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AN INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS TENDS TO
CREATE GREATER GENERAL KNOWLEDGE



ROGER BOWLBY says:

"I am interested in rules governing the game of shuffleboard, as in my 17 years of play, I have seen many changes and style of play take place. Some rules have become obsolete, therefore, the current, up to date game needs new rules to supplement the old deleted rules. Occasionally, some rules do not prove satisfactory after fair trial, then new ones are needed to fit the pattern in controlling the new situations. Your Governing Board continually endeavors to do their best to serve the game and its players to its fullest extent."

OSCAR SHEPPARD writes:

"Most all of us who play shuffleboard here in Florida are from many different States, with one common cause—to get a little more out of life. This very popular sport of shuffleboard furnishes us with many happy hours. A great generation enjoying ourselves in this, our United States of America, is to us the best nation in the world.

"In our retirement, wealth is a very small factor. Our personality and our love for one another put us all on an equal basis. We are so thankful to the Giver of all good things.

"Now, a closing thought: Do not resent growing old, for many are denied that privilege."

JOSEPHINE GAUSTAD'S record:

She defies her years, and goes traveling all over the State to play in most all the tournaments. Since 1952, she has "Placed" in over thirty State and National tournaments, not counting the innumerable "Wins" in District and Club tournaments.



JOSEPHINE GAUSTAD
Gulfport

This year, she broke a few records, having won first place in the Champion of Champions; also having won second place in the State Championship Singles, also a fourth place and two consolations, which earned her "seventh place" on the Roll of Champions for the year. Last year she was the State Doubles Champion, truly a remarkable record.



JAY SNODDY
Lakeland

JAY SNODDY zooms --

Like a meteor, Jay has shot up to the top in only two years in the Expert Division, having won first place in National Doubles at Traverse City in July of 1966; first place in the Champion of Champions at Tampa, March, 1967; third place in Points in the State, and finally, first place in The Masters at Mirror Lake on April 11, 12, 13 of 1967.

Jay wrote an article, entitled "Partners," which follows: "Partners, or team play, means exactly what it says. One player cannot take credit for winning, nor should he ever blame his partner for losing by what he thinks is a wrong shot. Probably this same partner has helped win previous games by making an almost impossible shot that he should not have tried in the first place."

JACK GLADNEY

fears for our future unless we reform

"Shuffleboard is a big boy now. Why not treat him as such? Florida fathered cement shuffleboard, and I hope it will never be known as the last to fall in line to adopt a fair system of scoring.

"Most of our trailer park clubs play frame shuffleboard, and nearly all of our Shuffleboard Clubs play their "B" Divisions and Black-and-Yellow games as frame shuffleboard. Arizona held a National Tournament and played only eight frames to complete each game. The California State Association played frame shuffleboard in their 1967 State Tournament, having an entry of nearly 500.

"As of now, Florida is considered the leader of cement surface shuffleboard; however, I predict that we will soon lose this honor unless we change many of our rules. If you have any doubt about this, check the percentage of shuffleboard equipment which is shipped into Florida now. Not long ago, it was over 90 per cent, but this percentage is slipping very fast.

"Shuffleboard courts are notorious for their lack of uniformity; still, we are the only sport which does not change positions during a game. Most tournament players carry information which shows the color which is most favorable, and the team which gets that color has a decided advantage. If each team or player played half their games on one color, then changed to the other color, we would never hear their alibis for losing. This system is used in all other sports—why not shuffleboard?

"Games should not be allowed to last in some cases three hours or more. A given number of frames should end every game, the one with the highest score being the winner. Then, playing both colors as described above will make for a more interesting and fair game."