

The Board Talk

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The Hammer

How come *MY* tournament never makes the front page? We get that question often, and we're going to finally give you the answer....

First, let us assure you that prime placement is not according to the size or "importance" of a tournament (who are we to determine if one tournament is more important than another?).

As soon as we go to press with one issue, we start working on the next one. That's the way it goes in the world of publishing and deadlines are a must; otherwise, we'd never get to press! We set the copy in the order we receive the reports. If we receive more than one in a day, we go according to the dates the events occurred.

We always get a few reports that come in after we've "closed." They go into a file for the next month, again in the order they're received. This month's front page Tourney Talk tournament is a good example. The results of the North American Championships came in time for the September issue; the photos arrived the day after we had gone to press. That put them first in line for the October issue. While we strongly urge that photos are sent along with reports, there were an extraordinary number of "new faces" in the winner's circle of this particular event and we know a lot of those winners were just waiting to see their photos (some sent their subscriptions in to make sure they got that issue to show family and friends they were "in the news.").

The best "rule of thumb" is to send your results in as soon as possible after your event. You tournament directors/sponsors/reporters just can't believe what it means to participants to see their names and/or photos published. Don't disappoint them! It's to your benefit because they're likely to try for "national exposure" again and be at your next event.

Actually, prime placement in *The Board Talk* is no big deal. Readers tell us they read it from cover to cover and what's on Page 20 or 24 is just as important to them as what's on Page 1 or anywhere in between.

When we look back at our initial 4-pager, when we didn't have any "in between," that makes us realize how far we've come, thanks to you!

George and Donna Wilber, Publishers

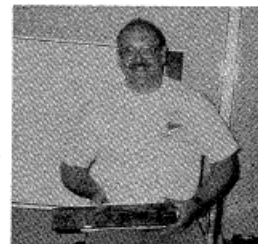
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New Faces/Familiar Faces in Winner's Circle at 1994 North American Championships



Glen Davidson (left) and Sheriff Hallberg were winners of the A-B Draw at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada, on July 25-31.

Bobby Williams (right) of Texas took top honors in the Division I Singles.



Larry Pearson (left) was winner of the Division II Singles.

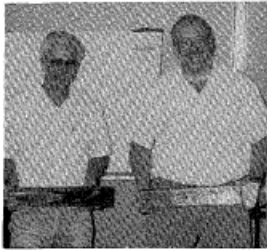
Viola Reaves (right) of Oregon finished first in the Women's Singles event.



Chris Danke and Steve Wilson of Washington won the Division I singles. Steve went on to Washington to take top honors at the Whistling Oyster with doubles partner Doug Buhl.

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Bob Jacobsen and Larry Pearson were winners of the Division II Doubles at the North American Championships in Reno, Nevada, on July 25-31.



Bill Melton took top honors in the Pro Singles. Darrol Nelson was second; Doug Buhl finished third, with Bob Shaw in fourth place.



The Texas Tornados were winners of the Team Event: (back row) Tom Clubb, (left to right) Ron and Debbie Bowers, Betty Rickman, Vicki, Bill Wooldridge, (kneeling) Sheriff Hallberg.

Jimmy Kumpula and Joe Hudson drew each other to take first place in the Legends Draw. They proudly display their trophies, made by Lisa Melton.



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Gordy Smith, Roland Metivier, John McDermott, and Jerry Berquist were winners of the Dueces Wild event.

(Editor's Note: See last month's issue for other winners in this tournament.)

1st Annual Open Doubles at Tim's Timber Tavern, Kelso, Washington, Oct. 8-9

Tim's Timber Tavern, 213 Allen St., Kelso, Washington, will host its first annual open doubles on Oct. 8-9, \$50 per team entry, double elimination, with sponsor sale at 11 a.m. Saturday. \$20 draw partners will start at 7 p.m. on Friday. Tournament directors will be Kevin Larkin and Doug Debois.

A feed is scheduled for Saturday night.

For further information, call 206-636-2627. Recommended lodging is the Kelso Inn, 206-636-4610.

19th Annual Octoberfest Tourney, Corner Tavern, Bow, Washington, Oct. 8-9

The Corner Tavern, 1255 Allan West Rd., Bow, Washington, will host its 19th Annual Octoberfest Tournament on Oct. 8-9. It's a bring partner event, \$50 per team entry fee.

For further information, call the Corner Tavern at 206-757-6113.

1st Annual Draw Partners, Sportsman Tavern, Stanwood, Washington, Oct. 29-30

The Sportsman Tavern, Stanwood, Washington, will host its 1st Annual Draw Partners "Shuffleboard Shootout" on Oct. 29-30. Entry fee is \$25 per player, with payouts of 50-25-15-10. The sponsor sale will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, with boards open for play on Friday.

The Sportsman has two good boards, with three others close by, and plenty of RV parking.

For information, call tournament director Murl Kindie, 206-652-5031, or the tavern, 206-629-3930.

2nd Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament, Dixie Belle, Downey, California

This PCSA-sanctioned event is scheduled for Nov. 24-27 at the Dixie Belle, 9559 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, California, and will include two events on four boards.

The first is an open doubles. Entry fee is \$100 per team, limited to 16 teams, 2 out of 3 double elimination. Sponsor sale is set for Thursday, Nov. 24, 9 p.m., with play starting on Friday at 10 a.m.

The second event is an ABC draw, \$25 per player entry fee, limited to 60 players, also 2 out of 3, double elimination. Sponsor sale will be held Friday at 8 p.m. with play starting at noon on Saturday.

A complimentary buffet will be served on Saturday between 2 and 6 p.m.

For information, contact Debbie or Eileen at the Dixie Belle, 310-803-4943. Please post the enclosed (updated) flyer in your favorite shuffleboard establishment.

10th Annual Thanksgiving Classic at Gold Nugget, Arlington, Texas, Nov. 24-27

The Gold Nugget Club, 2602 W. Division, Arlington, Texas, will be the site for the 10th Annual Thanksgiving Classic Tournament on Nov. 24-27.

Action will start with a draw partner event on Thursday at 7:30, \$50 entry fee. Single game, double elimination, and no two pros or 0's may draw up.

On Friday, 7:30 p.m., the bring partner is scheduled to begin. \$100 per team, single game, double elimination, and no pros may play together.

On the agenda for Saturday at 5 p.m. is the draft team event, patterned after the successful one held at this year's Southwest Open. \$300 per 6-person team. Everyone from pros to 5's will play and the draft will be held in private so no one will know in what order they were picked. This event is double elimination, best of 9 games.

For information, contact David Williams, 817-451-9583, or Bobby Williams, 817-496-8972.

Frank Hepler 55 and Older Tourney, Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, Nov. 25-27

A tournament in memory of Frank Hepler, a popular Washington player who passed away just after he had turned 55, will be held at the Shamrock Tavern, Longview, Washington, on Nov. 25-27. It will be a 55 and Older Draw Partner event, starting at noon on Saturday. Come early for the \$10 round robins on Friday night.

A popular feature of this shuffleboard tournament site is the famous chili by head chef and bartender Bernice.

There are motels within walking distance of the Shamrock. For information, call the tavern at 206-577-7774, and ask for Jerry Berquist.

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