

Karl Spickelmier

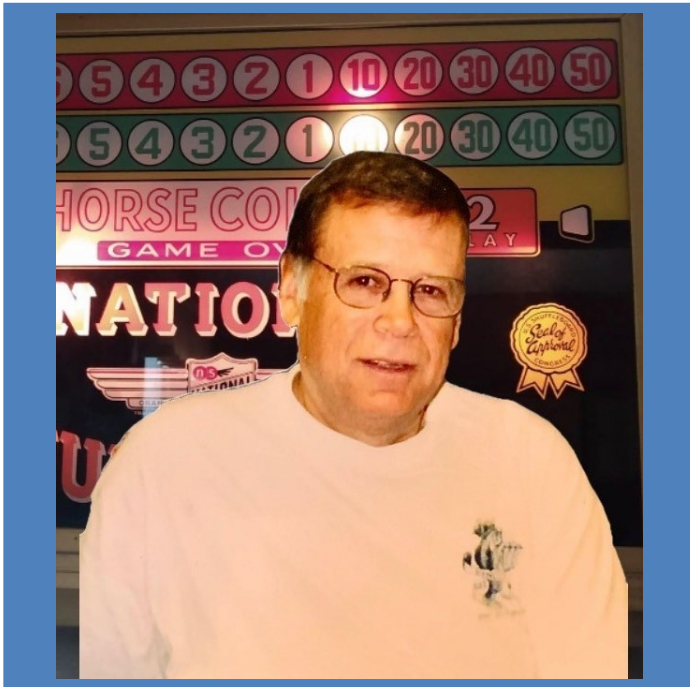
Table Shuffleboard Association

Hall of Fame Induction

July 23rd, 2022

Karl's Celebration of Life

The Rosewood Pub, Bellflower, CA



Karl Spickelmier

Karl Spickelmier was born in Denver CO on October 18th, 1942. He attended Elementary & High School in Lakewood, Colorado.

After graduation in 1966 from Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison CO, with a B.A. degree, he joined the Coast Guard. He was on Active Duty performing search and rescue missions.

In 1969, Karl was introduced to the love of his life – Shuffleboard! It happened at “The Place” in Lakewood CO. The player who influenced Karl the most, helping him to learn and enjoy the game, was to become the first Inductee into the Colorado State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Bill English.

Karl’s career took him to Los Angeles in 1971, where he was a lost soul for six months, not finding a place to play shuffleboard. Then he met Ted Zariphes, otherwise known as Ted Z, who showed him the best shuffleboards in the area, for which he was eternally grateful.

Between 1972 & 1980, Karl met and played against many top players, including Troy Talbert, Billy Mays, Portland Eddie Graves, Billy Chiles, Jack Ahern, Vern Jones, and A.Z. Turnbo.

In 1998, the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association was formed by Joe Muniz, Paul Weber, and Karl Spickelmier. This trio, sometimes referred to as “the big three” of shuffleboard, organized and ran tournaments in Las Vegas. These tournaments were held for nine years and were the forerunners of the very successful multi-board tournaments being held in Del City OK and Reno Nevada.

In 1990, Shuffleboard Federation Player Policy Board chose Karl and nine other players from all over the country to make up the First National Rules Committee to develop a uniform set of shuffleboard tournament rules.

Karl was chosen by the Bowers Rating System to become one of their 60 Raters for the purpose of rating shuffleboard players across the country. Players are scored by several raters, not just one, and the ratings averaged. The very top players can be rated as a +5, while the lowest rating is a -1.50.

Very few people have made shuffleboard so large a part of their lives as this modest man, Karl. His love of shuffleboard led him on an insatiable quest to find ways to improve the game and make it more enjoyable for all, and he has been Very successful. **The preceding information was taken from his California HOF Booklet since he passed away before his Induction ceremony into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.**

Karl Spickelmier's Highlights and Awards

1980	Memorial Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Singles	2 nd
1981	Labor Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1982	Labor Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Singles	3 rd
1984	Memorial Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Singles	1 st
1984	Memorial Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1984	Showboat, Las Vegas, NV	Singles	1 st
1985	Washington's B-Day / Corporate Image, TX	Doubles	1 st
1985	Labor Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1986	Washington's B-Day / Corporate Image, TX	Doubles	3 rd
1986	March / Eugene OR	Doubles	2 nd
1986	July 4 th / Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1986	July 4 th / Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Singles	2 nd
1986	July 26 th / Blinky's Sports Bar, Denver, CO	Singles	1 st
1986	Labor Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1987	Washington's B-Day / Corporate Image, TX	Doubles	3 rd
1987	June / Denver. CO	Doubles	3 rd
1987	Memorial Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1987	July / Amatos	Doubles	1 st
1987	Board Talk Top 40 Players – Pacific Division		
1988	Washington's B-Day / Corporate Image, TX	Doubles	1 st
1988	March / Phoenix, AZ	Doubles	3 rd
1988	January / Portland, OR	Doubles	2 nd
1988	Thanksgiving / Stagger Inn, Bellflower, CA	Singles	1 st
1988	Board Talk Top 40 Players – Pacific Division		
1989	July 4 th / Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1989	Memorial Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1989	May / Covered Wagon, Anaheim, CA	Singles	1 st
1989	July 4 th / Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Singles	3 rd
1989	Labor Day / Ace of Clubs, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1989	Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Singles	1 st
1989	September / Amatos	Doubles	2 nd
1989	October / Holiday Inn, Denver, CO	Doubles	3 rd
1990	April / Temecula, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1990	June / Covered Wagon / Anaheim, CA	Doubles	1 st
1991	Washington's B-Day / Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	1 st
1991	March / Phoenix, AZ	Singles	2 nd
1991	May / Edgewood, CA	Doubles	1 st

1991	July 4 th / Ted Z's Best Little Warehouse, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1991	August / Amatos	Doubles	1 st
1991	December / Balloon Inn, Denver, CO	Doubles	1 st
1992	March / Stagger Inn, Bellflower, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1992	April / Stagger Inn, Bellflower, CA	Singles	3 rd
1992	July / Best Little Warehouse, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1992	Thanksgiving / Stagger Inn, Bellflower, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1992	November / Dixie Bell, Downey, CA	ABC Draw	1 st
1993	July 4 th / Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Singles	1 st
1993	July / Amatos	Doubles	1 st
1993	Labor Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1993	Thanksgiving / Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1994	Memorial Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	1 st
1994	July 4 th / Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1994	Labor Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1994	Thanksgiving / Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1995	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	2 nd
1995	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1995	Labor Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	1 st
1995	NASC Pro Doubles / Reno, NV	Doubles	2 nd
1996	Players Policy Board		
1996	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	3 rd
1996	March / Edgewood, CA	Doubles	1 st
1996	May / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	1 st
1996	Thanksgiving / Dixie Bell, Downey, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1996	November / NASC Pro Draw / Reno, NV	Draw	1 st
1996	December / Balloon Inn / Denver, CO	Doubles	3 rd
1997	January / Dixie Bell, Downey, CA	Doubles	1 st
1997	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	3 rd
1997	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1997	Memorial Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1997	July / Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Singles	4 th
1998	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	3 rd
1998	July 4 th / Dixie Bell, Downey, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1998	Thanksgiving / Dixie Bell, Downey, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1999	Washington's B-Day /Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1999	Memorial Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	2 nd
1999	Labor Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Singles	2 nd
1999	Labor Day / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	3 rd
1999	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Deuces Wild	2 nd

1999	Nov / Dixie Bell Thanksgiving / Induction into California Hall of Fame	3 Person Team	3 rd
2000	February / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	4 th
2000	May / Blinky's, Santa Clara, CA	Doubles	1 st
2000	July / Southwest Open / Del City, OK	Div 1 Draw	2 nd
2000	September / 99 Tavern / Winston, OR	Doubles	2 nd
2000	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Singles	5 th /6 th
2000	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Crazy Eights	4 th
2001	November / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	3 rd
2002	June / Bill English Memorial / Balloon Inn, CO	Doubles	1 st
2002	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Draft Team	1 st
2002	November / Sol Lipkin Award		
2004	November / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	1 st
2004	November / NASC / Reno, NV	A/B Draw	3 rd
2006	May / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	2 nd
2006	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Draw Partner	2 nd
2007	February / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	3 rd
2007	May / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	2 nd
2011	November / NASC / Reno, NV	4 Person add to 1	4 th
2012	September / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	1 st
2013	February / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	2 nd
2013	September / Oskar's / Bellflower, CA	Doubles	2 nd
2015	November / NASC / Reno, NV	Doubles	5 th /6 th
2017	February / Downey Elks / Downey, CA	Sweethearts Tourn	1 st
2021	October / Rosewood Pub / Bellflower, CA	AB Draw	2 nd



Karl's surprise party so he could learn of his acceptance into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame! Surrounded by his friends/extended family.



The following were taken from Karl's 1999 Induction into the California Hall of Fame, and we wanted to include them with his Induction into the TSA National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame:

George & Donna Wilber / The Board Talk

We are so pleased to endorse the induction of Karl Spickelmier into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Before we met this gentleman, we based our placement of him on the Top Players in the USA on the reports we received. When we finally met him in person at the Corporate Image in Ft Worth, TX in 1987, we discovered how and why he had earned this reputation. We learned that not only was he a professional player, but he was a professional promoter. Because he cared about the growth of the sport and not just the high rankings he had already earned, he was assigned to serve on a committee to at long last, organize shuffleboard and bring a degree of professionalism to the sport. That was the beginning – and he was a part of it.

That meeting in 1987 was the beginning of a treasured friendship with Karl, and a long-lasting admiration of what he has done to promote the game locally and nationwide. Whether it was as a key figure in the PCSA tournaments in Las Vegas or “at home” in California, he has always contributed his talents to make the game a competitive, enjoyable, and professional sport for people of all skill levels. It is people like Karl who have made shuffleboard what it is today, and we believe we will see the day when he earns himself a spot in the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jolene Lembke

The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Committee supports the nomination and induction of Karl Spickelmier because- well – he's our local hero and we love him!

Darrol Nelson

First, Karl is a very dear friend of mine. We are very close to the same age, and our shuffleboard careers have covered about the same span of time. In my mind, Karl is one of the best players in the country. Karl is always a gentleman, and he is always more than willing to do whatever it takes to make this game of ours keep going. Karl is more than deserving of the honor of induction into our Hall of Fame.

Tim O'Brien

Lagger, analyzer, combo shooter, advisor, free hander, top game player, bracketier, lover of the game, tournament organizer, round robin participant, and good friend – Karl Spickelmier. Congratulations!

Phil Skover & John McDermot

For more than 20 years Karl has distinguished himself as one of the best players in the game. He is also one of the true gentlemen in the game, and also a man with a long history of giving back to the game in many different ways. California has been fortunate to have Karl, and shuffleboard in that state has benefited from his contributions. A well-deserved honor, congratulations!

David Williams, Sr.

I met Karl 19 years ago in Portland. Over the years he has traveled to most all the major tournaments over the US and Canada, and Texas. He was instrumental in creating and running the Las Vegas tournament, along with Joe Muniz and Paul Weber. He is a true ambassador to the game of shuffleboard. His ability speaks for itself; however, it is his conduct and sportsmanship that truly stand out. Through the years, I've never seen him conduct himself but as a true gentleman in every sense, win or lose. Congratulations on an honor well deserved.

2022 Testimonials

Hal Perry

Karl is one of the great players of early career. He was a gentleman that could play in a session at a high level, and he may have been a better tournament player. That made him one of the best players in the country. One of the best people that played the game of shuffleboard. I feel lucky that he is one of my best friends. Hopefully, he will land in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. So, my belief is that you are getting one of the best players that ever played the game. On top of that he is a good guy and a great addition to the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. A friend forever.

Bill Melton

Karl Spickelmier, one of the best players I ever played. Always a gentleman and one of the nicest players I ever met. Karl should have been inducted a long time ago!

Don Cox

Very deserving to be in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. One of the nicest shuffleboard players I have played with and against. Karl could play anywhere. I have been friends with Karl since the 80's and I have played against him. I have beat him and he has beat me. He is a top player. I have never seen Karl mad at nobody. Karl belongs in the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Your fiend.

Russ & Leslie Lankton

Well just the fact that he has been a great player for over fifty years plus is enough. He has always supported the sport to the fullest. Believe he is more than qualified to be inducted.

Gil Aragon

I met Karl in the mid 80's. I live in Arizona, but I went to California to play in a shuffleboard tournament. Back then there were no shuffleboard ratings of players so sometimes you had to start off playing against the pros. Karl noticed my strategies about the game were weak. I asked him about different situations about the game and he was more than willing to help me. From then on I was always able to talk to him for his advice and he would always help me out. He was a steppingstone of the game for me. I went back to Phoenix and helped people starting to play the game all because of Karl. I watched him playing against other pros over the years like Darryl Nelson, Billy Mays, Glen Davidson, Billy Childs, Hal Perry, LeRoy Ledford, Tommy Workman and other players from Washington just to make a few, and he would win. Karl is a well deserving shuffleboard player to be inducted into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Ron Bowers

I would very much like to support Joan Healey's recommendation for Karl Spickelmier to be inducted into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He has been a great supporter, player, and ambassador to the shuffleboard community for many, many years. He is very deserving of this award.

Rena Fleming

I met Karl in the 80's in Las Vegas. Very good player and a great ambassador of the game. He well deserves this induction.

Lary Tafoya

I was working in L.A. in the early 80's when I met Karl and Ted Z. Eric Waldman and I were looking for games and we found a little bar where we could play a 4 man round robin. We met every Tuesday at 1pm and played into the night. Karl put on a clinic. He was a great player that many years ago and still is. He and Ted Z went on to win many big games and tournaments. I played him recently in Oklahoma City, he's still one of the best and deserving of this honor.

Robert Brunskill

Reviewing an old chart from The Shelter/1985, the highest percentage shooter out of 85 players was Karl with a 75.410% record. This was with a handicap of -3 (he had to play an 18-point game against some players with a handicap of 3 (they only had to play a 12-point game). This was a series of Double Elimination Singles Tournament usually held in July and December. The top 16 players qualified for the final shootout. The handicap was based on the percent of wins. Some of the opponents were Ted Zariphes, Billie Chiles, Joe Muniz, Bill Maxwell, Glen Davidson, Tory Tolbert, Eric Waldman and Roy & Jolene Lembke. The ratings were assigned as follows:

-3 top 10% / -2 next 10% / -1 next 15% / 0 next 30% / +1 next 15%
+2 next 10% / +3 next 10%

Until 2008, Karl was rated a -1 in the Bowers Ratings, In the Board Talk, Karl was listed in the top 50 players (Nationally) and later in the West Coast Players top 10 listing. They changed the rules slightly in August 1986 to require a minimum of 16 teams/players for the event to qualify with the points given for the top 10 finishers in reverse order (first = 10 points...tenth = 1 point). These listings were discontinued when the Bowers Ratings became available.

In many of the tournaments that Karl played in he was also involved in the bracket boards which is usually a distraction. I quit buying his Calcutta when he was working the bracket boards. I thought it very interesting that when he was doing a pill draw for either partner draws of position on the bracket boards, he would insist that there was at least one witness.

Karl was selected to serve on the Shuffleboard Federations "Players Policy Board" – note that it wasn't the "Players or Promoters Policy Board".

Dan Mourgos

Karl Spickelmier is worthy of a hall of fame induction. When I started playing shuffleboard in the mid 1980's Karl was known as one of the best players in the country, often winning and placing in national tournaments and in California tournaments.

Known as a great singles and doubles player, he also excelled in money games and sessions. I learned a lot from Karl in those years, not only about strategy but also about brackets and other aspects of running tournaments.

As one of the dominant players of his era, he is a worthy addition to the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Dudley Hutcherson

It is with great pleasure that I absolutely support Karl Spickelmier's Induction to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I met Karl in 1989, when I moved to Southern California. From the moment we first met, Karl took me under his mentorship and assisted me by training me and developing my game. It wasn't just me he helped; I've witnessed him also offering his Shuffleboard tutelage to anyone who had the desire to get better at the game. Further, I recognized him as Southern California's shuffleboard ambassador to the rest of the nation... and many other players felt and still feel the same way. Not only did he excel at the game himself, being ranked continuously in the national top 20 for 40+ years, but Karl has devoted most of his lifetime to the game organizing and running literally hundreds of tournaments nationwide over the years. The National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is where Karl Spickelmier belongs.

Eddie Brayman

I first got to know Karl in 2000 when I ran my first tournament. Though he told me right from the start, "I'm here to play", he was the first to teach me the ropes with the bracket boards and other tournament secrets.

Karl was one of the rare ones in those days who would gladly spend time with you to work on your game. At the Southwest Open, in 2001, I was playing with Karl in an A/B or perhaps it was \$ games. Those were the days when I could lag. Whoever I was playing short weighted me to death, and as a 2 or 3, I proudly knocked everyone off. After we lost Karl taught me the importance of sticking short weights.

Definitely one of the students of the game, and if you appreciate a smooth, seasoned shuffleboard stroke, Karl's the man. It is with great admiration, respect, and gratitude that I congratulate Karl Spickelmier on his induction into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Nick Chaffin

I don't remember when or where I first met Karl. It was probably at some shuffleboard tournament in Southern California. Very soon I could see that he was a great player.

Apart from his playing what stands out to me about Karl is he was a class act. Win or lose he was a perfect gentleman.

Karl also was ahead of his time in running tournaments with the brackets and also with rating players. Without a doubt, Karl Spickelmier has been a wonderful credit to the game and deserves to be in the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Neil Fetter

It is with such sadness to hear of Karl Spickelmier's recent passing. How unfortunate it is that Karl was not able to be present to receive the long overdue and well-deserved honor of being inducted into the TSA HALL OF FAME. I met Karl well over 40 years ago as I would periodically attend tournaments at various venues in Southern California. Not only did I find Karl to be one tough competitor and great player but more importantly a genuinely good guy. As a new player to the area and not really knowing anyone he was most welcoming, friendly, and immediately made me feel comfortable. Karl always had a great attitude, truly enjoyed the game of shuffleboard, and it was always a delight to watch him interact with less skilled players helping them to understand and improve their game. He was a true gentleman who brought so much dignity to the game never using vulgarity and always remaining calm, cool, and collected. Most of all I will always remember how Karl played against the best, made his mark, held his own, and always represented the game we all love so much with grace and class.

Bob Hunt

I am writing to support the induction of Karl Spickelmier into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. As time moves on, many of us older players are no longer able to actively enjoy this great sport that was so much a part of our lives at one time. But that doesn't mean we don't deserve credit for the accomplishments we achieved. Karl has been a long-time player and ambassador of table shuffleboard. I don't have a list of his shuffleboard credits, but I know firsthand that he has a lot of victories and a lot of play.

I certainly hope the TSA directors will search the archives and talk with those who have been around for a long time to learn what a mistake it would be not to induct Karl Spickelmier into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I miss the game that Parkinson's has taken from me!

Joan Healey

I'm so glad that Karl is being inducted into the National Hall of Fame. I've known Karl for many years, I never realized how much shuffleboard meant to Karl until I started working on his nomination. I started on it back in June 2021 after hearing a conversation he was having with one of the local shuffleboard players about his California Hall of Fame Induction and showing his booklet with all his wins and reading the tributes in his booklet. I then asked Karl, if he was in the National HOF and he said no and stated even though some of the players that were in the National HOF, he had played against and beat at one time or another. He said that he was fine with not being in the National, but I felt he deserved that honor and decided to work on his nomination without him knowing. I started with sending private messages to quite a few of the old-time players and the response was great! Then I started collecting signatures and testimonials. Some of the testimonials I received really showed what a great player he was and a true gentleman of the game. In February, when I found out Karl was approved for the National Hall of Fame, we had a little get together with our local players at the Rosewood Pub to make the announcement. Not realizing that Karl's health he was not doing that well, he was thankful that he was approved for the National Hall of Fame. I spoke to Karl about picking a date for him to be inducted, he said he wanted to wait until he got his health issues taken care of. In March, Karl told me he was diagnosed with bladder cancer and the doctor's wanted to start him on Chemo. Karl had two chemo treatments and passed away a few days after his 2nd treatment. I now regret that I didn't nominate Karl a few years earlier, where he could accept his award and enjoy it. I thank everyone who helped me with his testimonials, I really learned a lot about Karl and how well he competed, helping his fellow shuffleboard players teaching them the game, getting them to think about certain shots, moving the score, how to run a great bracket, and being a true gentleman of the game, whether he won or lost. Congratulations Karl on your Induction into The Shuffleboard National Hall of Fame so very well deserved.



Jim Martin

I first met Karl in the middle of 1980s. At a place called the Shelter. Owned and operated by Bob Brunskill. He was running a Saturday tournament which I was playing in. That's when I met the likes of not only Karl, but many other great players. After the tournament was over with Karl challenged me to a money game and I was fortunate enough to win the game. When I went to Collect Karl told me that Joe Muniz was backing him. And when I went to collect from Joe, he said in no way he was backing him. I never did collect the money, but the three of us had a Lotta fun talking about it over the many years and became good friends.

Karl had many funny habits. One of them I just have to tell you about. It was at one of the many tournaments and I saw him manipulating some money in his wallet and I just had to go ask him what he was doing. He proceeded to tell me that by manipulating a one-dollar bill that when morning came, he could tell exactly how many beers he had drank. I wanted to know what good that was. He told me that by knowing how many beers he had drank that it would tell him how many miles he would have to run that day. Karl also had a difficult time making a decision for almost anything. If you were to ask him if he would like to go have lunch he would reply, let me think about it. But if you ask him if he wanted a beer he would never ever take too long to reply, "Yes I would, thank you very much". I remember one-time Karl and I were partners in a tournament at Oscars bar and Grill in Downey, Ca. We were playing against Joe Muniz and Tony Appell. The score was 14 to 13, Joe and Tony's favor. I happen to be lagging well during the game and Tony kept telling Joe to block my right hand. I had the hammer against Joe and it was Joe's last shot and Tony yelled out again, block his right hand. Joe proceeded to put up a left-hand cross on the right rail just barely touching the one line. I then lagged a deuce with my right to go out. Tony went off on Joe like I have never seen before. I went over to Karl and said, nice game. Karl said thanks and nice lag. He asked if he could buy me a beer. I replied, let me think about it. I'll never forget that little smile as he walked away.

Karl was like a submarine most of his playing career, very quiet and under the radar. Karl played and placed in many of the larger tournaments. He played against many of the players that are currently in the national Hall of Fame. He is one of the best rail shooters that I have ever witnessed in the game of table shuffleboard.

I am very happy to have witnessed Karl being told before he passed that he had been voted to be inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall Fame. He is very deserving of this award. It is my pleasure and honor to welcome him to the Hall of Fame. RIP my friend!



**John McDermott, Founder/President
The Shuffleboard Federation**

Karl Spickelmier has had one of the most distinguished careers of anyone in Table Shuffleboard history. In addition to being a highly accomplished player, who has won many tournaments all over the West Coast and beyond, he has also mentored Southern California players for decades, who have also been successful at the tournament level.

However, Karl's achievements as a player only begin to tell the story. When the Shuffleboard Federation was founded in 1987, it established the Player Policy Board, whose function was to establish the rules under which The Federation's tournaments would be conducted. Karl was among the group of highly respected players that sat on the PPB. His integrity and well thought out analysis were invaluable in developing the initial set of rules, and in the subsequent revisions that occurred as the game continued to evolve. As one of the founders of the PCSA, Karl was involved in putting on some of the biggest tournaments in our sport during the 1980's and 1990's since the Table Shuffleboard's heyday in the 1950's.

Karl loved talking bracket theory with Rob Kern and I, and we shared many conversations on that subject over the years. He applied those bracket skills to the countless number of tournaments that he was involved with over the years, and has always been willing to help any tournament director who sought out his guidance.

In short, Karl has done it all. The enormous respect that I have for Karl was summed up in the Sol Lipkin Award, which I was proud to present to him in 2002. The text on that award reads as follows:

"Throughout your many years of involvement with our sport you have, by example, shown your fellow players what it means to be a professional in every sense of the word.

Your efforts as a member of the Player Policy Board and founding member of the P.C.S.A., the integrity and sportsmanship for which you are well known, and your long-time involvement in tournaments, both big and small, have made you a role model for your fellow players, both amateur and professional."

Congratulations, Karl, on your well-deserved honor as the newest member of the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMPETITION"



Karl Spickelmier

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We proudly present the

SOL LIPKIN AWARD

**in recognition of your
extraordinary contributions to
the advancement of our sport.**

November 1, 2002

Donna Wilber [Guestbook](#)

As most of you know, Donna Wilber, who along with her husband of nearly 60 years passed away on August 19. What you may not be aware of is that there is an easy way to send a message to George and their family. I didn't realize it myself until receiving an email from Jim Martin on 9/15 (thanks Jim). Please click Donna Wilber Guest Book to sign and send a message. If you are not good with words, there are dozens of greeting that you can use right from the web site.

As we prepare for the 20th Annual NASCTM, it is fair to say that this tournament would not have had a first annual, much less a twentieth, had it not been for the foundation laid by Donna & George through The Board Talk. A picture of George and Donna, along with fellow Sol Lipkin Award winner, Karl Spickelmier, is shown below.

Think about all of the friendships you have made with players from across the country, and realize how many of those people you might never have met had it not been for George & Donna. All of our lives have been enriched because of their efforts. Please take a minute to visit and sign the guest book. I just spoke with Lynda French about this and found out that her and Tom have sponsored the guest book, so it will stay online permanently. Very classy gesture on their part.



Sol Lipkin Award Winners George & Donna Wilber with Karl Spickelmier

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA" 1987 Tourney

Held at: Corporate Image - Garland, Texas

Doubles Paid 5 Places (Most are national TSA HOFers)



LEFT:
1st Doubles (L-R)
Earl Kelly (TX)
& Billy Mays(TX)

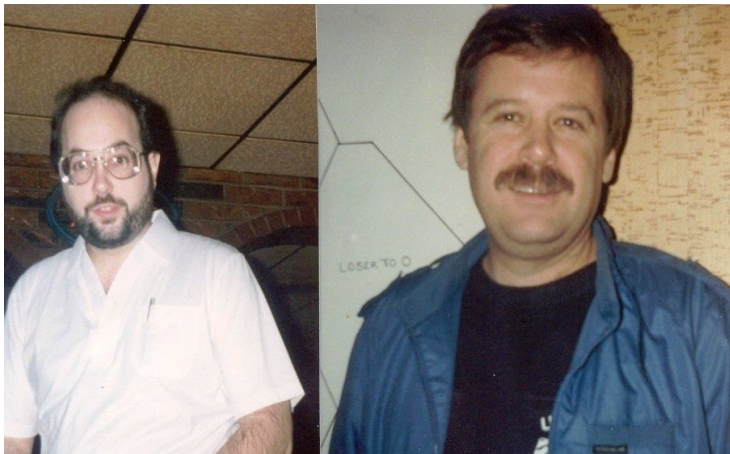
(Two TSA HOFers)



LEFT:
2nd Doubles (L-R)
David Williams (TX)
& Bill Melton (OK)

(Two TSA HOFers)

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LEFT:
3rd Doubles (L-R)
 John McDermott
 (MI) &
Karl Spickelmier
 (CA)

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LEFT:
4th Doubles (L-R)
 Billy Chiles (CA) &
 Darrol Nelson (OR)
(Two TSA HOFers)



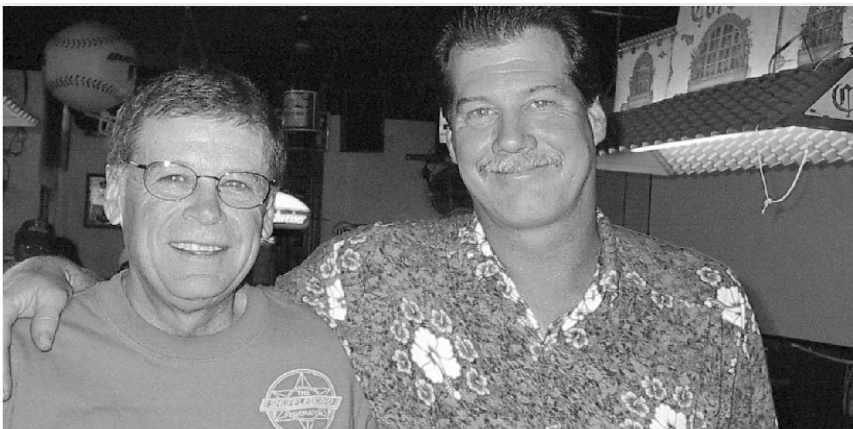
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4th Doubles (L-R)
 Portland Eddy
 Graves (TX) &
 Eric Waldeman (CA)

SINGLES Event followed the Doubles Events and Paid 3 Places:

1st Darrol Nelson (OR); 2nd Bill Melton (OK); 3rd Don Cox (CA) – all TSA HOFers

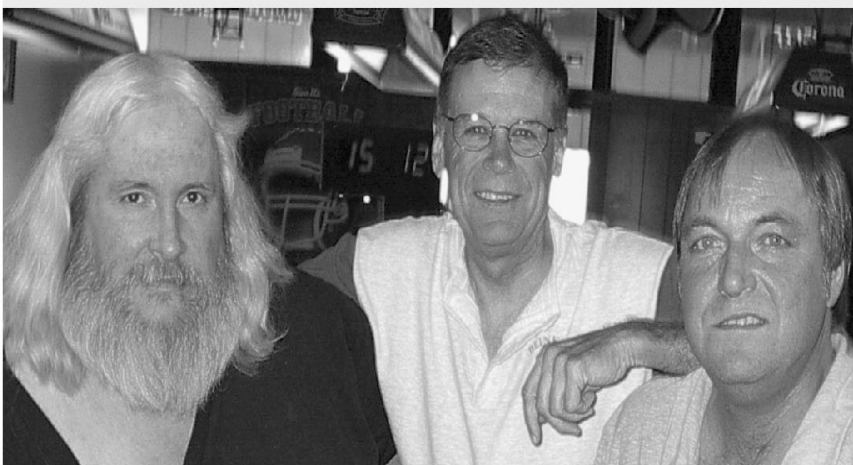
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Crazy 8's Tournament Series
(March 22 & April 26, 2003)



Crazy 8's Series - Round 1 of 6 at Oskars Sports Bar & Grill, Bellflower, CA played Saturday March 22, 2003 (close match .. Karl beat Billy by only 1 point!) Winners were :

1st: Karl Spickelmier (left); 2nd: Billy Maxwell (right)



Crazy 8's Series - Round 2 of 6 at Oskars Sports Bar & Grill, Bellflower, CA played Saturday April 26, 2003 (Karl leading the six game series after taking another first): **1st: Karl Spickelmier (center);** 2nd: Craig Amundson (R); and 3rd: Richard "Bubba" Warren (L)



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