

Billy Melton

Table Shuffleboard Association

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Interview with Billy Melton, Rozana and Bill Melton

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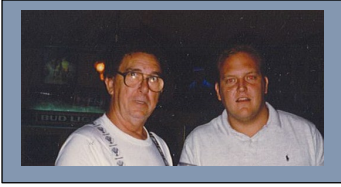
Born April 21st, 1972, in Ardmore Oklahoma, Rozana said he weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs. 10 oz and filled the entire incubator. He has five brothers and two sisters. Raised in Davis Oklahoma. Billy Mayes and Jean were there when Rozana got home from the hospital and had to ask Billy to hold her son. Billy Mays claimed he was named after him and bought the first diapers.

I started playing at about three or four years old, as soon as I could pull up to the shuffleboard table out there. I have never lived without a shuffleboard weight or table in the house. My first experience in a bar, my uncle snuck me out of the house after Thanksgiving and we went down to the Chuck Wagon in Davis OK. My uncle was quite the gambler, before we left, we walked out of there that night we had won over \$2400.00. My first game was 14/14 and they had the hammer, and I threw my first weight off and knew I just lost the game. My opponent threw a weight down there and I went around it and stole the game. The night went downhill from there for them. We started out at \$50.00 and end and ended up at \$200.00 an end. Never knew bad shuffleboard players existed until that night.

I took third place in an Amateur singles event at the Corporate Image (David Williams Sr owned it back then) it was a \$50 entry / \$50 Calcutta beat a bunch of talented players and lost the 2nd/3rd place game and to this day still hurts my feelings. All this before the age of fourteen. Some of these stories his mom Rozana was hearing for the first time. She had thought his first tournament was one Bill had taken him to in Arizona when he was only 14 years old. Bill could not recall how many places he had taken young Billy into – he might have remembered more if Rozana was not sitting there looking at him.

At seventeen, I got a fake ID, went to Vegas, and played. The East Coast guys like Paul Weber, Al Stewart and several others put on events there. Bill said Billy grew up watching Eddie Graves, Darrol Nelson, Doug Buhl, and Billy Mays. Billy Mays taught me how to hold a weight, put it in my hand and taught me how to shoot. Like I said, never a bad shuffleboard player back then and most are now in the Hall of Fame.





Growing up a Melton, you always had shuffleboard players in the house. Billy Mays, Earl Kelly, Rick Boyer, Steve Burkett, and many others. Rozana recalls having to always make a meatloaf for Billy Mays, she said those guys

were awful back then. I recall Billy Mays coming over late one night and came up on the roof knocking on our bedroom window – why he did that we never knew, the front door was never locked. But he was lucky, we all had shotguns in our rooms and Mitch was ready to shoot him till we saw that Afro and heard him say don't shoot me.

Shuffleboard is how Bill met Rozana, the story is Bill won her on a shuffleboard game. He refused to let this guy play on credit, so he had his niece bring the money and that is when they first met. Rozana said that they had not been married but a few weeks when Bill said they was going on a tour. Next thing she knows there's Billy Mays and they load up in his Cadillac and they are playing \$1000.00 an end shuffleboard games, she was nervous. Shoot, back then we did good to earn \$400.00 a month.

My most memorable moment was back in High School, and I was getting good they had a big Zero's Tournament. Seventy-two players and I lost my first game. Came all the way back out of the loser's bracket and double dipped and won the tournament.

Then I was with Glen Davidson and we went out to the West Coast to the 8th Annual Grand Masters Tournament in Quilcene Washington in 1997. It was the biggest "two out of three" singles event. They had a trophy out there that had Darrol Nelson 1st place for 7 years in a row. I broke that streak, something I will never forget. Billy proceeded to take 1st Place in the ABC Draw with Jim Winston and Norm McVeigh and then 3rd Place in the Doubles with Glen Davidson as well that week.

Longest game ever played? Well, that had to be against David Williams Sr. I choked off a 13 to 7 lead because he would take a cigarette and a Pearl Light between every shot, I let him get to me. Had to go to the losers bracket and worked my way back and we were playing for 2nd and 3rd, it was his hammer at 14/14 on a clear board so I went to the bathroom for about 10 minutes, came back and threw a right cross up there and David jumps up and misses the weight. Boy that felt good, never let that stuff bother you. You have to be mentally tough against those old timers. Even Rozana said David Williams Sr was the best at that slow game, Darrol came in a close second.

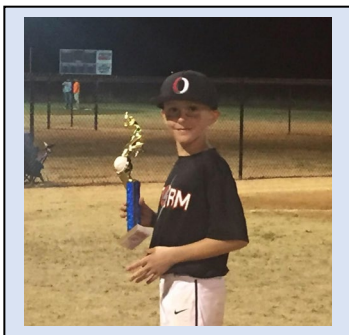


Everybody asked who I modeled my game after. I have Bill's freehand, Earl Kelly's blast shot, Sam Summers thumb shots and wide span and some David Williams Sr and Glen Davidson all incorporated in there. I watched those guys for years.

If you make it a lagging game, you'd better be good at it. Bill and Rozana both agreed David Williams Sr was probably the best lagger in the game. I've probably beat more Pro's and let more Zero's beat me because I've made it a lagging game, sometimes you need to be aggressive.



*Biggest accomplishment?
Becoming a dad, Trey is now 14 years old and a great kid!*



Congratulations From Billy's Family



When you are asked to write about one child it is very difficult when there were eight children in our family. When you saw one child there was always at least two, or three, maybe four together. They were always together, always each other's best friends. But today this is about Billy and his

accomplishments, which have been many.

Billy was born April 21, 1972. I had chosen the name Blake Edward after Bill's Grandfather. Bill took one look at him and changed his name to Bill Don. He was very proud of him.

Billy Mays was the first person who held Billy when he came home from the hospital. He swore until the day he died that Billy was named after him.

Billy had the best shuffleboard teachers in the game: David Williams, Billy Mays, Sam Summers and Earl Kelly, to name a few. Billy will tell you he learned something from all of them, but none so much as his father, Bill Melton. Billy was three years old when Bill put a puck in his hand. Billy was playing in tournaments when he was fourteen years old.

Billy was always athletic. He loved all sports, especially shuffleboard and football. His football accomplishments were many. He was a State Championship and was chosen by the Associated Press Super Team his senior year. Billy received a scholarship to play football at East Central University.

Of all Billy's accomplishments, he will tell you his greatest is his son Trey Melton. It has been our privilege to have Billy for a son. He will always be very special to all of his family. Some say before you are born God lets you choose your family, if there is any truth in that, we thank you for choosing us.

We love you – Mom and Dad (Rozana and Bill)



Growing up with a father figure is something that a lot of people have never experienced, and I am very grateful for mine. The things that I've learned and followed down from him is one of the reasons that I'm the kid I am today. He's a great motivator for sports and keeps me pushing for my goals in life. From teaching me sports and outdoors, to teaching me about the real world, I couldn't imagine a life without him. He's also the reason I'm halfway decent at shuffleboard, too – **Trey Melton**

Congratulations! We are incredibly proud of your induction into the shuffleboard hall of fame. It is a well-deserved honor. You have loved and played the game your entire life. Some of my best memories of you involve shuffleboard. – **Mark Melton**



Congratulations Billy, well deserved – **Mitch Melton**
Congrats Billy, proud of you – **Matt Melton**

Brother Bill.....I always knew you'd be famous, with those big baby blues, that gorgeous blond hair (that some have paid many \$\$\$\$ for, I might add), and movie star looks.
Speaking of hair, I remember when we were young, still living at home, and you discovered Paul's Skate Palace. The girls in Davis never knew what hit them! You had the best hair, blond and feathered to perfection! And I ought to know this because I was responsible for that perfectly coiffed hair do. I never got ready for a date without first making sure your hair was styled "just so" to your satisfaction. There's no telling how much hair spray we went through during those days. The ozone is thankful we aren't styling anymore!! I've watched as you've grown up and become a great dad, son, and brother. (maybe with a little less hair) I couldn't be prouder of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations Eugene! Love you.

Robin McElhaney



SIGNING for the East Central Tigers is Davis Wolves football player Billy Melton. Melton is shown with (from left to right) Tiger Assistant Coach Roy Gaden, Davis Assistant Coach Jack

Kapella and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bil Melton. "We are excited to have him and fee like he will help our offensive line," said Coach Gaden.



DAVIS LITTLE LEAGUE 1981
 BILLY MELTON #7 AGE 9 "DAVIS HAMPS"
 BATS: R THROWS: R POSITION: THIRD BASE
 FAVORITE TEAM: "NEW YORK YANKEES"
 FAVORITE PLAYER: CATTISH HUNTER

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Melton makes AP Super Team

Davis offensive tackle Billy Melton has been named to the 1990 Associated Press High School Super Team.

The 6-foot, 1-inch, 225 pound senior, who anchored the Wolves offensive line, aided Davis in obtaining its 1990 Class 2A State Championship.

The Wolves won 15 games and finished the year undefeated.

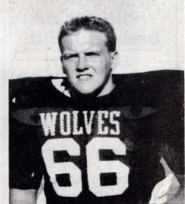
"Billy is a special player to me and was the nucleus of our line," said assistant coach Jack Kapella. "His experience, size and strength was a plus. He did everything asked of him and gives everything he's got. He qualifies on the field and in the classroom to make a good college player," Kapella said.

Melton started as a sophomore as a guard and made the transition to tackle. "He really felt the loss last year to Cascia Hall and made a commitment this summer, as did the rest of the boys, to go all the way this year," Kapella said. Melton played on the team that lost to Kingston in the quarterfinals

in 1988 and Cascia Hall in the semi-finals last year.

The Super Team, in its sixth year, is made up of players in Classes 5A through A who enjoyed outstanding seasons. The team is not meant to be a blue chip team, although several who were chosen will be heavily recruited and will play at major colleges.

Ardmore's Rafael Denson, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards, and Cascia Hall's Mark Mendoza are among the players who join Melton on the Super Team offense.



BILLY MELTON

Billy Melton's Highlights and Awards

1988	Arbuckle Open	Draw Partner	3rd
1990	Washington's Birthday Extravaganza	Draw Partner	3rd
1990	Washington's Birthday Extravaganza	Open Doubles	3rd
1990	Washington's Birthday Extravaganza	Pro/Am Draw	3rd
1991	Thanksgiving Classic	Open Doubles	2nd
1992	Arbuckle Open	Amateur Doubles	2nd
1992	Fall Doubles	Open Doubles	3rd
1992	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Pro Doubles	2nd
1992	Southwest Open	Open Doubles	1st
1992	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	3rd
1992	Spring Tournament	Pro Doubles	3rd
1992	U.S. Open	Div. II/III Singles	1st
1992	U.S. Open	Div. II/III Doubles	2nd
1992	U.S. Open	Six Person Team	3rd
1993	Arbuckle Open	Amateur Singles	1st
1993	Arbuckle Open	Pro Team	2nd
1993	Arbuckle Open	Amateur Doubles	3rd
1993	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Pro Doubles	2nd
1993	Southwest Open	Open Doubles	1st
1993	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	3rd
1993	Spring Tournament	Draw Partner	1st
1993	Texas Open	Pro Doubles	2nd
1993	Texas Open	Open Draw	3rd
1994	Fall Doubles	Open Doubles	1st
1994	Labor Day	Doubles	1st
1994	Deuces Wild	Div 1 Doubles	3rd
1994	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Pro Doubles	1st
1994	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Division I Doubles	3rd
1994	P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza	Six Person Team	1st
1994	Santa Classic	Open Doubles	1st
1994	Southwest Open	Six Person Team	1st
1994	Thanksgiving Classic	Draw Partner	1st



1995	Labor Day	Open Draw	1st
1995	Oklahoma State Championship	Men's Singles	1st
1995	P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza	Pro Singles	3rd
1995	Santa Classic	Open Doubles	1st
1995	Spring Doubles	Open Doubles	1st
1996	AB & Singles	Open Singles	3rd
1996	Balloon Open	Open Doubles	1st
1996	Fall Doubles	Open Doubles	2nd
1996	Heartland Handicap	Doubles	3rd
1996	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Six Person Team	1st
1996	P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza	Pro Singles	2nd
1996	P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza	Pro Am Doubles	3rd
1996	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	1st
1996	Southwest Open	Six Person Team	1st
1996	Spring Doubles	Open Doubles	1st
1996	Texas Open	Open Singles	3rd
1997	Doubles	Open Doubles	1st
1997	Grand Masters	ABC Draw	1st
1997	Grand Masters	Pro Singles	1st
1997	Grand Masters	Pro Doubles	3rd
1997	Labor Day	Open Singles	1st
1997	P.C.S.A. Shuffleboard Extravaganza	Open Doubles	2nd
1997	Southwest Open	Doubles	3rd
1997	Spring Doubles	Open Doubles	3rd
1997	Thanksgiving Classic	Pro Singles	3rd
2000	12th Annual Labor Day	Doubles	2nd
2000	Handicap Tournament	Handicap Draw	1st
2000	Heartland Handicap	Draw Partner	3rd
2000	Houston Memorial Open	Pro Singles	1st
2000	Houston Memorial Open	Draw Partner	3rd
2000	Oklahoma State Championship	Division I Singles	3rd
2000	Round Robin	Doubles	2nd
2000	Texas Open	Draw Partner	1st

Highlights and Awards Continued

2003	Billy Melton's "Don't Sing it Bring it"	Singles	1st
2003	Billy Melton's "Don't Sing it Bring it"	Bring Partner	1st
2005	Houston Holiday Open	Division I A/B Draw	1st
2005	Texas State Championship	Pro Singles	2nd
2005	Texas State Championship	Draw Partner	3rd
2006	Champion Open	Draw Partner	1st
2006	Champion Open	Six Person Team	1st
2006	Champion Open	Pro Singles	2nd
2006	Houston Memorial Open	Pro Singles	1st
2006	Houston Memorial Open	Draw Partner	2nd
2006	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	1st
2007	Memorial Day	Pro/Am Doubles	1st
2008	Texas Open	Div. I A/B Draw	2nd
2008	Texas Open	Div. I Doubles	3rd
2009	Houston Memorial Open	Pro Singles	3rd
2011	Houston Holiday Open	Draw Partner	2nd
2011	Houston Holiday Open	Pro Singles	2nd
2011	Houston Memorial Open	Pro/Am Draw	1st
2012	Houston Holiday Open	Six Person Team	3rd
2012	Southwest Open	Division I Draw	1st
2012	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	1st
2014	Southwest Open	Division I Draw	2nd
2015	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Pro Singles	1st





2016	Southwest Open	Four Person Team	1st
2016	Southwest Open	Pro Singles	1st
2016	Southwest Open	Six Person Team	1st
2016	Southwest Open	MVP Pro Division	
2016	Washita Handicap	Doubles	1st
2017	Williams & Melton President's Day	A/B Draw	1st
2017	Williams & Melton President's Day	Pro Singles	2nd
2017	Williams & Melton President's Day	Pro Doubles	3rd
2018	Williams & Melton President's Day	Pro Doubles	3rd
2020	Williams & Melton President's Day	Draw Partner	3rd
2021	Williams & Melton President's Day	Four Person Team	3rd
2021	Skinny Bob's Doubles Add to 0	Bring Partner	1st
2021	Southwest Open	4 Person Bring Team	3rd
2021	Southwest Open	Pro Doubles	1st
2021	North American Shuffleboard Championships	Pro Singles	3rd
2022	Volcano's New Year's Celebration	Pro Singles	1st



Testimonials



I met Billy back in 2004, and since then have had the pleasure of watching, playing together, and playing against him many times over the last 18 years. Over this time, I have developed a level of respect not only for his shuffleboard talents, but for the friend he is outside of the game.

Whatever you do, don't call him at 3am, he may actually answer thinking you need to be bailed out of jail (sorry Billy). When it comes to Billy's shuffleboard talents, they speak for themselves, however I believe I am most intimidated when he tells me he hasn't thrown a weight in 8 months. We have all seen it- Billy showing up to a major tournament not having thrown a weight in months and running away with the tournament.

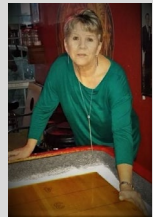
Congratulations, Billy! A true example of a First Ballot Hall of Famer!!!

-Ryan Pearson

Hey Billy...congrats! You could have been put in 20 years ago. You have natural talent and a heck of a teacher. You were a pro at age 18.

Congratulations, love you

Diana Hagen



The first tournament I went to was in Wynnewood OK back in 1995. I was a true beginner. Billy came in to play the singles. He won the singles, and I was amazed at how well he played. So began 25+ years of friendship and me admiring the way he plays the game. The way he releases the weight is pure magic. Billy sure deserves to be honored for all the years he's played

and all the games he's won. If you ever have a chance do yourself a favor and sit down with him and ask him to share a few old shuffleboard stories. You won't be disappointed. He has played with all the legends of the game and is quiet the legend himself. Congratulations Billy. I'm proud of you.

Jeri Williams

Over the years, the name Melton and the game of Shuffleboard have become synonymous. Billy represents the name and family graciously as he is not only one of the best players in the game but also a great promoter! Billy is truly a class act and mentor, and this was a given in light of his many contributions to the game. Congratulations Billy on this well-deserved honor!

Greg Hixson



Billy – Congratulations on your much deserved induction into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I first met you at the Houston Holiday Open in 2000. I was new to Shuffleboard and quickly witnessed your skills and decided you were a player I needed to watch if I wanted to improve

my skills. We became friends and spent many hours together at Danny's, Triple Crown, and tournaments.

I so enjoyed the many 12+ hours of money games you, Mike, Howard, Diane, Jr, Mahlon, Kelly, etc. would play. Specially you and Mike- Hours and hours of continuous play, I could not believe the stamina required to do what you guys did. Later when I bought Triple Crown, I also enjoyed the added business.

I especially remember the day in 2003, while sitting at the bar you said "James, you ought to have a Pro Only Tournament at Triple Crown." That led to the infamous "2003 Don't Sing It, Bring It" \$1000 entry tournament. What a great event. Probably 15 of the top 20 players in the country showed up. And if my memory serves me well, you won the singles.

I also recall one of my most remembered coaching moments from you. Playing partners with you at the HHO, I was struggling and knew I was letting you down. I was really in need of some professional guidance. You looked down the board at me and exclaimed in a voice I thought louder than necessary, "James, why don't you just TRY and HIT a weight"! Not exactly what I was looking for at the time, but it worked. I have since used this same tip, when my partner is going to crap, A little wakeup call sometimes works

Billy, your accomplishments in this sport are way too numerous to list. I am proud of you and your well-deserved induction into the Hall of Fame. It's been a pleasure watching you compete and playing with and against you over the years. Enjoy the moment!

James Cummings and Darlene Cummings



Congratulations Mr. Billy Melton on your well-deserved lifetime achievement award.

I have two stories that come to mind.

The first one was told to me.

When Billy got to play in his first tournament, he was surprised folks actually missed weights.

That tells you how long he has been fundamentally sound.

The other story is about the one time I was able to partner up with Billy at his "Bring it, Don't sing it" tournament in the early 2000's, Houston, TX. Everyone who brought it, gave most of it to Billy. He won the singles, and Billy and I won the doubles. As I remember, I only had to pull off 1 shot that meant anything in all our games. I still laugh when I think about Billy's reaction when it left my hand. Billy did the rest, he was dominant, and he never let up.

Hip! Hip!, Hooray! for Billy Melton!

Sincerely, **Dan Hitt**

Billy Melton grew up in one of the most well-known Shuffleboard families to ever mount a plank. Following in the footsteps of The Legendary Bill Melton, he is one of the All-Time Greats to ever play the game.

I've known Billy for most of my shuffleboard career. A big guy with soft hands, a smooth

release, deadly lag and high shuffleboard IQ are just a few qualities he possesses. ability to render opponents helpless by staying out of trouble and relentlessly lagging his way to victory has been an all-too-common occurrence over his career. Oh Yea.... His Freehand! Like the rest of his game isn't imitating enough, DO NOT overlook his Freehand!

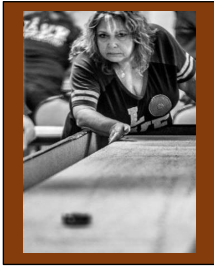
Early on I would make the bi-weekly drive to Danny's Sports Bar in Houston, Texas always playing Billy or some combination of him and another pro. We would beat up on each other to the wee hours of the morning. I'll never forget those days and what they meant to my game and our relationship. Those were the years Billy, and I poured the foundation for a lifelong friendship. We have too many shared experiences to name or (in the case of some) care to name. 🙄 He was the best man in our wedding, had my back more than once and will always be like a brother to me.

We are so proud of you and happy you are receiving this honor in front of family and friends.

Congratulations my man!

Mike and Amanda Taylor





No question about it, Billy Melton is one of the elite players in Shuffleboard. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree. I had the privilege of playing with Billy in Reno. He hadn't planned on playing with me, but after I beat him in the singles, he decided to ask me to play. The same year, Bill and Mike Melton were also playing together and we met them playing for 3rd. Evidently, I got to be part of the

Melton deal, because whoever went on to win that game, gave the loser \$100 for 3rd \$200 for 2nd and \$300 for 1st. Even though we got 4th, Bill and Mike got 3rd, and I got an extra \$100, plus be part of the Melton clan.

Congratulations Billy, well deserved.

Go Okies!!!

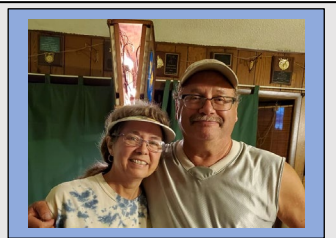
Love ya

Rena Fleming



Billy, congratulations on your well-deserved induction to the Hall of Fame.

Mark Gray



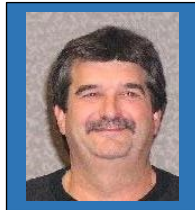
Billy Melton was born into Shuffleboard Royalty! Bill for a dad and Lisa and Mike for practice mates. Of course, he was destined to become one of the best ever.

Congratulations Billy! I look forward to trying to beat you one more time.

Bobby "V" Voorhis

Congratulations Billy!

You have been one of the top players in the game for many years now. I have always looked forward to hearing your



stories of the many adventures you had traveling around the country playing against the best. Your competitiveness is legendary. I have always enjoyed our many battles on the board but win or lose we have remained friends. A long overdue recognition!

Jim Payne





Billy Melton TSA Hall of
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with
Legendary Bill Melton
TSA Hall of Fame Inductee
1997 and Billy's Father
and
John McDermott TSA Hall of
Fame Inductee 2004

I first met Billy in the mid 1980's, when I spent about 10 days staying at the Melton home in Davis. Though he was just a young teenager at the time, I was very impressed with his game.

My mentor, Buddy Broka, used a phrase to describe a small group of players whom he had the ultimate level of respect for. That phrase was that "they had all the shots." That referred to a very small subset of players who were among the ranks of the best players in the game. To earn that designation, a player had to have multiple finger/span shots with both hands and be able to blast weights with either hand. That was in addition to being a great rail shooter, cross board shooter, lagger, and having a great freehand. Many of the most accomplished players in history did not have the full arsenal of "all the shots." Billy had that arsenal even as a young adult. In addition to that impressive complement of weapons, he had one of the smoothest strokes that I have ever seen, which still holds true today.

Billy is one of the last of the old school players that grew up in the game prior to the existence of the Bowers Ratings. As such, he played against world beaters from day one and made cross country road trips with some of the all-time greats, like Glen Davidson and Billy Mays. Tournaments weren't nearly as prevalent back then as they are now, so playing often involved competing against the best players in the world in their home bars. Those venues typically had only one or two boards and, as a result, the local players were razor sharp on them and road players needed to bring their absolute best game every time or quickly go broke. With respect to his accomplishments on the tournament scene, he has won every significant and major tournament at least once and is a threat to win every tournament he enters.

As a longtime admirer of Billy's game, I'm thrilled that he is getting the recognition that he so richly deserves through induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall Of Fame. Congratulations, my friend, on this well-deserved honor.

John McDermott



Billy Melton, the real big smooth. If you ever just watch his hands, he really has the smoothest stroke in shuffleboard. Doesn't matter if he's lagging, blasting, or sticking, his shot looks like silk!

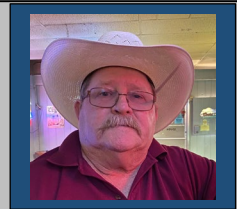
Billy lived down here in Houston when I started playing, I had plenty of opportunities to play with him! He is one of

the biggest influences on my game and am truly grateful for all he taught me. Along the way we started playing a lot of doubles together. Some partners you just gel with, you don't even have to talk. I truly enjoy playing with you brother!

Congratulations on all your success, what a well-deserved HOF member!

Roger Holloway

Well, I tell you what you couldn't have found a better candidate than Billy. I think what makes him so strong is his confidence. He carries the type of attitude (all I need is a chip and a chair) and then he's off to the hunt. I drew Billy one time at the SouthWest Open when I was blind



and couldn't see the end of the board. He turned that into a first-place plaque. After that event he asked me if I wanted to play on a four person bring? I said Billy you know I can't see. In a gruff voice he said I didn't ask you if you could see I asked you if you wanted to play?

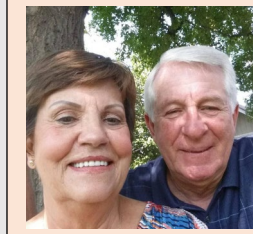
Billy Melton took a blind man and turned it into two first place plaques that day. Now that's what legions are made of. Besides all of that he's my HERO'S SON!!!

Gerald Wood



One of the top-rated players for the past 2 decades, Billy Melton has clearly established himself as a dominant force in Shuffleboard. From his silky-smooth shooting style to his uncanny lagging ability, Billy is always a top contender in any tournament he plays. Congratulations Billy on your well-deserved induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall Of Fame. - **Travis Ward**

Billy, I remember you at one of your mom and dad's famous Christmas parties. I think you were probably 12-13 years old, your brothers and you gathered up all your spare change in your three stashes with dreams of a nice pot the three of you would split. Let me digress to the Christmas party. The players would have been



your dad, David Williams, Sam Summers, Glen Davidson, and others. Guess how that turned out!!!!

Sharon and I have always admired your smile, happy attitude, and table skills. Congratulations on this honor of your peers.

Ron Huddleston



I learned the following quote many years ago after losing a Pro Singles to you. I was up 14 to 11 with the hammer and you put a 4 around my weight.

“It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.”
Babe Ruth

Congratulations on your 2022 Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction. You’ve shown hard work and determination. You deserve this recognition for your success. I hope you experience both happiness and comfort. Enjoy all that life and your achievements bring.

Mahlon & Linda Nobles

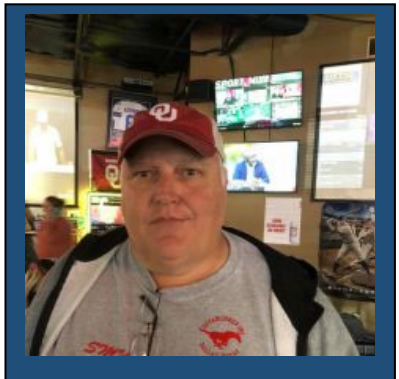
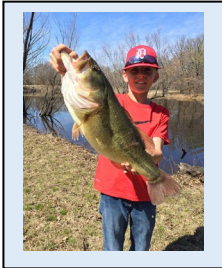
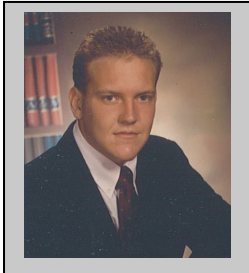
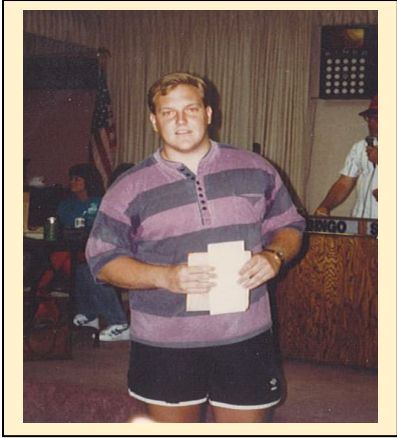
Hello Billy
Congratulations on being the newest member of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Your Hall of Fame membership is very deserving on so many levels, a generous and unselfish giving of your time, competitive ability, and a temperament that everyone should be envious of. Your friendship through the years has been fantastic! I will never forget Bourbon Indiana.

Bob Shaw

About all I can say about Billy is that if shuffleboard was his first priority (he has so many other interests and things in which he is involved) he would be one of, if not the best player in the game! I’ve known him since he was a teenager, and growing up as a Melton, with a mentor like his, and his drive to be excellent in whatever he does, I don’t think I’ll get any argument!

Jack Davis







Congratulations Billy!

The Table Shuffleboard Association Board of Directors,
TSA Associate Shuffleboard Community, friends and
family proudly present the Hall of Fame Induction Award
to Billy Melton on this 25th day of February 2022.

