

Provincial Championships

Men's Singles

1989, 1993, 2000

Men's Doubles

- 1980 Claude Crites and Bud Brownhill
- 1981 Claude Crites and Tom Johnson
- 1988 Claude Crites and Dan Boudreau
- 1989 Claude Crites and John Crites
- 1993 Claude Crites and John Crites
- 1994 Claude Crites and Rico Beaulieu



Claude Crites

“Builder”

Canadian Shuffleboard

Congress

Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

October 12, 2013

Nominated by

Ontario Shuffleboard Association

Claude Crites

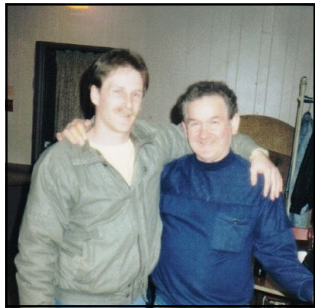
Claude lives in Port Colborne in southern Ontario and has been playing shuffleboard for more than five decades

His love of the game started back in 1955 when he was sailing on the Great Lakes.

He and five of his sailor friends went to a bar in Toledo Ohio and saw this long board with colored rocks, so of course, he and his shipmates had to find out what this was all about and started playing this game.

Well after consuming a half a dozen pitchers of ice cold beer and playing, he fell in love with this sport they called ' Shuffleboard '.

Since that time Claude has been hooked on the game and has played and promoted the sport endlessly.



In the 90's when his son John was President he told Claude

"Dad, we're short 2 boards for the Provincials".

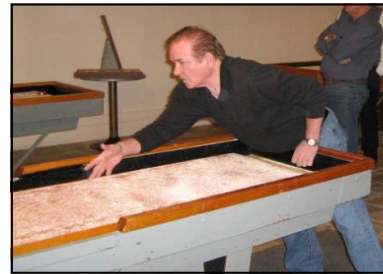
So Claude said "Lets build them" so they did.

He and a group of other players started a league in Port Colborne in the early 60's and it is still going strong today with fifty seven members.

They used arborite for the tops. It was the first time arborite was played on in the Provincials.

Anything to keep the game going!

Claude was president of the league for several years and when the Niagara League joined the OSA in 1979 he held the President and Vice President positions for ten years.



During Claude's five decades of Shuffleboard he has promoted the game year after year by

- ✦ organizing and running tournaments
- ✦ building new boards
- ✦ refinishing boards
- ✦ building new scoreboards for the leagues recruiting new players

✦ He ran tournaments for several years at the Queens Hotel in Port Colborne as well as in his basement where he housed two boards for years.

✦ This was also where he taught new players to improve their skills and encouraged them to compete at the provincial level.

✦ He has helped to raise a major amount of money to support the OSA and is instrumental in the organizing of the Canadian Shuffleboard Championships each time they are held in Southern Ontario.

✦ He has coached pretty much every new player in the Niagara region for the last fifty years and because of his efforts has helped to expand the Niagara Shuffleboard League and has brought many new players to the Ontario Shuffleboard Association.

With all those years of playing and his devotion to keeping the game alive in Southern Ontario Claude has truly earned a place in the Hall of Fame.