



# German Shuffleboard Association e.V.

## Annual Report 2017

The German Shuffleboard Association (GSA) currently has more than 150 members.

The highlight since our last report was the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Championship tournament which took place in Hohenroda, the venue of the World Championship 2010.

Players from Norway, UK and, for the first time, Austria gathered together to compete for the title of the European Champion. After two days of intense play, two young German Shufflers, Fabienne Fluck and Torben Hussmann, won the title in the two divisions.

The GSA currently plays 7 national tournaments per year, both indoors and outdoors. This year, we added a new event. For the first time, we organized a tournament only for our new joiners and more unexperienced players, the “Challenge Cup”. It is designed to help these participants hone their Shuffleboard skills while gaining vital experience.

Having added a sports club in the town of Ludwigshafen as another Shuffleboard hub in Germany, we are planning the first national team tournament to be held in Ludwigshafen in the fall of 2017.

Promotion has always been important to the GSA. In 2017 we succeeded in presenting Shuffleboard at many regional events but also on the European level.

In May, the President and the Treasurer of the GSA travelled to Austria to meet representatives of the newly founded Austria Shuffleboard Association. President Peter Krappel, General Secretary Elisabeth Schimatzeck and Petra Hönig welcomed our delegation and expressed their dedication and commitment to Shuffleboard. The group examined the potential for national and international tournaments in Austria in the future as well as a membership in the ISA.

Also in May, the GSA presented Shuffleboard on “Schlag den Star,” Germany’s most popular TV game show with close to 2 million viewers. Shuffleboard was the highlight during Saturday evening prime time television for over 20 minutes.