

Hall of Fame Induction-Harold Cunningham-03-08-2013

It is an honor and privilege to present Harold Cunningham for induction into the Florida Shuffleboard Association, Central District , Hall of Fame, under the player category.

Harold Cunningham was born on a farm in Tennessee and at a young age moved to Indiana. Harold took up employment with Sears in 1956 as a sales person in the Automotive department and later transferred to the Appliances department from which he retired after some 35 years with the company. Over the years, Harold purchased farm properties and continues to reside on one such farm near Granger, Indiana.(mid way between South Bend and Elkhart).

Harold married Joanne, a farm girl, in 1958 and recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have three children; a nurse specialist daughter and two sons who are very successful with their own businesses.

Harold and Joanne started coming to Sebring Florida in the 1990's. He was introduced to competitive shuffleboard several years later by John Aurand who became a good friend and shuffle partner. Harold joined the Sebring Recreation Club in the early 2000's and has competed in many tournaments in the Central District since that time. Harold recalls playing in the District Amateur Reiny Shleier top eight at Betmar and having his picture in the Zephyrhills newspaper. Harold earned his pro point in 2004 and has participated in three District Masters events. A major feat this past season was a third place finish in the Florida National non walking singles at Bradenton on October 31st which attracted 51 players.

When asked about other major accomplishments, Harold cherishes the time when he and John won a District tournament in Sebring when John was very ill with cancer. Another special moment was when he and John defeated Mike Vassalotti and his partner in the first match of the Orange Blossom. FSA State tournament.

As many of you know, Harold has a great memory for past games whether it was last week or 5 years ago. He is definitely a good story teller when it comes to shuffleboard.

Congratulations Harold on your induction.

Presentation of Harold by Max Tate, a past president of the Sebring Recreation Club. Induction performed at Winter Haven Florida.