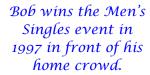


Bob and Leigh Hegan win the Men's Doubles event in 1992 in Niagara Fall ON







Bob and Teresa Tate win the Mixed Doubles event in 1998 in Kingston ON



Bob at the 1990 Canadian in New Brunswick

Bob Fowles

"Player"

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Bob Fowles

Bob began his shuffleboard career in 1982. He and two of his friends and co-workers at Safeway, Leigh Hegan and Rick Harcus, joined a team put together by Don Shaw.

Shawzee, as he was known, also recruited some much more experienced players: Sharon Juhlke, Linda Lima, Bob Prizeman, and Kabal Bimb to joined the team that became known as the "Shaws" FM's.

Bob, and his buddies were complete newbie's, but with the skill and knowledge of the more veteran players, they soon began to catch on to the subtleties of the game.

Bob's intensity and natural ability, soon became evident, and it wasn't too long before he was giving most players all they could handle.

As Bob began partnering up and playing in tournaments, he became quite successful and was beginning what would become an outstanding shuffleboard career.

Bob's first breakthrough to the Canadians came in 1989, when he qualified for the Men's Singles in Vancouver.

A fifth place finish for the nervous rookie, was a great learning experience, and during the next decade his outstanding play, and results, proved he was among the elite players of the game.

In 1992, Bob won his first Canadian Championship.

Partnered with Leigh Hegan, they won the Men's

Doubles, It was also the first time that a VISA team had

ever won that event.

In 1993, Bob and Leigh defended their title with a second Men's Doubles victory.

In 1995, Bob and Leigh again teamed up and won their third Men's Doubles title. Bob also played in the Mixed Doubles final with Sharon Juhlke, and finished second to Manitoba.

In 1996, another trip to the final for Bob and Leigh, ended in a second place finish to Saskatchewan.

In 1997 Bob won his fourth Championship by winning the Men's Singles in his home town of Victoria.

In 1998, Bob qualified in all three events. He and Teresa Tate won the Mixed Doubles. It was Bob's fifth title.

Bob also played in the Men's Singles final that year, and came second to old rival Rico Beaulieu.

Bob always played with a great deal of intensity, and he also played with class. Anyone who ever played with Bob soon learned that he was a fierce competitor, and played at a truly high level, in all aspects of the game.

Bob left Safeway in 1998, in order to open his own grocery business. The amount of time involved in running the store limited his time for shuffleboard, but he played part time and managed to qualify in 2003, 2004, and 2005 in the Men's Singles.

Bob's Canadian Championship resume speaks for itself, accomplishing a great deal, in a relatively short time.

Bob most certainly deserves to be in the Canadian Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

5 Canadian Championships

| <u>Year</u> | Host Charter | <u>Event</u> | <u>Partner</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1992 | ? Niagara Falls, ON | Men's Doubles | Leigh Hegan |
| 1993 | Regina, SK | Men's Doubles | Leigh Hegan |
| 1995 | Edmonton, AB | Men's Doubles | Leigh Hegan |
| 1997 | Victoria, BC | Singles | |
| 1998 | Kingston, On | Mixed Doubles | Teresa Tate |