

# **Diana Hagen**

*(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 Diana Hagen on this 29th day of December 2002! Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc.

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### **Hall of Fame Inductee**

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Houston Holiday Open 2002, Houston, Texas

## **Diana Hagen**



Diana Hagen first started playing shuffleboard in 1985. At the time she had been living in Houston for about 10 years and was tending bar at one of the local restaurants. Although she had never seen shuffleboard played before, she was drawn to the game like a moth to a flame. At the time, the venerable Howard Mouton was "King of the Hill" as far as

Houston shuffleboard was concerned taking on Howard's challengers for whom they wanted to play. Did Howard know? He took "Shy Di" under that he was about to be a player with uncanny skills who would not only be on top of the shuffleboard but would eventually change the face of

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participate in shuffleboard today, Diana is a constant supporter, promoter and educator of shuffleboard everywhere she goes.

While the number of players that Diana has either introduced to shuffleboard or taken directly under her wing could easily fill a page, the number of players that Diana has helped over the years could fill a book. Houston players that owe much to Diana include Flynt Preston, Ann Walker, Silvia Martinez, Dave Ramold, Denise Klein, Jack Scott, Jimmy Britt, Bob Lee, Jorge Galvan and Wayne Hammond to name a few. Because of her great love and respect for the game Diana constantly pushes players to improve and achieve their potential. Whether she is playing or just watching from the sidelines, Diana is always willing to answer questions or show new players how to make a particular shot. At Danny's Sports Bar in Houston where she regularly plays, there is no bigger cheerleader for the game and the players who compete with Diana.

Although much of the credit for reviving big-time shuffleboard in Houston rightly belongs to Jack Scott and Johnny Ballard, neither could have done it without the efforts of Diana Hagen who got on the



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phone and personally called many of the top players to encourage them to attend the first Houston Holiday Open ... today, the Houston Holiday Open is recognized as one of the better tournaments in the country drawing players from Washington to Florida and much of that credit still goes to Diana for her behind the scene efforts at not only promoting the tournament but also arranging partners and teams to get more players involved. So, even though Howard Mouton likes to tell the story to let everyone know that he taught Diana how to play and is responsible for making her the champion player she is today, he exaggerated a bit... He really simply let the genie out of the bottle when he put that first American weight in her hand and showed this small-town girl how to stand at the table and shoot.

Diana's record speaks loudly. She has been a winner everywhere she has played... From local, regional, and national levels. From Houston, to Oklahoma, to Reno, to Vegas she has won Pro Singles, Pro Doubles, and team events. Although shy and unassuming away from the table, Diana never backs down from a shuffleboard challenge. She is a winners' circle icon at every tournament she attends.

Diana is always of promoting tournaments getting players involved arranging partners and teams... Whatever it get more people involved in the sport that she so

Diana is a self-employed independent business. Although hardly shy, age, Diana is also a mom of 2 children, Sherry & son Terry, proud and doting grandmother of 6 grandchildren.

"Shy Di" is always active in raising money for a good cause from the Rating system to raise for players or families be ill or simply down luck. She is team captain one of the local shuffleboard leagues. She is an ardent supporter of The B... publication, getting she can introduced publication and encourage them to subscribe and advertise. She received "Subscription Hustler" which was presented March at the 1st Annual Talk Open 2002 in not only is she one of the players in the country "Super Star" champion also one of the best of the sport in all regions one of the most deserving receiving the TSA Hall of Fame induction