

## NORTHERN DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Joe Inga, President who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Donna Lewis led us in a prayer.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Joe Inga – President; Tom Brown – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Brad Simons – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Rod Lewis – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. Cindy Wonson – Treasurer; Bob Robinson – State Delegate. (Absent- Arlene Jabaut – Secretary and Jerry Jabaut – Alternate State Delegate.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: Clermont – Arthur Jordan; Coronado Mainland – Joan Sanford; Deland- Brad Simons; Hawthorne – Bob Robinson; Lake Point – Patty Foster; Holiday RV – Tom Basner; Leesburg – Gail Howell; Mid-Florida Lakes – Donna Lewis; Tavares – Mary Jane Newmann; Whisperwood – Rich Burrell.

SECRETARY – Bob Robinson moved that the minutes be accepted with corrections to reflect that he and Katy Walker will be inducted into the State Hall of Fame in 2025 to the State Meeting in Hawthorne. He further asked that the beginning time and ending time of the meeting be added and that there was no mention of the motion to adjourn the meeting being carried out. These corrections will be added. Donna Lewis seconded his motion to accept the minutes and the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy stated that the checkbook balance as of 10/21/23 was \$3,156.33. Deposits: \$639.00 Tournament Fees, Preview Sales \$231.00, Court Fees for 7 clubs \$152.00. Expenses between 10/21/23 and 1/19/24 - Reimbursed Deland for refreshments \$30.00, paid for 1 page of Preview \$150.00 and our portion of Court Fees to the FSA \$163.20. The current checkbook balance is \$3,885.13. Our total membership for this year is 13 clubs. Top of the World and Parkwood Oaks have dropped out. We need to form an audit committee to audit the books. The motion was made by Bonnie Radke to accept the

Treasurers Report, seconded by Patty Foster. The motion was carried. Joe asked for volunteers for the audit committee. John Giumarra and Rod Lewis volunteered to complete and audit. They will contact Cindy to complete the audit.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS.

President – Joe Inga reserved till later.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tom Brown - Nothing to add.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Brad Simons - In the next meeting he will have the packets to hand out regarding the Preview and request that they be returned to him as soon as possible.

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Rod Lewis - Rod is stepping down after this year and wants to thank everyone for all their help and he will be here to help the future 4<sup>th</sup> VP. The other part of his job is as a State Director. He wants to step down as the Director for the pro tournaments and still do the am tournaments. Mary Jane Newmann commented that Rod has done all her tournaments, and she is very happy with him and that he has been easy to work with. There was overwhelming applause for Rod.

KOR – Bonnie Radke – She apologized for deleting a page with points and will rebuild it soon. Please go onto the website to verify info. Bonnie is getting the results quicker which makes it easier to report. Getting ready for the master's and keeping the points up to date.

#### REPORT FROM CLUB PRESIDENTS.

CLERMONT – Arthur Jordan reported that they are moving forward, and he is still learning. Also there will be an am tournament this coming week.

CORONADO MAINLAND – My name is Joan Sanford; I am the new President. In March we will be having elections for new officers. We have several new members and when someone joins, they get a free lesson. The club has over 200 members presently. This past Tuesday Arlene and Jerry hosted a potluck with 58 members and Saturday John and Barb

Fortini hosted Fun Days and are expecting 40+ people. There were two tournaments that rained out last fall and our next tournament is February 2<sup>nd</sup> , Debbie Evans will be the Director. We have another tournament February 29<sup>th</sup> that Bonnie will be directing. In the Spring we will be having SPARCS which is a program for handicap individuals out of Daytona. We are proud to host the Masters Tournament March 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> and will need volunteers to help as pushers. Spring break will be happening at the same time so there will be a lot of activity.

DELAND – Brad Simons - Deland has a lot of new members and they are making a lot of improvements. On Sept 12, 1962, John F Kennedy said, “We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies.” We had ND01 tournament Thurs and Friday Jan 18 and 19. 17 teams came, making 34 players. From Deland we had 8 players from Coronado Mainland we had 19 players (Thank you Coronado), Ormond we had 0, Leesburg 4 players, Mid Florida 2, Hawthorne 1, Holiday RV 0, Tavares 0, Hacienda del Rio Ost. Brad was very disappointed in the players that came from the west side of the district. When he goes to other tournaments, he hears that the courts are slow, they can’t adjust to the courts, I’m not driving all the way over there to play on those courts. Brad went on to say that if the courts were old, cracked, weeds growing up through them, falling apart, etc, he would understand. The courts are excellent and there is a beautiful facility, with covered benches to wait for the next match. If the only excuse is because courts are not beaded, “shame on you”. He sees a list of players close to getting their Hall of Fame jackets, but will not play on Deland Courts, complaining about them being slow. If you’re striving to be a pro, you should adjust to the conditions of each clubs’ courts. We are the Northern District, and we need to start thinking that way and support each other’s club. Presently Brad is being asked by the city to keep track of usage of the shuffleboard courts. He feels that the Club could be in jeopardy of having to give up

their courts for other usage, perhaps pickle ball. Their next tournament he hopes to see 100 players there. Cindy commented that she enjoyed playing there at the last tournament as did several others. Brad invited players to come on their practice days.

HAWTHORNE- Bob Robinson -Reporting on the State meeting first as our State Delegate. Back in November he went to the State scheduling meeting for State Am and Open tournaments. Southeast Coast was supposed to do the State sponsored singles tournament. Last year Mid Florida sponsored the doubles tournament where there is \$400 added to the prize money from the State. Since the southeast coast is not going to sponsor, Hawthorne will be sponsoring the tournament Nov 11, 2024, there will be \$400 in extra prize money and a plaque that will be presented. FSA still does not know where the plaque is. If it is not found, a new plaque will be obtained and presented. The State schedule has been approved and should be shown on the website soon. Glen Monroe is still not well; he is home and hoping to get a portable oxygen generator so he can get out to tournaments. There is tentatively a lady training to take over the KOR duties. Bob Hovatter our current President has been ill and in the hospital. The FSA has a new President, Marti Noble. She moved up from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. We have a new 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President at the State level, Kathy Brennan. The pre-registering for tournaments at the State level is removed from the State Association policy. If you go to the State website and click on bulletin, there are several things that you can learn, from teaching shuffleboard to being a director. There are all sorts of sub-brackets with information. There are 13 Ten Day Notices that must be voted on in March. Please read them and let Joe and Bob know your opinion. (Florida Shuffleboard Association)

Hawthorne is alive and well. They will be hosting the State Singles Tournament and Hall of Fame Banquet next year in January 2025. Right now, Katy and Bob will be inducted from the Northern District. Several

people from the Central District qualified this year but are waiting till it comes to Hawthorne because it's closer.

HOLIDAY RV - Tom Basner wanted to thank Leesburg and Hawthorne for allowing them to host their tournaments there, due to the problems with their courts resurfacing.

Nidy has been at our courts and is hoping to get them finished so we can use them. The original resurfacing was not acceptable; therefore, Nidy's representative agreed and had the courts resurfaced. They have two tournaments scheduled for next year. Hopefully when the courts are finished people will come to play to check them out.

LAKEPOINT – Patty Foster, nothing new.

LEESBURG- Gail reported there are up to 57 members. Probably one fourth active and participating. They are just like other clubs that have difficulty getting involvement. There will be a meet on Thursday, which will be men singles against men and ladies' singles against ladies. The top 8 men and top 8 women will draw the second day and play mixed doubles for the finals. There will be two more State tournaments. They have an assistant Treasurer. Leesburg will not have food next year. Gail feels that the format for tournaments should be reconsidered and possibly revised. This is something that won't happen until next year. Joe commented that it is up to the Clubs to decide the format that they want.

MID-FLORIDA- Donna commented that they now have 36 members, and they are all excited about playing. They are bringing several to tournaments. Rod and Donna teach players how to do disk, bead courts, etc. The younger players do not like seeing players being disrespectful to the Director and it discourages them from being a director. They have someone come to grill for lunch and groups to do bake sales for the tournaments. They do a 50/50 at their pancake breakfast to promote shuffleboard.

The community is very supportive.

TAVARES – Mary Jane said that at the last tournament they were ecstatic, there were 16 am and 32 pros. The courts are running well. She enjoyed the tournament and thanks Rod and Donna for all their help. Her biggest concern is that there are not many members and a very small work force. She just found out the court master has a lot of physical problems and probably will not be able to help any more. Tavares' next tournament is Jan 29, an amateur tournament.

WHISPERWOOD – Richie stated that they have 4 courts, and they were done two years ago. The guy who did them did the tennis courts first and then shuffleboard courts. The pool is near the courts and two of the courts have cracks, but the other two are good. Previously there were about 40 people that would come to play, but Richie doesn't get there to play much anymore.

COMMITTEE REPORT: STANDING RULES COMMITTEE: Zak is Chair, with Gail Howell, John Giumarra and Tom Brown joining in. We were to have a report in the Fall, but due to a COVID issue we will be getting the report now. This is to be reviewed and voted on at the March meeting for the 2024-2025 season. Zak gave the presentation.

Zak had hoped to have this 100% done but realized that there may be things to discuss today and put together. After a vote today corrections and revisions can be made to present to the membership to have a final vote at the March meeting. There is one thing that impacts the Standing Rules, and these are the Rules that govern the Masters Tournament. There is a rule regarding the Masters Pins that needs to be clarified. (These Standing Rules were sent around to all the Club Presidents to review with their board and membership).

Item # 6 - Standing Rules were changed eliminating pre-registration, however it was added that "pre-registration may be instituted if required by outside events".

Item # 7- There have been complaints regarding the TOC 12 frame or 75-point games. This is something for the board to vote on.

Item # 8 - Only the players who play in the Masters Tournament will receive a pin. Those players who qualified to play but elect not to play may purchase a pin from the Keeper of Records. In the Masters Rules it says all players who qualify will receive a pin. That needs to be clarified.

Item # 9 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP position needs to be clarified. It is mentioned in places that should state 4<sup>th</sup> VP.

Item # 19 – The Keeper of Record shall receive up to \$250 per season for expenses. This was changed to (The Keeper of Records shall receive an annual stipend of \$250.)

Most of the wording in the Rules Governing the Masters Tournament has been retained. However, # 4 was changed to the following: “The host club may be rotated between a club on the East of the St. Johns River on one year and a club West of the river the following year.” There may be years that this is not possible.

Item # 23 -The Host Club is responsible for obtaining sponsors for the Tournament. The Northern District treasurer will pay the tournament director \$100 for directing the tournament. Bob asked about the Northern District contributing \$200 toward the expense of the tournament. That is presently under item # 20. Zak suggested keeping the first part of # 20 to read (The club hosting the Master shall have at least 16 courts.) The remainder of that which reads “The host club will furnish coffee and donuts each of the two days, will conduct no 50/50 and will receive \$200 from the Northern District to cover expenses.” Shall be added to # 23.

After discussion regarding Item # 8 in the Standing Rules the distribution of Masters Pins. Bob Robinson made a motion to have the wording from the Standing Rules read as follows:

“Masters Pins: Only the players who play in the Masters Tournament will receive a pin. Those players who qualified to play but elected not to play

may purchase a pin from the Keeper of Records.” Inserted into the Rules Governing the Masters Tournament. The motion was seconded by Cindy Wonson and a unanimous vote carried.

It was agreed that the new wording would add “at cost” to the price of the pin.

Bonnie questioned the pin distribution. The TOC winner is the only player to get a pin. Bonnie questioned whether pins were to be given out each time a player won TOC and each time they played in the Masters and the answer was yes.

Bob Robinson questioned whether these documents would be submitted in whole or if the changes would be submitted individually. There are ten-day notices to change specific issues. Zak stated he would prefer to submit this as one item.

A question was presented regarding changing the TOC from 12 frame to 16 frames. A vote was taken, and a unanimous vote was to keep the TOC at 12 frames.

Zak was instructed to redo the Rules Concerning the Masters Tournament and The Standing Rules with the corrections discussed.

We need three members for a Nominating Committee for a slate officer for the 2024-2025 season. Every seat is open, but right now we need nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. Tom Basner- Holiday RV, John Giumarra – Deland and Tom Brown – Leesburg volunteered to chair the committee.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2024-2025 schedule. These schedules have been passed out. The only changes that might be made are the State Tournaments. Leesburg and Hawthorne will not be serving lunches next season. Bob Robinson made



a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Northern District Schedule. The motion was seconded by Donna. The motion was passed.

There are no hosts yet for the TOC and the Masters. There are no volunteers. If there are no clubs that are willing to host, there will be no TOC or Masters.

Bob Robinson will be the Director for two Leesburg State Tournaments in next year's schedule.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Robinson's Ten-Day Notice: To all Board Members and Club Presidents Bob Robinson from Hawthorne Shuffleboard Club and ND State Delegate has submitted a Ten-Day Notice requesting a change to Standing Rules 6 to read. "I move to strike the Northern District's Standing Rule 6 and renumber each rule subsequent to 6. "Reason for the change we need to be encouraging players to participate in tournaments, especially our district amateurs need to be allowed to play in tournaments without change of the format of a tournament or being canceled." Bob explained his reasoning was that true amateurs are not prepared to play singles without a partner and may be discouraged from playing if forced to change the format. He explained that if the tournament is set up as doubles, no matter how many teams it should be played. Directors must figure out how to do the chart. The State has disposed of this rule. Take this notice back to our clubs and discuss it at your next meeting and at the March meeting it will be voted on.

Brad made a motion that all Northern District Tournament Directors and Club Presidents receive a copy of Preview Magazine at no cost to the Club. These should be paid for by the Northern District and each club be provided with one Preview for marketing purposes. Richie Burell seconded the motion. Bob Robinson stated that historically the Directors

were given a copy, and the Club was given a free copy for their advertising. The motion was carried.

Bob Robinson stated that anyone that wants to make changes to the Rules has to file a Ten Day Notice. The Ten-Day Notice form is on the Northern District Website.

Bob Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Inga. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Jabaut  
Secretary