

## Dear Shuffleboard Players,

As I look back, it is hard to realize so much has happened in such a short period of time. When I first began to play shuffleboard it was only a pastime. It soon became full-time. The Presidency of the Florida Shuffleboard Association was not something I wanted or expected. It has been "the best of times and the worst of times." During the past three years, I was constantly besieged by problems that often seemed insurmountable, and there was "never a dull moment." But it has been a time also when I discovered the true meaning of friendship and dedication. Thanks cannot begin to convey the depths of my appreciation to those who offered their help and advise. **Wilbur Estes** was my ever present support source from Day One. Others deserving of special recognition include **Bob Pearson, Howard Rayle, Wes Marousch, Jack Schneider, Howard & Helen Grove, Sam Allen, Bob Craig, Bill Smith**, and my wife, **Pat**. Also: **Mary Eldridge, Ed Johnston**, and **Chuck Appleton** have contributed a great deal.

The most frightening aspect of my new position was that of preparing the PREVIEW for publication. That fear subsided when **Herb Thomas** volunteered his services. The job is time consuming and often thankless, yet Herb gave endlessly and asked nothing. In addition to being Editor of the PREVIEW, Herb gave us the freedom to travel during the summer months while he attended to the business of the F.S.A. When I remember all he has done, I cannot help thinking, "Never fear - Herb is here!" He was there for us for three years, and is continuing on as Editor for our new President, **Paul Prescott**. Whenever we pick up a copy of PREVIEW, we should remember how much Herb does for all of us.

Probably the most important decision I had to make was the selection of your First Vice President. That individual would be assuming tremendous responsibility as Chairman of Rules & Regulations, and Tournament Scheduling, and he would be next in line for the Presidency. As I looked for the right candidate, one person kept coming to mind - Paul Prescott. Paul had just been elected as President of the Central District, but he agreed to give up that position and become my Right Hand - and that he has been! When I suffered a heart attack in February of 1994, Paul was there for you and me. He has been superb in his role as First Vice President and I believe he will be one of the finest FSA Presidents in history. All of us owe Paul our thanks and continuing support.

None of us should forget the contributions of the seven District Presidents and Delegates who make up the F.S.A. Board. They are the players' representatives, and they are the individuals who make things work. Nothing just happens. These are the people who "give til it hurts." They've spent endless hours on your behalf so that the sport we all love can provide us with fun, friendships, and a shuffleboard future that can only be bigger and better. Most of all, I want to thank you, the players. It's BEEN GREAT!

Sincerely,

SKIP McCOY, Past President