

# 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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