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In the bring your partner event, Diana Hagen of Texas teamed up with Hal Perry of California to take top honors. Ric Curry and Dale Koteras finished second with Tony Howard and Ramone Bolger in third.

Tony reports that "anything can happen" in shuffleboard. "Lilly Kidd and Mary Koteras got their auction for dirt cheap because nobody but them figured they could do it," Tony reports. "The women kicked buns and took names. Two of the names they took were Dale Koteras and Lee Brady, the same team that finished third at the U.S. Open in Austin, Texas, in 1987. Mary slid and hid a duece on her husband Dale to win the game."

14 States Represented at Board Talk Annual

Players from 14 states gathered at Beef's Shamrock Bar in Waterloo, Indiana, for The Board Talk's 4th Annual Tournament, July 1-4. Nine of those states were represented in the winners' circle in four events, each taking a share of the \$22,945 pot back home. Spectators and players alike were treated to a marathon of exciting games that started Friday night and continued through until 10:30 Monday evening.

In the open singles, Darrol Nelson of Oregon finished first in a field of 32 contenders. Mickey Mickens of New Jersey took second place honors, with Howard Mouton, Texas, in third, and Jim DeWitt of Indiana in fourth.

Hoosier Deb Somers did the host state proud as she beat out 13 other hopefuls in the women's singles. Rita Yank of Pennsylvania finished second, with Cheryl Collins of Michigan in third place.

Home-staters Bobby Voorhis and Jerry (Radar) Warr were winners of the 18-team open doubles event. First and second place singles winners Darrol Nelson and Mickey Mickens joined forces to take second place honors. Don Casula of Delaware and John Lukas of Maryland collected their third place purse before beginning their long trek back East.

All of the 4th of July fireworks were on the Playfair boards as 17 teams staged a valiant fight for top honors in the mixed doubles. Texans Janet Cook and Howard Mouton came out the victors. Buddy and Fritz Broka of Ohio finished second, with Diana Hagen and David Williams of Texas in third place.

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Cox Takes Double-Header at Ted Z's

Donnie Cox of California took top honors in the singles at Ted Z's 4th of July tournament at the Best Little Warehouse in Temecula, Calif., and then did a repeat performance with

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A standing-room only crowd cheered as gentleman Darrol Nelson (right) of Oregon accepted his prize money from auctioneer Steve Hart. Darrol finished first in the open singles and second in the open doubles.



A couple of great players showed The World of Shuffleboard that Indiana grows 'em tough. Bobby Voorhis finished first in the open doubles and Deb Somers took first in the women's singles.



Oh, my gawd -- send in the masseuse, moans Judy Iseman of Maryland after a very short night in Indiana. A moment of relaxation on a plywood-covered pool table before the crowd convenes is enough to revive her for the next game.