

DEBBIE ACKERMAN

PLAYER



CANADIAN SHUFFLEBOARD CONGRESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Debbie started playing Straightboard in 1984. She went to one of the clinics that was held in Craven and Art Evans and George Wasyliw were running it. Debbie had previously played in the bank board league and after going to the clinic and meeting some really great people she decided to switch to Straightboard.

The first team she played on was Craven and Allan Carton was their captain. From there she played on a few different teams out of a few different locations. The Shuffleboard teams were like family and they sure had a lot of fun together especially when they crashed each others team parties at the end of the year. There were many nights that ended up turning into mornings but everyone had fun and it was a great time.

In 1986 Doreen Leslie and Debbie Ackerman won the provincial championships and went to the Canadians in Niagra Falls. That was the first Canadian Championship that she attended and man was it fun. Debbie says she got to meet so many people from all over Canada and it was great. They didn't win but had a great trip.

In 1988 Gary Ackerman and Debbie Ackerman won the Provincial Mixed Doubles. They went to Calgary for the Canadians and won. She said it was such a great experience and again had a great time.

In 1989, 1990 Cindy Nepper and Debbie Ackerman won the Provincial Womens Doubles and went onto Vancouver and New Brunswick and gave it a great effort but couldn't quite conquer.

In 1989 Debbie also won the Provincial Womens Singles and went to Vancouver and won the Canadian Ladies Singles in a nail biting finish.

In 1993 Debbie Ackerman and Cheryl Loughren won the Provincials in Womens Doubles and went on to win the Canadian Championships right here at home. Debbie says it was great and that gave her a triple crown.

In 1994 Cheryl Loughren and Debbie Ackerman won the Provincials in Womens Doubles and went to Winnipeg but were not successful at the Canadians.

Debbie had always said that if she was ever lucky enough to win a triple crown that she would retire and give someone else that opportunity as it is a feeling that is unexplainable. Also at that time in her life her children were at the age where they were involved in many sport activities that didn't allow much time to practice.

Debbie would like to thank the Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Assoc for being such great people, very supportive in many ways and also thank them for allowing her to go many places in Canada that she probably wouldn't have gone to and for being able to meet great people all over Canada.

Debbie's life now consists of working full-time at the Regina General Hospital, running her own student exchange program and being Gramma to 3 beautiful grand daughters, Juliana 17 months, Ava 12 months, Penelope 2 months.



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies Singles: 1989

Ladies Doubles: 1986 Debbie Ackerman & Doreen Leslie
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