



# The Board Talk

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## The Hammer

Five years ago today, we were nervously preparing for our first annual Board Talk tournament. We were scared to death! What if we threw a big party and nobody came? Well, they did come and they've been coming ever since, more and more each year. By the time you read this, we'll be throwing our fifth big party and representatives from coast to coast will be here to celebrate with us.

That's what we think our annual Board Talk tournament is - a celebration -- a celebration of the sport of shuffleboard. We don't have a bar, so it's not a money-maker for us. In fact, in years past, it has cost us money to throw the "party." This year, we're joining hands with two other important components of The World of Shuffleboard -- Playfair Shuffleboard Company and The Shuffleboard Federation -- to help us stage what we believe will be a great celebration.

We extend a salute to Benedict's Classic, Sherburne, New York. Owners Milt and Betty Benedict put up \$150 to pay the entry for the doubles winners of their recent Genesee Open for The Board Talk Shufflers' Reunion Tournament. We call that a real vote of confidence -- a vote for their winners and a vote for our tournament.

We ask you to join us in saluting your editors' Mom/mother-in-law for contributing a beautiful afghan, with countless hours of handwork involved, for the Al and Von Stewart Benefit. When we told Mom about the recent tribulations of this great couple, she said, "I want to do something for them." We're raffling it off at our Board Talk tourney with the proceeds going to Al and Von, who have used their life savings to pay medical bills for the both of them, with bills still mounting. These are two people who have given back to the sport of shuffleboard much more than they've taken from it and they deserve our concern and what little help we can offer. If you're not at our tourney to buy a chance on the afghan, we could probably talk Mom into crocheting another one. She's nearly 86 years old and doing for others is what keeps her young and beautiful. If you're interested in contributing to the Al and Von Stewart Benefit, with a chance to win a handmade afghan, give us a call, 517-371-2538.

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No amount of money can replace what the Rod Cameron family lost. But what we can do is let them know that the members of the shuffleboard network care. When we watched the news about the Texas floods, most of us felt compassion for the families who lost their homes and possessions. How

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## Tourney Talk

### Big Turnout at Ours & Your Place Spring Tourney

The competition was tough at Ours & Your Place's Spring Tournament in Sudlersville, Maryland, on April 21-23, with some new participants involved.

In the draw partner event, John Lukas of Millington, Md., and "Lonzo" Knight of Sharpsburg, Md., took first place. Second place went to Allan Hauer, Boonesboro, Md., and Tim Hammond, Milford, Del. Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia and Buddy Coale of Rising Sun, Md., took third.

Fourteen teams participated in the mixed doubles tourney with Chuck King of Dover, Del., and Rosalie Kaufman of Queenstown, Md., in first place. Scratch Todd of Denton, Md., and Shirley Domino of Dover were second place finishers with John Lukas and Carol Hampton of Charlestown, Md., in third.

With the mixed doubles event over earlier than expected, another draw partner tourney was held. In first place was "Baltimore Judy" (Judy Gartland got lost coming from Philadelphia, ending up in Baltimore, two hours away in the wrong direction, thus this nickname) and her partner, Charlie Hawkins of Hagerstown, Md. Chuck King and Lonzo Knight were second place winners, with Jim Snyder of Williamsport and John Lukas in third.

Jerry Herrmann of Philadelphia took top honors in the singles event, with John Lukas in second and Scratch Todd in third.

"Too bad those guys from Western Maryland had to return home. It would have been nice to see how well they do walking the boards," said tournament director Judith Iseman.

"Once again, it was a great shufflers' weekend at Ours & Your Place with 103 entries and \$5615 in prize money," Judith reports. "As always, hosts Art and JoAnn Ware provided great hospitality and food for all. Many thanks to all who helped make this a great tourney, especially Barb Wallace for her help on the charts so I could shoot and not worry."

### Crupper/Rafferty Win Polish-American Tourney

Twenty-four shooters competed in the Polish American Club's 3rd Annual Spring Tournament in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Shufflers from five different leagues and others from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware all came to shoot in the double elimination, bring your partner tournament.

Winners were Bill Crupper of Delaware and John Rafferty of Pennsylvania. Second place honors went to the Robinson brothers, Bill from Pennsylvania and Mike from New Jersey. Third place went to two local shooters from Philadelphia, Tom Czsika and Cookie Hester, representatives from the Polish Club.

"As usual, the Polish American Club hosted a great time,"  
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