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"This leaves but one source open for additional funds—a small assessment from every member of every club, same being collected by the individual club, then turned over to the Districts, who would in turn remit lump sums to the State and National Associations.

"Give this idea the thought which it deserves, then prepare to work toward this goal, which will redeem our independence and pride, and sustain us without undue hardship to anyone."



HOW TOURNAMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED

By William H. Bell

"The system used in the past appears to me to emphasize the endurance of the player. When one considers that nearly all of the shuffleboard players in Florida are past sixty-five years of age such a system is dangerous to the health of participants. Any physician will tell you that people of such an age should not be exposed to long drawn out contests. The heart and circulatory system of senior citizens should not be exposed to feats of endurance.

"I propose that in district and state tournaments a game shall consist of ten (10) frames, yellow and black, being chosen by draw instead of by shooting for color. In a ten frame game, on the assumption that the court is reasonably good there is no advantage to having yellow or black since each side has five first shots and five final shots. In the event one side gets one hundred (100) points at the end of an even frame they will win the match even if ten (10) frames have not been played. In case of a tie at the end of ten (10) frames two frames are to be played to break the tie.

"I suggest that winning two out of three games be abolished. It makes no sense and when, as at present, one (1) 100-point game is used to settle consolation games the fact is that one game is enough.

"I calculate that a ten frame game will require about forty-five (45) minutes. Thus all players would finish at approximately the same time and make easy scheduling and would allow players about fifteen minutes rest between matches. Starting at 9 A.M. with round one, three rounds would be over by noon. Starting in the afternoon at 1 P.M. the ordinary tournament would be finished that same afternoon.

"There is always opposition to change. But I feel that the argument in favor of the changes which I have proposed far outweighs the keeping of the old system. We should bear in mind the physical condition of the participants and that the game should not be an endurance contest."



From the Desk of **EVAN McKEEHAN**

"It would be foolish to pretend that I was not vitally interested in the Florida Shuffleboard Association after