

Player
2 times Canadian Champion

Provincial Championships (3 Singles & 7 Men's Doubles):

Men's Singles: 1974 (SSA) 1975 (SSA) 1977 (SSA)

Men's Doubles

1968 (ASA) Art Evans & Doug McKenzie

1969 (SSA) Art Evans & Al Cooper

1970 (SSA) Art Evans & Kent Conn

1971 (SSA) Art Evans & Eugene Buskow

1978 (SSA) Art Evans & Larry Evans

1979 (SSA) Art Evans & Larry Evans

1986 (SSA) Art Evans & Larry Evans

1989 (SSA) Art Evans & Ed Bale

Canadian Championships (1 Singles & 1 Men's Doubles)

Men's Singles 1974 (SSA)

Men's Doubles 1968 (ASA) Art Evans & Doug McKenzie

Art Evans is a Founder, Player, Mentor, Teacher, Fantastic Cheerleader and above all, a very special Family Man and Friend.



Art and Irene Evans at the Saskatchewan Open (2007).



1968 Art Evans, winner of Canadian Championship Men's Doubles trophy (partner Doug MacKenzie).

Art Evans

"Builder & Player"

*Canadian Shuffleboard Congress
Hall of Fame*

Induction Ceremony

October 6, 2007

Nominated by:

Rod Betker

Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association

Art Evans

Art was born in Edmonton in May 1934 and in 1946 his family moved to Victoria B.C. where in 1954 he met & married his wife Irene. In the next 14 years he was transferred to several cities while employed by Metropolitan Stores. He left Met Stores in Lethbridge & joined Hollingsworth Ladies Wear & was transferred to Regina in 1969. He later took a job with the Saskatchewan Provincial Government & after 23 years of service, he retired in 1994.

Art & Irene have 4 children, their sons Terry & Larry who live in Regina, son Wayne living in Langley & daughter Barbara in Edmonton & 10 Grandchildren.

Art started playing shuffleboard in 1967 in Lethbridge, AB in a Hotel Bar that had 4 shuffleboards, 2 were on Mixed side of the bar & men were not allowed unless they were with a woman (old laws). The men's side had 2 boards; 1 board the bar looked after & it was pretty nice, but you could not play on it unless you played for money. The other board was where older fellows & those who didn't want to play for money would play on. This is the board Art learned to play on with a good friend of his, Ron Umabie, a Japanese fellow he worked with. It didn't take long before they graduated to the money board & held their own. They then started going to all the bars & clubs & played a lot of shuffleboard & when Ron quit, Art continued to play.

In 1967 Art entered the Lethbridge & District Championships & lost in Singles but came 2nd in Men's Doubles. Art & partner Joe Sudelkat then earned a chance to play in Calgary for the Provincial Championship where they tied for 1st & lost in the playoff.

In 1968 the League was half over when the Miners Team approached Art to replace a player who had a heart attack. The team won the League Championship that year & this was a very big thrill! Later in the Spring Art traveled to Edmonton with a new partner he had never played with before, to play in Alberta Open with approximately 150 men's doubles entries. They ended up in the semi finals, playing against Al Cooper & his partner (Al had won Canadian Men's Doubles Championship in 1965 in Vancouver B.C.) but lost to them & Al & his partner went on to win Men's Doubles in Alberta Open.

In the Fall of 1968, Art took new partner Doug McKenzie & entered the Lethbridge & District Championships & won the Men's Doubles.

Art & Doug went on to win the Alberta Provincial Championship which earned them a trip to Oakville, Ontario for Canadian Championships where 8 charters were competing. Art & Doug won the Men's Doubles Event & received a royal welcome from the Mayor of Lethbridge & several supporters on their return at the airport.

Art was transferred to Regina, SK in January 1969 where Bankboard was the popular game, with only the odd straightboard. Al Cooper was working in Indian Head, approx. 50 miles from Regina & visited Art suggesting they contact the President of the Canadian Shuffleboard Congress, Dave Neufeld, for permission to enter the 1969 Canadian Championships. They were granted permission provided they form the Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association & a League upon their return. Art & Al tied for 1st in Canadians that year & lost in a playoff.

In the Fall of 1969, Art Evans, Al Cooper & Kent Conn formed the Saskatchewan Shuffleboard Association & League. Kent became the first President of the Association & Art became the first President of the League. The League started with 8 teams with a rule at least one woman had to play 80% on every team, with the hopes of eventually including Women's Events in the Canadian Championships.

In 1971 Art made a motion at the Canadian Congress Annual General Meeting to have Women's Singles & Doubles events introduced at the Canadian Championships. In 1972 in St. John, New Brunswick, the Ladies events were first played & the Saskatchewan Ladies won both events: Eleanor Heinrichs won the Ladies Singles & Eleanor Heinrichs & Gayle Ireton (Conn) won the Ladies Doubles.

In 1973 Art made a motion at the Canadian Congress Annual General Meeting to introduce a Mixed Doubles event into the Canadian Championships.

In 1974 Art won the Men's Singles event at the Canadians held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Art also made the motion that all charters have matching team shirts while playing in the Canadian Championships.

Art has come very close in many events in the years to follow, including trying to win Men's Doubles with his son Larry, but although they won Provincials several times, they were unable to win a Canadian Championship.

Art treasures the most, besides his lovely wife Irene & their family, all the wonderful friends he has made from coast to coast.