

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The most important happening of the past year was our having travelled a complete cycle in shuffleboard, by returning to Statewide Open Tournaments—the precise way in which we began.

When shuffleboard started there were no experts nor amateurs. However, after a few years had passed the best players began to win most all the tournaments, which created a demand for two divisions in order to avoid playing against the better players.

Now, the same complaint is being heard, occurring among the amateurs; so we are right where we started from. What to do about it?

Some remedy had to be found, for again a few so-called amateurs were winning most of the tournaments. We could not create another Division, so the State Executive Board finally decided to return to the original plan—that of making all Statewide tournaments open to all eligible players, who should be highly pleased, for they can enter all tournaments (except the Masters), accepting cash awards or trophies without being barred from District tournaments.

The Districts can divide their players into three categories—"A", "B" and "C" Divisions. Of course, an "A" player cannot play in a "B" or a "C" tournament; nor can a "B" player enter into a "C" tournament. But all three of these Divisions may enter into most all Statewide tournaments.

Just remember that an "A" player is one who has won four or more places in the Main Events in District, Inter-District or Statewide tournaments during the last two years; a "B" player is one who has won three or less places in these same tournaments—and a "C" player is one who never won a place in any of these tournaments.

When you get used to this new plan, you will approve of it, for it will give you more freedom and also a greater incentive to be a better player. Good shuffling from:

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