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The Hammer

It's easy to rate a tournament if you're a participant. It's lousy, fair, good, excellent or fantastic — and lots of times that rating is influenced by whether or not you finished in the money.

It's not so easy to rate a tournament if you're the organizer. In fact, it's darn near impossible to come up with an objective evaluation. By the time the tourney finally happens, you've invested so much time, work and prayers that you're too worn out to accurately gauge the response of players. And because you did invest so much, you're inclined to bask in the glory of positive feedback and discount the agony of negative feedback.

We know; we've just been there. The Second Annual Board Talk Tournament is now history and we share our observations with some pride and some concerns.

The Positives

This is a random list, not one of importance or priority; we're going to let our fingers do the talking. . . .

Participation was gratifying. We had players from seven states — and Canada! The participation of three Canadian players who traveled almost 1,500 miles (one way!) to be there was a great experience for everyone. While Mike Jacoby (remember how his letter started almost a year-long feature of nominations for the best place in the USA for shuffleboard action?) and Harvey Groleau gave U.S. players a run for their money, John Komadowski shared ideas with anyone who would listen (and everyone did).

Mike and Harvey easily adapted to our long boards (their league play is on 14-foot boards) and John showed all participants, with his Canadian Shuffleboard Congress official rules and regulations, his shuffleboard sanction card, his patches, scoring sheets and province pins, that they are way ahead of us in terms of organization!

Our support system was super! Just because we're publishers of "the voice of shuffleboard" doesn't mean we're experts at staging a tournament. This was our second big one; we needed help and we got it!

Our officials were Bobby Voorhis, Larry Creakbaum and Steve Hart from Indiana; Jimmy Kumpula from Florida; Marie Sweeney and Joe Kowaleski of Michigan. They were called upon to make some close calls and prep the boards for the next match and they did their job well. But we'd like to pay tribute to a couple so-called officials who went far beyond the call of duty. Steve Hart earned himself a reputation as M.C. and auctioneer, even though he had an impacted wisdom tooth that was giving him fits. Larry

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Tourney Talk

Washington Tournament Round-Up

Mike Pond and Dave Arndt took first place honors in a "Show of Masters" tournament at Larry & Ray's Tavern, Tacoma, on May 3-4. Second place went to Jim Allis and Jim Foran, with Al Pease and Dave Uhron in third. "This was a good tournament even though there were only 13 teams," said Washington reporters Mike Pond and Clara Kenney. "The money was good and the competition very tough."

A Memorial Day tournament at West One Tavern, with prize money totalling \$5,495, was won by Al Pease and Mike Pond, who have won this tourney two years in a row. Jim Allis and Galen Gaunce came in second, with Dave Arndt and Frank Monarrez finishing third. "I would suggest this tournament to players all over," reports Mike.

The first annual "Show Me" singles tournament at Larry & Ray's June 21-22 drew 19 players with first place honors going to Al Pease. Mike Pond came in second with Jim Allis in third place. It was a 2 out of 3 double elimination tourney and featured players such as Mel Currie, the Canadian champion; Don Mitchell and Gary Singer of Portland; and Don (D. K.) Kerr from Longview. Organizers hope for a big-

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1986 National Shuffleboard Calendar

Aug. 8-10

Aqua Festival U.S. Open, Villa Capri
Motor Hotel, Austin, Texas

Aug. 16

Draw Partner Tourney, P.T.'s,
Houston, Texas

Aug. 29-Sept. 1

Labor Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs
Marysville, California

Oct. 10-13

Columbus Day Tournament, Honey Comb
Lounge, Dallas, Texas

Oct. 11-13

"Mega-Bucks" Tourney, P.T.'s,
Houston, Texas

Oct. 11

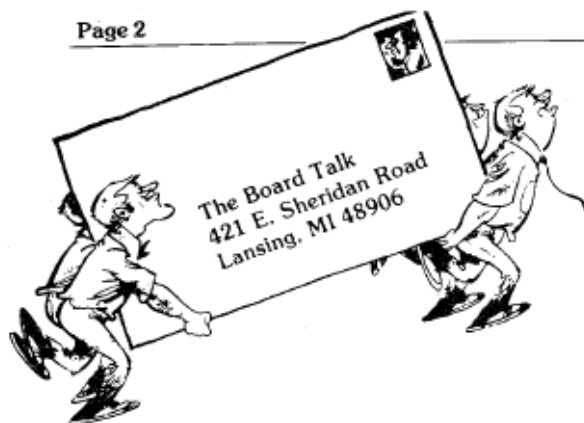
Annual Fall Tournament, American
Legion, Bourbon, Indiana

Nov. 28-30

2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend
Tournament, Stagger Inn, Bellflower, Calif.

February 1987

Washington's Birthday Tournament,
Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas



Glen Speaks Out on Wax and Rules and Other Things

I just got back from Good Ole California — Earthquake Country. Talk about being shook up!

The tourney at the Best Little Warehouse in Temecula was a success (see Tourney Talk for results). Thanks to owner Ted Z, Karl Spickelmier and Joe Muniz for running a good tournament. Karl did an excellent job on the bracket board, Joe on the auction and Ted Z and his wife were great hosts.

This was their first one and there were a few things that could be improved, as with all firsts. Number one — all white wax is a no-no in tourney play or any other way. There were mush or soft hits all during the tourney which cost some players a game. Instead of the bar owner saying this is the way I want it, there should be a vote by the majority of the players of the tourney to decide. The all super glide on a board will wear out the board on the edges, causing inconsistency in speed.

We have found that mixing some yellow wax 5-Star with the white to prevent soft hits and excessive streaking works well. We stopped using all white in this area five years ago when we all decided to improve shuffleboard and get away from the tricks. To win, you have to play, not be a tricky-dicky.

I will report anything that will give anyone else unfair advantage over another player or team. If we ever hope to improve shuffleboard and maybe hit TV, we have got to get some standards and rules and have all tournaments go by them. I say form a five-man committee and run these tourneys right.

I hear talk that at a certain tourney held in California, that if you play a certain team there, you will always play them on a certain board. This is hearsay, but this is what has happened for many years and has kept shuffleboard in the gutter. Let's all pull together and get all this "getting the edge" out of shuffleboard and win by playing, not by tricks.

When you see something that's unfair, let the director know that you know and if this unfairness is not corrected, then don't support their tourney — even if you have to stage a walk-out. I personally will send a set of rules that I made up for the Professional Shuffleboard Association five years ago to anyone having a tournament who wants to run it fair for everyone. Send request and \$5.00 to Glen Davidson, 3220 Cragg, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73150.

Another few things I will mention is seating for the players, trophies for all tournaments first and second will be sufficient, air conditioning and plenty of room at each end of the board.

Also, I am now officially stating that Darroll Nelson is the new World's Champion shuffleboard player. He is a gentle-

Letters to the Editor

man and a dedicated shuffleboard player who will be around for awhile for all of us to shoot at.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City

(I'm sure Ted Z and his wife were fine hosts and I can appreciate an auctioneer's great work as you said about Joe Muniz because ours — Steve Hart of Indiana — was a key to our successful tourney. After meeting and competing against Karl Spickelmier, just his presence would be a plus!

I'm going to respond to your next comments one by one:

1. I've talked with Ed Decepoli of Sun Glo Corporation concerning his super glide (white) wax and he insists he can prove it will not pit or wear out a board any quicker than other waxes. However, he recognizes the humidity factor (a tendency for it to cling to the sides of the pucks, causing the mush or soft hits) and the streaking. Ed also said it wasn't put on the market to be used by itself but to be spread over the powdered wax to help speed up slow or worn-down boards. We have great luck mixing it around here, usually three regular to one super glide.

2. As far as having a vote by the players regarding what products will be used in a tournament such as wax, pucks, spray glaze, etc., unless the hosts know in advance, they would be a case for the funny farm, especially if a vote was taken just prior to game time. I'm sorry, Glen, but I don't consider white wax a tricky-dicky maneuver. There will always be a home board advantage, just as there is in a home field, home court, home fans, home city, etc. However, cream always rises to the top, despite the advantages or disadvantages.

3. I'd be glad to share my set of tournament rules with you and, in turn, I'd be curious to see yours.

4. I like your idea for a committee, but my idea to make shuffleboard grow is to have an organization with officers, plus Rules and Grievance Committees, with all legal players being sanctioned, card-carrying members. No player would qualify or be eligible to win a tournament unless he or she is sanctioned. Until then, we can't honestly name a player of the year or the top ten players in the nation or any other honors other sports extend.

5. I, too, Glen, am a Darroll Nelson fan. He's got more class in his little pinky finger than most of us do in our whole body. But he'll be the first one to turn down any suggestions of world or even U.S. champ unless he could win in an organized qualifying and elimination tournament(s), well-publicized to give any or all a chance to participate.)

A Voice From Tennessee

I enjoy your publication very much. It gives me a chance to visit some of the places I never knew about before. I am a trucker and last week was in Washington Court House, Ohio. While there, I had a chance to go by the H & H Tavern and get acquainted with some of the players there.

There are no shuffleboards in Memphis and when I want to play I drive to Little Rock, Ark. This is my only pastime and I enjoy playing very much.

Harvey L. Walden, Memphis, Tennessee

(Harvey was our very first Tennessee subscriber and is responsible for breaking into another "virgin" territory, Mississippi, with our first subscriber in that state. A salute to you, Harvey!)

Woodie Shares Observations of the Board Talk Tourney

Just to go and participate in the 2nd Annual Board Talk Shuffleboard Tournament is a story in itself, but the real story starts somewhere else.

First of all, you've got to make the rounds, like the Tiger's Inn, Tentee's and the Starting Gate. You talk to Big Wayne, Don the Insurance Man, Jim the Real Estate Man, Audrey Jean, Inez and anyone else that you can catch their eye hoping you can get their support just in case you do good.

Once you have finished your campaigning at home, you set out for Howell, Mich. About half way, you stop in some small town like Anderson, Ind. You may find a little tavern like the Hide-A-Way and meet Don Smith. Then stop at the Triangle Bar. There you will meet some real pros like Emmett Wilcox, Orris "Shuffleboard" Hughes, Tom Vorndran, Valerie Bees and there is always a Dennis (Ding Dong) King around to win a beer off of you.

That's the last time you have to play a game for a drink because once you get to Howell, Mich., everyone there has green eyes. Even J. R. Lopez has green in his eyes.

As an observer, here is what I came up with. The best dressed shuffleboarder was Steve Hart from Anderson. The best smile belonged to Donna Wilber of Lansing. The best story teller was Cass from Detroit. The best legs were attached to Jimmy, the cop. The three perfect gentlemen were John, Mike and Harvey from Canada.

The highlight of my trip was drawing Miss Elly Canterbury in the draw partner event.

Those of you who missed the 2nd Annual Board Talk Tournament should start making your plans for next year. It is really worthwhile.

Woodie Cockrum, St. Louis, Missouri

(Thanks, Woodie, for the commercial! Thanks, too, for allowing us to meet part of your nice family.)

Checking Out Washington Scene

Roy and I took a trip to Washington to do some fishing and shuffleboarding. First on our agenda was to check out Larry & Ray's Tavern in Tacoma. It turned out to be a nice, roomy bar with two good shuffleboards, a beautiful blond behind the bar (Clara Kenney, our new Washington reporter) along with Mike Pond, who also assisted with bartending chores.

Clara was going off on a vacation of her own, so when Mike got off duty, he took us to a neat shoot in Shelton West. This is my kind of town — with a population of only 7,200, there are five active shuffleboards.

Shuffleboarder Dick Doak, I'm told, is responsible for much of this, devoting his spare time to teaching the young people in town the basics of the game.

We played that night at a place called Fir Cone. There were 16 teams. Mike called ahead to tell them we were on our way. They went ahead and drew peas for us. Roy drew one of the better players, Nels Anderson, and took second place. My partner was a young, up-and-coming player with a lot of potential, Mike Rooney. We took third.

From there we headed for the mixed doubles tournament in Hoquiam. Roy and I sweated out the flu in the parking lot of the Ace of Clubs, 2603 Simpson Ave., and waited for the tournament to start.

I liked the boards here and there are a lot of good local players. I'll leave the details to our new Washington reporters.

Jolene Lembke, Bend, Oregon

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- ☆ Tucker's Ale House, 210 N. Union St., Wilmington 19806; phone 302-654-7480
- ☆ Mr. D's, 2463 S. State St., Dover 19901; phone 302-697-9070
- ☆ Kent & Sussex Inn, Northwest Front St., Milford 19963; phone 302-422-4551
- ☆ Zoobar, 11 S. Walnut St., Milford 19963; phone 302-422-5414
- ☆ Milford Tavern, 24 S. Walnut St., Milford 19963; phone 302-422-9945
- ☆ Oaks Tavern, Highway 13, Harrington 19952; phone 302-398-8946

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- ☆ Rendezvous Inn, 362 Front St., Perryville 21903; phone 301-642-2653
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- ☆ Chit Chat Lounge, 22641 Fenkell, Detroit 48223; phone 313-537-0338
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- ☆ McClell's Saloon, 910 W. Saginaw, Lansing, 48915; phone 517-484-8656
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- ☆ Wolf Trap, 1109 S. Broadway, Edmond 73083; phone 405-340-7075
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- ☆ Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd., Ft. Worth; phone 817-451-0607
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- ☆ P. T.'s, 4324 W. 34th St., Houston 77092; phone 713-681-3852
- ☆ Curve Inn, Lake McQueeney 78123
- ☆ Honey Comb Lounge, 10569 Denton Dr., Dallas 75220; phone 214-956-7981

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- ☆ The Edgewood, 10122 E. Rosecrans, Bellflower 90706
- ☆ Tustin Inn, 440 E. 1st St., Tustin; phone 714-731-3446
- ☆ Stagger Inn, 9104 Alondra Blvd., Bellflower 90706; phone 213-886-9311
- ☆ Best Little Wherehouse, 43084 Rancho Way, Temecula 92390; 714-676-3770
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- ☆ Cozy Inn, 11155 Washington Place, Culver City 90230; 213-838-3826

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- ☆ Steelhead Tavern, 6401 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass 97527
- ☆ Hunt & Fish Tavern, 12750 SW Farmington, Beaverton 97005; phone 503-644-7847
- ☆ Black Cat Tavern, 8230 SE 13th St., Portland 97202; phone 503-235-3571
- ☆ Village Inn, 5915 SE 82nd, Portland 97266
- ☆ Palm Steak House & Tavern, 136 N. 4th St., Springfield 97487; 503-746-6267

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Images: 2nd Annual Board Talk Tourney

Going, Going Gone . . .



Hoosier Steve Hart's charm as an M.C. and nonsense style as an auctioneer brought him offers from other quarters of The World of Shuffleboard.

Draw Partners Draws Biggest Participation



Gene Gach (Michigan) and Bobby Voorhis (Indiana) were tops in a 24-team field of competitors in the Draw Partners event.



It was a lucky draw for Jerry Siebert (Michigan) when he drew Shirley Harris (Ohio). It was a winning combination for second place.

Experience Pays Off in Mixed Doubles Shuffleboard Match



The experienced team of Jerry Hershman and Marie Sweeney (Michigan) took top honors in the Mixed Doubles.



A new combination of Jim Long (Indiana) and Elly Canterbury (Michigan) earned a second place spot.



Husband and wife team Carol and Wayne Reist (Michigan) took third place. They also won the big door prize from The Stagger Inn (California), a radio/cassette player/recorder.

Doubles Defending Champs Repeat Their Winning Ways



1985 Doubles champions J. R. Lopez and Lee McDonald (Michigan) were successful in their bid to defend their Board Talk Tournament title.



Jeff Cottrell and Jerry Hershman (Michigan) appear happy with second place, possibly because they bought themselves in the auction and didn't have to share with anybody else?



Harvey Groleau and Mike Jacoby (Canada), who play on 14-foot boards back home, didn't let that stop them as they took third place honors. During scheduled events and open play, they earned the respect of U.S. players.

Players Face Tough Battle in Singles Competition



In a hard-fought battle, Lee McDonald (Michigan) took the Singles title.



Rick Stocker (Indiana) gave him a run for his money to take second place.



If Dave Boaz (Indiana), hiding behind his shades, took third place in the Singles, why is his good buddy Steve Hart pounding his body? It's an "inside joke" and we'll never tell!

Ditto for Women's Singles



Marie Sweeney (Michigan) went down to the wire to capture the Women's Singles title.



While second place winner Delores McDonald (Michigan) poses with her trophy, husband Lee checks the money envelope.

Keep Smilin' — Keep Shinin'



Charming hostesses Jamie Hoffman, Mary Lisle and Josie Bordayo (all of Michigan) kept smiling as they signed up players for the various events, kept the auction books, sold Board Talk subscriptions, Board Talk T-shirts and meal tickets, and invited players and their fans to register for door prizes.

The Indispensables . . .



Tournament officials Joe Kowaleski (Michigan) and Larry Creakbaum (Indiana) were more than officials. They were an indispensable support system to the tournament organizers, always there to prep the boards, alert the next team up, and keep events running smoothly.

Salute to Gracious Hosts



Nick (far right) and Harry (second from left) Kovanis, Log Cabin hosts; Nick's son Luke, daughter Loukea, wife Pat, daughter Georgea and waitress Jody (far left) earned a salute from all the participants of the second annual Board Talk Tournament for their hospitality, good food and service for the second consecutive year.

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ger and better tournament next year.

A mixed doubles tourney was held at the Ace of Clubs, Hoquiam, Wash., on July 5-6. First place winners were Clark Kenney and Linda Stephanson with Jim Allis and Michelle Foran in second place, and Nels and Jackie Anderson in third.

Indiana Action

A \$100 per team single elimination tournament at the Triangle Bar, Anderson, was won by Tom and Bob Vordran. Bobby Voorhis and Jerry Warr took second place honors.

Wayne Reist and Jerry Siebert of Lansing, Mich., traveled to the Palace Bar, Fairmount, Ind., to win the \$100 per team event on July 19. Bob Brown Sr. and Jr., took second place honors in the 70-30 purse, no auction.

The American Bar, Portland, will host a \$100 per team doubles event on Aug. 23. Sixteen team limit. Call 219-726-9252 to make your reservations.

Norris/Barnbrook Take Black Cat's His & Hers Title

Hot temperatures, long hours and lively sideline entertainment added up to a fun weekend for participants in the Black Cat Tavern's (Portland, Ore.) His & Hers Tournament June 6-8. Seventeen teams entered the tourney, hosted by Shirley and Gene Johnson, and each team played every other team once. The total purse was \$1,980.

First place winners were Chuck Norris (-3) and Gail Barnbrook (+3) with a total handicap of 0. Dave Uhron (+1) and Linda Steffenson (+2) with a total handicap of +3 took second place, with John Mull (-1) and Jeannie Conklin (+2), total handicap of +1, took third.

Maryland Summer Tournament Action

A tournament at the Epics Lounge, Rising Sun, on June 4 was won by Donny White and Johnny Bibbs. On June 11 at Chesapeake City VFW, the tourney was won by Vinnie Killen and "The Silver Fox," Wilson Adams.

Donnie Casula and Phyllis Rutherford won the June 18 tournament at the Lafayette Inn, Rising Sun.

Cheyenne's Cowboy Bar Site of Two June Tourneys

Doc Khan's "Home Tournament," held at the Cowboy Bar, Cheyenne, Wyo., on June 13-16, featured four events — a women's singles, men's singles, mixed singles and mixed doubles. Total pot for the four events was almost \$2,700.

In the women's singles, Megan Khan took first place with Candace Jordan in second place and Rita Farrell in third. Doc took first place honors in the men's singles with Joe Bessler in second and Clarence in third place. Doc also took first place in the mixed singles with Dent Madison in second place and Clarence finishing third. In the mixed doubles, Megan Khan and Cele took first with George D. and George M. in second place and Doc and Larry in third.

The Pre-Frontier Days Tournament at the Cowboy Bar on June 27-29 was supervised by Travis Anderson and featured a singles and doubles event. The total purse amounted to about \$1,100.

Taking first place honors in the singles was Travis Anderson, Denver, with Ed (Horse) Jordan of Cheyenne in second and Frank Powers, Denver, in third place.

Jody Slack and Paul Maccarrone of Denver teamed up to take first place in the doubles. Megan Khan of Cheyenne and Travis Anderson took second place with Sherry Brewer and George Ostrom, both of Denver, finishing third.



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Included among the players who enjoyed the Khan's Sunday brunch were (left to right) Mike and Sherry Brewer, Cindy and Frank Powers, hostess Megan Khan, Travis Anderson and George D.

Davidson/Boyer/Nelson Tops in Corporate Image Tourney

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, and Rick Boyer of Austin, Texas, took first place in the doubles at the Corporate Image, Ft. Worth, Texas, June 20-22. Second place honors went to Billy Mays, Dallas, and Sam Summers, Oklahoma City. Third place winners were George Ostrom, Denver, and Eddie Graves of Oklahoma City.

Darroll Nelson of Eugene, Ore., took first place in the singles, with Glen Davidson in second place, and Dave Williams of Ft. Worth capturing third place honors.

There was \$18,000 in prize and auction money.

Dave Williams reminds shuffleboarders to plan their vacations around the Corporate Image's Washington's Birthday Tournament next February. Last year's total purse was \$34,000 and they hope this one will be \$50,000. "This will be the tournament of the year with prizes and money added," Dave says.

Addison Wins Ladies' Tourney at Amarillo

At a Ladies' B players tournament in Amarillo, Texas, on June 28, Deniece Addison finished first. Alma Petty came in second with Becky Hersom finishing third.

Nelson/Davidson Big Winners at Ted Z's 4th of July Tourney

Darroll Nelson of Oregon and Glen Davidson of Oklahoma teamed up to win the first annual 4th of July tournament at Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, Temecula, Calif. Ted Z and Karl Spickelmier, California, took second place honors with Joe Muniz, California, and John McDermott, Michigan, in third place.

In the singles event, winner was Darroll (The Machine) Nelson. Karl Spickelmier took second with Glen Davidson finishing third.

Davidson reports that two women players made "quite an impression" at the tourney — Chris Monahan and Joanie Swenson from the L.A. area all-stars. Players from The Edgewood, Tustin Inn and Shelter also participated, along with players from Phoenix.

U.S. Open, Austin, Texas, Aug. 6-10

It's time to head for Texas and the U.S. Open at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel in Austin.

On Aug. 6-7, there will be draw partners events for \$20 and \$50 entry fees. The Aug. 8-10 schedule includes a bring-your-partner doubles, \$100 per person entry fee,

double elimination; singles at \$300 per person entry fee, best two of three, double elimination; and a women's event, \$50 per person entry fee. The auction is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8.

For information regarding the tournament, contact Don Valk, 512-443-0777, or Bill Melton, 405-369-2448. They'll arrange for airport pick-up upon request.

Mixed Doubles, Lakeside Lounge Union Lake, Mich., Aug. 16-17

The Lakeside Lounge, 9500 Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake, Mich., will host a mixed doubles tournament on Aug. 16-17. \$10 per couple entry fee with 50-35-15 payoff. Auction scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th. A pig roast is available for participants and their fans for \$5 per person.

For information, call Elly Canterbury, 313-698-4104.

Doubles Tourney, Seafarer, Washington, Aug. 29-31

The Seafarer Tavern in Warrenton, Wash., will host its annual doubles tournament on Aug. 29-30-31. Best two of three games, double elimination, pays 55-25-15.

An added incentive is salmon and corn-on-the-cob for players and their galleries. Watch for further information.

Labor Day Tourney, Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif.

The Ace of Clubs, 3281 St., Marysville, Calif., will sponsor a Labor Day tourney Aug. 29-31 with finals on Sept. 1. Doubles entry fee, \$200 per team; singles, \$150 per person. Sales for both events will start at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. Tourney will start with the doubles on Saturday morning with 60-30-10 payoff.

Tournament directors will be Jerry Miller and Fred Thumann. Call them at 916-743-6885 for information.

Houston's "Biggest \$10 Draw" Tournament P.T.'s, Aug. 16

A guaranteed \$5,000 pot (entry and auction) is the big attraction for Houston's "Biggest \$10 Draw" tournament at P.T.'s Shuffleboard Alley, 4324 W. 34th St., on Aug. 16.

P. T., who has already established a reputation for being a generous host and smooth tournament director, is making that guarantee. It will be a double elimination draw partners event, completed in one day, if possible. P.T.'s six boards will help make that happen.

Drawing is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15. Auction will be on Saturday, time scheduled according to entries. Pays five places — 50-20-15-10-5.

For further information or to make your reservation, call 713-681-3852.

Big Time in Big D, Oct. 10-13

The Honey Comb Lounge, 10569 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas, will be the site of a "Columbus Day Shuffleboard Team Challenge" on Oct. 10-13. In a six-man team event, with \$1,000 entry fee, every team will play every team entered. Total team points will determine winners.

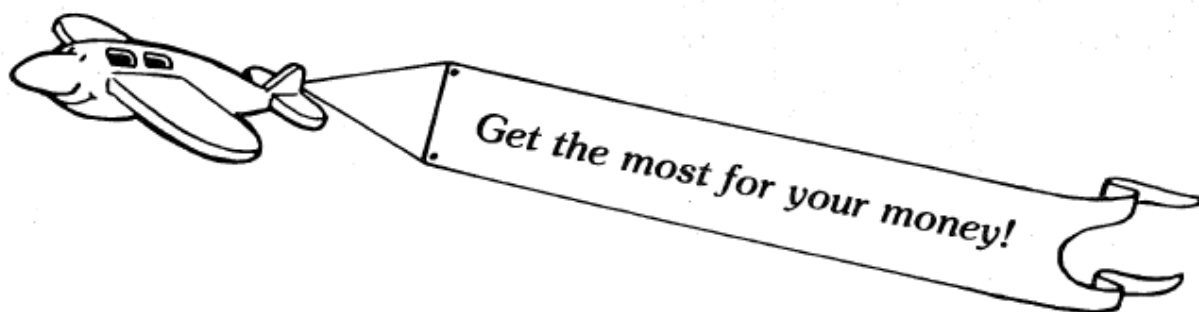
Entry fee for the bring-your-partner doubles is \$300 per team, best of three match, double elimination.

For further information, contact Roger Schmitz at the Honey Comb, 213-956-7981, or Bob White, 214-351-4829. (See ad in this issue.)

Mega-Bucks Tourney at P.T.'s, Oct. 11-13

Breaking all records for a big pot is the goal of P. T. during a Columbus Day "Mega-Bucks" tournament on Oct. 11-13. The tourney will feature a singles, \$150 entry fee; draw partner, \$100 entry fee, and a bring-your-partner event, \$300 entry fee.

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A Letter FROM the Editors

Dear Board Talk Subscribers:

AP, UPI, Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News — they all focus the spotlight of public attention on top achievers in football, baseball, tennis, bowling, golf, almost every sport, except shuffleboard. We hope the day will come when that changes but, in the meantime, we believe that top achievers in The World of Shuffleboard should receive the recognition they deserve.

Therefore, we will begin publishing standings based on players' finishes in tournament play. Some type of criteria is necessary for the credibility of these standings, so we have developed requirements to get them started.

These requirements, at this time, are not "cast in stone" and we encourage your feedback and questions:

1. There must be at least 16 entries/teams in a tournament to qualify for points.
2. The tournament must be held in a qualified location. (During the first year, all locations start out being "qualified." However, during the second year, a location could lose its qualified status based on player feedback regarding board condition — levelness, smoothness, speed, wax used, etc.).
3. Points will be awarded for the top 10 finishes in singles, doubles and mixed doubles: 10 for 1st, 9 for 2nd, 8 for 3rd, etc.
4. Players must participate in a minimum of six tournaments a year (Aug. 1, 1986 to Aug. 1, 1987) to qualify. Because some players have the resources to participate in more tournaments than other players do, points will be averaged out at the end of the year by the number of tournaments entered.
5. All tournament charts must be sent to The Board Talk to verify number of entries and assure proper point distribution.

Let's take an example from a tournament reported in this issue (Tourney Talk, page 1) and assume it was held after Aug. 1. There were 19 players in the "Show Me" singles tournament at Larry and Ray's Tavern in Tacoma, Wash., so players would qualify for points. First place winner Al Peace would get 10 points, Mike Pond would get 9 points, Jim Allis would get 8 points, and the other players through 10th place would get points according to their finishes.

Board Talk trophies will be awarded to the top three players of the year. If there is enough interest in sponsorship of this recognition program, perhaps a cash prize can be awarded along with the trophy.

We invite your reaction and input into the development of this recognition program for shuffleboarders.

George and Donna Wilber
Editors

The Hammer (continued from page 1)

Creakbaum and Joe Kowaleski served as tough but fair tournament directors, always there to keep things running smoothly.

For lack of a better title, we call them tournament hostesses — experienced Mary Lisle (Crazy Mary) and Jamie Hoffman and newcomer Josie Bordayo. That title is a misnomer and we're going to try for a more appropriate one next year. If you've never had the responsibility of not only collecting entry fees for five events, but also for recording the auctions — who bought who for how much — and then divided each of the entries and auctions into three envelopes, 60-30-10 (figure it up — that's 30 payoffs!), you can't really appreciate the work these people do. When you're handling thousands of dollars, you don't make any mistakes and these people didn't!

Our contributing sponsors deserve a special salute. The Playfair Shuffleboard Company of Indiana and the Ace of Clubs of California teamed up to help us purchase the 16 trophies we awarded. The Stagger Inn, also of California, awarded the top door prize — a classy radio/cassette player/recorder. The Palace Bar and Bob's Triange Bar, both of Indiana, contributed a clock/radio/telephone combination and a charcoal grill for door prizes, and all of The Log Cabin's beer distributors donated those collectible mirrors and signs that add to the decor of family and recreation rooms. The anticipation and excitement of having your name drawn for prizes added a lot to the agenda.

Our hosts, the entire Kovanis family, was definitely a positive. Their hospitality, good food and generosity (a free 4th of July picnic and "Have a Safe Trip Home" sandwich board, plus door prizes and caps commemorating the event) earned a place in the hearts of all participants for the Kovanis family and their staff.

The participants themselves rank at the top of the positive list. For all the tough competition on the boards, there were no serious confrontations. The warm camaraderie between players from the different states and Canada was a special part of the three-day event. Watching singles champ Lee McDonald of Michigan and second-place winner Rick Stocker of Indiana talk it over after a tough match was a heartwarming illustration of the respect shuffleboard competitors have for each other.

The Negatives

One factor on the negative side for us was that, for the second year in a row, we had no participation from west of

the Mississippi. Given the expense of travel and no really big bucks to attract those players here, it's understandable, but disappointing. We did have some tough competition with tourneys in Washington, Texas and California — all for the same weekend.

Wouldn't it be great to have the sponsorship that would allow us to finance a tournament that would put the winners of each of the four tournaments against each other to determine a national winner?

The other negative, for the organizers, was that it cost us a bundle of money we couldn't afford. The expense of bringing in extra boards, the supplies, the refreshments bought for hard-working helpers in lieu of salaries, hotel and food costs, printed programs, courtesy signs for contributing sponsors, engraving for trophies — add it up and we come up with a big red figure!

What's the answer? As we figure it, we either find a sponsor with a fat purse, a host bar that's flush enough to absorb all the expenses, or take a small percentage of the auction to cover expenses. We've got a year to think about it; maybe you can help.

In the meantime, suffice to say that weary as we were, we had a good time. We're taking that as a sign that it was a good tournament.

George and Donna Wilber
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