

Frank Brown

Frank Brown was associated with shuffleboard as far back as 1951 through the Elks Club in Vancouver, B.C. Shuffleboard was a game that Frank could play and excel at regardless of his disability of being in a wheelchair.

Frank, and his wife Hazel, raised three boys, two girls, and had 17 grandchildren.

In 1951, there were only four regulation shuffleboards in existence in Canada and due to Frank Brown's outstanding organizing capabilities, along with a few shuffleboard enthusiasts, like Sandy Sandquist, Bert Henry, Harold Winch, Bob Zeelander, and others, the first Singles shuffleboard tournament in British Columbia, and possibly Canada, was played. Frank went on to organize the first Rules of Play in 1954, which rules are known as the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Rules, which are basically the rules of play we use today, with some changes to enhance the game.

Frank Brown was the first Executive Secretary of the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress and held this position for several years. Frank was also the Editor and inspiration for the *National Shuffleboard News* which was distributed across Canada, starting in 1964.

Frank Brown was very much involved in the evolution of the first National Tournament in Canada, with the inception of the following events:

First Mens Doubles event was in 1964;
Mens Singles in 1967;
Ladies Singles and Doubles were started in 1972;
and the Mixed Doubles event was added in 1974.

Frank Brown wrote the Birth of Table Shuffleboard in Canada and presented this at the Annual General Meeting in October 1976 held in Victoria, B.C. This commentary is the Preamble to the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Official Rules and Regulations booklet.

Frank Brown is one of few individuals who did so much to make table shuffleboard the recognized game it is today across Canada. He is very deserving of the honour of being one of the first Builder inductees into the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress Hall of Fame.



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*Canadian Shuffleboard Congress
Hall of Fame*

*Induction Ceremony
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