## 2017 UKSA ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ISA BOARD MEETING

Shuffleboard continues to flourish here in Britain. Our ambition remains to establish more clubs throughout the country and to build on the enthusiasm for the sport witnessed by the many courts now in use in resorts, retirement homes and private houses.

The sport will reach a wider demographic this year with the London Shuffle Club opening again in July/August and again in November/December. Not quite shuffleboard as we play it but there's no harm in the extra publicity.

A strong contingent of Brits took part in the European Championships in Germany this spring including a number of people for whom this was the first trip to an ISA event. It won't be the last, they loved it! Sadly we won't be participating in Brazil but we'll be there in spirit and wish Bernar and his helpers every success. Expect to see us in Calgary next year.

Our next planned event in the UK will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Norwich Open in April 2018 where we hope to entertain visitors from Canada, United States and Norway, once again playing in historic St. Andrews Hall. We look forward to demonstrating how much we've improved since 2015.

One other snippet of news – our friends in the Moscow Shuffleboard Federation tell us that the worst of the financial crisis there is over and they have renewed interest in the sport so they hope to see more courts installed soon.

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