

USA NSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ISA MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2021

Unfortunately, the 2021 President's Report will be somewhat repetitive in many aspects of the 2020 report in that the Covid Pandemic has severely restricted many of our normally scheduled tournaments! Many clubs have developed Covid Protocols that has allowed several of our scheduled tournaments to be held with limitations which may have effected tournament participation. Florida, Hendersonville, North Carolina and Lakeside, Ohio completed most of their scheduled tournaments. Most of the California, Arizona and Texas Tournaments were not held because of Club restrictions and liability concerns.

We were preparing for the ISA World Singles Tournament that was to be held in San Benito, Texas, this October. It has been cancelled, understandably, however we appreciate all of the preparatory work done by the Fun 'Sun RV Resort and Ann and Evan Engle. We Hope their work will be brought back for Hosting a future Tournament! Thank you for your efforts.

I worked with the California Shuffleboard Association to apply to Host the ISA World Team Championship Tournament in 2022. After many months of hard research and efforts by Mike Garrett in Hemet and several California Shuffleboard Association Officers, the application was withdrawn due to a projected high registration fee. I believe that this Association will be back in the near future to apply as a host to an ISA Tournament.

We in the USA NSA have been fortunate to receive two applications to Host the ISA World Singles Championship in 2023. We at USA NSA, have tried to position our organization as a resource center and an advocacy partner to Clubs in our nation who wish to apply to the ISA to Host. Our objective is to provide preliminary review of the Application as to its completeness and ability to Host the Tournament. When there are competing applications, we will submit each to the ISA and allow them to be reviewed without a specific USA NSA recommendation.

We congratulate all of the USA NSA Hall of Famers as well as the ISA Hall of Famers, they are the "Best of our Best".

We welcomed the State of Illinois and the Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club to the USA NSA. Two members, Kevin Reedy and Trevor Hess are already known to us for all of the live streaming of several ISA Tournaments. Their club which is similar to USA Bowling Alleys is unique and may be one way to improve our membership throughout the world. A fresh approach and new eyes on our sport is always welcome!

We will miss Gus Bondi and all of the things he did for our sport! I do not have good knowledge of other significant participants in our sport, that we have loss to Covid or other illnesses, but I know they will be locally recognized for blessing our presence.

I will miss being able to call Beth and Jim Allen for information about the Shuffleboard history, but I am sure that they will still find time for shuffleboard, and I will still have a phone number.

I have had an interesting two years as President of USA NSA, but I regret not being at the ISA Tournaments and all of the great friends that I have made. I look forward beyond this era to when the "open" good times in Shuffleboard returns and our friendships will be renewed!

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