

Induction of Maureen Bryan
into the OSA Hall Of Fame
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When Maureen retired in January of 2007, and began winter vacations in Florida with her husband Bill, with plans for golfing, and relaxing in a home they had purchased in 2003, she didn't really want the commitment of playing on the park's shuffleboard league team. However, she got talked into it, and like the rest of us, became hooked on the challenges of the game. After a few seasons of league play she also got talked into playing the Florida tournaments, playing her way up through the system from amateur to pro. She played in the Masters every year from 2010 to 2019, having placed first in the Pro division in 2018. During those years of Florida shuffleboard, Maureen made many friends, and she has a lot of fond memories of what she considers her southern family.

Meanwhile, back home in Ontario, in 2009 Maureen became one of the directors on the board of a newly founded Centre Wellington Shuffleboard Club. Playing twice a week in a curling club's facility, this club has grown to over 65 enthusiastic members. In 2018 she was elected as president of this hard working board, and she still serves in that capacity today in the club that she considers her Canadian shuffleboard family.

In addition to working hard for her home club, Maureen is also very active in the Ontario Shuffleboard Association (OSA), serving as that organization's secretary, a position she has held since 2011. She has become very knowledgeable of the working of that organization, and this together with the local club activity has kept her extremely busy to the point where she wonders where the summer went, and very quickly it seems that it's time to return South again. Maureen plays the 5 Ontario tournaments, has represented Ontario in 5 interprovincial tournaments, and she has represented Canada in 6 international tournaments. She has also represented Canada in Russia, Norway, and England. She enjoyed

meeting players from far away places. She is thankful to be retired, and wonders how she ever had time to go to work.

In 2017 Maureen paired up with me, Bill Oostdyk, one of her many shuffleboard friends, to play all the Ontario Tournaments. Together we earned 36 point, playing 15 games over the three seasons, thereby qualifying for the Hall of Fame players award. I have very much enjoyed having Maureen as partner, as I knew I could count on her to play a strong game. We did not always win, and that's also part of the game, but we always had fun, playing against great players. Thank you for playing as my partner Maureen, and congratulations on your entry into the Ontario Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. We wish you and your husband Bill good health, and hope to see you on the courts again when Covid-19 is under control.

Your friend Bill