

ALBERTA SHUFFLEBOARD CLUBS ANNUAL REVIEW - 2021



There are three large shuffleboard clubs that operate in Alberta during the summer months, Alberta Canadian Shuffleboard Association based in Innisfail, Foothills Shuffleboard Club, High River, and Greater Edmonton Shuffleboard Association, Edmonton. There are several smaller clubs that play only during the winter months. The summer clubs host a variety of tournaments May through August. All tournaments, singles and doubles, offer more events than the traditional divisions of Championship and Consolation. There is also a week-long team tournament. Players from across Western Canada and the U.S. participate in these events.

The six open tournaments, combined with the many internal club events, keeps us busy shuffling all summer long. We are pleased to note that a new “year-round” facility has just opened at Entwistle, Alberta.

Alberta does not have a provincial association at this time but we are pleased to report that all club executives and members work together to avoid scheduling conflicts which enables many to participate in events outside of their club.

The big event of 2018 was the 37th ISA World Team Championship that was hosted by the Foothills Shuffleboard Club in High River, Alberta. The tournament welcomed players from ten countries and fielded 24 teams in friendly, but intense, competition. High River was home for the week of competition to 165 people which included 40 hard-working volunteers. The Town of High River supported the event and the community was favourably impressed with the level of competition and media coverage. The Foothills Shuffleboard Club extends its heartfelt thanks to the International Shuffleboard Association and the Canadian

National Shuffleboard Association for the privilege of hosting this prestigious event and for their assistance throughout the two years of planning.

If you are traveling through Alberta, just check any of our websites and you will likely find an opportunity to drop in and play a game or two. You will be welcome - membership is not required for visitors.

Alberta Canadian Shuffleboard Association – abcanshuffle.com

Foothills Shuffleboard Association – highriverfsa.ca

Greater Edmonton Shuffleboard Association – shufflewithgesa.ca

Yours in “happy shuffling”,

Vern Knutson, Vice-President, Foothills Club

Brian Scott, Director, Innisfail Club

Wallace Bentt, Edmonton Club President