



# AGELESS WONDER

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**B**ack in the 1960's it seemed that every kid had their own table hockey game and Tony Capizzi was no different.

Capizzi received his first table hockey game as a Christmas present from his mom and dad at the age of three and has never looked back.

One of the Original 6 members of the Winnipeg Table Hockey League that was established back in 1989, Tony has been playing table hockey all his life. Son of an Italian immigrant, Capizzi credits his father Santo Capizzi for introducing him to the game, a tradition he passed on by teaching his younger brother Sal.

In fact, Tony Capizzi has been playing table hockey longer than Bob Cole was a play by play announcer for Hockey Night in Canada. As the elder statesman of the Winnipeg Table Hockey

League, he's been playing table hockey for more than 50 years and continues to be a force in the league today. He is now playing in his 31st year in the Winnipeg Table Hockey League.

"I believe my speed has slowed down the past couple of years making it harder to keep up with some of the top-level players." Tony said.

"That still hasn't stopped him from being a force in the league," said his younger brother Sal Capizzi. "He is an opponent that should never be taken lightly."

Tony Capizzi sits in second-place all-time in the WTHL with a winning percentage of .631 behind only his brother Sal. This season he is currently in first place in the WTHL Western Conference standings and in second place overall in the 2019 standings of the WTHL with a winning percentage of .759

## TONY'S LONG LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WINNIPEG TABLE HOCKEY LEAGUE INCLUDE:

- WTHL League Champion 2006
- WTHL Challenge Cup 2018
- Western Conference Champion (1989, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2018)
- Goals For Average Leader (2008, 2010)
- Goals Against Average Leader (1996, 2006, 2016)
- Most Improved (2016)

It doesn't appear Tony has any plans on slowing down soon. As his play has demonstrated again this season that he will once again be one of the players challenging for the coveted WTHL Cup. ○

- with notes from the Winnipeg Table Hockey League

TONY CAPIZZI (LEFT)



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