

USA NSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ISA MEETING AUGUST 23, 2020

2020 is my first year as President of the USA NSA and given the events that have occurred, I have been fortunate to have a seasoned group of Officers and former Presidents to fall back upon for advice and guidance in addressing the issues, we have had to face!

The Covid 19 virus has dominated our existence this year! We are not only fearing the worst-case scenarios, but most of our membership is in the high-risk age group. We were in the process of selecting a team for the ISA 39th World Team Championship, making reservations and preparing for this event, when we learned of a potential cancellation. Many members spent incredible time and effort only to face final cancellation of the games.

We saw major tournaments cancelled throughout our country starting in March and many continue through until the fall. Some tournaments have opened with social distancing and sanitary guidelines, however now we have increased cases throughout most of the states. Several State Presidents have expressed concerns as the Virus effect on our Canadian friends feeling safe to travel to the USA this fall. Most of the State Senior Games has been cancelled. We are posting on our website some of the Shuffleboard guidelines under Covid 19 as resources for clubs and states to use as examples.

We are subject to the veracity of the pandemic and will have to deal with all its implications!

The USA NSA has taken this time to take care of many housekeeping items such as applying for and receiving IRS approval as a Non For Profit Association, received an IRS Employer Identification Number and complying with all state and federal reporting requirements. Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are being amended to reflect updated responsibly and financial accountability.

We are reviewing our member states and a slight drop in membership. We are reviewing our participation in our meetings and querying our membership as to how to increase participation.

We are excited about the future tournaments such as our National Tournaments, the ISA World Singles Tournament in San Benito, Texas and returning to a new normal of Shuffleboard. We have been in correspondence with an organization that would like to do a Documentry of the sport of Shuffleboard and are involving many individuals in the national and international shuffleboard community. We continue to hear of more "pay to play venues" and their involvement in the NSA.

We are a Resource Association! Our purpose is to support our State Membership and to promote this great sport of Shuffleboard. We need to constantly re-imagine this sport and make sure we can survive the challenges of a pandemic and societal changes to our Membership!

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