

DEAN MYLKEJORD

Good afternoon.

Dean has asked me to present him today and I am very happy to accept that honor.

As a young man, Dean moved from Wisconsin to Florida to escape the cold and snow. Although he arrived in Florida in 1977, he did not become interested in shuffleboard until January of 2011, after moving into Twin Palms Mobile Home Park.

After his home courts shut down for the summer in April of 2011, Dean began looking for someplace to play during the summer months. He soon settled on the Lakeland Shuffleboard Club.

On October 13, 2011, Dean partnered with Mack Camaione for his very first tournament, which they won. A week later he placed second in Winter Haven and a stellar career was launched.

Dean played for two years as a District Am, winning the Reiny Schleier tournament in his second season.

In November, 2012, Dean partnered with Doris Bumstead in a mixed doubles tournament where he placed 3rd in the Main and earn his Instant Pro status. Dean delayed acceptance of the Instant Pro status until October 1, 2013.

Dean earned his first Lifetime Pro points in the first tournament of the 2013-2014 season.

In January, 2014, Stan McCormack published an article in his blog entitled "Rising Star". The article was written by Earl Ball and prophetically lauded Dean Myklejord as a future Hall of Fame player.

In March, 2014, Dean was elected as president of the Lakeland Shuffleboard Club, a position he still holds.

On February 3, 2017, less than 4 years after winning his first Lifetime Point, Dean partnered with Larry Metzgar in to win his 100th point on his home courts.

About two weeks later, Dean married Nancy McLean, the daughter of his Instant Pro partner, Doris Bumstead.

Dean has exhibited extraordinary talent to win his red jacket in such a short period of time. It is with great honor that I present Dean Myklejord for induction into the Central District Hall of Fame in the Player Category.

Glenn Monroe