

## JACK AND PEGGY HOUSE > CNSA VERY FIRST PRESIDENT



The photo was undoubtedly taken during the very first ISA (International) event held in Muskegon, MI in 1981. Note that we had three nations competing, Japan, USA and Canada.

***Taking office as the 1<sup>st</sup> CNSA President was understandably more difficult; everything was new; everything a challenge. It is apparent that the good memories and the camaraderie shone then as they do now. Members of the CNSA express their appreciation to Jack and to Peggy on the occasion of Jack's induction into the Hall of Fame at Blackstock, ON 2006 05 30. Stan***

**Peggy Speaks:** When Jack (House) was asked to set up the CNSA and become its 1<sup>st</sup> President, we were aware of only 4 regulation sized courts in ON. The 4 were on the farm of Alphonse Marchand, Tilbury, ON. We knew there were 10 Courts in Stanley Park, Vancouver, BC which were seldom used and not in good condition. Many Senior Centers offered indoor shuffle with smaller courts and smaller discs. With help from players we had met in Florida, we learned that Thedford and Lindsay had regulation indoor Courts so they became the sites for the first tournaments held by the CNSA.

The 1<sup>st</sup> CNSA tournament took place in Tilbury in July of 1981, and the 1<sup>st</sup> International Tournament in Muskegon, MI followed. Due to the small number of participants at Tilbury we offered only an Open Division. However; the next year at Lindsay, ON in their Armories, 36 Men and 26 Women were entered in the Amateur Division and 16 shufflers competed in

the Pro Division. **Thus, Tilbury, ON lays claim to the 1<sup>st</sup> CNSA tournament, Lindsay, ON, the 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Outdoor Courts in Canada seemed like a daunting task, frost and cold weather made this an expensive proposition to contemplate. Accordingly, Jack and Chris Stutzmann, the head of the OSA (Ontario Shuffleboard Association) at the time, experimented with setting up Courts in arenas during the summer months. Templates were made; wives and volunteers measured and laid out the Courts; painting of lines was undertaken by Chris and Jack. Scarborough was selected as the trial, the 1<sup>st</sup> to be laid out and painted. After 6 Courts had been completed, most of the workers were yelling "UNCLE"!! It was a combination of sore backs and the smell of toluene!! Walden, Thetford, Newmarket, and Woodstock followed. **And in 1990 Lindsay was host to the 1<sup>st</sup> ISA Event held in Canada.** It was held in their new Twin Pad Arena ~~ utilizing one of the Pads.

Canadians were successful at the 1<sup>st</sup> ISA in Muskegon. Two players were from Quebec, the remainder from Ontario. In an attempt to Canadianize the team, in 1982, 12 players were from Ontario, 4 from Saskatchewan, 4 from British Columbia, 2 from Yukon and 1 from Quebec.

Friendships and camaraderie from willing volunteers made the CNSA an unforgettable and rewarding experience for Jack and me. **Peggy House, 2006 05 30.**

Jack suffered from Alzheimer's; was subsequently admitted to a home and died on 2007 09 23.

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