

## Presenting Gloria McLaughlin



### About Gloria McLaughlin- Sarnia Ontario:

I first started playing shuffleboard in 1968, on my first trip to Florida to visit my mom. My mom loved the game and soon my husband Joe and I did also.

Joe and I bought our first mobile home in 1991 in Punta Gorda Florida. We started playing shuffleboard for fun in Buttonwood Village and soon I ventured over to "Wiggs Park" in Port Charlotte Florida where there were more courts and some competition, but still just for fun.

In 1996 I played in one of my first tournaments and it was the State Pro tournament. My partner (Dianna May) and I placed third in the main and so I became an instant pro.

I have played on the Canadian International Team two different years. The first time I played was 2001 in Coolangatta Australia and in 2002 in Clearwater Florida. In 2004 I went to England with the Allen's to an Inaugural; a good time was had by all.

In the summer when I am back in Ontario I play in Chatham at least once a week. I have been the secretary of our club for eleven years.

I will be going to Sun City Arizona to play in the East/West Tournament in September. Gloria competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> European Open in Sochi Russia in May of 2011.

One of the best things about the game of shuffleboard is all the many friends I have made over the years.

Gloria McLaughlin. May of 2011.