

CAN SHUFFLEBOARD SURVIVE?

What is happening to the game we all enjoy? The entries are getting smaller in most of our tournaments and the clubs are having a hard time breaking even on their tournaments. We now have several tournaments that are sponsored and are giving big prize money. Is this the answer to our getting more players interested in our tournaments? We do need the money, but we have to spread it out and give to more players. It isn't how much you win, but winning something is what most players are after. If we would play the 1st 8 places in the main event and play 4 places in consolation, I'm sure we'd create more interest and our entries would show an increase. We also, need a Men and Women's Division. To do all this we'd need sponsors for most of our tournaments. Can we get those sponsors is the next question? I think that we can and I'm sure that not many clubs have tried. We now have too many state wide tournaments and by cutting out a few, this would also help increase entries in the ones we do have. Yes we can survive but changes will have to be made and the sooner we make some changes the better off shuffleboard will be.

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