



Squash Canada
Certificate of Achievement 2018
Josh Struthers

Josh started playing squash at the Winnipeg Winter Club when he was eight years old. Josh later moved onto the Winnipeg Canoe Club where he would train with Archie Chawla's junior program and become an elite level squash player. Josh was a member of the junior provincial team from 1988-1995. Josh's first nationals was in the U12 at the 1988 Junior Nationals in Regina, SK. The next year, Josh went on to win the Canadian Junior Open in 1989. Josh competed in Grand Prairie at the 1995 Canada Games where the boys team finished in 5th position.

In 1993 Josh, along with Trevor Borland, Carolyn Russell and Celine Metraux won the Canadian Junior Team Championships. A new event tried one year after junior nationals with 4 players, 2 males and 2 females (U19 & U16).

Josh competed for Manitoba on several occasions at the Canadian Men's Team Championships, finishing as high as second. Josh also competed at the Manitoba Open for a number of years, playing against some of the top players in the world in the Main Round. Josh's top ranking was #9 in Canada. Josh also represented the University of Manitoba at the 2005 Canadian University Championships and won a silver medal. In 2008, Josh Struthers and Trevor Borland placed 6th at the Canadian Doubles Championships in Toronto. Josh is currently playing doubles at the A level in Manitoba. Josh has been instrumental in creating a buzz of the game of Doubles in Manitoba.

Josh was an assistant coach to Trevor Borland at the Winnipeg Winter Club for both adult and junior programs from 2002-2006. Josh was also the Assistant Coach of Manitoba's Junior Provincial Team.

From 2007-2010, Josh was the Assistant Pro to Gene Turk at the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club. Josh is a fantastic role model. Jake Hooker a member of Manitoba's 2011 Canada Winter Games was asked who his personal role model was and was quoted as saying "Josh Struthers, my coach, because of his level of dedication and hard work that he shows and pushes to do my best".

A back injury forced Josh to stop playing squash competitively in 2010. At this time Josh stayed heavily involved by being elected onto the Squash Manitoba Board and served as Director at Large. From there Josh became Vice President and is currently the President of Squash Manitoba. Josh is the humble, kind, hard working and intelligent. Josh's contribution to the Board of Squash Manitoba and to Squash in Manitoba is unmeasurable.

Josh's latest contribution is being on the 2018 Inaugural Squash Manitoba Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Committee. There were 8 inductees, Marnie Baizley, Charlie Ives, Alana Miller, Mike Nesbitt, Carolyn Russell, Henry Thiessen and Gene Turk. Josh tirelessly researched each inductee and his presentation to each inductee at the dinner was memorable.

Josh has not only been a great squash player, but has given back to the sport in so many ways. Josh's positive attitude is contagious and Manitoba will be forever grateful.