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The Hammer

It's time for fall shuffleboard leagues throughout the United States and Canada to start their play. It's also the most frustrating time of year for me when I think about the future of shuffleboard.

I strongly believe that if shuffleboard is ever going to be recognized as a sport, such as bowling and golfing, it is imperative for us to organize, sanction every league everywhere and, most important, adopt one set of rules for everyone. Boards should be well-maintained and kept in good playing condition, with pucks in good condition as well, and adequate supplies on hand.

To make it fair for all teams, regardless of the league, a legitimate handicap system must be developed. It's what makes bowling and golf leagues thrive. The one suggested in The Hammer of the June issue may work or there may be other ideas.

Just think of the rewards for shuffleboarders if we were able to organize throughout the nation. We could then have our own genuine state tournaments and crown a champion in each state. From there we would pick a site for the nationals, compete in them and declare a national champ each year. We could keep records of teams and individual accomplishments and even create our own Hall of Fame for deserving players. This, I'm sure, is the way to attract sponsors. We must show them we are worthy of their sponsorship.

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George Wilber, Editor

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Tourney Talk

Fall Tourneys Set for Sport's Arena, Houston

The Sport's Arena Bar, 11528 Jones Road, Houston, Texas, has several tournaments on tap for this fall. On Sept. 14, a mixed tournament, \$50 entry fee, two-game loss, will pay 60%, 30%, 10%. Calcutta. Sign up before 3 p.m.; play starts at 4 p.m.

On Oct. 5, there will be a head-up tourney, \$100 draw, two-game loss, pays 60%, 30%, 10%. Calcutta. Play starts at 4 p.m. On Oct. 6, a singles is scheduled. \$200 entry fee, two-game loss, pays 60%, 30%, 10%. Calcutta.

On Oct. 13, a horseshollar 2-3 shootout is scheduled. \$100 entry fee, bring your own. Shoot four pucks each, 51 points. Pays 60%, 30%, 10%. Calcutta. Play starts at 4 p.m.

Mixed Doubles, Lakeside, Sept. 14-15

The Lakeside, 9500 Elizabeth Road, Union Lake, Mich., will host a mixed doubles on Sept. 14-15. \$10 per team entry. Calcutta at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 313-698-4104.

Doubles and Singles, Lake Orion, Sept. 21-22

The Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Mich., will host the state of Michigan doubles and singles tournament on Sept. 21-22. Double elimination. Doubles on Saturday, \$25 per team entry fee. Singles on Sunday, \$25 per player. For more information, call 313-693-6789.

Philadelphia Doubles Set for Oct. 12-13-14

The Wissinoning Yacht Club, Delaware and Devereaux Roads, Philadelphia, Penn., will be the scene of a doubles tournament on Oct. 12, 13 and 14. Four boards. \$80 per team entry fee. Calcutta. Play starts Friday at 6 p.m. For information, call the Bridesburg Tavern, 215-537-0418 or 215-879-0840, or Jerry Herrmann, 215-831-8754.

Doubles, Detroit, Nov. 2-3

The Dublin House, Detroit, Mich., will host a doubles tourney on Nov. 2 and 3. Three boards. \$50 per team entry fee. Best 2 of 3, double elimination. Calcutta. For more information, call 313-531-5590.

Billy Takes Denver Honors

Billy Mays of Texas took first place in the tournament held at McCoys, Denver, Colo., on July 20-21. Hometown shuffleboarder Rick took second, with Glen Davis of Oklahoma in third place and Joe Muniz of California finishing fourth.

Board Talk editors thank Joe Muniz for telling Colorado players that they have a publication designed just for them!

Nelson Wins Portland Singles and Doubles

Darrol Nelson of Eugene, Ore., took first place in the singles tournament at the Hot-N-Tot on July 20-22, and with his partner, Don Mitchell of Portland, also took first place in the doubles.

John Ryan of Portland and Charlie Gates of Tigard came in second in the doubles with the team of Frank Monarrez, Beaverton, and Mac Makarounis, Portland, in third.

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