



Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc.

December 30, 2006

The Table Shuffleboard Association's Board of Directors, TSA Associate Members, shuffleboard community, friends, and family proudly present the TSA Hall of Fame Induction Award to Bobby Williams on this 30th day of December, 2006.

-- TSA Board of Directors & Associate Members,
Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc.

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Bobby Williams

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Hall of Fame Induction

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TSA HOF Inductee Ceremony



Texas Hall of Fame President

November 1997-Present

Texas Hall Of Fame Inductee

December 30, 2000

TSA HOF Inductee

December 30, 2006

Personal History:

Bobby Don Williams, age 64, was born on August 11, 1942. Bobby started playing shuffleboard 45 years ago and got his brother, David Williams Sr. involved in shuffleboard shortly thereafter (1966). Both brothers are now "-1" Rated (Pro) players and Texas & TSA Hall of Famers. They are both

well known in the shuffleboard community.

Bobby is not only a Pro Rated player, but more importantly, he is always helping organize a game, tournament, or league and is more than willing to share his shuffleboard knowledge with any/all players.

Bobby was inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame on December 30, 2000 during the Houston Holiday Open 2000 tournament held at the Marriott-Greenspoint in Houston, Texas. Bobby is also the founder and President of the Texas Hall of Fame.

Bobby and the Williams' Family have been long-time supporters of the *Bowers Rating System* and were avid supporters of the prior *The Board Talk* shuffleboard publication. The Williams' Family were the first U.S. 1st Class mailing subscribers of *The Board Talk* when that U.S. option was made available.

Now that Bobby is retired, his life revolves around his family and shuffleboard.

Bobby Williams' Shuffleboard Accomplishments (1st Place):

1960's: East Lancaster Bumper Table Champion

1985:

Doubles (Corporate Image)

Singles (Washington's Birthday)

1989-98: Mid-Cities Shuffleboard League (1st Place; 7 times)

1991:

Singles (Washington's Birthday)

Open Draw (Jimmy L's)

Team (NASC)

Draw (NASC)

1992: Bring Team (Southwest Open)

1993:

Semi-Pro Singles (Southwest Open)

Div I Doubles (NASC)

1994:

Div I Singles (NASC)

Open Draw (Gold Nugget Open)

Sweetheart Draw (Gold Nugget Open)

Draw (President's Day)

Draw (Texas Open)

Draw (Southwest Open)

1995:

Draw (Thanksgiving Classic)

Legends Draw (NASC)

Draft Team (Elk's Lodge Open)

1997:

Pro Doubles (NASC)

Bring Team (NASC)

Draft Team (Southwest Open)

Pro Doubles (Thanksgiving Classic)

Bring Team (Thanksgiving Classic)

1998:

Pro Singles (President's Day)

Draft Team (Texas Open)

Pro Doubles (Texas Open)

1999: Draft Team (Southwest Open)

2001: Draft Team (Texas Open)

2002: Draft Team (Southwest Open)

2003: Draft Team (Elk's Lodge Open)

2004: Draw (18th Annual Labor Day)

2005: Doubles (Washita Handicap)

2006:

Pro Singles (Kansas City Shoot Out)

Draw (20th Annual Labor Day)

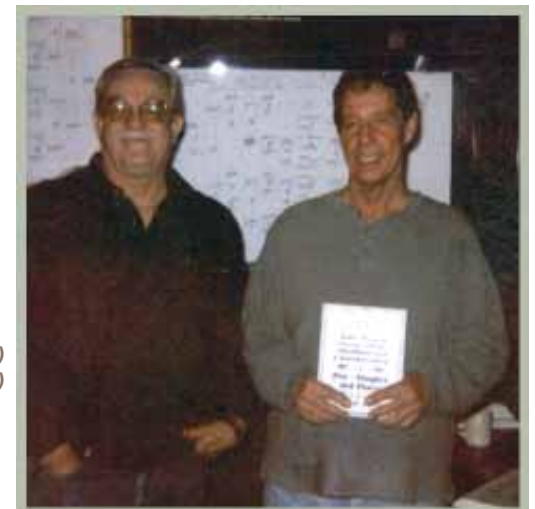
MEMORY LANE



Bobby Williams & wife Jeri enjoy grandparenting!



*Bobby Williams (above)
(Houston Holiday Open)*



*(right) Ron Bowers &
Bobby Williams
(Texas Open)*

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Bobby Don Williams' Summary:

A long-time table shuffleboard player & promoter.

Some of the Significant Accomplishments & Awards Received:

Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame President

1977-Present

Texas Hall of Fame Inductee

December 30, 2000

Marriott at Greenspoint (Houston Holiday Open 2000)

Houston, Texas

Table Shuffleboard Association (TSA) Hall of Fame Inductee

December 30, 2006

Hilton at NASA/Clear Lake (Houston Holiday Open 2006)

Houston, Texas

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TESTIMONIALS:

The Right Hand from Hell

Soon after Linda and I became novice players at Harbor Point in Dallas, we journeyed with others over to Arlington for our first tournament. Once there we met the tournament director: Bobby Williams. His outstanding personality and commitment towards Shuffleboard and its respective participants inspired us both to continue with the hobby and fellowship of the sport.

During the past 10 years that followed, Linda and I have been honored to witness his accomplishments as a player and a great promoter.

A few of his many attributes (funny ones) that jump out at Linda and I, on such a short notice are...

1st: Bobby has always been graceful (grateful), by not beating me out of more than a couple hundred at a time.

2nd: Bobby has always had an open door policy with Linda to come by his bank anytime to visit. For a small fee and sign on the dotted line would open the vault for however much cash we needed.

3rd: One time after being frustrated and intimidated by Bobby's game I asked him, "Perhaps I should challenge a left hander", he replied: "That's a great idea, you'll find my little brother David playing a couple of boards over, he's been working on his left hand and there's always a little room left in his wallet".

Congratulations Bobby Williams, it's truly been an honor.

- Mahlon and Linda Nobles

There is nothing bad I can say about Bobby. He is one of the premier ladders in the game and plays the best he can every game. Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

- Billy Mays

Congratulations Bobby Don:

I was very fortunate to be 'picked' on your draft team at my first tournament in the Southwest Open. I could not have had a better captain. You showed me how a pro plays with class and dignity. The manner in which you handled the other amateur players on your team was a shining example of the right way to do things. Of course it helped that we won the event, which was my very first win in a shuffleboard tournament and opened my eyes to the shuffleboard community. Outside of shuffleboard you and your family have been great friends to me and I especially like the 'discount' you give me whenever I stay at your house.

Thanks! **- Jim Payne**

Congratulations Bobby! You deserve it. **-CW Walker**

Congratulations Bobby!! You absolutely deserve it.

- Mike Blohm

One of my dearest friends and a great player.

-Jack Davis

Bobby Don, Way to Go! I'm proud for you. Congratulations to a deserving player.

-Betty Baumgardner

We're proud of you!!! Love ya,

-Carol Audett

Congratulations Grumpy!! Love,

-Emma & Sophie

Great Player – steady and true.

-George Leigh

Bobby Don.... Harold is proud of you. He said you can now wax his board with the new dust.

-Charlie Haslett

TESTIMONIALS (continued):

After playing with Bill Melton for many years, John McDermott changed the format for the North American Championship in Reno to where no 2 pros could play together. This gave Bobby and I an opportunity to team up in the Pro Doubles.

We began by losing our first match and started our trip through the losers bracket. After about 8 wins in a row, we were back to playing for the championship. The only problem was that all we had to do was double dip the unbeaten team of Diana Hagen and Darroll Nelson which seemed insurmountable.

However, one huge mistake in their strategy was to keep the hammer out of my hands. Bobby proceeded to lag nothing but twos and threes. I've never blasted so many weights. This was one of the highlights of my career. Needless to say, the next year they moved Bobby to a pro. Bobby is a blue collar player that plows along until at the end finds himself in a position to win. He is definitely one of the best laggors in the game. Bill and Billy Melton and Mike Taylor have told me that they had rather play anyone other than Bobby.

So congratulations on your induction which is well deserved.

Your Partner, Brother, and Friend,

-David Williams

It has certainly been a great advantage to me to have been taught the in's and out's of shuffleboard by a great player like you. You are a true professional.

-Mark Steelman

Bobby you are more than deserving. I know your back hurts from carrying all of us in the league!!! We love and respect you. Job well done.

-Ann and Gerry King

Bobby, Dad, Grumpy (Hee-Hee):

Growing up the daughter of a shuffleboard player didn't make me feel all that special at school, at the mall or hanging out with my friends BUT when I was at the Charlie Brown Club or the Corporate Image I always felt like the daughter of a rock star! Everyone knew who I was because they all knew who you were (it helps that we look so much alike). I loved and still love being Bobby Williams' daughter. I know that Emma and Sophie will feel the same way if Jim and I EVER let them enter a bar!! Until then they are just as enamored with you - just being plain old Grumpy. Dad, you are a great shuffleboard player, a wonderful father, and an even better grandfather. We are so proud of you and so honored to be here with you for this special occasion. We love you,

-Laura, Jim, Emma &

Sophie Houston

Congratulations on being inducted into National HOF. Weldon and I have known you for a long time and have enjoyed playing hometown week end tournaments with you. You are one of the best players we have known and we have learned not only from playing with you but watching you play. May be all be blessed with more years of playing, having fun and seeing your sweet smile.

- Jeri & Weldon Walker

We always knew you were a good player, but to your surprise (not mine), when you switched to O'Douls you became a great player. You taught me just about everything that I know about playing shuffleboard. I was not able to uphold the quality of play expected of a Williams', but I had a lot of fun trying. I will never forget being your partner in the league for many years. I always knew when I had screwed up really bad because you would throw your hands up in the air. Oh, how I hated that!!! But, when I did good, you would always give me that nod and sometimes even that great smile. Our team was famous because of you. Those were some of the best times of my life. I guess some of what you taught me stuck because I played in a tournament at an Elk's Lodge last month (after not playing for 5 years) and WON! You have really done a lot for the game and reputation of the people who play. I am so very proud of you and I know that Gary would be too. No one is more deserving. I bet no one else can say they have two brothers in the Hall of Fame!!!!

Congratulations, I love you.

- Linda Williams-Carter

Oh, Mr. Bobby Williams... You are quite the player, and opponent. Not much help when we are on opposing teams but when we are partners - WOW! Of course, if I miscalculated, overshot, stuck a weight at the wrong time, or worst of all, lagged off, well — I got the eyes rolled back head thrust with sigh. But seriously, I truly value your knowledge and expertise. But most of all I value your friendship.

Best wishes, - Kay Nelson

I was delighted to learn that Bobby Williams has been selected for the shuffleboard hall of fame. He is a gentleman and an asset to the game. While he is a fine player from a skill standpoint, he also is as smart a player as there is. Bill Melton told me and several other new players at the Del City tournament that if we wanted to learn how to play the game correctly, we should watch Bobby Williams. Melton said that Bobby plans his game as well as anyone who has ever played. He will be a welcome addition to the hall of fame.

-Robert Hoffman

Bobby Williams most definitely belongs in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Bobby has always gone above and beyond the call of duty when it came to the support of the game of shuffleboard and has been very instrumental in the Bowers Rating System as a long time rater and promoter of the ratings. Year after year he and his family have helped support the ratings as one of our largest donators. Bobby saved the Texas Open by volunteering to take it over when the Texas Mist closed (he is always available when the shuffleboard world needs help). Thank you Bobby for the help you have given to us and the Bowers Rating System.

-Ron & Debbie Bowers

Bobby thanks to you and your family for your avid and sincere support of the prior The Board Talk during our tenure as Editors/Publishers. Some of our first out-of-town tournament experiences were tournaments you hosted at the Gold Nugget (one of the most memorable was the year Indiana had a good showing). Congratulations on your hall of fame induction honors.

-Tom & Lynda French