

SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS 1976

This will be my last report on courts....Mr. Christopher Branda of Daytona Beach made his last report on court refinishing in 1971. I worked with Mr. Branda on courts and he did more than anyone in shuffleboard to try to get better courts for you to play on. He was the first one to use glass beads on courts and now almost every club in Florida uses glass beads.

What I have been trying to do, and now I have it.

A top finish for new or old courts, and if it slows down in a few years, you can put on another coat and play on it the next day.

No breaking in... no buffing... no wax... no more sealer... no loose beads.

No more repainting of the lines. Play the same in any kind of weather, the sides will never get slower than the center.

I have been disappointed and failed a lot of times trying to make a better court but I kept trying. I have used lots of different kinds of plastics, costing from \$4.00 to \$30.00 per gal., but I did find a material mixed with plastic ect. that can be used to make a level court that will never come loose on a clean court. A court must be level to stay away from drift.

The plastic that I use for the top coat will not turn to a yellow or brownish color later.

I mix my own coloring in the plastic to get the same color every time the way I want it....the green stays green.

I have tried different kinds and a lot of sizes of beads to sprinkle in to coat.

Beads used to come loose, but no more.

Drift was the last of my problems. On April 24, 1976 I finished a court and it has very little drift, and plays as good or better than any court in Florida, with less upkeep.

Last season I worked on four courts at Trailer Estates in Bradenton. I used a grinder on them, but they were not leveled....two of them turned out to be fun courts.

One thing that is hard for me to understand is why so many clubs still use wax or stain for a sealer when it is only good for a short time, and you have to paint the lines again in a year or so. I use a plastic for a sealer and you never have to paint your lines or seal it again.

I hope I can find someone to take over from here.

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