



Brian's date at the Canadians in Regina, Sask.  
 The 'date' was a gift from SSA's Executive to George Wasyliw  
 but somehow ended up as Brian's date.  
 Hmm, what did Lorraine think of this?  
 Hey, she's the one taking the picture!



Brian and Joe. The true meaning of partners!



*Brian Burchynsky*

*"Builder and Player"*

*Canadian Shuffleboard Congress  
 Hall of Fame*

*Induction Ceremony  
 October 8, 2011*

*Nominated by  
 BC Shuffleboard Association*

## Brian Burchynsky Builder

Brian has been a builder of the game of table shuffleboard in British Columbia and Canada for some 30 years. He first got involved as the President of the Greater Vancouver Shuffleboard Association which was affiliated with the BC Shuffleboard Association.

Brian was voted in as President of the BC Shuffleboard Association in 1979 and headed the successful Canadian Shuffleboard Championships held at the Richmond Inn (BC) in 1980.

Brian has always been an idea person. He was never satisfied with doing things the way they have always been done. While he was President of BCSA, his buddy, Gary Northcott, and him decided that the BCSA should host a co-ed softball tournament where the BCSA would run the concession stand and beer garden. The tournament started with just 6 teams and grew to 24 teams, playing at Myrtle Park in Deep Cove. This event was BCSA's major fundraiser for 19 years.



As BCSA's President, Brian took a chance one year and decided to hold the BC Open at a hall where BCSA could run the bar and food, again raising more money to keep the Association going. He borrowed \$500 from two of BCSA's members to pay for the hall and Don McAlpine offered to bring his boards from Victoria to Burnaby, set them up and take them back, for expenses only. The tournament was a huge success and for several years, the BC Open and Provincial Playdowns were held at Jubilee Hall in Burnaby.

In the 80s, Brian brought forward a motion at the CSC AGM to have Congress cover the cost of the keeper trophies to assist the host charters financially. This was done for the next 7 years. In 1996, Brian brought forward at the CSC AGM, the Dedicated Fund. This was a way for the charters to help each other out financially when it came time for hosting the Canadians. It passed and was introduced in 1997. It is certain that the Dedicated Fund has assisted with the sustainability of shuffleboard in Canada.

In 1996, at the Canadians held in Vancouver, BC, Brian was voted in as the President of the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress. During the 3 years that Brian held this position, one of his accomplishments was arranging for 10 sets of shuffleboard weights to be donated to Congress.

## Brian Burchynsky Player

Those people who know Brian and have watched him play shuffleboard competitively; know that he is the most congenial, relaxed, happy go lucky player of the game.

He has always been a tough competitor who has won many BC Open tournaments with his partners, Joe Burry (see photo on back page) and Darlene Docile. He has won 5 Canadian Championships. In 1981, Brian qualified, with his partner, Jimmy Hay, to play in the Men's Doubles in Regina. This was Brian's first Canadians, and they won.

In 1982, he teamed up with Joanie Millar in the Mixed Doubles and they won this event 3 times, in 1982, 1983 and 1987.

(right) Joanie and Brian receiving the Mixed Doubles trophy in 1987, hosted by Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association.



In 1988, Brian and Joe won the Men's Doubles in Calgary, Alberta.



Wayne and Millie Jensen presenting the Grand Aggregate trophy to the B.C. Shuffleboard Association team of (L to R) Marg Brice, Joe Burry, Theresa Cartwright, Terry Burns, Brian Burchynsky, (Millie), Joanie Millar and (Wayne), at the Canadians in 1988.

Brian has most certainly earned a place in the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Hall of Fame as both a Builder and a Player.