

## USANSA President's report for the ISA 2019 Annual Meeting @ Vienna

- Following ISA High River 2018, we received many positive reviews of the event, the site and the activities. Congratulations went to our “north of our border friends” on another successful ISA held in Canada.
- The USA attendees who will enjoy ISA Vienna 2019 as players and non-players, are a solid and interesting mix of women and men. This group again causes us to feel good about our present and our future.
- A proposal to host ISA 2021 @ San Benito, TX has been submitted. Some years ago, we really enjoyed San Benito, as they hosted a very successful USA East/West Goodwill Games event. In Texas, shuffleboard is well-organized and well-played.
- This past year, we again played in tournaments in a number of States. It continues to impress us how well-organized and run each tournament was.
- This year, 17 USANSA National Tournaments, with varied formats, were successfully conducted in a total of six States.
- More commercial establishments, where shuffleboard is featured, have opened in the USA. This format creates quite a few new shufflers. A lot of them will enjoy playing shuffleboard for many decades.
- A TV producer hopes to produce a shuffleboard tournament mini-series. It would run weekly on a network for about two months. He is a shuffler. We enjoyed meeting him during the Lakeside Nationals this summer. We wish his venture great success.
- USANSA is also blessed with talented volunteers who hold positions on our Board. Bill Hoyer, who is currently our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President and also President of the Ohio State Shuffleboard Association, is one of them. Bill has agreed to represent me and USANSA at the ISA Annual Meeting in Vienna.
- Finally, a special “shout-out” goes to Joyce Smith. What a job Joyce has done, facilitating numerous changes and additions to our USANSA Vienna participants. Thanks, Joyce.

Note: the comments above, on a few timely subjects, are personal.

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