

MARY ELDRIDGE



SHE WAS IN HER MID 20s ATTENDING ST PETERSBURG JR COLLEGE IN 1965 WHEN SHE JOINED THE CLUB AT MIRROR LAKE;SHE IS STILL THERE NOW- 48 YEARS LATER!! ALONG THE LONG ROAD SHE HAS-1) PLAYED IN 9 STATE MASTERS,WINNING 5; 2) WAS 2ND VP OF THE FSA 3) LEFT SHUFFLEBOARD IN THE PRIME OF HER PLAYING DAYS ONLY TO RETURN MANY YEARS LATER TO PLAY IN OCCASIONAL TOURNAMENTS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO LEAD THE ST PETES CLUB. 4) WAS INDUCTED INTO THE FSA HALL OF FAME IN 1993.

HOWEVER; HER MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION WAS PLAYING A LEAD ROLE IN CONVERTING THE CLUB FROM AN HISTORIC BUT FASTLY FADING AND BADLY DILAPADATED CLUB, TO A CLUB WITH UNIQUE USES. SHE HAS PERSONALLY TAUGHT MANY MANY SCHOOLCHILDREN AND CREATED AN INSTRUCTIONAL WEBSITE, AS WELL AS FOUNDING "FRIDAY NIGHT SHUFFLE" WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES PLAY FUN SHUFFLEBOARD UNDER THE LIGHTS, WITH MUSIC BLASTING, FOOD AVAILABLE, AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT, ALL UNIQUE TO SHUFFLEBOARD.

MANY PUBLICATIONS HAVE WRITTEN ARTICLES ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT SHUFFLE **AND** MARY ELDRIDGE. THESE INCLUDE THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST, AND MOST RECENTLY THE TAMPA TRIBUNE.

WE URGE YOU AII TO VISIT ST PETE AND MARY WILL PUT YOU TO WORK!! SOMEONE ONCE SAID OF HER, THAT HER LOVE OF THE GAME, HER WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS, HAS MADE HER WORTHY OF ANY HONORS SHE RECIEVES, SO LET US GIVE A MVP PIN TO MARY ELDRIDGE IN RECOGNITION TO HER UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHUFFLEBOARD.