

JOHN L. BROWN RESUME

Learning to shuffle in 1946, John L. Brown has shuffled as often as possible ever since. Since retirement in 1993 he has played every season in Florida and even went 18 years without missing a Monday or Thursday tournament.

His column on shuffleboard in the Bradenton Herald for 22 years is believed the longest running newspaper column on the subject in the world today.

Appointed by then National President Vince Crawford, John chaired a committee to compare shuffling rules in every jurisdiction in the USA and Canada, an effort to make our sport eligible for Olympic play.

John and Dolores have shuffled on every continent except Africa. They have served as curators of the International Hall of Fame. John has the World Champion Medal, having been on the World Champion team three times. He and Dolores have been on Team USA 8 times and helped with Inaugural Tournaments in Brazil, Ireland and Denmark.

Playing as a District Amateur one season, and a State Amateur one season, it took 10 years as a Pro to achieve 200 Florida points. John has now passed 400 points.

At induction to the USA-NSA Hall of Fame in 2010, John discovered he had the eighth largest number of National Points of any player in history. He was the sixth Hoosier to be inducted there. John is now 25th in Florida points among men with 400, and 20th in Florida first place wins with 20, tied with Dick Whitaker.

John has long crusaded for a covered facility in the Southwest Coast District, serving as Chair of a District Committee for 10 years. He has also taught an estimated 1350 students to play the game, including about 25 schools on the subject in SWCD alone.

John has served as Club President and District President and has served on Florida Committees on Publicity and Promotion. He is now Alternate Delegate to the State Board and attends regularly. John has been North Eastern Director of the USA-NSA for the past 12 years, promoting shuffleboard and keeping track of activity north of the Mason-Dixon Line and East of the Mississippi River longitude. John has also become Historian of the Florida Shuffleboard Association. His memories are pleasant and will last his lifetime.

I have known John for several years and have played against him in three ISA tournaments. John is a strong competitor and a great ambassador to the sport of shuffleboard.

Throughout John's shuffleboard career he has encouraged new shuffleboard players and offered his expertise.

John has dedicated many years at home and abroad representing his country, while playing the game he loves most shuffleboard.

When you are on the courts you will recognize John by the western hat he always wears. If you stop and talk with him, he will always have a story about a great game or player.

It is my privilege to nominate my friend and fellow shuffler John Brown to the ISA Hall of Fame, special award category.

Nominated by James Corbeil

President, Canadian National Shuffleboard Association.

