

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING



We, in the shuffling community are so fortunate to have among us many people who have been to h___ and back with serious illnesses. The major attribute they seem to demonstrate is their ability to be positive about themselves, and their future, which hopefully will "rub off" on others.

One has only to "talk" with someone like Lyle Hirshinger who has suffered so much with his illness, to realize what determination can do. He was shuffling in the last two tournaments I attended and did very well! He and his partner Jerry Jones came extremely close to beating two Pros in a State Tournament in Lakeland. Had it not been for a "flukey" last shot made by their opponents, they would have been the winners. Lyle has always remained cheerful and positive in spite of his health issues. Now he is bestowing more of his love and affection on a new little puppy called Lucy, who is a treasure, indeed!

Another shuffler I have observed many times, and most recently at the District Tournament. at ZSC is Marie Stymist of Betmar, also an outstanding inspiration. In the face of some very difficult health problems she has always maintained her cheerful, smiling attitude. This beautiful lady is a pleasure to be around as is always so positive.

Both of these shufflers are shining examples of human beings making the most of some very tough situations. They and others like them are fantastic inspirations to all of us. If you have not met either of these extremely brave people, take the opportunity to do so at the next tournament. They will probably be there!

Most of us have had to deal with some rough spots along life's highway but we need only take some courage from folks like these to remind us: with a positive attitude we can get through it.

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