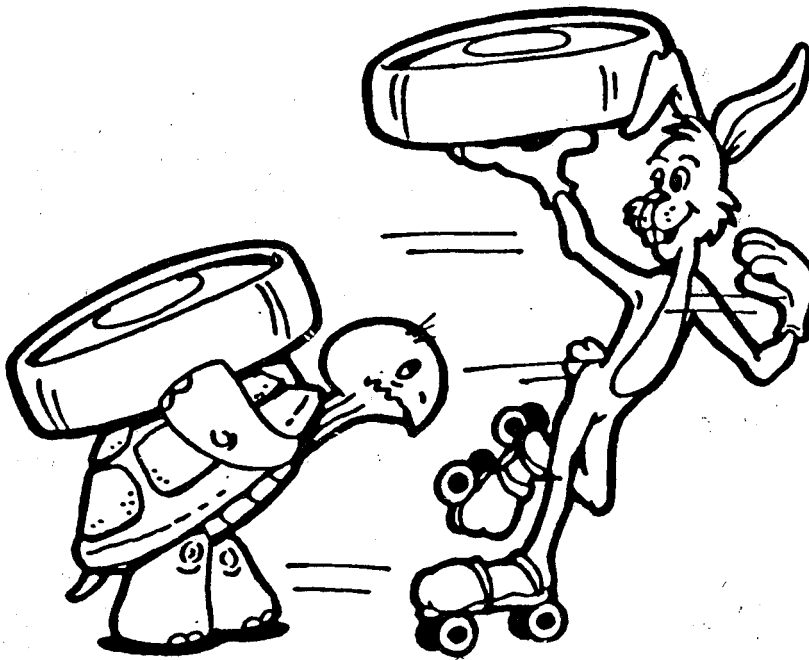
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THE HISTORY OF SHUFFLEBOARD

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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.

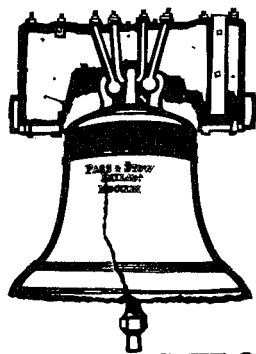
Shuffleboard made its way across the country. In 1904, gentleman Jim Corbett, an avid player, had a tavern owner named Croll install a table in his Alameda, Calif., pub. "Doc" Croll, his son, claimed it was the first table shuffleboard in that part of the country.

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.



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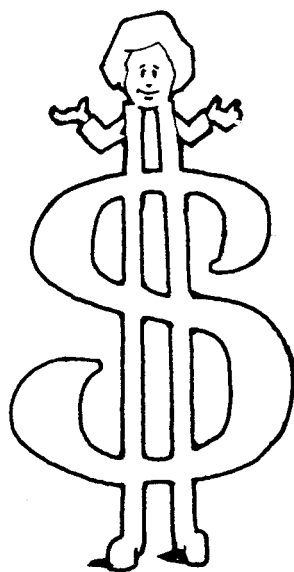
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