Jim Martin

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Jimmy's story:

He was born in the small town of Carbon, Indiana. Until the age of eight, Jim lived with his family in Park County on a farm owned by his dad, mom, and uncle. When his father and mother sold the farm, they moved to Lafayette, Indiana.

After graduating from grade school, Jim attended high school at Lafayette Jefferson high. He played varsity baseball for three out of the four years he was in high school. After graduating from high school, he got accepted at Purdue University, studying to become a veterinarian.

College was short-lived when his best friend got him drunk and talked him into joining the Marine Corps with him on the buddy system. On Valentine's Day, 1961 he left for basic training in San Diego California. "The minute I stepped off the bus I thought that I had landed in heaven, where the temperature was in the 70s and the skies blue. Much different than the weather I had just left in Indiana."

After basic training, he was accepted in Radio Relay repair school, also located in San Diego California. It was during this time that he met his soon-to-be lovely wife, Pam.

Jim and Pam married in April 1964. Shortly after he was hired by North American Aviation and worked in quality control on the Apollo and the Saturn. "It was my dream job to work hand-in-hand with the NASA employees running functional testing on the spacecraft before sending it to Cape Canaveral. All good things must come to an end, and the space program was put on hold and layoffs occurred, and I was back in the situation of looking for another job."

"My mother-in-law, Edna, worked for Prudential, she talked me into interviewing as a salesman for the Prudential Insurance company. Something that I never pictured myself doing. After six months and making more money than I had made at North American Aviation, I decided to stick it out and was employed with the Prudential for 30 years. I retired from the company in 1998."

Jim considers himself a people person. He loves to be among people and crowds.

Jim has been doing video editing for many decades. He started making videos shortly after the birth of his first child, Todd, and continued to do so after his second child, Michelle. "Shortly after that time I decided I

needed something to keep me busy as a hobby (as if two children weren't enough), and all these years later I still enjoy putting the story on the screen."

Later, as his interest grew in the game of shuffleboard, he decided that he would record one of the benefits that was being held at a bar called The Covered Wagon, in Anaheim, California back in the 1980's. After he had finished editing and producing the video, he realized that there were some that found it interesting and fun to watch. "I've been making videos of my family and the shuffleboard world for over 40 years now."

He has captured a lot of the history of our game, he has also produced many videos of several state and national inductions and tributes of many that have passed on in our game.

"Some of my proudest moments are when I received the Sol Lipkin award at Reno from John McDermott and the Love of The Game award at Volcanoes tournament in Hurst from Jeri Williams-McIntyre."

Even though some of Jim's most memorable moments were editing and producing over 260 shuffleboard related videos, he says "it's time to now pass the baton to someone else." With age and his health issues it's becoming more and more difficult to complete the videos.



Joanie Healey – Petitioner (State of California HOF 2023)

Mr. Jim. Martin, where do I start, you have done so much for the game of Table Shuffleboard, the countless hours you put in, traveling all over the United States to interview many players to get some of the history of the game and the players that helped make shuffleboard what it is today.

Between your interviews, videotaping of games played, Hall of Fame Inductions, and Celebration of Life videos, you have given so many of us great memories that we will cherish forever.

Thank you, Jim, for all that you have done, and congratulations on your long overdue induction into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



Dave Brennan

I have known Jim for over 30 years as a player, supporter, photographer, videographer, video maker and just an all-around great asset to the shuffleboard community. Not only does he still compete at a high level when he plays but he also donates endless hours of his own time on all the outstanding videos he makes.

We will be hard pressed to find another video maker to replace and match the work he does. For all his dedication and hard work, I am proud to see him inducted into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations my friend.

Jeff Delphia

He has gone above and beyond in his witty ways to make his videos for our shuffleboard family. When we've lost a loved one or a spouse, fellow players, he has been ready to ease the pain and share the story with the crowd. The dedication and love of the game he has shown over the years makes this award a perfect tribute to the man. Congratulations Jim on your induction, proud of you!



Russ & Leslie Lankton

Jimmy Martin, the memory maker:

Could there ever be anyone more deserving of this induction? He has done so much to connect everyone in the world of shuffleboard. His videos have introduced old and new players and preserved our fallen ones.

He promotes the game, plays the game, and immortalizes the game. What he has done for shuffleboard is priceless.

How can we ever thank him enough! We are so proud of you, and we love you.

Rena Fleming

Jim has done so much in promoting this game by preserving so much shuffleboard history. Everyone watches the videos he makes. It is amazing the amount of time he has devoted to making these videos. He loves the game & the people we call family.



David & Debbie (TSA Director) Sexton (State of Texas HOF Inductees 2017)

Congratulations Jim! Well-deserved award!! Thank you for serving as a Table Shuffleboard Association Director and your contributions to the game of Shuffleboard. The amazing videos you have given our community over the years are priceless. Great job! A welcome addition to the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jim Payne - TSA Director

Congratulations Jim! A very deserving award that is long overdue. There is no way to quantify what your contributions have meant to the shuffleboard community. I just hope you can continue creating videos for years to come.

Bob Brunskill (State of California HOF 2001)

Jim loves to gamble – usually sports but it carries over into his shuffleboard game. It doesn't bother him that he misses a bunch of weights if he has the hammer knowing that he can usually out lag anything on the board.

An example of his love to gamble - he was shooting against Wendell Herbison (partnered with Tony Appell). It was late in the final tournament game and Wendell had the hammer. Jim wrapped his fourth weight into a three that had stopped in a dry spot caused by Tony's habit of dropping his t-shirt on the end of the board, Wendell made a perfect shot that stuck Jim's weight which didn't budge.

Jim, your 2nd shuffleboard career has lasted 39 years. It has been a real pleasure watching your game improve over that time span and watching your videos. Congratulations on your Induction.

Judy Morphis

If I could praise everything that's awesome about Jimmy Martin, I would have to write a novel. He not only promotes shuffleboard, but he embodies everything that entails what a mentor and friend stands for. He spends his own time and hard work on videos which promote shuffleboard and show honor to fellow players we have lost along the way. He gave me his old laptop with several programs for making videos and has been teaching me to make the videos so shuffleboard can be kept alive. He's always there to answer questions not only about making the videos but anything to do with shuffleboard. Instead of belittling new players he treats them with the utmost respect, so they want to keep playing. I don't believe there's anyone more qualified to be in the National Hall of Fame. He's the whole package and I'm proud to have him as a friend and mentor. I love ya !!!



Hal Perry – TSA Director (State of California HOF 1999 / TSA HOF Inductee 2000)

There is so much I can say about Jim Martin a shuffleboard contributor, a player, a teammate, a friend, a man! He has contributed and given so much time and love to the shuffleboard world at local and national levels. He promotes and supports players and people from across the country and at all levels. He demonstrates his love of the game at every opportunity. In my very honest opinion, I'd say he is one of the biggest givers we have ever been given in the shuffleboard world!

Jim and I took a long drive to Texas to pay our respect to David Williams, Sr. after he passed. Two old men should not be allowed to have that much fun! We were welcomed at many places along the way. That is not just the game of shuffleboard, but the family of players it draws.

Jim is one of the finer members of this shuffleboard family I have been honored to be a part of. He has put in uncountable hours of time to compose letters, videos, flyers, emails and even provided word of mouth news to those not so tech savvy. He has come through in numerous ways in contributing to the survival of this magical game. To list all, I would need to write a book.

I would like to welcome Mr. Martin to the National Hall of Fame. He might be the tallest person we have ever open the doors for with the largest genuine heart filled love for the game!

Love ya buddy!

Summer Larios

I can think of no one more deserving of being recognized as supporter/promoter of shuffleboard on a national level than Jimmy Martin. I haven't been around long enough but have grown to know Jimmy to be one of the most remarkable people in the sport and a mentor I can call on when organizing local events to promote the game.

We all know his ability to capture the moment in videos and honor those that have passed on. His videos have captured shuffleboard history and ensure those players are shared with future generations. I was touched while watching a video where an image of my dad pops up and for that brief moment in time, I felt he was there with me.

When I first met Jimmy, I was intimidated. In the community Jimmy is respected and spoken so highly of I thought he would be unapproachable; I couldn't have been more wrong. What isn't said about Jimmy by our shuffleboard community is that he is the most down-to-earth HOF'er I've had the opportunity to meet.

He doesn't just take an interest in the game at the highest level. He embraces new players and growing the sport. He is willing to share his knowledge and support all efforts to promote the game by attending every function he possibly can. Jimmy embraces the game and players in the game at the same level regardless of their skill level.

I had the honor to play with him in an AB draw locally. Me as a 3 playing against a Pro and another California Hall of Famer and Jimmy was not just patient with my level but supportive and positive throughout the entire match. I wanted so much not to disappoint him as I felt he got the bad draw, but he made me feel like I belonged at the table. That is the sportsmanship that draws players into the game but seeing it from someone that has played longer than I have been around gave me a true passion to continue to play the game.

His actions are truly those of a supporter/promoter. Not necessarily through putting on events but in the character. He is the epitome of a promoter.

I was asked to coordinate Jimmy's 80th birthday party. With the videos he puts out honoring our game and players I felt it would be a nice touch to get a video from across the states with players wishing him a happy birthday. I reached out as far as I could and asked those to reach out further. The outpouring of love was overwhelming. In this sport it is sometimes difficult to find a person that is truly loved and respected by all. Jimmy that is you! Congratulations!

Tom & Lynda (TSA Director) French (State of Texas HOF Inductees 2007)

Congratulations, Jim Martin, for a well-deserved TSA Hall of Fame award for your dedication to promotion and preservation of the history of the game of table shuffleboard. All the many hours you have spent and continue to spend in gathering historical information and sharing your professionally compiled legacy videos with the shuffleboard community is a priceless contribution to the preservation of the history of this sport we all love.

We both thoroughly enjoy working with you to preserve video collections such as the many Glen Davidson video's donated to the TSA and recently a Don Valk (a prior TSA President when Glen Davidson retired from that founding position) "US Open" video that Don donated to the TSA for historical preservation. Also, as we write this, we are working to get information preserved on the 1st shuffleboard tournament hosted in China and sponsored by their government. You are a professional for sure in all you do! We thoroughly enjoy sharing information with you when we find items of interest.

Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for the sport! And most of all, thanks for the many continued years of friendship!

Mark Gray – TSA Director (State of Missouri HOF 2014)

Jim, Congratulations on your induction into The Hall of Fame. What you have done to preserve the history of our sport is unmeasurable. Any time you are involved in a Hall of Fame induction rest assured it will be a top-notch presentation. The time you have spent editing and filming players shows your dedication and perseverance to our sport. I am so glad that you made a road trip to Oklahoma to interview Bill Melton in his home so that further generations can see for themselves what a great person Bill was as well as a great influence he was to us all. This is just one example of why you are so deserving of this great honor. Way to go my friend!

Kelly Cameron (State of Texas HOF 2016 / TSA HOF Inductee 2016)

I first met Jim in 1993 while on a job in Long Beach, CA. Thanks to the Board Talk I was able to find out where I could go and play shuffleboard in the L.A. area, Amato's was the place. Huntington Beach, CA. Three things I remember about that night. 1) I walked in as the weekly tournament was about to start, and Bubba wouldn't let me play! 2) Chris Danke telling Bubba she knew me from Texas, but he still wouldn't let me play. And 3) Mr Jim Martin welcoming me with open arms. Hard to imagine anyone more deserving than Jim for induction into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The time and work Jim's put into shuffleboard, it's history and the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is unrivaled. No one deserves it more. Thanks Jim Martin and congratulations.

Cindy Clark

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jim for many years. A great supporter of Arizona tournaments and always willing to help me with my endeavors to memorialize or capture the essence of those we wanted to honor in our local Hall of Fame.

Always creative, willing, and so devoted! I can't thank him enough. His heart is in it and we have shuffleboard history recorded forever. A very special person and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. He has really stepped up to the plate for many years and his big shoes will be hard to fill. A most deserving man for the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations, a real fan!



Neil Fetter (State of Michigan HOF 2022)

Jim Martin is one extraordinary gentleman on or off the shuffleboard table, always exhibiting the best of demeanor, friendly, cheerful, and always positive. He is always willing to share his knowledge and devotion to the game with all. Jim is a true poster boy for everything the sport of table shuffleboard should stand for to the betterment of all.

Most of all I will always remain in awe of how selfless the man is. Jim has dedicated so much of his time to creating videos and archiving many of the legends of our game for their families and future generations of players to appreciate. What a wonderful legacy for all and for Jim himself. I remember well when we were just beginning to put the idea of a tournament to honor the memory of the well beloved "Jimmy The Cop" that Jim was there for us in the pursuit of creating a memorial video. There was no hesitation, just his immediate assurance that he was happy to help and meet our deadlines, putting in countless hours of his time. Jim has done that for so many of us and that speaks volumes about what a class act he is.

Jim it is an honor to call you my friend and I am so happy to see such a well deserving player and promoter of shuffleboard being inducted into the TSA Hall of Fame.



John McDermott (State of Michigan HOF 1998 / TSA HOF Inductee 2004)

Jim Martin, through your efforts, some of the most valuable parts of the history of our game have been preserved for future generations. As much as myself and many, many current players treasure your work, which are a link to the people that we grew up in the game with, I think that your videos will be even more important to future generations, who will have never had a chance to meet those legends of our game in person.

Table shuffleboard has a rich history, dating back hundreds of years. Unfortunately, very little of that history has been preserved. Were it not for your efforts, much more of it would have been lost. For myself personally, I get excited when I see a post from you that contains a link to a new video. Regardless of what I'm doing at the time, I drop it and head for your Vimeo page to check out the newest treasure in your archives.

The countless hours that you have devoted to your video work are among the most selfless contributions that anyone has ever made to table shuffleboard, and the entire shuffleboard community owes you a debt of gratitude. Having hosted quite a few TSA Hall of Fame inductions, I have had an opportunity to see first-hand how much your videos have meant to the inductees and how much they have enriched the career highlight of their TSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I only wish that you had been doing HOF videos back in 2004, when I was inducted.

As we get older, we refer more and more often to "the good old days." Thank God I do not have to rely on my slowly declining memory and can just immerse myself in those treasured memories with a few clicks. The only problem I have is that when I end up on your Vimeo page, I don't have the willpower to watch just the new video I was checking out, or the specific one that I went to re-watch. Rather, I have on many occasions spent hours going from one video to the next.

Congratulations on your induction into the TSA Hall of Fame. It is an honor that you richly deserve.

Brian Wilbur

I want to express my congratulations for the induction of Jim Martin into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Jim has made his mark on the game of shuffleboard through supporting others in the game. He has made numerous videos during his lifetime that capture and memorialize great moments of tournament play and player interactions with other players during a tournament. He has made videos that honor certain players' careers and does this work without even being asked to help.

From personal experience, he volunteered to help re-design the logo for the PNW Shuffleboard Tournament when Darrol Nelson Memorial was added to the name. He spent many hours, many phone calls and a lot of leg work with designers to get the logo the way we wanted it. Many thanks from the PNW Committee for all the hard work. Never asked for anything in return.

I know there are a lot of things that Jim has done to help support the game that I'm unaware of, he has been around the game far longer than I, but I know that he is well deserving and is an important part of shuffleboard history for his contributions and we in the Pacific Northwest congratulate him on this honor.



Gil & Linda Aragon

Where would our shuffleboard world be without all the memories that Jimmy Martin has shared with us? The number of hours that Jimmy has spent producing his beautiful videos and music of our shuffleboard family are incredible. Along with that comes a deep friendship of a lifetime that Jimmy brings to each of us. It is with extreme pleasure for us to accept him into the shuffleboard HOF. He is truly one in a million. Your shuffleboard friends. We love you, Jimmy.

Diana Hagen (State of Texas HOF 1999 / TSA HOF Inductee 2002)

Thank you, Jim, for all the time and work you put into shuffleboard and videos and all the things you do to make it better. Love ya, Diana Hagen and BIG CONGRATULATIONS • % 66

Lorraine Olson

Jim is so well deserving of this award as a promoter & sponsor of shuffleboard. His videos have been invaluable to the shuffleboard community at large. Congratulations on a much-deserved award!



Debbie Voorhis (State of Indiana HOF 2006)

Jim's mom lived in Indiana, so for years he would come visit her and we would get to visit and partake of a cocktail or two. He was welcome at The Palace and our home anytime. Jim has awesome videos; I might be on one or two. Congratulations Jim!



Jim Martin

The torch has been passed to the next generation of players, many of whom did not have the opportunity to meet the legends of the game in person. Through your efforts, that history has been preserved for all to enjoy and learn from, much to the benefit of the Table Shuffleboard community.

For those who love the game and are working to take it to the next level, your video work has proven to be a tremendous asset in furthering their efforts. For those who have achieved at the highest level in our sport, your videos have been one of the highlights of their HOF inductions.

We proudly present the SOL LIPKIN AWARD in recognition of your extraordinary contributions to the advancement of our sport.

November 4, 2016 NASC

Dave (TSA Director) & Jody Shewbridge

Mr. Jim Martin, we've enjoyed your friendship over the years. Never had a chance to play with you but, never say never. Your creating videos of the people of our game has lifted us to the highest level. Tears flow while watching, thank you for the endless hours that you put in for ever-lasting memories of our loved ones. Hope to cross paths soon our friend.

Jackie Imus

Jim Martin, when I hear that name, I think of a man that has dedicated a large portion of his life trying to push this game of shuffleboard that we play forward. Jim has been instrumental in preserving and adding videos not only of our shuffleboard players that have passed on but also to document what's going on today. His goal has always been to preserve the history of this sport that we all love, shuffleboard. Congratulations Jim well deserved.

Gary Nelson (TSA President 2017-2023)

My wife and I started playing back in the mid 90's. Back then the "Board Talk" was our only lifeline to all things shuffleboard. With the invention of the internet, Jim's talent started to take shape. We got to see games in other states, other venues we never got to. He recorded our history. You could search table shuffleboard videos, that was very exciting.

We spoke many times over the phone when I was elected as the President of the TSA. Jim has served on the board as a director for many years. I got to personally meet him at the President's Day tournament in Phoenix Arizona in 2018. It's been my pleasure to have worked alongside him and see his dedication to this sport and the organization. Few have put in the hours that Jim has. Recording and being a part of the history of table shuffleboard.

His induction videos for players/promoters entering the TSA National Hall of Fame and other State HOF's bring tears to the audience and chests swell as we see the past/future of table shuffleboard.

It was a true pleasure to advise Jim of his approval into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations my friend!

Jeri Williams presents the Bobby Williams "Love of the Game" Award to Jim Martin



February 2021

Jeri Williams McIntyre (State of Texas HOF 2017)

Jim is our shuffleboard historian. For years he's recorded all our great moments. His videos bring our past to life and keep our sports memories alive. Jim puts together meaningful presentations for all the HOF inductions, and he memorializes the players we've lost. His impact on our sport will be felt for generations. He deserves every accolade we give. Jim does it all for his "Love of the Game". Congratulations Jim!



Roberta Bailey

Jimmy Martin, this man has devoted so much of his life promoting and supporting the game of shuffleboard. He has spent his time making wonderful films of so many memorials and inductees to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He made sure that the candidates were recognized and acknowledged for their part supporting the game. I have known Jimmy for some years, he has always encouraged new players, been supportive to all. He certainly deserves this recognition for all that he has done to promote the game and for everything he has done to honor others who have played. Congratulations!

Mike Taylor (State of Texas HOF 2014 / TSA HOF Inductee 2018)

I got to know Jim Martin around 10 years ago. He was trying to build a premier Singles and Doubles Tournament in Downey California named The Marlin Open. Jim reached out to myself and other pros on how to grow it. The tournament did grow with the strongest field being 18 players from around the country. I applauded Jim's efforts and supported his quest by trekking across the country to participate several years in a row.

Also, I stayed with Jim numerous times in his RV. Spooning with Tony Appel some of them. Also, watching any old video footage Jim had in his possession at the time. On these trips, I built lasting friendships with many players... Tony, Hal Perry, Ty Bayne and Bubba Warren to name a few.

I am eternally grateful to Jim for his hospitality, friendship and desire to give back to the game. For many years, Jim has been at the forefront of preserving the history of our game. His videos leave us WOWED each and every time he documents an important moment.

Congratulations Jim Martin on your special day! The Hall of Fame is where you belong now and forever. Your Dear Friend, Mike Taylor

Susan Smyers

I am so happy for you Jim Martin to be entering the HOF, you deserve to be in every HALL OF FAME as you have served the country NATIONWIDE. Everyone in the SHUFFLEBOARD WORLD loves and respects you because, you're the best of the best and you care so much about people here and now and those that have passed. The countless hours traveling and just everything that you do, the thousands of video tapes that you have done, We love you. Thank you, my friend. Love you Always Susie Diamonds

Jane Mourgos

Jim gives his life and soul, not to mention hours and hours, to the shuffleboard community through his video productions. He has captured some extraordinary footage of past players and events that would otherwise go unremembered. His adept skills at creating meaningful and touching videos help preserve the history of our sport and help us remember all the previous "greats". Jim Martin is also one of the "greats" and deserves this induction into the TSA National Hall of Fame for his epic journaling talents. His enthusiastic support of shuffleboard is unparalleled!



Roger Holloway

Without a doubt Jim is very deserving of this honor. His videos alone have shown people that would never get the chance to see shuffleboard, not only the game but the top players at their best.

The time he has poured into archiving our game is the most deserving of recognition. His passion and love for the game makes him one of the best in the game. Congratulations Jim!

Dan Mourgos (State of California HOF 2019)

I first met Jim Martin in Southern California. If he wasn't playing shuffleboard, he would have been walking around the room with his movie camera. Sometimes at tournaments, sometimes during round robins, mostly just recording the fun all were having playing shuffleboard.

What I did not appreciate then was that he was recording for posterity, the shuffleboard community. He became the chronicler of the game we love. Later putting together tribute videos for Hall of Fame inductees and memorial videos honoring those that passed.

Through the untold hours and hours of time spent producing and editing various presentations, it is obviously a labor of love.

Jim's fabulous work reminds us all of what we enjoy about the game – competition and friendship.

Such a remarkable promoter/supporter of the game. Jim Martin has earned his place in the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Lance Lohr (California HOF President)

I've known Jim Martin for over a decade now and have not met a more deserving person to be inducted into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He was President of the CSHOF for many years and continues to work and help our California Shuffleboard community.

Jim has created numerous videos, inductions, and memorials over the years. He has somehow videotaped tournaments and inductions into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and catalogued them for all to see.

He is an asset to the shuffleboard community! Congratulations on being the 10th person inducted into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a promoter! Excellent job, excellent choice.

Patty Pierce

Hi Jim! When I think about shuffleboard and one of the nicest, kindest people I have met I think of you, Jim! If it wasn't for shuffleboard, we never would have met!

The first time we met you came right over to me and started talking to me. You introduced yourself and made me feel so special! I will never forget that! You are a kind and gentle soul and what a promoter of the game!

I was so happy to see you and spend some time with you in Exeter last year at the Bobby Goldsmith tournament.

I want to congratulate you on your induction into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a promoter! What a wonderful award and how appropriate - the award must have been invented for you. I so appreciate all the videos and pictures you have composed over the years and posted for all of us to enjoy! If it wasn't for you all this history would never have been collected and at our fingertips to watch and share.

For these reasons and more I am so proud that you are being inducted into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!! You so deserve this! Congratulations! I wish you didn't live so far from me, or I would have been there for you! Jim, we'll celebrate the next time we see each other!

Michael & Georjean (TSA Director) Parrish

Jim is my hero for capturing soooo many videos of our shuffleboard family and friends. As history plays out, we will have so many beautiful memories of our beloved shuffleboard family and icons. I just pray we can have someone that can take the high step to take over when you are gone.

Jim, we love you for all you contribute to the history and memories of our family and friends. A well-deserved honor that is long overdue. I pray whoever follows in your footsteps makes the videos as quality and heartfelt as you have. Congratulations many times over, and an honor to know you. XOXOXO Georjean & Michael

Katie Steel

As a late/newcomer to Facebook, I had no idea who this person was who was reaching out to me to ask if I would be broadcasting any of the 2017 Wandering Women's tournament. I thought... "Me?!...Also, who is this man?!"

Fast forward a year later when this man sends me a pic of ME with a green screen image of a beach scene behind me and I learned, "Oh! This is Jim Martin. The shuffleboard player / photographer / videographer....The JIM MARTIN!!"

I since actually know him and have played with him as my captain, and I adore him so!! Jim is a treasure to the game and to those who know him!!



Brian Pachik - TSA Director

I have not known Jim for very long but have always looked forward to our conversation at the next tournament. (Wherever that is) we talk about today's players as well as the players he has met long before I started traveling. I quickly realized that Jim has a ton of stories, and I cannot think of a better player to chronicle our past.

Our sport needs to remember its past, and Jim is doing just that. He is preserving our history for future players to learn about. No doubt that his major efforts are what is needed and why this man deserves to be inducted into the hall of fame. Congratulations my friend!



Bill (TSA Director) & Lin Walker

Marlin Productions: The trademark of a man who has spent countless hours turning his videotaping hobby into a chronicle of the history and legacies of the Shuffleboard Community. By doing so he has ensured that the accomplishments of those who went before are carried over to be available to those who follow. This has been a tremendous accomplishment by a gentleman with no ulterior motive other than to preserve the history of the sport we all love. His efforts have ensured his place among the legends, and we extend our sincerest congratulations to you Jim on your induction into the TSA Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Glen & Sandy Tubbs (Nebraska HOF 2021)

Glen and I have never met a nicer man. He is always a pleasure to see and visit with. Also, a great shuffleboard player. We both want to say Congratulations Jim!

Mahlon & Linda Nobles

Jim Martin's love for Shuffleboard is akin to Dizzy Dean's & Pee Wee Reese's love for Baseball and Joe Namath's & Terry Bradshaw's love for Football.

Jim's storytelling abilities are more powerful than Abbott & Costello's "Who's on First". LOL

But, most importantly Jim's, creative genius for producing videos will be cherished by not only their descendants but for generations of players in the future.

We are proud to call you a friend, Jim Martin.



Gary George (Pacific Northwest HOF 2007)

I've known Jim for several years but have become very close to him since moving south to Arizona. I've spent several winters in Palm Springs and have spent more time getting to know him a lot more closely. He's more than deserving of his newest award. He's a great man with a big heart and I consider him as one of my dearest friends. Congratulations Jim on this more than deserving honor. To my very good friend, congratulations.

Rob Kern (State of Michigan HOF 2005)

What can I say about Jim Martin that hasn't already been said. The endless hours creating film to preserve the history of our beloved sport. Beyond that the player who once drew myself and my doubles partner in an ABC and took us to third place. But above all this one of the true gentlemen of this game. I am proud to consider him a friend. Congratulations Jim.

Craig "Doc" Bendickson (State of Missouri HOF 2013)

Congratulations Jim. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor. Your videos and all the work you do for shuffleboard is special. You are a class gentleman and it's been my privilege to know you.

Jay Norman

Jim Martin, you have given so much to the shuffleboard community. Since my very first day of this sport, I've been watching videos about shuffleboard and its players and darn near everyone says, "produced by Jim Martin." A priceless gift to all of us. You are also generous and helpful. Looking forward to many more conversations and videos from you. Jay Norman, Biggles Lounge and Sports Cafe.



Jim Martin's Highlights & Awards

1985	The Shelters One Grand Shootout		5 th
1988	Amato's Tournament of Champions	Draw Doubles	3 rd
1992	Stagger Inn St. Patrick's Tournament	Doubles	6 th
1992	Amato's Tournament of Champions	Doubles	2 nd
1998	Dixie Belle July 4 th Tournament	Doubles	4 th
1999	NASC	Deuces Wild	2 nd
2000	Oskar's Hall of Fame Tournament	Doubles	2 nd
2002	ET's Sports Lounge President's Day	A-B Draw	3 rd
2002	Sportsman's Lounge	Open Doubles	1 st
2003	Billy Chiles Memorial	Doubles	1 st
2003	Bellflower, CA	Doubles	3 rd
2004	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	ABC	1 st
2004	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	Doubles	3 rd
2007	Downey Elks Sweetheart's Tournament	Doubles	2 nd
2008	Oskar's Thanksgiving Tournament	ABC	1 st
2008	Stockton Moose President's Day	A-B Draw	3 rd
2009	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	Add to 2	1 st
2009	Downey Elks Thanksgiving Tournament	Doubles	2 nd
2010	Downey Elks Sweetheart Tournament	Doubles	4 th
2010	Oskar's Memorial Day	ABC	2 nd
2010	Downey Elks Thanksgiving Tournament	Doubles	3 rd
2011	NASC	Pro/Am Draft	1 st
2012	Cocktails Anyone President's Day	Doubles	4 th
2012	Cocktails Anyone Memorial Day	A-B Draw	1 st
2012	Cocktails Anyone Memorial Day	Open Doubles	1 st
2012	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	A-B Draw	1 st
2012	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	Add to 2	2 nd
2012	NASC	4 Person Team	2 nd
2012	NASC	Pro/Am Draft	7 th /8 th
2012	Rogue River, OR	Pro Singles	3 rd
2013	Royal Room Memorial Day	ABC	3 rd
2013	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	A-B Draw	2 nd
2014	Downey Elks Sweetheart's Tournament	Doubles	3 rd
2015	NASC	Div 1 Doubles	5 th /6 th
2016	Stinger's President's Day	Open Doubles	3 rd
2017	Stinger's President's Day	Open Doubles	3 rd
2018	Stinger's President's Day	Open Doubles	2 nd
2022	Exeter July 4 th Tournament	Doubles	3 rd
2022	Phoenix AZ	Doubles	3 rd

Steve Burkett

Every once in a while, in life journeys, you meet a special person and Jim Martin is one of those people. His contributions to the game of shuffleboard cannot be overstated and being inducted into the national shuffleboard Hall of Fame is an honor well deserved.

Tawny Ringer

I think you're an ambassador, an icon, a keeper of the history and memories of all the players of table shuffleboard, a storyteller and movie maker, a superstar Superhero!

Love you Jimmy, I'm proud to call you, my friend!



Kathy Thomas

Besides being rated in the top 5-6% of players in the U.S. for many years, Jim has done so much to help preserve the history of the game nationally. Jim started creating videos of tournaments, inductions, and memorials in 1996 and they are wonderful. He has even gone back and found old footage from the early 1980's which he edited and posted online. It is great to be able to see players from that era who will now never be forgotten. He also served as president of the CSHOF for several years and hosted invitational pro tournaments from 2011-15 which attracted professional players from around the country. He is a fantastic ambassador for the game!

Jim is truly deserving of the honor. Congratulations Jim!

Debbie Wilson-Miller

I met him in 2009 when I was working at the Eagles Lodge and he and his cronies would show up to play Ty Bayne. Ty told me that Jim was one of the great ones. I had no clue what he meant at that time. Boy did I learn! He was so nice and never acted like the great player he is.

Over time I got to know him and by some crazy circumstances, hung around with him, Bob Brunskill, Hal Perry, Bob Crum, Richie Eshilian, Dustin Thompson and Ty Bayne. They played and they even let me play! Jim has told me that I'm getting better at this great game and someday I hope he sees me win and he'll let me be his partner.

Jimmy Martin, you are always there for the great times and are a true "hero" in this game of shuffleboard.

I love ya Jimmy Martin! Thank you for being my friend and my hero.

Kenny Hawkes

Jim Martin definitely deserves to be in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a Promoter. He has also been a great player.

He has always been a pillar of support for all of us in California, and he personally saved our California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame when Jolene died. He took the steps to ensure the successful future of our HOF.

He has always supported everyone connected to our game. I can personally confirm his generosity. When my house burned down, he helped with my recovery by providing storage and a lot of furniture including a bed that I still use. I will never forget this.

He has enhanced all of our memories by producing wonderful, professional videos for many of our important events. He lovingly spent tons of hours doing this for all of us. Congrats Jimmy Martin!

Eddie Brayman

Since the mid 80's, Jim Martin has produced hundreds of videos, commemorating Table Shuffleboard tournaments, honoring hall of fame inductees, and memorializing deceased players. His devotion and dedication to ensuring the preservation of the history of the game has been nothing short of remarkable.

Back in the early 2000's, Jim ran his own tournament, the Marlin Open, a tournament which catered to -1's and 0's, a novel and great idea. He is a director of the TSA, and has contributed to the creation of logos, hall of fame booklets, and just about every other aspect of maintaining the table shuffleboard community.

Jim has attended and played at countless tournaments and continues to be one of our greatest ambassadors of the game. Oh, yeah; he's also a pretty great player, himself. My guess is had he not spent the thousands of hours taking pictures and videos, editing videos, and all the other tasks he took on, that that time would have gone more to practice and advancing his own game. Chances are really good that he would have been a solid minus one. Thank you, Jim Martin, for your time, dedication, and sacrifice. Congratulations!











The Table Shuffleboard Association Board of Directors, TSA Associate Shuffleboard Community, friends & family proudly present the Hall of Fame Induction award to:

Jim Martin



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