

ODE TO WINNIE & SHARON

On the Occasion of their Induction into the Hall of Fame
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Together at last and they had a ball.
Playing together got 'em into the HALL
Sharon and Winnie, a pair so together
If there were the 80's they'd never say never

Sharon brought goodies, no ifs ands or buts
Winnie, the smoker, would sit in the huts
Putting on sneakers, while Sharon warmed up
No problem it seemed, they'd still win the cup!

They first won the 50's year after year.
When we saw their names we shuddered in fear
Unbeatable foes from one year to the next
Well, how many times were those two the best?

Sharon brought baked goods to contests she ran
Winnie brought people, said, "Play if you can."
Between Winnie and Sharon the tourneys were great
So, "Hall of Fame," you just had to wait

Till the two won the 50's and 60's (Sharon 70's too)
They kept it up till we all turned blue
But on top of that feat, they improved the game
More people played, SO MUCH FUN just INSANE

Vermont, Connecticut too and NJ was wild
Dancing and paddle with those brothers named Childs
Paddle was fun, a party and dancing
Tourney by you two need no enhancing

If you needed a partner, no problem said they
(I had two different partners all in one day...)
One of these "Famers" may run with a gimp
But remains to this day a great paddle "pimp"

She'll find you a partner as long as you pay
The entry for lunch and the privilege to play.

We had post paddle parties- one in a castle
Winnie hired a DJ - without any hassle
Sharon baked all her goodies, her play oh so steady
Rarely was anyone prepared or ready.

We got over it fast as it was such fun
To play either against them, or with them as one
Never has anyone given such care
Paddle is better because they were there
Bringing more people together to play
To the new Hall of Famers, hip, hip, HOORAY!

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