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## **WHY DO YOU PLAY SHUFFLEBOARD?**

I suppose you're asked that question a lot, I know I am. Think about it, most all of us are retired so we don't have to do it. Is it for fun? For money? For competition? To achieve something? For the comradely? To travel and see the sites or new places? To have something to do? I bet all but making money makes most players lists. Most of the answers probably go like this: It gives me something fun to do with my friends! For many of us it's the completion, it takes us back to our childhood with the bats and balls, footballs, skates and sticks where someone wins and someone doesn't. Those days were fun to us and fun is something we want to be part of shuffleboard or else why play? Remember we don't have to! We can't quit have the fun they are having playing the Stanley Cup or the NBA Finals, most of us wouldn't survive. And our fans don't have quit the fun watching us either, but every one of us that can put a little more fun into the game needs to do exactly that! Or we won't be able to draw the players we need to keep the sport going. Watching Shuffleboard is boring unless you happen to hit a court where Stan Williamson is raising hob and getting the crowd into the game, or Linda Woda is laughing or Earl Ball is talking to the blocks or Jac Bergeron is upset with a shot and talking about it in French (by the way Jac, we all know what you're saying, It's the same in English). My point is: Have a good time. Laughing, excitement, determination, passion, fun are all infectious and that's what will draw more people to the game, remember they don't have to do any one thing either. They will do what is the most fun. Just watch a golf match, golf is boring and yes, I have a right to say that, remember, I retired to play golf and not many of you would beat me at it either. In golf if I knocked your three-foot putt away to give myself a chance to win, it wouldn't be acceptable, but in shuffleboard you expect it and you'd knock mine away also.

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