

ANNUAL REPORT - ZUE JOHANTGEN
1968 President

Our association report for 1968 is a pleasure to present - for many reasons. Financially - a profit - with the most important factor being the conversion of our savings at Portland Federal - \$11,000 - to Certificates of Deposit which will yield us more interest.

During the year our membership reached 773. There were ten new Life Masters - seven from Louisville - and now a total for the Unit of 52. Our winners from the March Charity Tournament, Mr. Charles Bensinger and Mr. Julius Kozlove, became the Nation's overall winners. Our Kentucky State Tournament, in November, was the largest Sectional Louisville has had in a long time, and I am pleased to tell you that we have received approval from New York to conduct the SWISS MOVEMENT Team of Four at the Southern Tournament, in March. For many of you who previously have not played in Team of Four games, we want you to know that this method of conducting a Team of Four is entirely different from Match Point, and even though you may not end up an overall winner - or even 2nd, 3rd, or 4th - it will be possible for you to obtain some master points if you just win one match from one pair of your opponents. Detailed instructions will be given out to all participants. This game has been introduced now at most of the other Sectional tournaments in District #11 to which Louisville belongs, and the increase in team participation has been as much as 100% in some areas. So do keep this in mind and plan to get up a team. We feel sure you won't be sorry. Also, another accomplishment - in connection with Sunday play at our Sectional Tournaments -

we have been successful in obtaining assurance from the hotel that for all future committed dates through 1971 we will not on Sunday be crowded into the Mirror Room - as we were at our last tournament - but will have the Flag Room available for us. And as soon as possible after our first Board meeting this year, we will make arrangements to obtain dates even beyond 1971, so that we will not again be confronted with this problem.

In mentioning a few other pleasant things from this past year - I would like first of all to thank our many members - not on the Board - who did so much for the association during this time. I would be reluctant to mention names for fear I might omit one - so, on behalf of the association - thanks to all who worked for us in any way - for our Charity tournaments, Sectionals, publicity - and this is meant to include the men who helped us in the hospitality rooms.

In January, when I started my term of office, one of the Board members so aptly stated: "It's for sure - you have a 'Spirited Board of Directors'", and that I did have! You can be certain that the Officers and Board representing you during this past year gave their all to the affairs of the association and attendance at the meetings was superb. There were many differences of opinion, but I do truly feel that at all times each member acted in and for the interests of the association. I'm confident that no past president ever received more cooperation. I could really give long and different accolades - believe me - but I will simply thanks to all - your attitude and willingness always to help has really meant a lot. Together I feel we accomplished many things - big and little. As our organization continues to grow, we of necessity have more and more responsibilities and involvements - and to all members I can only say - this past year's team may have not been perfect - perhaps along the way we made a mistake or two - but we did try to do our best. Thank you!

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ZUE JOHANTGEN, PRESIDENT