

David Williams

(Miscellaneous Memorable Moments)



Table Shuffleboard Association

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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 David Williams 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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"I have been very fortunate in Shuffleboard. I played for years then young Billy came along and now I am becoming a force in the game. This is such a great sport."

I have made so many wonderful and dear friends.

-- David Williams Sr.

(2002 Texas Open in Houston, TX)

David Williams is a self-employed, owner of Dave Williams Paint & Body Shop. He has 5 children, including two daughters Christi, Robin, and Amy and sons Jeff and David Jr. (who has already established himself as a no nonsense competitor and rising star in the game of shuffleboard) and 8 grandchildren.

David was born in Texas and moved to Houston when he was 4 years old. He has two brothers Bobby and Gary and a sister Linda along with Bobby's wife. David finds it a full-time job to take care of the "boys."

David first started playing shuffleboard 30 years ago ('70s) on a bank shelf.

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eventually graduated shuffleboard to long re used today and s has firmly himself as a player ends among out few peers in and ability. e 70's when David oloping his ill, Glen Davidson ys, using false esumably me to Ft. Worth to Well, sometimes ed happens and ed them both. that Bill Melton Ft. Worth to play of "friendly" with David. ither one them o won that t was the begin- idable partner- enty-five friend- ally, this budding got off to a bit of a hen Bill con- to go to Big as for a tourna- turned out to be a r event and David eated. Despite ng defeat, Bill saw ise in David to a partner in a nament billed as eries of Shuffle- at the Black Cat rland, Oregon in

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This tournament was such a prominent event that it was even covered by the local TV station. The finals pitted David and Bill against Galin Gaunce and Billy Chiles. Well, Billy Chiles and Bill prevailed and the headlines the next day in the local paper read "Players shuffle home with \$13,000".

Over the next dozen years, or so, David and Bill successfully partnered together in many events including Reno, Las Vegas and Austin (for Don Valk's "Texas Open"). Through the years, David has also enjoyed great success in Mixed Doubles playing with Diana Hagen, the "Queen of the Jungle." Despite his prowess as a doubles player (although Diana claims she carried him), David's greatest achievements have probably been in the Singles events. Unlike other events where team play overshadows individual performance that is not the case in Singles. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide, nobody to blame. Pro-Singles is very difficult and challenging and few can claim the success that David has achieved over the years. With 15 documented Singles titles, David has won state championships and major Singles titles everywhere from Pennsylvania to Nevada and in between.



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Among those titles are two victories in the "Texas Open Singles" championship game over the legendary Darrol Nelson who along with Billy Mays are unquestionably the two greatest players to ever touch a weight. In fact, the game between David and Darrol back in 1991 for the "Texas Open Single" title has been called, by some observers, one of the greatest matches in the history of the game with one possible shot after another being executed by both competitors. Since this match was being played as other events were completed, there were well over one hundred players watching this game and marveling at the expertise displayed by both David and Darrol.

Although David still excels at Singles and Doubles, in recent years he has also enjoyed great success in team events where he has probably won more team titles than any other captain.

As with most true champions, David does not dwell on past accomplishments but rather looks forward to the next challenge. Although he has won countless tournaments over the years, he is much more at ease talking about the play of others, especially the younger players like Dan Hitt and Mike Taylor and now Jr.

In fact, he and will likely be a form team for years to co

As it stands, the list of David's past achievements is inc and based upon wh and Bill Melton can plus what is docum The Board Talk sin and the more than and trophies he has at his body shop. U nately, dozens of oth either been lost or r over the years. Nev by any account it's can all envy and Da deserves to be indu the TSA National H and be recognized a the best players in of the game. As a p David's accomplish speak for themselv winning tournament small part of his co to the game. In ad being a top-ranked more than 20 years persistent supporte promoter of shuffle everywhere he goes addition, due to his and respect for the always willing to as players as well as st veterans with advic their game. David (Valk) are pioneers major tournament p Texas in the 1980's