

HISTORY OF THE ROLL OF CHAMPIONS AND MEDALS

Players as well as Officials have been asking, "How did the Roll of Champions get started and who supplies the medals?" Let us turn back the pages of our scrapbooks and also take a look at the history of shuffleboard.

The Roll of Champions came into being when Col. P. Bullard of Lealman Mobile Park, St. Petersburg, and writer of the book, *How to Play Shuffleboard*, went back to the first Florida State Championship tournament held in 1928 and gave points to all those who had a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th placement in a tournament up to the end of the 1958 season. Col. Bullard spent many days and hours trying to get the names of the tournaments held in the 30's and 40's, and then trying to find out who placed in these tournaments. This was done by checking old trophies for names, newspaper clippings, and asking players who played in that era for any information they might have. The information he garnered is in a number of notebooks giving date when information was found, how, where, and by whom. These notebooks can be found in the Florida Shuffleboard Hall of Fame at Sebring. Some names of placements have been added to this list, but points have not been added to the Roll of Champions that appeared in Col. Bullard's book. The list gives each player's placements in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in singles and doubles with the total points. This was done for all men and women players who

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had received 50 points or more. The points were not the same in all tournaments and varied according to amount of entries in tournaments, etc. Points ran no higher than 10-8-7-6 and down to 4-2-1-1. Two point differences were always given between 1st and 2nd place. We now have our record of the start of the Roll of Champions.

In the 1958-59 season, the *St. Petersburg Times* took over the point system and carried on as Col. Bullard had done in giving of points. For the 1959-60 season, the points were used to determine who would play in the Masters. The *St. Petersburg Times* then gave medals to the top 15 men and women on the Roll of Champions; they did this through the 1964-65 season. We then find the *St. Petersburg Independent* taking over the point system and here we find that points were more or less the same in all Statewide tournaments. They did give more points in the Florida State Singles and Doubles tournaments. Points were: open singles, 15-12-10-8; closed, 12-9-7-5; doubles, 8-6-5-3. The *St. Petersburg Independent* also gave the medals to the top 15 on the Roll of Champions through the 1973-74 season.

The Florida Shuffleboard Association took over the point system in the 1974-75 season, and it is now called Florida State Roll of Champions. Harold and Beulah Dunbar then started giving the medals to the top 15 men and women on the Roll. In the 1983-84 season, the Dunbars added money to their Masters Tournament and no medals were given. In the 1984-85 season, we find that Ken and Virginia Worden gave the medals. Starting with the 1985-86 season, Tyler and Kay MacMaster took over the Masters and also started giving the medals; they will do this as long as they run the Masters in their name. Tyler MacMaster got permission from the State Board to go back and give medals to those who did not receive them in the 1983-84 season.

The medals given out this year will be the 30th Anniversary of Pinnacle of Success, as the medals are called.

We congratulate all those who have received a medal and we thank those who gave the medals. We hope that the Florida State Roll of Champions will be carried on and the medals given for another 30 years, and longer!

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QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HALL OF FAME

Qualified candidates must have competed in the Pro Division with a record of wins and/or placements for a minimum of ten (10) years. All players shall have the right to know and have easy access to the Hall of Fame procedures and conditions.

The Florida Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame shall be divided into three (3) categories: (A) Players, (B) Presidents, and (C) Special Award.

(A) Hall of Fame Players:

1. The requirements for consideration as candidate shall be as follows: (a) Listed in the Pro Division for at least ten (10) years; (b) Having amassed a total of at least two hundred (200) points.

2. The name of such qualifying players shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee by the Keeper of Records upon the conclusion of each of the calendar playing seasons.

3. Discussion of any candidate and voting shall be in closed session with only the Board members and Secretary present. If any member of the Board is a candidate, that person shall be excluded from the session during the discussion and balloting.

4. Each qualified member of the Board is entitled to vote for no more than three (3) of the proposed candidates. To be elected a candidate must receive a minimum of ten (10) votes from the 18-member Board. If more than three (3) candidates receive this number of votes, then only three (3) receiving the highest total are elected. If necessary, a run-off ballot should be conducted to determine the three (3) winners.

5. Results of the secret ballot shall not be numerically announced. The Committee Chairman shall merely announce the names of those candidates who have been elected. (As per Standing Rule No. 13, March 1985.)

6. Those candidates not receiving the necessary votes to be elected shall remain on the eligible list for a maximum of three (3) years. If not elected in that three-year period, said player's name shall be withdrawn and may be reinstated only upon the request of a District President.

7. In the event of the absence of one or more of the Board

members, in voting for Player or Special Award (as specified below), a majority of the votes cast will be required to elect to either category.

(B) Hall of Fame Presidents:

1. Each President of the Florida Shuffleboard Association, after having served three (3) years, earns this high honor, having given outstanding leadership and devotion to his/her many obligations. The President will receive this honor on his/her last year in office at the February Banquet and/or meeting.

2. The Florida Shuffleboard Association may recommend a President be placed in the Hall of Fame with LESS than three years as State President of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Board. The President will then enter the Hall of Fame at the February meeting of his/her last year in office.

(C) Hall of Fame Special Award:

1. The Special Award is for those persons who have achieved outstanding records in shuffleboard in the Administrative or Promotional fields, and who have contributed significantly to the welfare and advancement of the Florida Shuffleboard Association.

2. Each District President may make one (1) proposal per year for the Special Award. Said proposal may involve more than one person, provided these persons are closely associated in their accomplishments. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a record of the nominees' accomplishments and forwarded to the Hall of Fame Chairman prior to September 1st each calendar year.

3. If there are two (2) or more proposed candidates for Special Award honors, each voting member may vote for only one (1) of the nominees, with a total of ten (10) votes from the 18-member Board being required for election to the Special Award.

4. Upon being nominated, persons proposed for the Special Award shall remain eligible for three (3) years with the same procedure as for Players (see Item 6, Hall of Fame Players category) in effect for subsequent reinstatement for consideration as a candidate. (Approved March 1989, Effective October 1, 1989.)