

Darrol Nelson

(Miscellaneous Memorable Moments)



Table Shuffleboard Association

December 29, 2002

Table Shuffleboard Association's Board of Directors and the shuffleboard community, friends, and family proudly present the TSA Shuffleboard Hall of Fame "Lifetime Achievement" Award to Darrol Nelson on this 29th day of December

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Hall of Fame Inductee

December 29, 2002 - TSA HOF Inductee Ceremony

Houston Holiday Open 2002, Houston, Texas

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Darrol Nelson of Cheshire, Oregon was born July 7, 1943 and has been an avid shuffleboard player since 1965 when he started playing at 21 years old. He had a big fascination for shuffleboard since he first observed the game. He quit playing a couple of times, but always came back. He loved

the motion of the cue and went down the board. He met Truman Adams (TSA President) in Portland, Oregon who was influential and helped him when he turned 21. He had higher education on shuffleboard was in the late 1960s when he started winning

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Portland against
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Darrol's first
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st purse Darrol
at Billy Mays'
ampionship" at the
Las Vegas in
on the Pro-Singles

The entry fee at the
"World Championship" was
\$800 per person, with a 32
person cut-off (they had to turn
players away). Darrol won
\$17,500 in entry fee only, not
including the sponsor sale
money.

In the 80's, Darrol traveled
to play at Don Valk's "US
Open" at the Aquafest in
Austin, Texas and played at
the Corporate Image (David
Williams' bar) tournaments in
Ft. Worth, Texas. He also
traveled and played in tourna-
ments in Michigan, New York,
Florida, Arizona, and Califor-
nia to name just a few.

Among some of the most
memorable wins for Darrol
were when he partnered with
Galin Gaunt against Donnie
Cox and Leroy Ledford in
1982; partnered with Steve
Bjorn at the "Fir Cone Tavern"
in Shelton, Washington in the
early 90's; playing with Loren
Lampley at "Buzz's Tavern" in
Mud Bay; and winning the last
President's Day Tournament at



**Darrol Nelson &
Longtime Partner
Doug Buhl**

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Blinky's in Santa Clara,
California in 2001 where he
won the Singles event *against*
Dan Hitt, and then won the
Doubles event *partnered with*
Dan Hitt.

If anyone wonders where
Darrol got his thumb shot,
Billy Mays states that "In 1977
Darrol was playing the owner
of the 'Time-Out-Tavern' on
6th Street in Seattle, Washing-
ton, and she was eating up the
middle of the board against
Darrol. When she took time
out to go to the bathroom, Billy
showed Darrol the thumbshot
and Darrol never lost another
game against her."

Darrol is a retired Locomo-
tive Engineer and was a
fireman previous to that. He
has 4 children: 3 boys and 1
girl. He has 6 grandchildren.
They all live within 50 miles of
him in the Portland area.

The most influential people
to him in shuffleboard were
Mack Mackaronis, Doug Buhl
(old time partner and great
strategist), Billy Mays, and the
late Truman Adams (TA) who
was his mentor when he started
playing when he turned 21
years of age.

Darrol's accomplishments
speak for themselves. He is
the best of the best in table
shuffleboard, number one (1)
in the world. His game is what
we all strive for. He is a true
sportsman, win or lose!

As stated by Da-
ahn, a Pro from Cal-
recently beat Darro
of 3 competition: "I
Darrol lost I was to
away by the fact the
first person to come
and he grabbed me
hugged me and con-
me on my win. Tha
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the future. He taug
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Singles 1st
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