

The Board Talk

News and Views
from the World
of Shuffleboard

Vol. 2 No. 8

The Board Talk is published by George & Donna Wilber, 421 E.
Sheridan Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906; phone 517-371-2538.

August 1985

The Hammer

Who the hell is Anthony Cacciavillani (alias Conch)? That's what bidders in *The Board Talk's* 1st annual national shuffleboard tournament singles event calcutta were asking. They kept their money in their jeans for a chance to bid on some of the bigger names and Anthony bought himself for \$15, a modest investment for the 2nd place entry and calcutta pot he won.

It was just a year ago that Philadelphia, Pa., shuffleboard booster Jim Yankauskas (alias Yank) told Anthony that he'd have to practice hard to make the team. He did work hard, he did make the team, and now he's made a name for himself in national shuffleboard circles. He'll never go for \$15 in a calcutta again.

In retrospect, that's what our first national tournament was all about. It was the Anthonys carving out a reputation for themselves in the World of Shuffleboard. It was the second generation players like Michigan great Jim Hoffman's daughter, Jamie, lagging consistent 3's and 4's against Anthony's team in the 4-person mixed event. It was opportunities for players from the Midwest to meet players from the East and gain respect for each other as players and as individuals from all walks of life.

In a nutshell, it put the spotlight where *The Board Talk* thinks it ought to be — on the "little people" who day after day, week after week, pump quarters into the boards to improve their game, and on the biggies who have earned their reputations for good play and good sportsmanship.

For the organizers, it was a learning, character-building experience. Two weeks before the big event, postponement — even cancellation — was under consideration. *The Board Talk* editors — Donna in the hospital for emergency surgery and George depressed by a "to do" list that kept growing instead of shrinking — took a look at the event we had promoted for several months and at the strikes that were against us.

Strike One — In terms of financial support, all national distributors and suppliers had failed to respond to our invitations for sponsorship of this first. That meant the financial load would have to be carried by the few local and area supporters who had responded (identified in this issue, bless them!), by our hosts, the Log Cabin Bar, and by us. That scared us!

Strike Two — Indications for participation were cause for panic. The Ryan brothers from New York and their party from the East were the only pre-registered, pre-paid participants. A letter from Oregon eliminated hopes for Northwest participation with medical and job-related reasons. A call from Oklahoma that Bill Melton's Little League team had made the finals on the 4th of July weekend scratched important participation from the Southwest. (That didn't stop Bill from promoting *The Board Talk*. He sent in 13 new subscribers, more than we collected during our tournament!)

Strike Three — We decided not to opt for this call. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation and great sportsmanship of players east of the Mississippi; thanks to the

(continued on page 6)

Tourney Talk

Hostess Nite Club, Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 3

A double elimination doubles tourney will be held at the Hostess Nite Club, 1401 Starr Ave., Toledo on Aug. 3. Entry fee \$50 per team. Pays four places, 50%, 25%, 15% and 10%. Calcutta starts at noon sharp. Two boards. For information, call 419-698-9251 and ask for Lynn, Randy or Jim.

McCleer's Saloon, Lansing, Mich., Aug. 10

McCleer's Saloon, 910 W. Saginaw, Lansing, will host a mixed doubles tournament on Aug. 10, beginning at 1 p.m. \$20 per team entry fee, calcutta, pays 60%, 30%, 10%. Trophies for 1st and 2nd places. For information, call 517-484-8656.

Chip-Kicker, Houston, Texas, Aug. 17-18

\$50 draw on Saturday, Aug. 17, \$100 bring your partner on Sunday, Aug. 18. Two game loss, big calcutta. Pays three places, 60%, 30% and 10%. Play starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday. 2078-1960, Houston, Texas. For information, call 713-440-8882 and ask for Don, Cory or Bobbie Jo.

Ace of Clubs, Marysville, Calif., Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Northern California's 5th annual Labor Day shuffleboard tournament will be played at the Ace of Clubs, 328 I Street, Marysville, Calif., on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2. Entry fees are \$100 per person for the doubles, \$150 per person for singles, double elimination. On the previous Friday, \$20 round robins all afternoon. The calcutta is scheduled for Friday night. Entry fees and calcuttas pay three places — 60%, 30% and 10%.

The Ace of Clubs, with three boards, is open 24 hours a day. A "big feed" will be on the agenda Sunday. Tournament directors Fred Thumann and Jerry Miller say the best players nationwide will be participating in this Labor Day tourney. Call Sharon or Jerry Miller (916-743-6885) for more information and/or for lodging reservations.

California Action

Eleven teams participated in the doubles during the Memorial Day tournament at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, Calif. with entry fees of \$2,200 and a calcutta of \$3,905. Winners were: 1st, Don Cox and LeRoy Ledford, Sacramento; 2nd, Jerry Miller, Marysville, and "Lagging" Leon, Sacramento; 3rd, Ron Harralson, San Jose, and Don Mitchell, Portland. In the singles, there were 20 competitors for the \$3,000 entry fees and \$3,950 calcutta. Winners were: Darrol Nelson, Eugene, Oregon, 1st; Loren Maxhum, Oroville, 2nd, and Eric Waldman, Pyru, 3rd.

In The Shelter's (Placencia, Calif.) One Grand Shootout, Billie Chiles and Bill Maxwell took top honors, with Ted Zariphes in 3rd place, Chris Monahan in 4th and Jim Martin in 5th place. (See Letters for explanation of "shootout.")

Central Indiana Action

Bob Voorhis and Deb Somers took top honors in the best 2 of 3 mixed tournament at the Palace Bar, Fairmont, on June 8. Second place went to Tom Vorndran and Val Beer. Hoot and Deb Gipson took third place with Dennis and Nina

(continued on page 3)