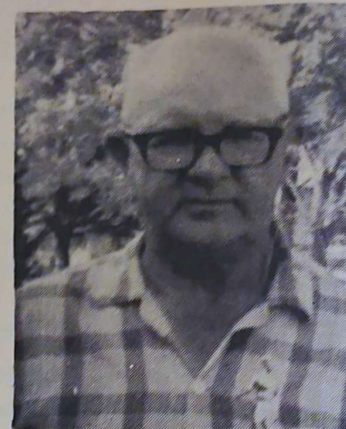




EDNA C. ROGERS
Winter Haven
"B" District Winner
Consolation

HOW ONE CLUB DOUBLED ITS NUMBER OF SHUFFLERS BY USING "A" AND "B" DIVISIONS



CHARLES ROBBINS
Haines City
"B" District Winner
Main Event

TO BEGIN, WITH, this plan of using "A" and "B" Divisions is meant only for the individual clubs, as some of the following rules laid down could not apply to District "A" and "B" Tournaments. But this plan does bring out a new interest for the beginners, and will cause any club to grow by leaps and bounds.

The following rules were followed in Avon Park which proved to be extremely fair and very successful: In so-called Pot Luck Tournaments, held on Saturday, all players draw for Court Number, Color and Partner. Then, on Wednesdays, the players pick their own partners.

An "A" player is one who has won any kind of trophy at any time.

"B" players are defined as one who has never won a trophy, any place at any time.

The "A" players play every Wednesday and Saturday at 1:00 P.M.

The "B" players play every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

One person is designated to run the "A" tournaments; another to run the "B" tournaments, each having full authority in their respective tournaments. The head referee has full authority in all semi-final and final games.

When preparing to draw, the players are lined up two abreast, each player standing in a painted square, numbered from one to 64. If the number of players isn't divisible by four, two chips are mixed in the draw with the word "bye" on them, and the two receiving the "bye's" must wait until the second drawing.

When the players have completed their eight frames, the winners draw separately from the losers for the second round, the losers going into Consolation. Of course, after the second round, all the losers drop out.

When the semi-finals are reached, one 75-point game is played, the same also applying to the finals. In these two rounds, scorekeepers and referees are used, enforcing all the National Rules. It takes about 3½ to 4 hours to play a complete tournament.

Winners in the Main Event receive 20 points; runners-up, 15 points. Winners in Consolation receive 10 points; runners-up, 5 points.

One hundred points entitles the victor to a trophy. He can win only one trophy for the season in the "A" Division. In the "B" Division, a winner immediately steps up in the "A" Division; however, he is eligible to win a trophy in this Division also.

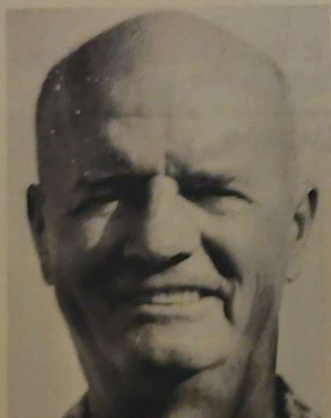
Avon Park has a class of instructors for beginners. We have found that by dividing shufflers into "A" and "B" Divisions, it gives the less experienced an added incentive to get into tournaments for the first time.

Avon Park has over 62 teams, who play every Wednesday and Saturday in the local Club Tournaments during the height of the season. Before the "A" and "B" was started, there were only 24 teams that played in these tournaments. Now we have more "B" players than "A" players.

"If we can do this," stated Eldred Gruber, their Shuffleboard Manager, "then the same thing can be done at a District level, by simply encouraging the players to have more "A" and "B" tournaments.

"We give about 39 trophies each season in these tournaments.

"You are invited to visit our Club and see the enthusiasm generated because of our using this system. "Eldred Gruber, "Tournament Director, 1966-67."



EUGENE W. KENNEDY
Sebring
Won 100-point "B"
Club Trophy



ALICE CLARKE
Ontario, Canada
Won 100-point "B"
Club Trophy