

Don McAlpine

Don McAlpine was married to Dorothy, who's Dad owned a store named "Jimmy Little's Store" on Quadra Street in Victoria, British Columbia. There were shuffleboards in the back of the store and guys like Kabal Bimb and friends would hang out there as teenagers, playing shuffleboard and probably pinching the odd coke.

Don and Dorothy had two daughters, Dale and Arlene. His dog and best friend, Candy, was always part of the tournaments as he travelled everywhere with Don.

Don owned all the shuffleboard tables from Victoria clear up to the end of Vancouver Island and he and his partner, Jack Kraeling would travel up and down the Island tending to their boards. Their company, Automatic Music, also owned all the coin operated games and juke boxes that were in all the pubs and Legions on the Island.

Don was the captain of a team called the Duty Watch which played out of the Trafalgar Legion on Broad Street in the 60s.

Don stored shuffleboards at his home and would transport and set them up for the Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association's Spring Tournament and Charter Playdowns. He also would transport the tables across the water to Vancouver for the B.C. Shuffleboard Association to use for their tournaments.

As Don's health began to deteriorate, he called Doug Grant and Claudia Wright of VISA over to his home to discuss a contract to ensure his shuffleboards would be used long after he was gone from this World. He wanted to bequeath 4 shuffleboards to each of Vancouver Island Shuffleboard Association and B.C. Shuffleboard Association. Claudia recalls Doug, Sharon Juhlke and herself travelling to Vancouver to sign the contract and before, during and after the signing of the contract, they drank about 100 beer each and then headed back to Victoria. BCSA were having a tournament and Al Kantor wasn't happy unless there was 20 or 30 glasses of beer on the table. The party of three hadn't had quite enough to drink by the time they left for the ferry, so they stopped at the Tsawassen Inn and had a few more, then caught the "next" ferry.

Don McAlpine was truly a Builder of table shuffleboard and a deserving inductee into the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Hall of Fame.



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