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## **Induction of Robert(Bob) Perkins Hall of Fame Special Award, Central District**

Many of you will not have met Bob Perkins but few people have had a more significant impact on the game of shuffleboard in the Central District and in the State of Florida. Bob, a Wisconsin lad, has a long connection to Florida and shuffleboard. Bob is the third generation of his family to live in Zephyrhills. His own introduction to shuffleboard goes back to his high school days...and that wasn't yesterday!

In 2007, when the Tourist Club in Zephyrhills decided to divest themselves of the shuffleboard facilities, Bob stepped in and purchased the Club. From the beginning he intended to keep the facilities in the hands of shufflers. With his guidance as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at ZSC, the Club has encouraged shufflers from all over the District to play at some of the best shuffleboard courts in Florida. These facilities are available year round as many Florida shufflers can attest.

With Bob's encouragement, the Club has directly supported many District and State shuffleboard events, such as FSA Masters, CD Masters and State and District tournaments. We have financially and physically supported other clubs in Zephyrhills and have enthusiastically supported the CD Masters at Lakeland. Bob has encouraged the development of our players who now travel and play in events throughout the District.

Bob donated the Facilities to the members in 2011. He still serves as Chair of the Board and maintains an active interest in the operation of the Club and the performance of its players. Bob continues to encourage the Directors to support shuffleboard throughout the

District. He continues to seek out possible acquisitions to improve the Club's resources.

Bob has researched the history of shuffleboard in Zephyrhills and has published the findings in a book to ensure that the knowledge will not be lost. Now he is also a significant part of that history.

It is difficult to imagine the Central District without the resources of the ZSC Club and it is certain that this Club would have gone by the wayside without the direct support of Bob Perkins. His generosity is unparalleled and his support will continue to make him, I believe, an outstanding member of the Central District Hall of Fame.

I present to you Mr Bob Perkins.