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per team entry, will start at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 with the sponsor sale. The best 2 out of 3 double elimination event will start at noon on Saturday, Dec. 12. All registrations must be in and paid for by Dec. 11, 7 p.m. sharp.

For information, contact Ron or Gwen at The Balloon Inn, 303-425-9823.

### **Sunde/Tischler Tops at Wagon Wheel**

In a recent doubles tournament at the Wagon Wheel in Lake Orion, Michigan, the winners were Bjerne Sunde and John Tischler. Marie Sweeney and Jack Cooksey teamed up to take second place honors. Chris Passariello and Chuck Ricklefs of Saginaw finished in third place.

### **Indiana State Events Attract Good Participation**

The Indiana State Championship Tournament, held at D.J.'s Bar in Warsaw, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, was a great success. The four-day event brought \$11,250 in prize money.

Twelve teams participated in the doubles, with Jim Long and Jerry Knox retaining their championship status. Bob and Deb Voorhis took second place honors, with Dave Boaz and Buddy Broka in third, and Jim DeWitt and Steve Hart in fourth place.

There were 30 players in the singles, with Jim DeWitt taking the crown and Steve Hart in second. Larry Brown finished in third place, with Larry Creakbaum in fourth.

Buddy and Fritz Broka came out ahead of a field of 15 teams in the mixed doubles. Larry Huffer and Pat Kuhn were second; Larry Summy and Marge Camp were third, and Terry and Laska Dowell in fourth place.

Twelve players participated in the women's singles, with Norma Gray taking top honors and Fritz Broka finishing second. Cheryl Cockrell was third and Deb Voorhis was fourth.

"Once again, our hosts, Phil and Karen Hienzman, did a great job. They always do a good job hosting the event," reports Steve Hart.

### **New Year's Tourney at 99 Tavern, Winston, Oregon, Jan. 1-3**

Start your 1993 shuffleboard year out right by participating in the New Year's Tournament at the

99 Tavern, 63 NE Main, Winston, Oregon on Jan. 1-3. \$100 per team entry fee, with \$20 per team added, two out of 3 double elimination. The sponsor sale starts at 5 p.m. on Friday with the first round immediately following. Lodging is available right next door at the Hillside Court Motel.

Post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment to help spread the word about this fun event. For information, contact: "Winston" Jim, 503-679-8451; Steve Fisher, 503-679-4538; or the 99 Tavern, 503-679-7068.

### **Hagen/Bowers/Tedford Tops at Texas Mist**

It could have been revenge triggered in the recent U.S. Open team event or just downright classic shuffleboard play. But, whatever, Houstonites dominated the "Everybody's Tournament" hosted by the Texas Mist in Austin, Texas, Oct. 23-24. The determined Houstonites stormed into town, finishing first, second and third in the singles event.

"The winner, Diana Hagen, exploded like lava out of an erupting volcano, wiping out everything in her path," reports host Don McCurry. "The talented beauty went undefeated in a field that included such greats as Bill Melton, Davis, Okla., and Howard Mouton of Houston. Other superstars falling by the wayside were local heavyweight Don Valk, Johnny Ballard and Dale Koteris of Houston, Bob Shaw of Fort Worth, Brenda Moore and David Sexton of San Antonio, Gregg Tedford of Sonora, Billy Melton of Davis, Okla., and J.D. Sweet of Holland."

A new kid on the block, Mike Baker of Houston, was runner-up. "Shufflers, please make note, this young man has sounded warning," said Don. "He has been gaining ground rapidly during the past year." Placing third was Mary Koteris of Houston. Coming in fourth was Bob Shaw, with Ron Bowers and Alfred Suarez in fifth and sixth.

"A rather tense, almost emotional moment developed during the winners bracket finals," Don reports. "It was two ladies and long-time friends, Diana Hagen and Mary Koteris emerging as finalists. The crowd-pleasing match drew a well-deserved applause and added some delightful excitement to the tournament."

Another top-flight lady, Sharon Finch of Houston, stood by watching. She was sidelined with a hip ailment and was unable to enter the tournament -- a big disappointment for Sharon.