

“THE SHUFFLER HOF INDUCTION REMARKS”

It's not every day that you get a chance to be part of history in the making but all of us in the Central District get that chance today with the induction of the “The Shuffler” web site created by our own Stan McCormack and Alf Primeau.

It was during the 2002 International Shuffleboard Association (ISA) Event in Clearwater, FL that THE SHUFFLER came on the scene. Stan filed his first field report to Webmaster Alf and as we all know, they have never stopped reporting!! That first series of reports was posted on the Clearwater Club bulletin board daily. Each of the reports was signed by “Reporter Stan”, and most of the players had no idea who this “reporter” was >> nor had they heard of THE SHUFFLER. In fact at that time their Website was known as the Thames Horizon Site.

Stan and Alf actually met for the very first time at a District Masters Tournament in Sebring and until then each was totally unaware of the other >> Stan in fact had never heard of the Website but had experience in writing articles to the local newspapers and had experienced politics at the local level. Obviously both had appealed to him and when Max Tate told Stan that Alf was looking for some support for the Website, Stan jumped right in!!

As our President stated in announcing the decision of the CD Board to induct THE SHUFFLER: “They have created a site for outstanding information and communication where shuffleboard players can get up to date information, ask questions, debate topics or give an opinion. They spend many hours providing information on International Shuffleboard, Canadian Shuffleboard, California, Texas, Arizona and Florida Shuffleboard, especially the Central District”

An example of the appreciation of their hard work comes from none other than Sam Allen and pertains to the coverage of the International World Championships in Brazil, he writes, *Dear Stan: (Re ISA Work) I term it "ISA Work" because what you did in Brazil was above and beyond the call of duty. I very much looked forward to your daily comments and results and wanted you to know how much I personally appreciated the articles.*

Sam Allen (To explain: The Shuffler sent nightly reports from the Hotel in Brazil, back to Webmaster Alf for posting that same night >> thus allowing Americans, Canadians, and the Japanese to follow the daily action.)

HOWEVER; THE SHUFFLER is more than Stan and Alf! They have invited others, in fact sought out others with expertise in chosen fields: Wilbur Estes who contributes an excellent column on the game he loves so much; Sandi Quinn and Barb Norton who from time to time provide their particular insight to Shuffling Events; and from time to time they even let me write an article and any one of you that wants to contribute can do so also and some of you have. I remember one time observing to Stan that “One day we will be able to have a new article each day, and when we do, shufflers will open up THE SHUFFLER every morning when having that 1st cup of coffee, just as they do their morning newspaper.”

Shufflers, we are at that point!!

It is a personal honor and an honor I project for the entire Central District to present the only interactive Shuffleboard Web Site “THE SHUFFLER” for induction into the Florida Shuffleboard Association Central District “Hall of Fame”.

Accepting the Special Award is Stan McCormack on behalf of the “THE SHUFFLER”.

Presentation by Earl Ball 2007 03 17.