

# Roger LaCourse

OSA Player

## *He got his Shuffleboard start in his basement*



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Roger has been playing for 34 years now and got started when his Dad had a table built for their basement when he was just 16 years old.

He knew there were teams playing out of the local hotels so he would practice and practice everyday.

When Roger turned 19 he joined the Ritz Hotel Shuffleboard team in his hometown of Port Colborne where he lives with his wife Colleen (Dickie).

Colleen also plays in some tournaments and his brothers Ray and Colin have enjoyed playing in the past as well.

Roger says he has enjoyed the game so much over the years and looks forward to playing usually two to three times every week in the league and monthly OSA tournaments.

He has also played with his Legion team in the Zones, Districts and Provincial and they have won in those events.

He's played in many OSA Playdowns and has won a few in different categories

In 2003 he won the men's doubles in Vancouver with his partner Rico Beaulieu and says "That has to be my fondest memory by far".

Roger loves going to the Canadians and seeing all these great players and says he tries to learn from the skills they have shown.

Shuffleboard is a very challenging game as each board you play is different, so one of the things a player must master is to be able to adapt to each board and the way it plays.

When you only play to 15 point games its essential to learn the board quicker than your opponent ...it certainly gives you a better edge.

One thing Roger has learned over the years is that no matter how often you play you WILL be nervous when you are partaking in a major event such as a provincial or a national championship, so the key is to overcome that nervousness quickly (maybe have a beer for breakfast? *It can't hurt!*)

## *Did you know?*

- He's played in 8 Canadian Championships
- He 's placed second several times and wins 2 or 3 times a year during tournament season
- He's played in the Canadian finals in BC with his brother Ray
- He also made it to the Canadian finals with partner Darlene Perusello

## *Roger gets support from his family*

He enjoys when his wife and step son Denny come out to watch him play. Denny loves Shuffleboard and he is Rogers's biggest fan and supporter.

It gives Roger a great sense of joy when he can win, and see the big smile on his face.

When he's not playing Shuffleboard he coaches Men's hockey in Port Colborne and likes to play in the Club Frontenac Pool League in his area. He also holds the Chairman position on the league.

Roger sees himself playing for many years to come and his goal he says is to become a more consistent player like so many of the greats from all across Canada.

Let's wish him luck with his goals!