

## **HENRY STRONG CENTRAL DISTRICT HOF INDUCTION REMARKS**

It's an honor to stand before you today and talk about Henry. He's my kind of person, always excited about what he is doing, always enthusiastic, always willing to work hard and give it his all; and yet willing to help someone else get better even at the risk of getting beat because of that help.

He started out playing in the leagues around Zephyrhills and then sought out a bigger challenge by moving to the downtown club. When he found the competition was better than he was he went home and built a court so he could learn to shoot as well as anyone only to find out that wasn't enough, he sought out some of the games best strategists and toughest task masters to learn what it takes to be a Champion. He applied those lessons to lead the Central District State Amateur Roll of Champions and followed it up with the Central District State Amateur Masters Championship in 2005. He accumulated the necessary points, leading the Pro Roll of Champions along the way, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in five years.

This is only the 1<sup>st</sup> of what will be many inductions to Halls of Fame, because Henry is a special person in the game in so many ways; he has created excitement for the game through his enthusiasm and hard work. Henry's charisma drew people together and his hard working leadership style helped lead the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club from the abyss of failure to one of the games premier Clubs. Armed with a personality that charmed sponsors into willingly helping and the dedication to dig into his own pocket, he assured the clubs financial success.

Henry's a true Champion at every level, welcome to the Hall of Fame Henry!

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Earl Ball