

# The Board Talk

News and Views  
from the World  
of Shuffleboard

Vol. 1 No. 2

The Board Talk is published by George & Donna Wilber, 3206  
Alfred Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906; phone 517-321-0008.

February 1984

## The Hammer

You don't give birth to anything without labor pains and the birthing of *The Board Talk* was no exception. Like most births, the conceiving was fun...planting the seed of an idea, getting someone to share in the conception, gathering positive feedback for an unborn product, visualizing the enthusiastic greeting for the new "baby"... Yes! That part was great fun!

The actual birthing process was something else. First of all, could we afford to have this child? (Will shuffleboard sponsors respond with ad revenue support?) Second, what would the newborn's first words be? (Writing is easy; all you have to do is sit down at the typewriter and open a vein!) Third, what should it look like? (It must be pleasing to both players and sponsors.) Fourth, how do we get it delivered? (A real challenge when Mother Nature decides to throw up some roadblocks!) In short, *The Board Talk* labor pains were, indeed, painful.

We had some "midwives" during the birthing process, however, that pulled it through and they're deserving of some special recognition.

There were the shuffleboard sponsors who said, "Yes, it's a good idea; I'll support it with my ads."

There was Bob Gross, *Lansing State Journal* sports writer, who said, "Yes, I'll write a column for your first issue."

There was Michigan Farm Bureau typographer and graphic designer Cathy Kirvan who said, "Yes, I'll give up my vacation time to get this first issue of *Board Talk* off the ground."

There was John McDermott who said, "Yes, I'll get you some Pontiac area news and standings and help deliver the new baby to sponsors and players in that part of the state."

There was Bill Bogle and his crew from Farm Bureau's print shop who said, "Yes, we'll work it into our schedule to meet your deadline."

It was these people, without whose assistance we'd still be thinking about this great idea for a shuffleboard newsletter, who should be sharing the phone calls and personal contact expressions of support I'm getting. Bless them all!

Whether this child lives or dies is still uncertain. Certainly, the will to live is there. The nourishment it will need is the continued support of shuffleboard sponsor advertising and the contributions of news and views from shuffleboard players. In most cases, the saying, "The ball's in your court" would be appropriate, but, in our situation...

YOU'VE got the hammer!

George Wilber, Editor

## Tourney Talk

The new shuffleboard year opened with a bang at A. J.'s Saloon (Pontiac) on Jan. 7-8, where 10 of Michigan's finest put up \$100 each for a chance to win a spot in the Las Vegas tournament.

Lee McDonald of Lansing captured first place and the title of Michigan's ambassador to the first official world championship shuffleboard tournament. Four Detroit shooters — Lou Herfi, John McDermott, John Myles and John Tischler — finished second through fifth respectively.

The tournament was played as a best 2 out of 3 double elimination and provided lots of exciting shuffleboard. The top two players, McDonald and Herfi, played each other three times, with all three matches going the distance.

The next weekend, 20 teams gathered at the Wagon Wheel Tavern (Lake Orion) for a mixed doubles event. The tournament was a double elimination with the winners on each board advancing to the finals and the runners-up on each board playing for third and fourth places.

The south board champs, Cheryl Collins and John McDermott, defeated the north board winners, Dennis Wilson and Elly Canterbury, two games to one. McDermott and Collins won the tournament by posting a 15-3 win in the final game, giving Wilson and Canterbury second-place honors. Phil and Lenny McGrue took third. The father-daughter team of Marv Foster and Shelly Usik took fourth.

**Correction:** *Buth Bone* took third place in the November singles tourney at A. J.'s Saloon.

## Upcoming Tournaments

- ▶ C.G.'s Lounge, Edmore, Feb. 4. Doubles tournament, double elimination, \$10 per team. Starts at 2 p.m.
- ▶ Stober's Lounge, Lansing, Feb. 10. Lake Orion/Pontiac Women versus Lansing Area Women, 7 p.m.
- ▶ Art's Bar, Lansing, Feb. 18-19. First four-person team event. Double elimination; best 4 out of 7 games. \$80 per team entry fee. See ad this issue. Lots of specials, including shuffleboarder breakfast on Saturday and buffet luncheon on Sunday.
- ▶ Lakeside Lounge, Union Lake, Feb. 25-26. Mixed doubles. Double elimination. \$10 per team. See ad this issue.
- ▶ Dublin House, Detroit, March 9-10. Doubles tournament, double elimination. At Detroit's newest shuffleboard bar. See ad this issue.
- ▶ Showboat, Las Vegas, April 19-22. U.S. shuffleboard championship doubles tournament. More information in next issue.