

# FLORIDA STATE HALL OF FAME



Many shufflers throughout our State do not know that we have a State Hall of Fame. We would like to give you a little information on how it started, where it is and what it contains.

In 1958 Mr. Jack McNulty and Mr. Mark Brashares from the Southeast Coast District came up with an idea to give some award to those persons that were outstanding shuffleboard players and also include those that had worked hard in the administration field in promoting our great game of shuffleboard. This idea was brought to the State meeting and after much talk and discussion, it was decided to start a Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. It was decided by the State Board that the National organization should be included in this great idea and a meeting was setup with the National organization to see if they were in agreement to go along with this idea of a Hall of Fame. Sorry to say, but they wanted no part of the State's plan. The State then went ahead on their own and at the fall meeting at Lakeland in 1959, final approval of a State Hall of Fame was adopted.

Mr. Grover Flint was elected to serve as the first Chairperson and draw up rules with his committee to induct those eligible for this high honor. At the Annual meeting of the State Association held at Little River Club in Miami, February 3rd 1960, five persons were inducted into the State Hall of Fame, receiving plaques.

In 1962 the State Association added the Special Award to the State Hall of Fame, with one person being eligible for this award each year. The first Special Award was made to a team at the Annual meeting at Lakeland, February 5th 1963.

Orlando Shuffleboard Club became the first home of the State Hall of Fame with Mrs. Marie Troutman in charge. Mrs. Troutman did an excellent job in securing old records, pictures of past Presidents, old trophies that were given as prizes in early days of Shuffleboard. Her most remarkable achievement was collecting all the past minutes of the State Shuffleboard Association dating back to its beginning, December 12th 1928. For all the work Mrs. Troutman did as State Hall of Fame Curator, the State Association presented her with a plaque in 1976.

The State Hall of Fame was moved to the Sebring Shuffleboard Club in 1975. Mrs. Troutman suggested the move as the Orlando Club was being used by other activities and she was not too sure if the city was not going to do away with the building all together.

The State Hall of Fame has now all pictures of those that entered the Hall and are on display for all to enjoy. Their records are also in three books that are kept up to date each fall on those that entered the Hall as players. Past Presidents' achievements while in office are also on record. Old cues dating back to the middle 20's as well as old wooden discs can be viewed in the glass case built to hold pictures and the record books that have been collected over the years. A larger case is now going to be built to hold the many archives that are being collected.

When in the Sebring area why not stop in and see your STATE HALL of FAME.