

Mike Taylor

**Table Shuffleboard Association
Hall of Fame Induction**

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share that happiness."*

Mike Taylor

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Mike Taylor's Story



Michael Taylor was born in Houston May 27, 1970. He lived in Houston with his mother, father and brother. His parents divorced when he was about 5 years old. After a couple of years, his mother remarried, and they joined a family with 2 other boys. "It was a great situation. We were always able to compete at something the 4 of us with 2 on 2." His father was active in Mike and his brother's lives. They spent their breaks, Holidays and summers with their Dad. "I had a very loving family and household growing up."

Mike reminisces about his upbringing, "I've been real fortunate in parents. My Mother and Larry have been married for 40 years. Larry has been a wonderful step-father. My Dad and Vicki have been married about 25

years. Vicki is a wonderful stepmother. I have 4 great parents." Mike has a close relationship with all of them and talks to his Mother every day.

In 1982, the family moved to Wharton Texas. Mike's stepfather had a shop on the property that they moved to and they had a basketball court next to the shop. "We played a lot of basketball and a lot of other sports involving some kind of ball." Mike graduated from Wharton High School in 1988. He met the 4 White Brothers in Wharton. The group of 8 became good friends. When Mike went on to college at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, Texas he roomed with the oldest brother Brian White.

In 1993, Mike graduated from college with a Business Degree in Management and Marketing. He moved to Houston, Texas. He started working for Color Tile in retail flooring. Over the next few years, he has also worked in the distribution and installation facets of the industry. He found a company that was for sale. He and Craig White bought the company and are thriving. Their niche is high end custom homes. "Craig White is a wonderful business partner and a great friend," says Mike.

Mike has a beautiful home in Austin Texas with his lovely wife Amanda Williams Taylor. Mike says, "I have a loving supportive wife." Mike's son, Matthew Taylor is 14 and "I am so proud of him. He makes fun of me for always bragging on him."

WHERE MIKE BEGAN HIS SHUFFLEBOARD CAREER

Mike and Brian White discovered Riley's on Devil's Backbone close to Wimberly, Texas. They started playing on Tuesday nights and the group "grew and grew." Several friends became interested in the activities offered by Riley's. During his Senior year, a bar opened in the San Marcos square and they talked the owners into bringing in a shuffleboard and held a draw on Thursday's. They built that crowd up as well.



Mike had no idea about organized Shuffleboard until he met Harvey Kidd at 2-K's Sports Bar. Mike was 23, just graduated from college and moved to Houston. He and his friend Chris Busceme loved to go see Harvey on Friday nights. "We liked shuffleboard, but we loved Harvey." They met a lot of interesting people at 2-K's. Mike says that he credits Harvey with keeping his interest in shuffleboard and getting more involved in the game.

PLAYING UP

Mike always wanted to play the best player in the room. He reminisces about the early days when he would walk up and challenge the best player in the room. He says, "the first year out of college, I didn't even have a bank account. I lost a lot, I wrote some post-dated checks and was really poor waiting on the next paycheck. But I ALWAYS wanted to play the best and it didn't matter who it was, Diana Hagen, David Williams Sr., Bill Melton... it didn't matter." He walked the board on the best. Didn't want to play partners, just walk the board on them. "I wanted to get better and I wanted to get better fast."



MIKE'S MENTORS

After Harvey sparked the interest, Mike peaked the interest of several well-known players. Diana Hagen taught Mike how to hold a weight. His response was "Oh Princess, this is going to be like stealing."

Don Valk was a true mentor to Mike. "Just being around him made me feel important." Don took Mike with him when he was out adjusting boards and introduced him as "a world beater."

When Mike met David Williams Sr., Mike was impressed with his attire and demeanor. Meeting David Sr. made Mike realize there is more to shuffleboard than playing and wearing cut-offs to the bar. He says he changed his attire and wanted to adopt the way Sr. interacted with people. "I wanted to be like him."

Bill Melton was an impact. "Bill is shuffleboard royalty." Bill and Mike would warm up together at tournaments playing games and changing boards. Mike says, "Bill Melton has a will to win unlike I have ever seen in any sport."

A CLOSING THOUGHT FROM MIKE TAYLOR

"I have always felt blessed and I want to share that happiness. I like putting a smile on people's faces. Love hugs and kisses. I just love people so much. I just hope that I have been able to open up our group to hugs and kisses and sharing their emotions and building their relationships."



Mike's Family

Taylor is a fun-loving, silly family man. He loves doing anything he can to embarrass me and Matthew. He loves making up his own words to songs and singing them aloud in the middle of any store, just to see how fast we will run away. I guess it's my own fault, I told him to always keep me smiling and that he does Every Single Day! I love all the changes that he has made in his life to become an even better father, husband, and role model. Who would've thought I would've met the love of my life playing this crazy game! Congratulations on your induction to the National Hall of Fame; all your hard work is paying off.

You're so pretty!

Love always and forever,
Amanda Taylor



The Mike Taylor Family

Vicki, Mike's Dad and Mike

Wedding Day!



My dad may be the most unique person I have ever come across in my life. He isn't just confined to one personality, because he has so many layers as a person and as a dad. My dad is constantly making "dad jokes" otherwise known as jokes that aren't funny but he says them and laughs at them anyway while me and Amanda and whoever else is there stare at him with dead expressions. He has layers and layers of humor and comedy which is probably why in a room full of people he knows or doesn't, others are attracted to him. But underneath those layers of his need to be a comedian, there are layers of kindness, compassion, and sensitivity which is why that room of people who were drawn towards him by humor were anchored in by his heart. My dad has always made

my day better once I've seen him. I would say that I love my dad, but I don't. I love my father, my dad, my hero, my motivation and my best friend.

Matthew (your super cool son)

This evening we are here to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Mike Taylor be a part of his induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Being his father, I have witnessed the timeline of events that has now become his record of career excellence. As with the forerunners in the game that have been inducted, certain traits are prominent. Passion for the game, commitment, and diligence in honing their craft is characteristic of them all. In retrospect, it is not these championship qualities that are the most important. For me, it is Mike's decision to become a man of authenticity-both in how he plays the game and how he lives his life. He has chosen to accept the inevitability of stress, pressure and the fear of failure and to confront them head-on. He has learned that "the only way to it is through it," and made a personal commitment to override avoidance and hold himself to account in how he faces everything. So congratulations, son, on your well-earned ascent to the pinnacle of the game you have always loved.

With pride and admiration,
Dad and Vicki



There are just too many positive things to say about Mike. As a player he is the top of the game. As an ambassador he shakes every hand and kisses every baby. He greets everyone by name and take the time to chat with everyone. As a human, he's just great person. This a long overdue honor.

Congrats and love you
Aunt Jeri Williams



Mike, you're a fine gentleman, a wonderful husband, and most of all a dedicated father. We don't know a lot about the game of shuffleboard, but we do know about the game of life, and you're a top-notch player. We wouldn't rather have anybody else on our side. Your dedication and heart are beautiful. We're lucky to have you in our family. Congratulations Mike, any accolades you receive are well earned. With much love and respect,

Dorris, Corey, Cody, Jesse, and Journey Hartley



Congratulations to my favorite son in law on your induction. I'm so proud of all your hard work, especially over the last couple of years. It has enriched your life, and secondly improved your game. You are truly blessed. Keep up the good work.

Leigh Williams



Mike, Congratulations on your induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. As a player, your accomplishments have been well deserved and they speak for themselves with countless tournament wins. You have been the #1 rated player in the world 5 of the last 7 years, a feat not so easily achieved. Mike, I'm very proud of your life style change made over 2 years ago, I wish that you keep going strong and that it should be an example to all the

young players in the game. Only fitting that your induction is in Reno, where you are the reigning champion. I'm very proud to have you as my "son in law".

David Williams Sr.



There is not enough room in a pamphlet for me to ever scratch the surface on what Mike Taylor has meant to me in life or shuffleboard. It would be a novel, so I will keep it short and sweet. The guy is absolutely insanely good at his craft, has completely influenced my game from day one, amongst others, and has shown the utmost respect to my father who was one of his mentors.

Mike bought me my first beer in Del City because I was only 19. He has been a complete inspiration the last few years with SB being the LEAST of it. The man, the father, the husband to my cousin, it's all just been a remarkable thing to see, and I aspire to emulate his transformation. Winning again was going to be a no-brainer after that. He just has too much God given talent. That's all there is to say. You may out-strategize, or out-lag him, or make him bored (because of his talent), but I've never seen anyone be able to out-shoot him. Ever. And with my highest regard to another of my mentors, Billy Mays, I still think I would give the edge to Mike.



I have watched him make absolutely mind boggling shots for 20 years. Just head scratching miracles. It has been a roller-coaster at times with the countless hours

and cash games both with and against. But I do consider Mike a magician. That's the best way I know to describe him on the wood. I treasure the last 20 years being Mike's opponent, but a lot more being his partner, obviously. He is by no means done winning majors, either, so this might be premature, but he will no doubt be the GOAT when all is said and done. As a spectator, friend, partner in crime, student, and fellow father (with our kids same age), I have more admiration for this legend of our game than I can ever think to mention..... I truly mean it has been an absolute joy to just be along for the ride and witness the definition of GREATNESS !

David Williams Jr.

Testimonials

I first met Mike in Del City, in 1997 or 1998, at which time he was rated a 3. He was the topic of some conversation amongst the pros, several of whom told me that he had the potential to be the next great player in the game.

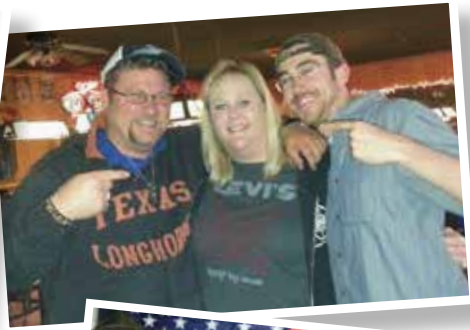
Mike immediately struck me as having an “old school” mentality/approach. Old school, meaning that he was on a mission to become a top player, via the time tested method of playing against the toughest players he could find. It was obvious that this was a guy who wasn't going to move on to the next rating level, and then hope he got to stay in that division for a few years. He clearly had the drive and hunger to become a top player. Even at that early stage of his career he was fearless, and had great hands. Over the course of the week, I watched him challenge the best players in the game, winning some of the time, but more often than not getting schooled. One of the things that really struck me was he also spent a lot of time intently watching matches between the top players in the Pro Singles event, soaking up any tidbits of information and knowledge that he could, something that he continues to do to this day.

By the time I saw Mike again, in 2001, there had been a quantum leap in his game; the old school approach was definitely paying off! It was a memorable occasion, as he made it to the winners bracket finals at the Southwest Open, against Bill Melton. I remember that I was pulling for Bill, because I felt that Mike had not yet paid enough dues to win such a prestigious title. Mike was on the verge of winning the match, until Bill lagged a deuce after a heartbreaking shot by Mike, in which he chipped another of Bill's weights to a two. It was at that moment that I did an about face, and thought to myself, well, he has certainly paid his dues now. His progress was rapid from that point in time, and in a few short years, he had indeed become one of the top players in the game.

Mike, it has been a pleasure to watch you play in the ensuing years. I love your creativity, and your board play is literally poetry in motion. It is easy to conjure up comparisons between you and the great Billy Mays in that respect. Your shot making ability is as good as anyone who has ever played the game, and the record that you have compiled over the last 15 years is truly remarkable. Just as impressive is the way you carry yourself, and the example you set for other players in that regard. You are a true champion, a great ambassador for the game, and have earned the respect of all who play Table Shuffleboard.

Congratulations, on your induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I am very much looking forward to following the rest of your career, and your quest to break the record for NASC Pro Singles victories.

John McDermott





Mike Taylor is definitely the greatest shuffleboard player playing our game today! Not only is he the best player, but he also is a great ambassador for our sport. His sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, work ethics, and compassion for fellow players is untouchable. He is ideal for the shuffleboard community to use as a guide for the most desirable example of a perfect shuffleboard player.

From the early days of the Bowers Rating System, Mike has always been a big help to Debbie and I with the ratings. As a close friend and a Rating Committee member we have always sought his advice and cherished his ideas.

Very well deserved honor, congratulations Mike Taylor, Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Recipient. Thanks for being who you are Mike.

Debbie and Ron Bowers

I think it goes without saying this is a well-deserved honor for Mike. Not only is he a hall of famer, to me if there was a Mount Rushmore of shuffleboard players, Mike would be one of the faces. Since I started playing in 2010, he has always been one of the top 2 or 3 players in the game, and over the past year and a half or so I've seen him play his best shuffleboard I've seen.



Mike is well known as the best shooter in the game, the shots he makes on a regular basis are ridiculous. And he will make these shots in tournaments, not just side games. But to me his mind for the game might even outweigh his shot making. While a lot of his decisions could seem reckless to some, I've learned from talking to him over the years they are very calculated decisions, based on players and situations. Add all these ingredients together and you have someone who you don't want to meet up with in a tournament very often.

Also, Mike is one of the most approachable pro's out there. While some pro's will give you the "oh I don't know, that's just the way I decided to play it," when asked about a strategy situation by amateurs, Mike will go into 5 minute discussion about it. I know because I've picked his brain many times over the years, and always came away having learned something. He is truly a great ambassador for the game we love, and someone I consider a good friend. Congrats Mike!!

Josh Aduddell

Sometimes it's not about the person being honored but those of us who were privileged to witness and or play a small part of the reasons for this occasion. Mike Taylor and I have been friends for over 20 years and neither of us can figure out why we never partnered with each other in a major event.

I may have not ever played with him in a major, but we played against each other hundreds of times over the years. Each game started and ended with a big hug.

If my great-great grandchildren remember nothing else, I hope they remember "The Man with Magic Hands" Mike Taylor as quoting, "Mahlon Nobles helped me develop my span shots" Today is one of those days WE are all honored. Congratulations and God Bless!

Mahlon Nobles



Mike, I cannot tell you how happy we are that you are getting this prestigious honor. We have known you for many years and we are so proud to call you our friend. We have watched you go from a 1 to a -1 and you have done it with integrity and class. Congratulations, this is well deserved!

Terry & Kathy Yingst



One of my first memories of Mike Taylor was at the Houston Holiday Open in 2000 or 2001. It was a triple drifting board that didn't work out for his wide-open style. He has honed his skills and style of play to perfection since then. Through it all, he has kept his ego in check, is a gracious loser, and remained a gentleman always. He's adapted amazingly well to his lifestyle change and became one of the premier players in our sport. Congrats Mike on this well-deserved award.

Bobby V

Congratulations Mike! The greatest recognition in Shuffleboard is the Table Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame. You are now joining the greatest players and ambassadors in this game. You have a beautiful soul and magic hands. Your leadership through the boundless support and respect you show all players; new, experienced, young or old; makes this a better community. We're very happy for you and proud to call you friend.

David and Debbie Sexton





Mike Taylor was the first Pro-level player I met when I first started playing tournament shuffleboard. He was always kind, encouraging, and willing to help me learn the basics of the game even though it didn't appear I would ever grasp any of it. He is a great ambassador for the game of shuffleboard; always willing to help players improve and sharing his love of the game.

In the ten years I have known him, Mike has always been one of the top-rated players in the country and a favorite to win in any event he's playing. He is one of the most feared shuffleboard players in the game with his ability to create chaos out of order and order out of chaos. He has an uncanny ability to read a board and find shots that don't appear to be possible. He is consistently able to bring out the best in his partners while also seeming to befuddle his opponents. Players of all skill levels enjoy watching him perform his magic on the board.

I am proud of Mike's accomplishments and contributions as a player, mentor and promoter of this game we all love. Congratulations on your well deserved induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. My shuffleboard experiences, from my nervous beginnings through my successes, have been greatly enhanced because of the person and the player—Mike Taylor.

Travis Ward

Mike Taylor personifies professionalism. That's one thing that hasn't changed since I first met him. Professional, respectful, honest and a master of the game. Congratulations, Mike. Well deserved.

Linda Kinney

In the mid 90's, when I first starting playing on a weekly basis, I met a young man, Mike Taylor. We played at a small place, 2-K's Sports Bar in West Houston, on most Friday & Saturday nights. I recall that Mike practiced at lot, and had a great freehand. At some point he moved to Austin. However we would always get to compete and visit at Danny's Sports Bar for some larger tournaments, and also the Houston Holiday Open. Mike was always wanting to compete and play with the Pros, and I could see his potential and competitiveness. In 2005, I took a 10 year leave of absence from the game. When I returned to the scene in 2015, Mike was one of the top Pros in the country. Since the first time we met, I have always considered Mike a great friend, and just a great competitor! And his results over the last couple of years to "close the deal" speak for itself. When I think of Mike Taylor, he exemplifies class, and always had great respect for the many players that had an influence on him. Congratulations, Mike, well deserved! Thanks for your friendship over the years.



Del Ammermann



Both growing up in the small town of Wharton, TX, I've known Mike my entire life. He has always excelled in most anything he did and has always been a gifted athlete.

During the Fall of 2001, having just changed majors and only taking 2 online courses, I was bored and looking for something to pass time. Craig suggested that I give Mike a call because he was beginning to be very good at "shuffleboard,"

which I had no clue even existed. On Craig's advice, I give Mike a ring and he immediately invites me to the upcoming Friday night draw at Taz County. After Mike introduces me to Doug Paben, Tom and Linda French, Ron and Debbie Bowers, Cliff Visel, and others, he takes me to this side room and shows me how to shoot down the rails and across the board. I sit in this room, basically by myself, shooting weights and drinking beer for probably 2-3 hours. I still remember thinking, "I could be partying on 6th Street, but here I am throwing shuffleboard weights, completely bored." Finally, Mike grabs me and tells me he has found us a \$20 game. Although nervous and having no clue what I was doing, Mike guides me through 3 winning games in a row and \$60 in my pocket.

I guess the point of that story is that there is really no other pro, that I can think of, that has been willing to take some newbie off the street and play almost any game he can find. Of course he likes to make a little extra cash; however, he just truly enjoys the game. Just go up and down the rating list and whether it is pros like Craig, Eddie, Marcus, myself or any other rated player, Mike has spent numerous hours not only playing but teaching the game.

It is very obvious Mike is the best player in the game, regardless of what any rating sheet might say from year to year. His shot creativity, mind, and overall accomplishments easily speak for themselves. However, in my mind, his heart and character are even better and are without a doubt his best assets.

Mike....Congrats on this honor. You truly deserve it. Thank you for getting me started in shuffleboard and taking me as a partner in so many events throughout the years. Most of all, thank you for just being a friend throughout all these years.

Kyle White

Mike Taylor a true class act and gentleman. Always willing to teach and coach others in order to improve their game. What you have achieved the past couple years is remarkable and you should be very proud. Congratulations on a most deserved honor and all you bring to the shuffleboard community.

Neil Fetter



We've both known Mike for a good many years. We've watched him progress throughout his shuffleboard career. His dedication to the game is second to none. We believe Mike doesn't take the game too seriously; that is why he is a pleasure to play with or compete against! In observation, when Mike starts a competition, he may lose his first encounter, or seem "off," but rest assured he's honing his skills and will dominate from that point on! While we love "old school" competitors, Mike has brought a refreshing style of pro level to the game. In his quest

for perfection, he doesn't put the normal pressures on his teammates or partner. As long as he understands you're focused and trying your best, his guidance gives you the confidence to succeed!

Mike, we are proud of you and congratulate you on your well deserved induction into the TSA Hall of Fame! During the celebration or at its conclusion, you may hear a faint comment from within the group, simply stating "Ball Game!"

Wayne and Darleen Steinfelds
Bedford, TX

Mike Taylor, the most upstanding and classiest guy in this stupid sport...the looks aren't bad either...hey there handsome!!

I'm so proud of you and there is no person on earth that deserves this more. You are not only a great shuffleboard player but a GREAT and BEAUTIFUL PERSON!! I've sat and watched you play so many games over the years but the one you played this time last year to win the NASC singles championship in Reno was the most exciting game ever! Everyone was cheering you on... okay maybe not Payne but everyone one else.

You have taught me so much over the short time I've been in Texas and I treasure it all. I'm so humbled to not be just another player in this crazy shuffleboard family of yours but to call you my dear friend and consider you my top boy..(shhh don't tell the others) I love you Mike Taylor from the bottom of my heart. Congratulations Darlin'!!

Barb Head




Mike ...hmmm... what a great player, ambassador, friend, and all around awesome person!!! It has been such an honor to play on his 4-man teams a few times!!! Larry and I always have had the utmost respect for this great man!!!

Love Vicki and the late Larry Laws

So so so deserving and gives the best hugs ever. Love you Mike Taylor.

Mary Brown



Congrats Mike Taylor, greatest hands in the world. I don't know how many times I heard him say "watch this princess," and he made an unbelievable shot. You always wanted to be the best and you got your wish...but, you worked really hard for it. Congrats on your induction. You're an amazing player and friend. Love You 

Diana Hagen

Mike, congratulations on being inducted into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I can't think of a more deserving person for this great honor. I remember the first time I met you and you told me "Mark I want to change the game" and change it you did. Your board play is exceptional. I will never forget the shot you put on me at The Post when I covered a middle deuce to offer you a combo only an inch or so off the rail, and you not only picked out the deuce but stuck it for a deuce; what a sick shot. But, your play is only part of why you deserve this honor. The way you carry yourself in the team events shows your skills as a leader as well as setting an example for all players to look up to. I have also watched you work with new players to improve their skills, and you have even helped my game. It must be all those \$20.00 games we played. I would also like to take this time to thank you for being at my induction into the Missouri Hall of Fame; it meant a lot to me. Again, congratulations.



Your friend, Mark Gray

I've known Mike now for many years and his kindness and generosity of helping each and every person who is interested in the game of shuffleboard, it's just amazing. There's many times, when I would be at a tournament in Houston, Austin, Reno etc... he would be so generous to notice something and say hey, you know what I think, you ought to do this or try that. He was always and is such a gentleman. He truly is one of the best of the best. I am so honored, so glad and happy and proud to call him my friend. Thank you so much Mike Taylor.



Love & Friendship Always, Susie Diamonds

Congratulations on your induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. It is much deserved and I am truly happy for you.

Lorraine Olson



Highlights & Awards



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| 1998 | Texas Open | 2nd | Division II Doubles |
| 1999 | Texas Open | 2nd | Open Singles |
| 1999 | Texas Open | 1st | Bring Team |
| 1999 | Texas Open | 1st | Draft Team Event |
| 1999 | Post Open Singles | 1st | Singles |
| 2001 | Taz Country MDA Benefit | 1st | ABC |
| 2001 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2001 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Doubles |
| 2001 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2002 | Board Talk Open | 1st | Six Person Draft |
| 2002 | Williams Thanksgiving Classic | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2002 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2002 | Texas Open | 1st | Six Person Draft |
| 2003 | Williams Thanksgiving Classic | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2003 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Singles |
| 2003 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Doubles |
| 2003 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Six Person Draft |
| 2003 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2003 | Texas Open | 1st | Draw Partners |
| 2004 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2004 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Draw Partners |
| 2004 | Texas Open | 1st | Four Person Draft |
| 2005 | Taz Country Mardi Gras Tournament | 1st | Singles |
| 2005 | Texas Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2005 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2005 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Singles |
| 2005 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Bring Partner |

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| 2006 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2006 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2006 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2006 | Champion Shuffleboard Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2006 | Champion Shuffleboard Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2006 | Houston Thanksgiving Tourney | 1st | Singles |
| 2007 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2007 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2007 | Texas Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2007 | Houston Thanksgiving Tourney | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2007 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2008 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2008 | Southwest Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2008 | Southwest Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2008 | Texas Open | 1st | Four Person Draft |
| 2008 | Texas Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2008 | KC Shootout | 1st | Singles |
| 2008 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2009 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Pro Doubles |
| 2009 | Southwest Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2009 | Southwest Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2009 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Six Person Draft |
| 2009 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2009 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2009 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2010 | Southwest Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2010 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2010 | Texas Open | 1st | Four Person Draft |
| 2010 | Houston Holiday Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2011 | Williams-Melton President's Day | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2011 | Southwest Open | 1st | Four Person Team |
| 2011 | Southwest Open | 1st | Bring Partner |
| 2011 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |



Highlights & Awards



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| 2012 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2012 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2012 | North American Shuffleboard Championships (NASC) | 1st | Pro Doubles |
| 2013 | Marlin Open | 1st | Doubles |
| 2013 | Houston Memorial Day Tournament | 1st | Four Person Draft |
| 2013 | Southwest Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2013 | Southwest Open | 1st | Four Person |
| 2013 | Texas Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2014 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2014 | Texas State Championships | 1st | Team |
| 2014 | Marlin Open | 1st | Singles |
| 2014 | Wynnewood Memorial Day | 1st | Singles |
| 2014 | Texas Open | 1st | Open Singles |
| 2014 | Texas Open Induction -TX Shuffleboard Hall of Fame | | |
| 2015 | Williams-Melton President's Day | 1st | Open Doubles |
| 2015 | Texas Open | 1st | Division I Doubles |
| 2016 | Thanksgiving Cornucopia | 1st | A/B Draw |
| 2016 | Thanksgiving Cornucopia | 1st | Four Person Draft |
| 2017 | 17 & 9 Switch@- ing Partner | 1st | Doubles |
| 2017 | Dual Threat | 1st | Singles |
| 2017 | April Fool's Benefit For Howard Mouton | 1st | ABC Draw |
| 2017 | Texas State Championship | 1st | A/B Draw |
| 2017 | Texas State Championship | 1st | Division I Singles |
| 2017 | The Players | 1st | A/B Draw |
| 2017 | Jimmy "The Cop" Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament | 1st | Doubles - Add To 0 |
| 2017 | Texas Open | 1st | A/B Draw |
| 2017 | Triple Threat Tournament | 1st | Seeded Singles - Pro |
| 2017 | NASC | 1st | Pro/Am Draft Team |
| 2017 | NASC Championships- Mike Wins Pro Singles | | |
| 2017 | Thanksgiving Cornucopia | 1st | A/B Draw |

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| 2018 | President's Day 2018 Williams-Melton Reunion | 1st | Six Person Draft |
| 2018 | 20th Annual Brian Walker TX State Championships | 1st | Singles |
| 2018 | 20th Annual Brian Walker TX State Championships | 1st | Doubles |
| 2018 | Bobby Goldsmith Memorial Pro-Am | 1st | Pro Singles |
| 2018 | Bobby Goldsmith Memorial Pro-Am | 1st | Pro Doubles |
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Mike Taylor Day at The Post Tavern. We all wore funny socks in honor of Mike and his Singles 2017 Victory.

Testimonials Continued

Hey Mike,

Congrats to you from all your friends here at Ranch shuffleboard. You have proven yourself so deserving many times, and we are all so proud of you.

Total respect from all of us.



Anne Pearson

Mike!

Congratulations on making it onto the biggest and best stage in the game!! You are beyond deserving of this honor. When I think of Mike Taylor the player, I see an absolutely untouchable competitor who is unwaveringly steadfast and bold in his play. When I think of Mike Taylor my friend, I see a warm smile, a contagious laugh, an always interesting conversation, and a caring soul. No one is like you, Mike, and no one ever will be. We are all so proud to have you as a leader and ambassador in this game. Soak up this moment and relish it-you've earned it! I love you, my dear friend, and congratulations again!

Three things about Mike:

- 1) The only thing bigger than his calves is his determination and will to win.
- 2) He wouldn't split a 12-man draft that is running 5 hours overdue (you have to earn it).
- 3) He is without a doubt the best shooter this game has ever had.

It was about 14 years ago when I first heard our names called up against each other in singles... Lucky for me at that time, it was Mike Tyler and not Taylor! Ever since that tournament, I have striven to have the honor to play on the same board as you. You have been a great friend, opponent, and idol of mine all of these years, and I could not be happier for you!
~Congrats Mr. Hall of Famer~

Ryan Pearson

Congratulations Mike, well deserved most definitely. You're a great teacher of the game, and I've learned many things from you. You've always been willing to help out new players as well as give them lessons, lol. Congrats.

Brandon Ingram



Congratulations Mike! This is definitely well-deserved. I met Mike Taylor at a tournament at Maribelle's in Seabrook, TX, in which we happen to draw up and win together. Since that tournament we have become very close. So close that some say we have a man crush going on. I have never met such a genuine kind hearted guy willing to do anything if asked. Every tournament I attend in Austin, Mike opens his home for me to stay at. I enjoy playing with or against him every chance I get. Getting the opportunity to live and learn from someone that is almost untouchable on the shuffleboard table. I continue to imitate your game as I grow into the sport. It is remarkable what you have accomplished over the years. Hopefully we will partner up again soon, love playing with you.

Mike, love you buddy congratulations again on this induction into the Hall of Fame. I can't wait to share this moment with you

Nathan Price



I wanna say it's my pleasure to call Mike Taylor my Friend, a True Champion!! A Big Congratulations to you Mike!!

Jeff Delphia



Mike Taylor! The ultimate competitor. Mr. Clutch. What you have done for the game and are doing for the game is absolutely incredible. You are pushing the envelope of next-level strategy and board play. If everyone could see through your mind's eye about the game they may reconsider what is "standard play." Watching you set up for a big shot, a game winning shot, is something to pay attention to. Your methodical pre-shot routine in these circumstances, focusing your mind, calming your heart rate and breathing, visualizing

the shot, and executing with an abnormally high degree of success, is nothing short of greatness. Your positive attitude even when you are losing (which doesn't happen that often) is also something to pay attention to. You have the proper easy going mentality that motivates your partners and competitors to try their best. There is truly no other person on this planet that I would rather play a 12 hour session with. It will NEVER be boring; just when you think you have him tied up and dead to rights, here comes Mike to "untie the knot," absolutely incredible! Looking forward to continuing to help you mold the game into what we both believe to be the future of shuffleboard. You are, in no doubt, our shuffleboard HERO!

Marcus Zepeda



Mike Taylor has been a very good player for a very long time. One of the best -- if not the best -- depending on the match, event and tournament. Mike has been such a good player for so long only those that knew him 'back then' have any idea of when he started playing and how and when he got to be so good. I'm guessing that many of his induction tributes will highlight his shuffleboard accomplishments -- and rightfully so -- because they are many and as distinguished as any other inductee that came before him. Equally important, I think, is to also give tribute to Mike as a person.

My husband Joe and I met Mike in 2011, and he had already been a Pro player for many years. He couldn't have been nicer, and, to be honest, I didn't realize 'who he was' until someone pointed it out later. Each and every time since then when we would meet at various shuffleboard events he was the same kind, funny, down to earth person. I've seen him explaining and demonstrating shuffleboard information to various people at every event I've seen him, and many people have shared stories with me of how he has helped them with various aspects of their games.

To be the best of the best is something that is experienced by only a small percentage of people in any given sport, and that takes a special person with a special drive. Mike is one of those few people who consistently 'has what it takes' to be a top competitor among top competitors. He also has what it takes to bring his game, and his life, 'to the next level.' In 2016 Mike started down a new path and made important lifestyle changes to make himself healthier and stronger. His dedication to those changes resulted in dramatic changes to his health and his life in general and he has not faltered since then.

These lifestyle changes have also benefited his game and have enabled him to become an even better, more focused professional shuffleboard player. It was thrilling to be able to watch Mike win the NASC Pro Singles in the fall of 2017; another accomplishment to add to his already countless accomplishments. I believe that one was a very big one for him, a hurdle so to speak, but again, he was his usual kind, funny, down to earth self before, during and after.

Shuffleboard is a big part of Mike's life. Clearly just as important to Mike is his wife Amanda and his son Matthew, his family, and the many friends he has gathered in his journey through life and shuffleboard. Mike Taylor both a great shuffleboard player and a great person. I am honored to consider Mike a friend and offer heartfelt congratulations and well-deserved best wishes to him on his induction to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Williams



! What a plethora of wonderful memories abound of you in my shuffling experiences!

From our very first meeting when you so kindly offered me and my partner the use of your weights and I, a novice 4, asked you if they were any good. LOL! You were my first calcutta buyer at my very first tournament where Joe Chapman and I managed to come in 3rd place. I remember being astonished at the bid and looking at you like a deer in the headlights as I handed you my money and you said, "Go get em girl! You got this! A Cedar Park gal with a River Bottom boy is a dream team!" That's T- you've always been so encouraging- even while taking my money in side games! You were my first draft captain too and together with Lynda French and Robert Hurst, Jr. we defeated Kelly Cameron's team at Taz Country!



I'll never forget my excitement when you called and said, "I have some good news for you! I'd like you to be on my 4 man team at the Holiday Open!" We played that tournament on Connie Sitton's birthday. Match after match we went to rubber games. Connie Sitton and I watched and waited with baited breath on each rubber games outcome. You and Doug Morgan battled fiercely, and in one such game (being down) I'll never forget you turning around and asking an official, "We need a BIG rub here!" Miraculously you guys emerged victorious each and every time!

Then there's Del City memories, where I came up behind you when I was in the finals of the division 3 singles winners bracket and heard you say pointing to the bracket, "I should have paid more attention to that calcutta! Look where Kofod's at!" Then you turned around and gave me a big hug telling me how proud you were of me and to keep going. One year I went with nothing- no partner, no team, nada and ended up meeting this character named Glenn Davidson and teaming up with him. Knowing nothing about him except his rating (1), I came to you and asked if I had made a good pairing and mischievously you told me, "Kofod, Ill tell you this. Any part of your calcutta you don't want I'll take it all! That's how good a pairing you just made!" It was such FUN playing with Glenn! A tournament experience like no other! I had no idea 'til it was all over and then you tell me that he is in the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame! Wow! What a ride!



You were my first Pro doubles partner (I've only had 2 but you were first) too! How sweet you were the next morning when we had to play David Williams Jr. and his partner Juan and Jr showed up without socks on cause he didn't have any clean socks and told us he couldn't play without socks so you offer him a pair of your own! Sweet, kind, considerate through and through a true ambassador of the game! ...

...It's been a wonderful journey through shuffleland with you T! I am honored to call you my friend and know just as I always have your back, you, in turn, have mine. Not only have we shared shuffleland but I have had the absolute pleasure and privilege of you sharing time with your son, Matthew with me! From movies in the park to lots of musical theatre productions- it is priceless! Thank you so much Mike for your encouragement, support and most of all your friendship. Some will say this honor is long over due but we know it has come at exactly the right time for all the right reasons! You are an outstanding ambassador of our sport and an AWESOME FRIEND! Congratulations T!

Love ya, Holly Kofod



Michael Taylor, first off congratulations! I haven't been around for very long but feel like I have a pretty strong sense of the history of this game and in my opinion what you have done/are doing in this game puts you right up there with the greatest to have ever played. It's been a privilege to watch you at what I believe is the best you have ever played and truly believe that you are not even close to finished. I was enthralled in this game since the first day that I walked in The Post and saw you playing on board 3 against Craig White; it was like nothing I had ever seen before. After that day you took me under your wing and taught me more about this game than I could have ever imagined and for that I am forever grateful. Being able to go in and battle against you 4,5,6 hours a day will always be one of my fondest shuffleboard memories and will be part of my "wild west stories" in 50 years. On top of being the top player in the country you have also demonstrated being one of the most humble and approachable pros in the country and that is extremely admirable and something that I have tried to emulate.

Outside of shuffleboard, the friendship we have developed over the last few years is what I will take away the most. I will always cherish the lunches with you and Don Valk, the 30 minute conversations about a shuffleboard tournament I wasn't even at, the engagement/wedding celebrations, etc. When we would talk about Don Valk we would always say "when you're in his presence you just feel like you're around a legend, someone important." well Michael I can honestly say that's the feeling I have when I'm around you as well. Congrats on your induction my friend!

Taylor's Protégé, Eddie Villarreal



It is my honor to make a few comments as to Mike Taylor's induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Mike is a player with class and integrity. I first met Mike in the late 1990's and immediately saw his potential. His "never give up" approach and tremendous hand eye coordination made him a natural player...



...Over the years he acquired a style and determination that made him a consistent winner. Another of his talents is in team play, he seems to be able to get the most out of the less skilled players on his team which has translated into a record of wins at many tournaments. His skill, confidence and knowledge of the game developed over the years has made him a champion at the national level and completely deserving of induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Don Valk
Austin, Texas

Congratulations to Michael !!!!

A well-deserved award to one of the finest people I know. It's been an honor to know you Michael and it has been such an incredible experience to just watch Michael play board!!! I have learned so many shuffleboard techniques in the shuffleboard world and he has taught me some amazing shots and has shared many shuffle board experiences. Michael and I have known each other for 15+ years and have had lots of great memories together; one of my favorite memories is inviting Michael to go on a fishing trip and seeing those magical hands throwing a cast net out and just to see how magical his hands really are !!!!! One more funny experience is Michael and I having a big night at The Post and moving the party to my house and trying to open a small can of biscuits at 3 AM in the morning and Deanna opens up the bedroom door to see Michael and me both trying to manhandle a small can of biscuits, it was hilarious !!! Anyway, I could go on and on.....I just want to say how much I appreciate you Michael and how gifted you are and you're such a deserving person !!!!!



Always your friends, Ronnie & Deanna McMellon



One of my favorite shuffleboard stories about Mike was the time he was walking on my dad and David Williams as a 1. I told him to be careful. He looked at me and said, "They Better Be Carefull!" I hardly knew who Mike was. Just trying to save him some money. He played them all night and broke even.

Congrats.
Billy Melton





When I first started attending NASC in Reno, I remember Mike Taylor, not only being the Best Player I ever Met, but also, as we sat and Chatted, One of the Nicest Human Beings there.....This was Odd, Usually when you are the #1 Player in the World.....Your not very Approachable. Mike was All that and More. When I Lived in Texas and Played him in the Texas State Championships, I really started to get to know this Gentleman, Fierce Player and Super Star. It was playing Guys like Mike, that gave me a Visual of How a True Pro Carries Himself. I am Very Proud to Consider Mike a Very Good Friend. So Many of y'all will give his Wins, Trophies, Championships and Strategies. I would like to Share how he is Not Only a Great Player but a Great Man. Mike is always Respectful, Helpful and a lot of fun to be around.....it is Safe to Say that "I Love Mike Taylor." I know he will always be my Friend. Mikey, Congratulations on an Honor that is Soooo Well Deserved. I feel you will Never relinquish your #1 Status and You are setting the Bar High how a True #1 Player should Act and Carry himself In and Out of the Game..... I <3 You Mikey and Congratulations, my Very Good Friend.

Al Di Bella

I met Mike Taylor in the early 90s at 2-K's lounge in Houston. He came in with his college buddy Chris Busceme. They beat everybody in college and thought they were going to beat everybody there. We played partners just about every night. And I played Mike every night and usually left early to keep from busting them out. But they loved to play they were good for the game. And he just kept getting better and better and as of right now he's the very best.

Harvey Kidd



Mike Taylor is arguably the greatest player of this generation. His physical and mental skills are phenomenal and his accomplishments are nothing short of extraordinary. But what makes this guy so special, is that he's an even better human being! I met Mike at his absolute worst...the first time we "locked horns" was in Reno 2014 in the Pro Singles. Mike had been up for 48 hours, and (without getting into too many details) was in no shape to play. That win for me was so empty because I wanted his best game, and I didn't get it. The next time I saw him was in 2016, again in Reno. I noticed that he had lost some weight, and he began to explain his transformation. We talked at great length about life, family, priorities, health....pretty much everything BUT shuffleboard! I believe that it was at that moment that we became friends. In 2017, we matched up again in Reno in the Pro Singles. Mike was on a mission and was absolutely unstoppable. He mentioned to me that he had never won the Pro Singles in Reno, so that title was very special for him. Afterwards, I congratulated him and hinted towards a Hall of Fame nomination, to which he replied "awe man, I'm getting goosebumps." So, here we are today, one year later...and I'm proud to say to my dear friend, Mike Taylor, Congratulations for being inducted to the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame! You are truly deserving of this honor!

Jason Papa

My thoughts on Mike Taylor, not just the player, but the man. I didn't meet Mike until 2009 I do believe. It was at the Texas Open. He is one of the easiest people to like from the git go. An infectious smile and a quick wit. Never a bad word to say about anyone that I've ever, ever heard. Mike the player has a skill set bar none. Although I'm not on that level, I've played quite a bit of shuffleboard with and against Mike. The games I'll probably remember the most are the games against. For some reason the level of my game increased when this gentleman was my opponent. I will always treasure those times. Here's to the man and the player. CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Taylor.

Don Olberding

I first met Mike Taylor at Danny's sports bar back in the late 2000s while I was learning to play this great game. I remember Danny Norris would tell me to come out Friday or Saturday so I can watch this Mike Taylor guy play. Whenever he came to town he would reserve board 2 for Mike and who ever his opponent happened to be. I watched him and saw how good he was and knew he was something special. I've always looked up to Mike as a shuffleboard player, competitor and a friend, Mike has done it all and his tournament wins and accomplishments are in a league of their own. My favorite memory playing Mike happens to be the 2018 Labor Day tournament in Austin where I matched up with him twice in singles where he eventually put me out. The games were all stressful and very tough, reminded me why I play this game. Congratulations Mike Taylor on your induction.

Bob Dean

I would like to remind people of the first time I met Mike Taylor. I was hired by the Williams to help with a tournament in Texas. I thought I knew all the who's who of shuffleboard. Then this kid comes into the establishment that I had never seen or met before. His main intention to be there was what I considered to be a suicide mission. This kid came to walk the board against the Great Bill Melton and the Great David Williams. They say a fool and his money are soon parted but as I look back at that today I say Money Well Spent my friend. Congratulations Mike Taylor.

Rob Kern

Congratulations Mike for your TSA Hall of Fame induction. We remember the early days when you had been playing in Houston League as a new player and then moved to Austin and joined our Austin family of players. Many good memories from our early days of play. Playing at Sticks and Texas Mist. After Texas Mist closed we all moved our play to Taz Country. After Taz Country closed we moved our play to The Post in Cedar Park. Enjoyed playing with and against you over the years. Wish we could be there to personally celebrate with you at your induction ceremony in Reno, but we will definitely celebrate with you the next time we see you! Again, Congratulations!



Tom & Lynda French



I find myself in a humbling position being able to share my thoughts about an incredible shuffleboard player, coach, mentor, and more importantly, my friend. I can't think of anyone more deserving of all the success they have coming their way. I think one would naturally think about success in shuffleboard (which there isn't much left for him to conquer) but my words and thoughts are geared towards life.

Naturally I was moved to Mike through shuffleboard. I was a brand new player to the game and didn't know too much about the game and

all that it brings. I continued to hear "Mike Taylor this," "Taylor that." "Taylor is the top player on earth," "who won? Mike Taylor." I finally had the chance to meet him at the 2010 Houston Open. I was somewhat star struck with him seeing that I knew the name before the person and I heard all the whispers about how excellent his game was. I had this assumption that "the best player on earth" was supposed to carry himself in a way that didn't even recognize myself and less recognition of my shuffleboard game.

I was completely blown away with how humbled and grounded he was. He came up to me, introduced himself and we talked about everything but shuffleboard. It's been 8 years and our bond has grown from meeting one another, talking at tournaments, exchanging numbers and now friends.

Folks throw the word "friend" around very loosely. I'm mindful and I recognize I have a friend in Mike Taylor. Our talks are much more around family and life and what's going on in our lives.

Like everyone, I could go on and on talking about what great Man Mike Taylor is. I'll end it with knowing I'm truly blessed to have found shuffleboard and gaining a man amongst men in Mike Taylor.

Love you, brother! BJ

So many superlatives that have already been said- It's hard to find the words to adequately describe the great friend I've come to know. I consider it an honor just to play on the same table as you, and an even bigger source of pride to play on the other end as your partner. You've always inspired me to strive for greatness in shuffleboard (directly or indirectly) and encouraged me to keep punching the shutter. For this, I am forever grateful. Any time you want to [literally] howl at the moon again, I'm there. Congratulations on your most recent and well deserved accolades.

You're the man~
Patrick

You deserve this honor so very much. The best part is, you know it! For a man with your humility, that says a lot. You and Amanda are an inspiring couple to us, and we are honored to call you friends. Lots of hugs!

Mandy



I am pretty sure from 2000 – 2008 nobody worked harder or was more motivated to be one of the top players than Mike or myself. The rating system was new and a powerful motivator. You knew where you stood and it was a long way to the top. I didn't know Mike very well but evidently we had the same things on our minds. Eventually we became friends and even played together every now and then – 4 man, doubles – steady trying to climb that mountain; Mike always a half a step ahead. From 1's to 0's to negative 0's. The next thing you know we are playing in the pro singles and against some of the best players of all time. We went from 1's to minus 1's in 5 years and played in several

pro singles finals after that. Mike became the #1 player in the country, has been several times and is today. I am thinking Mike is the top 2 or 3 all-time greatest players ever from Texas and maybe someday may be the best ever. Congratulations Mike Taylor! I appreciate you, your game and everything you have done for shuffleboard. Thanks for the lessons!

Kelly Cameron

Mike Taylor is pretty steady. Over all he's the most consistent player in the game. For 20 years, he's been as good as anybody at it. He got a whole lot better when he changed his life style. I think he's the best player out there right now, without a doubt. I'd like to think of Mike as one of my pupils. I've always admired him because he'd challenge the best players in the house. I've up and beat him sometimes, but over all Mike is the best player in the game.

He reminded me a lot of all us old time players. We didn't have many big tournaments, not run as professional as now, mostly bar rooms, and hard to beat the locals. They didn't even know how to run brackets back then. We didn't rent rooms, and we didn't smell real good either. We played for three days and nights straight; it was more of an endurance contest. Just like Billy Mays, I don't think you could ever wear him out when he was young. Mike could have survived well in our era. He'd have been right at home.

He can play on forever. He don't believe in quitting until he goes broke. Old players had to drive 3 or 4 hours to find a game. We went home broke or with a pocket full of cash. Mike is the same way. He'll play you all night, and beat you! He's ready to go any time, and play anybody. That's what makes a good player- to go out and play the world. He's earned everything he's got, and he didn't do it the easy way. He's got his brains beat in before.

He's got skill. One of the greatest tools in shuffleboard is switching the hammer. He knows how to use it on tough boards. He knows board play. I wish I was closer, I'd like to play him more- but not for much money! Keep firing, Mike. You're doin' good. I wish you all the luck in the world. You're very deserving to be in the HOF.

Bill Melton

I met Mike Taylor back in 2006 at a tournament in Garland, Tx. I was a young up and coming player from Omaha, Ne. I was just sitting and relaxing between matches. Mike walks up to me and says "I've been watching you kid. You have the perfect demeanor for this game." We sat and talked for at least a half hour. Probably not a big deal to Mike at the time, but for a young player like me to get noticed by arguably one of the greatest to ever play the game was a special moment. Special enough for me to remember it all these years later. After that talk I feel very comfortable saying that we have been good friends ever since.

I have continued to talk to Mike Taylor anytime we are at a tournament or even on the phone as often as we can. It seems like every time I go to a tournament that Mike is at, we end up playing a few sessions to get us both (mainly Mike's wallet) warmed up for the upcoming tournament. I can't even explain how invaluable those games are for me. Our talks about demeanor and the mental side of the game is something I always cherish also. Mike is a Great Shuffleboard Player and an even Better Person!

I have had so many conversations and so many stories with Mike that it is impossible to share them all. Mike has had, in my eyes, one of the most impressive runs I have ever seen. 2017 continued into 2018, The Guy looks almost unbeatable! In 2017 Mike finally won the Elusive Reno Singles. Mike played the man that taught me how to play, in the Finals. He beat Jim to win his first of many Reno titles I'm sure. The reason I bring that match up is because as bad as I felt for my Mentor, I was still extremely happy for Mike because of the type of person he has been to me and without a doubt the caliber of player he is.

Congratulations on this award, Mike! No one deserves it more than you. Love you Brother.

-Dave Dickerson Jr.



Well, well, well...it's that time again! It seems like yesterday that Mike was inducted into the Texas Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and now it's the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Wow, what an accomplishment! Words cannot describe how proud I am.

As I said before, when I think of what a shuffleboard player should look like, feel like and smell like, a vision of Mike comes to mind. He is the modern representation of what true shuffleboard players have evolved into. Donning an appealing smile, embracing the room with positive energy but yet inflicting one after another deadly accurate shots, devastating his opponent and keeping himself continuously in the winner's circle. Now that's my kind of shuffleboard player.

Mike's knowledge of the game and his dedication to the sport is unsurpassed by none. His desire to be the best at the game, his competitiveness, and his sportsmanship, are all second to none. Mike has an overabundance of these attributes and it shows with every weight he throws, every game he plays and every match that he wins. He has taught us ALL a little bit about the game but most importantly he has taught me what it means to be a true friend. I know no one, who is more deserving of this award than Mike.

Congratulations to you my other BROTHER, my FRIEND and my board PARTNER on another prestigious induction.

Doug Morgan



There's a lot of things that can be said about Mike!! One thing stands out most for me is his sportsmanship win or lose!! Mike's a true Professional!! I was fortunate to beat him at the Texas Open 2017 on his home boards!! He immediately gave me a big smile and said I'm happy that you Won!!! I'll always remember that!!!

Mike Congratulations on being Inducted in the National Shuffleboard Hall Of Fame!!



David Keithahn



Mike, You have shown the kind of excellence and sportsmanship that is required in this game. Your talent level has always been regarded as one of the best. Your tournament wins are now catching up to that talent level. I fully expect you to be dominating this sport for years to come, especially since your old weights were stolen! Lol. Congratulations on your induction into the National Hall of Fame.

Jim Payne

I don't know where to start when having to tell what the name Mike Taylor means to me. I was a professional golfer the majority of my life and I had the chance to play golf with three people that epitomized class. In the golf world, Ben Crenshaw, Sam Snead and Arnold Palmer.

I met Mike Taylor ten years ago at The Post and from that day forward I have not only realized that I am an infant in the game of shuffleboard, but that I had met one more icon in the sports world.

Mike took me in when I was a 3, then a 2 then a 1, and has said few words but the words he did say were monumental in my development as a shuffleboard player. He also accepted me as a friend so much that he gave me a key to his house.

Last of all he gave me the biggest compliment of my life making me his first pick in 6-man draft in Reno. He then asked me to help him pick the next 4 players. We ended up winning 1st place. I also

drew Mike in the Texas Open A/B and we also won 1st place.

Thank you Mike Taylor, just to know you but more importantly for your friendship. You are one of the classiest people I have ever known and you deserve the award.

Congratulations!

Jim Macnak



Facebook Congratulations and Testimonials

Following the initial appeal for testimonials, Mike received 57 Congratulatory Comments from all over the country. He had 233 reactions to the announcement within just a few hours. Mike has touched many hearts in this community. His contagious smile spreads inspiration and that "lovin' life" good feeling. Thank you Mike!



Congratulations Mike!

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