

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

The National Association Shuffleboard Hall of Fame collection was originated and has been maintained by George Merz, National Treasurer and Curator of the exhibit with the assistance of his wife, Lillian. Their interest, efforts and especially George's engineering skill, have made a display that all shufflers can be proud of.

With this standard of quality to go by I could not help but be inspired to try and do a good job when I was delegated to help design and arrange a building to provide a new home for the Hall of Fame items at the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club (Mirror Lake).

Due to special circumstances a conventional type of structure could not be considered. So the use of Modular (Mobile) type units was suggested.

Two ten wide by thirty-six feet long units were joined in the regular manner used for mobile homes or offices. The inside walls are paneled except the East wall (facing the shuffle courts) which contains two large windows and the entrance door.

To provide support and stability, two "Island" partitions running lengthwise down the center will also give added display room on ledges of "windows" in each partition.

The exterior walls are metal panels made and painted to resemble wood grain. The outside area will be finished off with stone skirting and a planter for shrubs and flowers.

It is hoped that this arrangement at the St. Petersburg Shuffle Club will be a permanent feature that will enhance the image of Shuffleboard to the general public as well as to honor players and other members of the Shuffleboard fraternity.

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