

Canadian Championships

Year	Host Charter	Events	Partner
1976	Victoria, BC	Ladies Singles Mixed Doubles	Jimmy Hay
1978	Edmonton, AB	Mixed Doubles	Jimmy Hay
1979	Winnipeg, MN	Mixed Doubles	Jimmy Hay
1980	Richmond, BC	Ladies Doubles	Eileen Elliott
1982	Calgary, AB	Ladies Singles Mixed Doubles Ladies Doubles (almost a Canadian triple crown!)	Brian Burchynsky Marg Brice
1983	St. John, NB	Mixed Doubles	Brian Burchynsky
1987	Regina, Sask	Mixed Doubles	Brian Burchynsky
1988	Calgary, AB	Ladies Doubles	Theresa Cartwright
1994	Winnipeg, MN Champion 2nd place 3rd place	Ladies Singles Ladies Doubles Mixed Doubles	Theresa Cartwright Don Hudson
2000	Regina, Sask	Ladies Singles Ladies Doubles	Theresa Cartwright
2001	Winnipeg, MN	Ladies Doubles	Theresa Cartwright
2004	Kingston, ON	Ladies Singles	



2004 Ladies Singles Champion

Joanie Millar
"Player"

Canadian Shuffleboard Congress
Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony
October 8, 2005

Nominated by:
British Columbia Shuffleboard Association

Joanie Millar

Joanie Millar was born in Ballymena, N. Ireland in 1937. Her 90 year old Mom, lively Martha, still lives in Ireland, as well as three brothers, Roy, George, Bruce and their families, and a loving sister, Wilma, and family lives in England.

Joanie's first love in life from age 8 was Irish folk dancing. She loved dancing in teams, became assistant dance teacher to her Auntie Sadie, competed in the World Folk Dancing Festival in 1962 in Edinburgh, Scotland where her team won the World Championship.

It was in 1963 that Joanie and her husband, Joe, whom she married in December 1956, decided to immigrate to Ontario Canada.

She left behind a lot of wonderful memories as a dancer, but the emptiness had to be filled with another sport, which didn't come until she moved from Toronto, Ontario to Vancouver, B.C. in 1969. It was at the Kerrisdale Legion where she first saw a shuffleboard and thought it was the stupidest game she ever saw in her life – but her husband Joe talked her into trying this silly game. She started off as a free hand player. The old timer's saw that she had potential, took her under their wing and taught her how to play side board and learn strategy. Joanie learned really fast and need we say anymore.

Joanie resides in Richmond with her long time companion, Ron Rowe. She has two great sons, Ian and Roy, a darling daughter, Joanne, and four beautiful granddaughters, Ashley, Melissa, Jennifer and Alyssa and a grandson, Linden.

Joanie is always a supporter and promoter of the game of shuffleboard and a tough competitor. Her accomplishments are extensive. She has travelled across Canada to play shuffleboard many, many times in the Canadian Championships – 15 times a winner and many times as runner-up. Joanie almost accomplished a Canadian Triple Crown in 1982 with two firsts and a second. All players across Canada know Joanie or know of Joanie. Shuffleboard is her life.

Joanie always volunteers to help. She is currently and has been for some 20 years, an executive member of the B.C. Shuffleboard Association. In 1980, Joanie was instrumental in putting together the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships held in Richmond, B.C.

In 1989, Vancouver once again hosted the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships, only this year was the 25th Anniversary. Joanie searched out and contacted many players involved in the inception of shuffleboard in Canada. She arranged to have some of the very first Canadian winners at the 25th Anniversary Awards Banquet to present awards and to be honoured for their commitment to Shuffleboard. Joanie was also one of those players being honoured.

Joanie is the Canadian Ambassador to Shuffleboard. She loves to meet new people and quickly becomes their lifetime friend.

Joanie entertains at banquets singing her “No Florum action” song, Danny Boy, One Day at a Time and The Fly.



Joanie says her memories of shuffleboard are not just of wins and losses but especially of the pleasures of meeting so many wonderful people throughout Canada and the USA. The one thing Joanie will cherish forever and ever is the hundreds of friends that she has met throughout her 35 years of playing her favourite game of shuffleboard.

As quoted by Hall of Fame Committee member, Harvey Groleau, “Joanie has had a stellar and long shuffleboard career. She is, I believe, the shuffleboard player with the most Canadian Championship titles. Her sportsmanship and class are examples for all to admire. Her records speak for themselves. I can only say that it is an honour and a privilege to induct this legend into the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Hall of Fame.”