

# THE RED BARON SPEAKS

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TSA now has the rules on their site so every one can print a copy. I would suggest everyone make a copy, read it, and carry it with them. The rule I suggested in an earlier issue of the Baron is way off base and the only way I know to handle the issue is to appoint a referee to call the game. Almost every sport I can think of has some sort of clock to start play, but they all have officials to control the issue. Table shuffleboard is the only sport or game which depends on self discipline by the players. I think we do a remarkable job of this and we have very few problems and so I guess it's continue like we are.

April finished with two pro-am events and May opened with the longest continuously held event in the country. I will continue to believe this until someone proves it wrong. My records show I first played in the event in 1963 and I remember having going as a spectator before that. Local persons say it started in 1959 and that sounds feasible to me. They expanded to add a draw partner on Friday night and a singles on Sunday. Saturday was the doubles which drew 20 teams, a few less than in 1996 when they had 70 teams. Of course I am talking about The Bourbon American Legion which has two stories and a narrow staircase of twenty steps to the second floor. That really taxes my endurance but I am getting stronger as I walk my dog a half mile now.

Mid May saw me pass on a local event about an hour away that I would not have been able to find a partner for, and drive to Springfield, MO. For a two event tournament in which there was one in a class in which I felt I had a chance to compete. I found a partner and I played terrible and never got out of the gate. I sponsored a team in division 1 which finished third, had a great time, saw some old friends I had not seen for a while, and made some new ones.

Well that's all folks as summer is arriving and shuffleboard is starting to take a back seat

