

## *Ladies Shuffleboard Beginnings in Ontario*

Audrey has been involved with shuffleboard for almost 30 years. She started playing the game when there was still a men's and ladies room in the hotels.

While there was a shuffleboard in the Ladies room, the men could come in and the husbands showed the girls how to play and then went back to their own side of the Hotel.

Ladies were not allowed to play in the League at that time, but Audrey would keep score for the Charles Hotel team and watched. One night they did not have sufficient players to play against the other team and the men decided that Audrey was good enough to play. From then on she was considered a member of the team and was instrumental in getting other women to play. For a few years she organized a mixed league in the Charles Hotel.

While she was now eligible to play in the league, ladies were still not allowed to play in any Tournaments, but Audrey would run them. One time one of the players did not have a partner so she was asked to play. After that she recruited other women to play in tournaments, as well as the League. 1981 was the first time ladies were allowed to play in the Ontario Playdowns.



*AUDREY DENNY*

*"Builder"*

*Canadian Shuffleboard Congress  
Hall of Fame*

*Induction Ceremony  
October 11, 2008*

*Nominated by:  
Ontario Shuffleboard Association*

## *Audrey Denny Builder*

In 1981, Audrey was voted Secretary of the Ontario Shuffleboard Association (OSA) and held that position until 1987.

In 1987 she was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer of the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress and held that position for approximately 3 years.

In 1991 she was voted Secretary/Treasurer of the Ontario Shuffleboard Association, a position she still holds. As such, she convenes the Tournaments in Milton and the Ontario Playdowns.

Audrey was also the Drawmaster and Tournament Director at the 1986, 1999 and 2006 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

She has been instrumental in organizing the United Shuffleboard League in her home town of Milton and she is responsible for keeping the OSA running smoothly.

Audrey is a tremendous supporter of shuffleboard and is a constant fundraiser for the OSA.

Audrey continues to play in the United Shuffleboard League every week and some of the Ontario qualifying tournaments throughout the year. She is a great organizer and is a huge asset to the OSA Executive.



## *Audrey Denny Long Time Competitor*

Audrey has played and won the Ontario Shuffleboard Playdowns and represented Ontario in the following Canadian Shuffleboard Playdowns.

Ladies Doubles: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1990, 1997, 2000

and 2004

Mixed Doubles: 1982

Ladies Singles: 1982, 1983 & 1984.

She has also played all across Canada including St. John, N.B. in 1990 where Ontario won the Grand Aggregate for the first time at the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships.

She loves shuffleboard and still has lots of games left in her!

