Induction of Bill Oostdyk into the OSA HALL Of Fame

Shuffleboard Bio, June 30, 2020

Bill started playing shuffleboard about 13 years ago, when he and his wife Liz bought into Cypress Woods resort in Fort Myers, Florida. It started with the social play in the park, and then on to the park's team. While playing against other parks, he came into contact with a bunch of people from the Lazy Days park who turned out to be from the Fergus area. Furthermore, some of them had attended the same high school as Bill in Grand Valley and Orangeville. As Bill and his wife Liz had also lived in the Fergus area, they all had a lot in common. Bill learned about the Fergus club, and so started regularly driving from Burlington to Fergus to play. That later became Elora, and they continued to play there. They met a lot of nice people, and had a lot of fun. Eventually, Bill started to play in a few of the Ontario tournaments, as well as tournaments in Florida. He worked his way up to Pro status in Florida, playing in three masters, placing first in one.

Bill enjoys the game. He is competitive, and enjoys the challenge. He also enjoys coaching others to help them become better players, something he often did in Florida. In 2017 he paired up with Maureen Bryan to play all the Ontario tournaments. That proved to be a good match, as they are equally competitive. Since then, over the past 3 seasons they achieved 36 points, thereby qualifying for the Ontario Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame. To make it to the OSA hall of fame is an honor and a privilege.

Now with COVID-19 he very much misses the fun and good companionship of the shuffleboard activity, and hopes it can someday be resumed again when the virus is brought under control.