

Featuring California's Hal Perry... TSA Director and Four-Time Sports Hall of Famer!



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Hal Perry, TSA Director from California, is a very special sportsman. In addition to being the recipient of "FOUR" Sports Hall of Fame induction honors, he is one of the founders of the original National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame organization (which was renamed to Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc. when it incorporated in May 2001) along with Glen Davidson and Bob Hunt. Louise Freer and Larry Creakbaum were soon pressed into service to form the original Board of Directors in 1994. The full history of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame formation and the transition to Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc. may become another full story in a *future Table Shuffleboard News*.

Hal is also a member of the infamous "Sacramento Rat Pack" of which there are six members (all rated -1 when this group was formed and all have been very close friends for over 30 years), being: Don Cox, Nick Chaffin, Joe Hudson, Bob Hunt, and Fred Thuman (deceased). They get together for dinner with their wives every two months. This is also likely to become a full story in a later issue.

California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame: 1999 & National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame: 2000

Hal Perry was inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame on February 13, 1999 at Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California. Rick Thomas wrote a "Hal Perry - This is Your Life" in his program booklet (excerpts with up-to-date edits follow):

Hal Perry was born February 24, 1937, in San Francisco, California. His family moved to Sacramento, where he went to Del Paso Grammar School, and then Grant High School in Sacramento, where he graduated in 1955.

During his high school days, Hal became a baseball pitcher for the high school team, and also played short stop. As a pitcher, he was the All-City M.V.P. (1954-55). In his senior year he struck out 213 batters, a near state record (Note: The state record

of 215 was held by Don Drysdale, so Hal was in good company with only a 2 point difference).

In 1956, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and signed for a \$4,000 bonus. He went to spring training along with Roberto Clemente and Bill Mazeroski. From 1956 to 1959 he spent most of his time in Double A.

In 1960 he quit and came back to Sacramento and went to work for the A-1 Door Company several years and has been in the door business his entire career, and is still working in the door business with LM Enterprises. During his first four years with A-1, he also played semi-pro baseball for Roseville merchants. At the time he weighed a whopping 140 pounds. Highlight: In 1963, he struck out 24 batters (the previous record was 19); threw a no-hitter; and went 5 for 5 in the batters' box. How could you beat that?

Hal met Shirley in 1974 in Auburn, California, and they have been together now for over 33 years.

Hal was basically a self-taught shuffleboard player, beginning in 1960. He was a true traveling session player who traveled and played all over the country, and according to most of the players, he was a touch above everyone else. From the early '60's to

the late '70's, Hal spent many a night in San Jose, namely at Bill Jennings' Happy Hour, where, according to Hal, ten or twelve of the top players played. To name a few: Pee Wee Ramos, Mickey Gomes, Ted Berger, Mountain View George, San Jose Ron Gisham, Ron Harrelson, Ritchie Rea, Ron and Rich Selfridge, Chuck the Barber and Bill Jennings. Hal won a lot of money, and has many good memories from the Happy Hour in San Jose.

One of the biggest wins he enjoyed was in 1965 when he played in a tournament in Lemon Grove, California, near San Diego. The tourney was run by Rod Cameron (TX) and Glen Davidson (OK). Hal teamed up with Pee Wee Ramos to defeat Billy Mays and Tommy Gavin. In the finals, after the tournament, Hal teamed up with Rod Cameron in a

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money session and beat everybody, including "Texas Billy" (Billy Mays), Glen Davidson, Bob Miles and others.

In 1968, Hal and Glen Davidson went to the Easy Pickings in Los Angeles area and proceeded to get busted -- lost all but a few bucks. After Friday, he borrowed \$50 and they went to the Dixie where over the weekend he won 22 games in a row before everyone quit. What a comeback!

Some other fond memories:

In 1976 the World Team Championships were held in Longview, Washington at the fairgrounds, with 18 boards, over two weeks, with 90 teams. The winning team was Hal Perry, Fred Thuman, Joe Hudson, Don Cox, Leroy Ledford and Billy Mays. *This was one of Hal's most memorable and rewarding tournament wins!*

In 1977 at the World Series of Shuffleboard held at the Black Cat in Portland, Oregon, Hal teamed with Fred Johns (WA) to win the tournament over Fred Thuman (CA) and Joe Hudson (CA).

See "Other Wins & Accomplishments 1978-1998 (right column on this page) for some of Hal's other memorable wins which led up to his California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction on February 13, 1999 during Blinky's President's Day Tournament. Hal Perry & Don Cox ended up taking 1st Place Doubles at this tournament too. Hal lagged out to beat Joe Hudson and Steve Perry (his son) in a great match. What a great week Hal had!

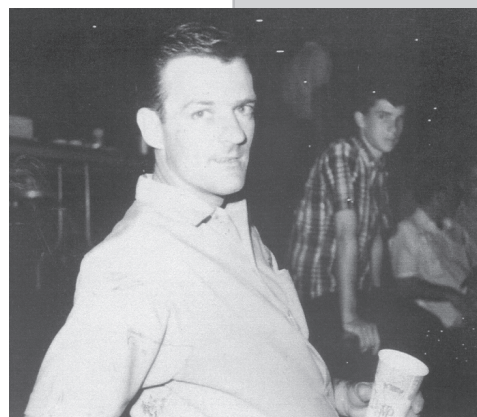
Hal Perry was then inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame (nka Table Shuffleboard Association's HOF) the following year on February 19, 2000 -- and what better place to hold the induction than at Blinky's Sports Cafe in Santa Clara, California where he had received his state hall of fame honors?

Some memorable wins in the year after his state hall of fame induction included:

- 1999 Hal & George Camera, 3rd Place Doubles at the Bill Gibbs Memorial in Phoenix, Arizona; and
- 1999 Hal placed 4th in Crazy Eights at the North American Shuffleboard Championships in Reno.

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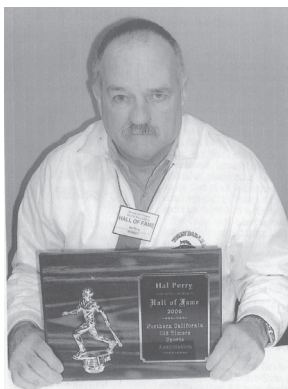
On March 25, 2006 Hal Perry was inducted into the Northern California Old Timers Sports Association (NCOTSA) at the 36th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner held at The Hanger in the Hillcrest Plaza Room, Yuba City, California. Inductees were: Tom Agosta, Thomas Aldridge, Ken Griffin, A.J. "Bud" Henle, Herb Jergentz (posthumously), Joe McCauley, Raymond Marshall Neves (posthumously), Hal Perry, Ralph Rago, John



Hal Perry - 1969 (above)

Henry Rivers, Jim Socher, and Geoff Wahl . The UC Davis football coaching legend Jim Sochor was the keynote speaker.

There was a writeup in the local Appeal-Democrat (by Justin Miller) titled: "Old Timers take bows" where they described Hal as follows: "Perry was an outstanding pitcher at Grant High School from 1952-55. He played professionally with the Pittsburg Pirates' minor-league system."



Hal Perry - 2006 (above)

Hal was also inducted into the La Salle Baseball Hall of Fame honored on April 21, 2006 at the 52nd Annual Baseball Hall of Fame held at Christian Brothers High School.

Complete List of those inducted in 2006 were Bob Caselli, Angelo Dal Porto, Bill Enos, Larry Hampshire, Jack Higdon, Johnny Lopes, Gus Niklas, Hal Perry, Doug Sale, and Chuck Stevens.

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"Hal Perry's Memorable Moments & More..."



Other Wins & Accomplishments 1978-1998

1978 1st Place Doubles:
Billy Mays & Hal Perry
Dowers, Yuba City
1982-1989 (Limited Play)

1989 2nd Place Doubles:
Glen Davidson & Hal Perry
Phoenix

1990 2nd Place Doubles:
Diana Hagen & Hal Perry
Denver

1990 1st Place Singles:
Corporate Image, Texas

1990-98 1st Place Singles:
Dowers, Yuba City

1995-97 two 2nd Doubles:
Hal & Rick Thomas
Blinky's, Santa Clara

1996 1st Place Doubles:
Hal & Steve Perry (son)
President's Day
Blinky's, Santa Clara

Notable: Hal & Steve also took 1st & 2nd in Singles!

1997 1st Place Doubles:
Hal & Steve Perry (son)
Phoenix

1998 1st Place Doubles:
Hal & Steve Perry (son)
4th of July
Dixie Belle, Downey

1998 2nd Place Doubles:
Hal & George Camera
Thanksgiving
Dixie Belle, Downey

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- In 1949, Hal was on the Del Paso Little League with a .427 hit at shortstop and a 8-0 win as pitcher and won the championships.

- In 1954 at Grant Union High School (Junior year), Hal took a 1st Place Sac-Hoquinn Conference Championship. He was voted to all city team by both the Sacramento Union & Sacramento Bee. He won 9 Lost 0 as starting pitcher; Stuck out 101 and walked 28 in 61 innings posting a 1.60 ERA; and Batted .318. He was also in the Sacramento Bee KFBK All-Stars.

- In 1955 at Grant Union High School (Senior Year), Hal again took a 1st Place Sac-Hoquinn Conference Championship. He was voted to all city team by both the Sacramento Union & Sacramento Bee. He was voted Captain and Most Valuable Player. He won 12 Lost 2 as starting pitcher; Struck out 203 and walked 37 in 120 2/3 innings while posting a 0.32 ERA; and Batted .404.

Semi-Pro Baseball Highlights: Hal helped Chico Colts to the Valley League Championship. Won 6 Lost 2 while posting a 2.30 ERA.

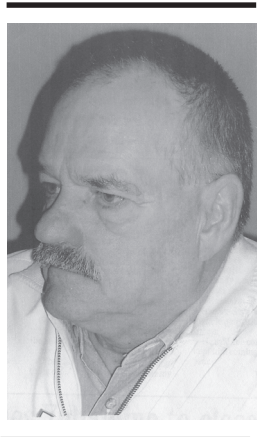
- In 1956-1962: **Pro-Baseball Highlights:** Hal signed up with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1956) and played four (4) years with the organization.

Best Season with the San Jose Josox of the California League. Won 13 Lost 12 SO-125 W-100 ERA with 19 complete games. He played several games at Shortstop and Third Base as well as pinch hitter and posted a .314 BA.

1960 Placer Nevada League. Pitched for Roseville Merchants. Records of this period are sketchy, but ended up 2nd Place in league. A July 8th stat showed Hall was hitting .366.

Hal threw a no hitter against Nevada City. He went 5 for 5 at the plate and struck out 24 on the mound. The 24 Strikeouts was a new record. The 24 Strikeouts was a new record. Hal was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for Team and League Pitcher and actually had all the votes for the straight MVP award, but league politics of the time prevented him from winning both awards.

1962 Sacramento Winter League. Hal pitched for the Fellos Club and won the championship by beating the Matts Club at Edmonds field by a score of 3 to 1. He had 13 Wins 2 Losses with 15 complete games. This was the most complete games in Sacramento Winter League History. *Editor Comment: Many Thanks to Bob Hunt for his contributions to Hal's Feature Article .*



Other Special Awards... Sol Lipkin Award in 2000 during NASC Reno Tournament in Reno, Nevada (picture below):



On November 3, 2000 Hal Perry received the Sol Lipkin Award (pictured right above) along with Ron and Debbie Bowers (pictured left). Some excerpts from *The Board Talk* regarding the ceremony follows...

"The gentleman (in every sense of the word) for whom the Sol Lipkin Award is named was on hand to personally honor Ron & Debbie Bowers, and Hal Perry with his wife Shirley, for their "Extraordinary" contributions to the sport of table shuffleboard.

Before the appreciative crowd of shufflers on Friday evening, The Shuffleboard Federation's Sol Lipkin Award was presented to Hal for his integrity as a player and promoter, plus his service in the Federation's Player Policy Board.."

"Ron & Debbie were recognized for their hard work and dedication in maintaining the Bowers Rating System, which has done more to expand The World of Table Shuffleboard than any other effort."

In an emotional response, Hal said he accepted the award in honor of his friends, Nick and Bev Chaffin" who were unable to attend due to Bev having surgery.

In his acceptance comments, Ron modestly credited Debbie for "doing most of the work" and saluted their nationwide network of raters he stated "The System is only as good as its raters." Sol Lipkin ended the ceremony with a story of installing a shuffleboard on a submarine.

All TSA Directors, Members, and Sponsors and the Shuffleboard Community wish to thank Hal for his long-time support and promotion of the game and congratulate him for being a 4-Time Sports Hall of Famer!

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