



# Theresa Lynk

OSA Player

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### **FYI**

- *She helps to run OSA Tournaments*
- *She organizes a Texas Mickey Raffle every year to raise money*
- *She assisted in organizing the 2006 Canadian Shuffleboard Championships*
- *She manages the OSA website*

Theresa comes from Guelph Ontario and has been playing Shuffleboard for 16 years now. She started back in 1991 when she met her spouse Rico Beaulieu.

She had tried her hand at the bumper board style in the local hotels years before but didn't realize there were straight boards out there as well.

Theresa would go to the tournaments and watch Rico and their other friends play for awhile, then she'd shop and come back and watch some more.

She hadn't considered playing herself as she was not a very competitive person.

However after several months of just sitting and watching she says *"I found those tournaments seemed to be lasting longer all the time"*.

She was starting to find it boring, and after all, a girl can only shop for so long before she runs out of money!

She started playing a tournament here and there when someone would need a partner. What the heck, as long as they didn't mind a rookie, the day would go by a lot faster!

The more she played the more she liked the game and one day her friend Helen Crites asked her to play in the OSA Playdowns and she has been loving the game ever since.

Later Roger Lacourse asked her to be his partner in the Mixed Doubles event and they have played together for the last several years.

She hopes this year they will be lucky enough to win in Ontario and advance to the 2007 Canadian Championships in Edmonton Alberta. (*There's a mighty big mall there!*)

For the last four years she has played in the OSA

Ladies Doubles events with her two time Mixed Doubles Canadian Champion partner Brenda Brown.

Together they have competed in the last two Canadians without much luck, but are going to play hard to get another chance at it this year.

Theresa says "I've spent so many years attending the Canadian Championships as a spectator and watched all the great players make it look so easy!"

The last two years of competing in the event have taught her just how tough those ladies are! She hopes she can be half as good as them someday!

## *She thinks (hopes) her playing skills are improving*

Theresa belongs to the KW League and plays every Wednesday night during the winter.

She is a member at Polish Legion Branch 412 in Kitchener Ontario.

She plays in most all OSA tournaments and has won the Ladies Only in 2005 with her partner Tiffany Huck of Kitchener and in 2006 with her partner Marie Dickson also of Kitchener.

She has also won a couple of open doubles tournaments...so she says "I have to believe that those wins are a sign my playing skills are improving and that I can continue to improve so I too can be a Canadian Champion one day!"

Theresa like so many other players has said how many fantastic players there are here in Ontario and across Canada.

She has made many great friends from province to province and admires how dedicated all these players are to such a challenging and skillful sport.

She loves to see new players joining the league and playing in tournaments. It's these new players who will keep the Shuffleboard spirit alive as the veteran players begin to retire from the game.

*She wishes them luck...keep on shuffling!*



Theresa with her Ladies Doubles Partner Brenda Brown