

Dear shufflers,

My name is Gerrit Dykman. I am a Central District board member representing the amateurs.

Over the last 2 years the number of participants in amateur tournaments have slowly decreased.

How can we turn this around?

Last year's season 2 seminars were held in Zephyrhills, this was a great success.

I like to encourage more clubs to conduct a seminar in your area this season.

If you can get together with a couple of parks in your area and ask a pro to come to help conduct a seminar that would be great.

There are many pro's willing to help to turn this trend around.

If you need any help with organizing or finding a pro, please let me now and I will try to help.

Please encourage amateurs in your club to play in some CD tournaments.

Not all amateurs are willing to travel to tournaments out of town, so please encourage them to car pool.

Together we can turn this trend around.

The board thanks the clubs who already conduct a seminar for a number of years.

This is very much appreciated.

There is also an amateur shuffler packet for new shufflers available (welcome packet).

Please let me know if you are interested (and how many copies you'd like).

See you all at the courts.

Greetings from your CD rep Gerrit Dykman.