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Alice Arendondo and Art Fiore finished third in the 2-3-4 draw doubles at Enoch's Sports Lounge.

Notebook (continued from Page 2)

On April 8, we had the playoff for the top eight players. The winners were Ding and myself. Second place went to Rick Taylor and Ross. Total money was \$900 and Ding had the most points, 61, and most of the money. I had 40 points and some of the money.

On May 1, we will start our summer Monday night draw. This will be a \$12 A-B draw, from May 1 to Aug. 7. The playoff for the top eight players is Aug. 12, then we start our winter Monday night draw on Aug. 14 to Nov. 13. The top eight player playoffs is Nov. 18.

Man! We don't give this one board any rest!

Butch Thomas, Noblesville, Indiana

Ina: We All Need the "Bellflower Spirit"

On St. Patrick's Day, as I settled down with The Board Talk that came in that day's mail, it seemed that pink was a strange color choice for the day "o' the wearin' o' the green," more in line with Valentine's Day. That's O.K., since this WAS the Valentine issue that's in the day's mail. No matter when it shows up, I try to read from cover-to-cover, especially THIS issue that celebrates my own birthday (the 14th).

It's important for me to savor our sport vicariously, since there's been no chance yet to get back to the boards, since I'm still quite tied up with matters of probate -- and with the passing of both parents as well as the death of my son, Steve Angle. That's what has prompted this note now, just to say "thank you, again." The first page that caught my attention is the one that concludes: "George and Donna have made the World of Shuffleboard a

FAMILY!" and "We take that tribute very seriously, and we ask you...to respond to the needs of members of your 'family' in their times of challenge. We sincerely hope you will never forget that special 'mission.' It's what sets you apart and makes you a member of a very special sport!"

In this world where blood relatives may in fact forget the concept of "family" -- it means everything to realize there is still a network of loving compassion here somewhere. Prayers are vibrant, powerful, living entities, and mine are joined with all of ours, to everyone mentioned by George and Donna, and Lois and Freddie. In fact, God bless us, everyone, please!

But among breavements, I feel the passing of the Dixie Belle as if it's another loss of a family member. On the other hand, it's my guess that Bruce will do O.K. after the horrible fire at his business. What Bruce did, right afterwards, is in the true Bellflower Spirit. He set up a trailer in front of his gutted shell-of-a-building, strung it with Christmas lights, and posted a sign that invites us to "Come on in, we're open!" Let's ALL keep in mind the "Bellflower Spirit" -- and we can all get through WHATEVER happens.

Thanks once again -- and that's for that great "Sweethearts 2000" feature.

One more disappointment: somehow, I did not know about Karl Spickelmier's induction into the California Hall of Fame in time to be there. You'd better believe I'd have found a way to make it! Congratulations, Karl -- what took so long?!

Ina Rogers, Santa Ana, California

Thanks for your great letter and words of encouragement, Ina. We love your thoughts on the "Bellflower Spirit" -- very appropriate! He continues to serve as an inspiration to all of us, no matter what challenges he faces.

A word of advice from two oldies on how to avoid the agonies of probate: We have just completed the process of setting up a Revocable Living Trust so our daughter will not have to go through what you are experiencing. It's a good feeling to know that whatever we leave behind will go to whomever or whatever we choose rather than the courts. We recommend shopping around and finding a company that specializes in living trusts.

We're sorry that you (and others) didn't get your February issue until the middle of March, especially when it left Lansing on Jan. 29! That's the price of having to use the most economical postage rate. Maybe the new publishers will find an answer.