

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION INC'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON THE 23rd August, 2020

This year my Annual Report for the Annual Meeting of the ISA Board will be unusually different and hopefully unique.

The year commenced with great enthusiasm amongst our members, the year we were to host in August the 39th World Shuffleboard Championship and so many of our members were looking forward to playing for the first time in an International event.

Preparations for the hosting were well in hand with the accommodation for the International players and visitors reserved and many of the other hosting arrangements agreed and in place. We were able to offer a very reasonable package and this had been published to the 'World of Shuffleboard'.

In February we started the process for the Australian team selection dividing all the selected members into three teams of Ladies and three teams of Men. We were confident that our top teams would be very competitive.

In late February early March the threat of a unique corona virus arose, we began to hear of problems with regard to some International participation and by late March the Australian border was closed with talk that this would likely extend beyond August putting an end to the event.

On the 21st March it was decided to cancel the event and the ISA President was advised accordingly and by the 23rd March to comply with the Australian Government requirements all shuffleboard play at both our sets of courts had been suspended until further notice.

We would like to place on record our thanks for the wonderful support and co-operation we received from the ISA President and the First Vice President during this difficult period.

As it turns out the decision taken in March to cancel the event was the right one as the Australian Border remains closed and by current reports is unlikely to reopen to visitors before the end of 2020.

As I write this Report the decision has been taken to reopen shuffleboard play at both our sets of courts beginning on the 1st July in a limited manner complying with all Government requirements with regard to social distancing etc.

On a brighter note I am pleased to report that no Australian shuffleboard members have contracted the 'Covid 19' virus and by all reports are all looking forward to the reopening.

Ian Reiher
President ASA
27th June, 2020