

THE RED BARON SPEAKS

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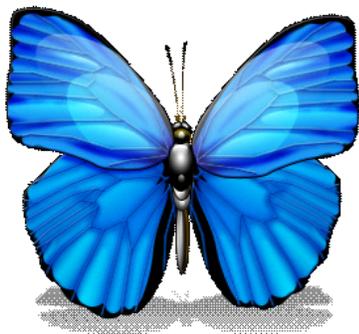


April of 2008, I wrote the first Red Baron Speaks. I have covered a lot of topics and made suggestions for improvement of the game but little has changed. Regardless, every event I go to, someone tells me how much they enjoy reading the articles. So I will continue to write as long as I am able

but will focus on my travels and the events rather than try to promote change.

I want to return to last month when I wrote a proposed rule change on a shot clock and time outs. It needs lots of help and changes. The referee needs the authority to call the game as in basketball, football and baseball. I needs the authority to stop the clock when a player wants to go look at a weight and see what it is and to tell a player to get back to is end and shoot instead of staring at the weight, the end of the board, the legs sticking out of a mini skirt, the posterior of some tight jeans, or whatever he seems to be staring at. Maybe someone can pick it up and make it work.

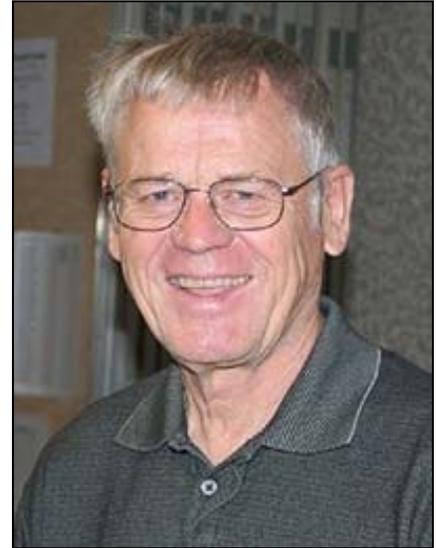
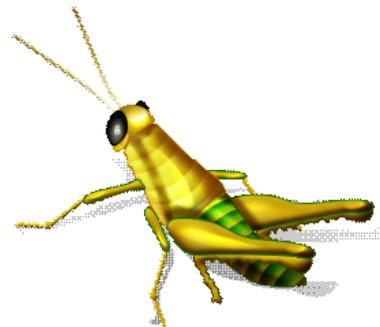
As I am on my third prove read I catch on ESPN and the newspapers that baseball is having the same problem with then length of the Yankees-Red Sox baseball games. So do w e attack the problem or ignore it?



The first event I went to in March was a three person bring and we got the old cartel back together and finished 4th, JOOTM with eleven teams entered. No one asked me to play in the doubles so I got an early start home.

The next week I ventured east for the first time since having gone to New York in 2000 when I went to Charlestown, MD. to play in a three day, three event, tournament. Friday started with an AB draw which requires whom ever draws me to play and we finished just out of the money, Saturday was a bring partner in which someone asked me to play and I quickly excepted and did I play

bad. Sunday was a three person draw which we managed to win. They stated attendance was a little light but I did not think nine teams on Friday, nine teams on Saturday, and five on Sunday for a three person was too bad. I had time to watch what little of the Purdue-Baylor that CBS showed in the east before starting back to Indiana. If they expand to ninety six teams they better expand to two or more TV networks to show the games. In second thought maybe shuffleboard does not need the hassles of sponsorship and TV.



March ended with a positive three spot singles event which attracted twenty six players. This is remarkable in staid ole Indiana which when rated events first started years ago all the players, yours truly included, said it would never go here. I left early as I did not play because I thought the spot was nor enough. After seeing the results, I must have been wrong. The event holders know that people is where they sell there products and they call what type of event is held. The handicap events allow players of all skill levels to play together. By the way have you as a player or your event holder in any way contributed to the effort it takes to do the rating system? My stamina is to low for me to play singles, although physical therapy is improving that as with the warmer weather I am now walking my dog for a quarter of a mile every day.

April started with an open week and then an open doubles at a location which to my memory has never had any event which used ant type of rating but the event holder always adds money to the entry pot. Sixteen teams signed up which I consider a very good showing for a two board event.

Well that is all for this month.

