

TAFISA

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INTERNATIONAL SPORT FOR ALL.

5TH WORLD SPORT FOR ALL GAMES
JULY 5-10, 2012 HELD IN
SIAULIAI, LITHUANIA

THE ISA WILL BE THERE!

The International Shuffleboard Association is pleased to be participating in this World Class Event in Siauliai Lithuania from the 5th to the 10th of July, 2012. Held every four years, the week-long Games are a vibrant and entertaining experience, offering a unique opportunity for the public to discover the traditional and contemporary games and sports of cultures from across the globe. Since their beginning in Bonn, Germany, in 1992, Games have been held around the world, with the most recent games in Busan, Korea, in 2008.

DIVERSITY IS THE OPERATIVE WORD!

The ISA will have representation from America, Brazil, Canada and Germany. On July 4th, 2012, Gus Bondi, Jim Bailey, Lois & Stan McCormack from North America will fly to Frankfurt, Germany where they will meet up with ISA President Michael Zellner accompanied by Bernar Borges, Camile Caldas, and Gabriel Zellner of South America. From Frankfurt they will fly to Riga in Latvia and then travel by bus to Siauliai, Lithuania where they will be joined by Dieter Hussmann and Marius Runge of Germany.

The following slides present the Official Delegation representing the International Shuffleboard Association:



FROM BRAZIL "ISA PRESIDENT" >> MICHAEL ROBERT ZELLNER

Michael is an Ex-pat from New York State, USA who retired after a career in the US Air Force and subsequently moved to São Paulo, Brazil where he is a Professor of English Studies at the University of São Paulo. In 1997, he formed and led the first Brazilian National Shuffleboard team to Hendersonville, North Carolina to compete in the 17th International World Shuffleboard Championship. Michael has organized and accompanied the Brazilian Shuffleboard Team to 2 International Inaugurals and 12 World Championships. In 2005, he hosted one of the most successful World Shuffleboard Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Michael was selected and inducted into the prestigious International Shuffleboard "Hall of Fame" in 2006. After presiding over the Brazilian Shuffleboard Association for 15 years, Michael stepped down in January 2011 to assume the newly elected office of *President* of the International Shuffleboard Association. Since the start of his reign, the International Association has grown from 5 to 7 member nations with additional nations on the horizons. Michael also applied, in the name of the Association, and was immediately accepted to become a member of TAFISA (World Sport for all Games) and will lead a 10 Member Delegation to present "SHUFFLEBOARD" to invited VIP guests representing over 60 nations and over 30 languages at the 5th World Sports For All showcase event being held in Siauliai, Lithuania from 5-10 July, 2012 and immediately following he will preside over the 2012 World Shuffleboard Championships taking place in Seattle, Washington from 5-10 August with 21 teams from 9 nations involving over 150 of the best shufflers in the world competing for Gold, Silver and Bronze.



From Brazil >> Camille Caldas



The twenty-year-old Brazilian youth Camille Caldas has played Shuffleboard since August 2010.

When her dad, Pedro Caldas, participated in the 2010 World Shuffleboard Championship in Hohenroda, Germany, he brought his two daughters with him to give them some international experience. Good decision made by Pedro!! After knowing better the sport during the week long championship, Camille came back to Brazil with so much interest and immediately started practicing the game.

Since then, she has participated in 3 Brazilian Tournaments, achieving better than average performances and in one tournament was even partnered with the ISA President.

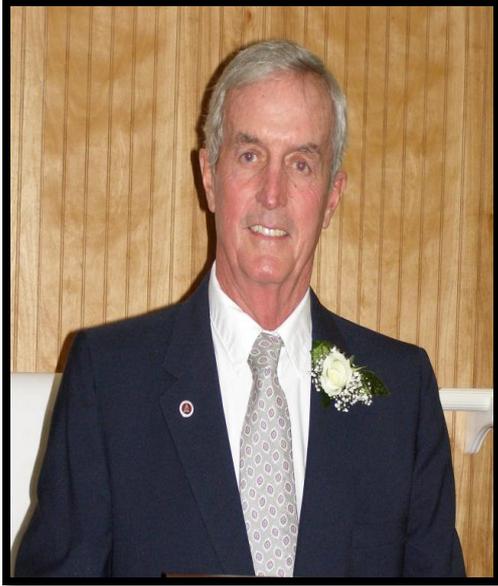
Camille was delighted when she knew she was selected to be part of the ISA Delegation to attend the TAFISA Games, in July, and she cannot wait to be there!

From The USA >> Gus Bondi



Gus Bondi originally came to Florida to play a lot of golf with his wife Marie. However; when she started to beat him, he said.....this game has to go. He put his clubs in the shed and eventually sold them at a yard sale. He started playing shuffleboard where he lived and became a decent player in a short time because he really took a liking to the game. He joined the Winter Haven Shuffleboard Club and held various offices up to the President and fine-tuned his game practicing everyday with good pros who taught him the finer parts of the game. Gus served as Treasurer of the International Shuffleboard Association and eventually held the office of President. He is a member of the ISA Hall of Fame and the Central District Hall of Fame of Florida and is the current President of the USA National Shuffleboard Association. Gus has traveled the world promoting the game that he loves..Germany (twice),England, Scandinavia, Australia, Canada, Brazil and has traveled all over the USA to National Tournaments and East-West games. He is a two time International Team World Champion.....a two time National Couple Champion..... a Central District Masters champion and two time Winter World shuffleboard team champion. Gus Bondi is really looking forward to his trip to Lithuania in July to help promote Shuffleboard throughout the World. Gus is really happy that his wife beat him in golf years ago because he sure has fallen in love with shuffleboard.....

From the USA >> Jim Bailey



In December of 1991 Jim and Ninfa Bailey retired, purchased a motor home and relocated to Palmetto Florida where Jim's parents lived. Time marches on and Jim & Ninfa moved into an RV park where Jim began playing shuffleboard. Jim's very first shuffleboard tournament was at Bradenton in the Senior Games and he soon realized that friendship and respect went hand in hand with shuffleboard. Jim went on to win the tournament and Betty Downing placed the gold medal around his neck and gave him a hug. Wow this was fun!!! His enthusiasm carried him to Tucson, AZ where he took gold in the Singles event, National Senior Games, and bronze with his partner Dan Sullivan. The FSA (Florida Shuffleboard Assn.) was the next challenge and it was not long until Jim's performance at the Pro Level equaled his performance in the Senior Games. Jim was inducted into the FSA "Hall of Fame" in 2008 in recognition of his outstanding ability as a Player; and in 2010 in recognition of his contribution to the FSA while serving as President. In 2011 in Dieppe, New Brunswick, Canada, Jim was inducted into the prestigious ISA "Hall of Fame" Player Category and this year he will be accepting the Past President's Award as he becomes a member of the US National "Hall of Fame".

From Germany >> Marius Runge



The twenty-year-old German student started playing Shuffleboard in 2006 at the age of 13. Marius first ISA appearance was 2007 in Midland, Canada, as a member of the German Men's Team. Because he lived as an exchange student for a year in the United States he missed a year of playing Shuffleboard, but in 2009 he took part in the first ISA Singles in Betmar, USA, and placed 27th. 2010 at the World Shuffleboard Championship in Hohenroda, Germany, he earned the bronze medal with the UN Youth Team. Last year at the ISA Singles in Dieppe, Canada, he placed 23rd. Marius is proud that he was selected to be part of the ISA Delegation to attend the TAFISA Games in July, especially because this year he is unable to participate in the ISA Team Event in Seattle, USA.



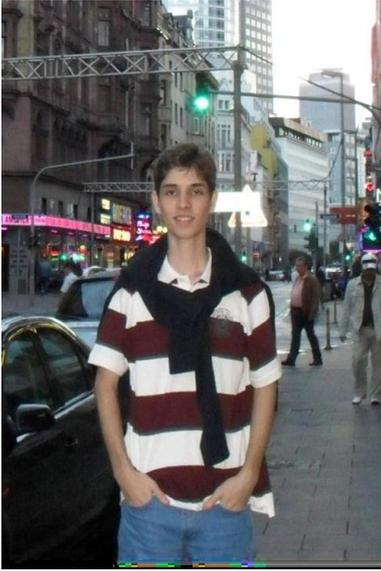
From Brazil >> Gabriel Roger Zellner

* This 15 year-old-youth began playing shuffleboard in 2003 at age 7.

Gabriel, the son of the Brazilian shuffleboard founder and its first President and current International Shuffleboard President, was introduced to the game at an early age. He has been the team mascot since the age of 5, trained with them and accompanied the team in International Tournaments all around the world. In 2005, at the opening ceremony of the ISA World Shuffleboard Championship in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Gabriel then 8 years old, together with the City Mayor, launched the first disks to kick off the tournament. Gabriel has appeared in numerous commercials and media coverage in support of youth competing in the game of shuffleboard. Gabriel enjoys shuffleboard at the amateur level, is also an avid swimmer and is an outstanding forward on his youth soccer team. He says he is so excited to be selected to represent youth in Shuffleboard at the 2012 TAFISA World Sports for All Event.



From Brazil >> Bernar Borges



Born in June 1990 in the city of Niteroi (next to Rio de Janeiro), Bernar Borges was introduced to shuffleboard in 2005 when the club where his father was the Vice President agreed to host the 24th ISA World Shuffleboard Championship. Since then, Bernar, along with his father, Antonio Borges, began playing shuffleboard twice a week under the guidance of Brazilian Vice President Luiz Pimentel on his private court, located in Niteroi as well. Together with soccer and table tennis, shuffleboard became Bernar's favorite sport. By the end of 2006, Bernar was already competing on equal terms with the more experienced players from Brazil. His first appearance in an International competition was in Midland, Ontario, Canada, in 2007. The then 17-year-old player was honored with a plaque from PRO teammate Marcos Cardoso for being the best Brazilian finisher, with 9.5 wins out of 16 games. He was also awarded with the Sportsmanship Award, from the ISA. Bernar received as well from Brazilian President Michael Zellner the prestigious "Black Fox" Award, for outstanding contribution to the Brazilian team during an International competition. His second International appearance was in Hohenroda, Germany, in August 2010 and Bernar was tied for the best Brazilian finisher, along with President Michael Zellner and teammate Hernani Barcellos. Currently ranked 27th in the official ISA Ranking (Top Brazilian), Bernar ultimately competed in the ISA World Singles Shuffleboard Tournament, alongside his father in Dieppe, Canada in 2011. He is also so excited to be representing youth at the TAFISA event.

From Germany >> Dieter Hussmann

* Dieter Hussmann has been playing shuffleboard since 2005.



He initiated the foundation of the German Shuffleboard Association e.V. (GSA) and is one of the co-founders. Since its inception, he serves as the President of the GSA. He has brought many Germans to the tournaments of the International Shuffleboard Association. In 2010 he hosted the International tournament in Germany. The community of international Shufflers elected him to become a member of the ISA Hall of Fame in 2011. As a player Dieter became the first German Champion in 2006 and participated in many international tournaments. He acted as playing Team Captain when Germany won the Bronze medal in Australia 2008 and he finished 13th in the latest World Singles Championships 2011.

From Canada >> Stan & Lois McCormack



We joined the Blackstock Club and became actively involved. Stan later became the President and Lois the Organizer of Special Events. In 2005 with the support of the Blackstock Club, we hosted what became the most successful Shuffleboard Event in Canada and later it was this event, this format that was adopted by the FL Central District and called the Hall of Fame Classic. The event continues to this day and its popularity continues!! Another high mark in our career was the significant growth in attendance at our CNSA Annual Meetings. We held them in conjunction with a National Tournament; we offered a Banquet; and with the support of the CNSA Board, we launched the CNSA Digital Hall of Fame and invited every CNSA Past President, and others who were to be inducted into the HOF. Since then, both the FL Central District and the FSA State Organization have adopted the concept of a Digital Hall of Fame. The success of the combination of the Banquet, the AGM and the HOF Inductions has continued to this day and in fact, has grown. Another positive for the CNSA BOARD while Lois and I served as President and Treasurer, was the launch of the Very First **IP** (Inter-Provincial Tournament) We are gratified that we have been able to make the a/n contributions to Shuffleboard. I should add in this regard that Stan and Alf Primeau, editor and webmaster respectively, were inducted into the HOF of the Central District of Florida as well as the prestigious HOF of the ISA (International Shuffleboard Assn.) in recognition of the success of The Shuffler website.- the first for Shuffleboard.