GASTON ARCHABAULT!! INDUCTION INTO CD HOF IN THE PLAYER CATEGORY!!! 2007 03 17.

It is my privilege; indeed it is MY HONOUR, to present for Induction into the CD HOF, Gaston Archambault.

My name is Stan McCormack and I believe Gaston asked me to do the Induction because I was the only Member who could properly pronounce his name correctly.

It was in 1995 that I first came in contact with Gaston!! I was being introduced to Shuffleboard at Camp Inn!! Gaston came to the Courts only infrequently and when he did he was greeted with RESPECT ~~ almost awe by those who knew something about shuffling. His wife never came to the Courts during daily competitive play ~~ she was seen by the novice shufflers as some kind of Greek Goddess who was forbidden by Zeus to mingle among us mortals!!

ACCORDINGLY, Gaston's prestige was immense; AS RUMOR HAD IT, it was HE who taught Nicole her moves; it was Gaston that developed the strategy for his goddess!!

Gaston was not above helping the Beginners out on those days when he was "In the Park". I was one of those to benefit from his advice ~~ and I thank him publicly!!

Gaston has been playing shuffleboard for 15 years; and he has given HIS ALL each and every time he played!!

The game has a particular appeal for Gaston ~~ perhaps because it is in accord with "the SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST CONCEPT; unlike Chess and Golf, both activities in which we treat our opponents with deference!!

Gaston believes that his shooting accuracy is between 10 and 20% and despite that HE IS A HALL OF FAMER. I say: "Let's hope that he does not figure a way to increase his shot percentage!!!

During my preparations for Gaston's presentation, he repeatedly pointed out that I was spending too much time on him WHEN I SHOULD BE GIVING CREDIT TO LARRY AND RUTH FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE GAME!!! (I might ~~ and all the other Board members)!!!

WHILE we all think of Gaston as the STRONG QUIET INDIVIDUAL ~~ NOT SO!! He has an idea that could revolutionize the game!! GIVEN THE EVER INCREASING POPULARITY OF POKER ~~ GASTON wants to MODERNIZE SHUFFLEBOARD BY CHANGING THE 10 TO AN "ACE"; CHANGE THE 8s TO TWO KINGS; CHANGE THE 7s TO TWO QUEENS, AND THE 10 OFF TO A JOKER~~~!!! (DISPLAY THE BOARD.)

THAT WAY, AS YOU SCORE, YOU WOULD SHOUT OUT ~~ "ONE BLACK KING AND AN ACE"!!! OR A "PAIR OF QUEENS" ~~~ PERHAPS WE SHOULD TRY THAT OUR NEXT HOF CLASSIC. I UNDERSTAND THAT LARRY HAS ALREADY APPROACHED THE FSA BOARD WITH THE PROPOSAL ~~ AND IT RECEIVED UNAMIOUS PROVAL!!! © © Ladies and Gentleman, I now give you Gaston Archambault!!!

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