

Jim Payne

**Table Shuffleboard Association
Hall of Fame Induction**

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On what he describes as the best day to have a birthday, Jim Payne was born March 17th, 1956, St Patrick's day, in Orlando, Florida. His mother Sherry, who now resides in Springfield, Missouri, raised Jim and another son named John. Jim's father was serving in the air force at the time. Moving

around a lot when younger, Jim was raised in Kansas until his high school years. His father owned and operated an electronics shop in the late 60s, eventually relocating to Beatrice, Nebraska where Jim would go on to graduate high school where he played basketball. His teams while being the smallest school in the state managed to qualify for the state tournaments his junior and senior years for the first time in 20 years. While in college at the University of Nebraska, Jim would end up spending time at local bars and developed a skill and appreciation for playing pool. Jim also picked up the sport of volleyball, something for which he had a natural talent and continued to play for many years. He played in several national tournaments. During college, he also made the bowling team as a freshman. Being highly competitive he went on to win more trophies in volleyball than he has in any of his other hobbies. Even helping to coach several teams, including several young men who went on to receive scholarships to play in college. Eventually, in the early 80's, he taught himself how to program the new personal computers that sprung up. He worked as a contract programmer in order to support his volleyball habit. Once

he was too old to play the type of volleyball he wanted, he began thinking seriously about starting a career. He moved to Omaha and commenced his new career with a small start-up satellite communications company where he worked for the next 11 years and was one of the vice presidents. Along the way, he received shares in the company and upon the retirement of his boss, the CFO, Jim decided to cash in his shares and set to finding a new job in the growing IT field but instead discovered shuffleboard.

Growing up, Jim and his brother John were polar opposites. After getting out of the Army, John would hitchhike across the country several times and then continued on through Mexico. He lived in Belize for a few years before he got married and set off again, now living in France, coming back to the states on occasion to see his mother Sherry and his brother. Jims father passed away in the 90s, his mother is now 87 years old.

Throughout the years, Jim tried his hand at many different sports, and activities. Including foosball and golf. Once playing in a city-wide annual tournament in Omaha Jim got his one and only hole in one and stayed the only person to get it an ace in that tournament until a few years ago when somebody else matched his hole in one. He remained active in the competitive pool scene for a number of years, winning tournaments, including a couple regional masters.

Once while playing pool in Harold's Bar, there was also a shuffleboard tournament going on at the same time. Harold's partner for the doubles event could not make it

and he found a willing, and somewhat able, partner to fill in when he asked an apprehensive Jim Payne who agreed to play. During the tournament, Jim did not have any weights and had to borrow a set to get through. Jim and Harold were the low Calcutta and pulled the high Calcutta, which included Rickie Boyer, a pro, from Colorado, for their first game. Jim ended up lagging a couple 3s during that game and finally stuck for 3 points to win. He and Harold finished in the money. Before Jim started playing shuffleboard competitively, he would occasionally play in a bar in Lincoln Nebraska that had a board. While there playing one day he met Bill Loos before he even knew who he was in the shuffleboard community.

A few months after playing with Harold, Jim traveled to Del City to play in the Southwest Open, where he was asked by Linda Ritter to play on her 4 man bring team. There were 30 boards, with around 350 competitors. Jim saw how large the tournament was, especially seeing the \$300,000 dollars that paid out in 13 events and thought he better quit playing pool and take up shuffleboard instead. That year was 1999. Over the next few years, Jim began travelling more and more. Making it to some of the other larger tournaments around the country, he caught the attention early on of several great players, a couple of which became great mentors and playing partners. One of which was the great Bill Melton. They played together the most and in many events. Bill was sure to draft the younger Jim Payne whenever he had the chance. Another mentor and partner was Diana Hagen.

In 2002 Jim traveled to Missouri for the first time to play. He attended the 4th annual Missouri Hall of Fame tournament where he played with hall of famer Charlie Riley. Jim and Charlie won the open doubles. A few years later in 2005 Jim was rated for the first time to a -1. At first, Jim found it very difficult to win in the pro-division and questioned whether it was something he wanted to continue doing. In 2007, Jim relocated to Stockton, Missouri to a property he had owned for a few years. He lived there for 3 years before moving to Springfield to be closer to his family. He thought for a longtime what he wanted to do, but never ended up moving. He never expected to be living in Missouri and still playing shuffleboard over 15 years later. While playing in Missouri Jim had noticed the lowest rated player at the time was a 1. He began helping to develop more consistent strategies and pointing out bad habits and techniques in players he was around. Others that he played against improved and grew to be very competitive players in shuffleboard. During this time, as he had done previously in Nebraska, Jim picked up many along the way and taught them what many now know as the vanilla flavored game of Jim Payne. Many of his protégées and previous partners have gone on to themselves become pro-rated players of the game. Vanilla though it may be, his game has been tested and tried for over 20 years.

Throughout the years, Jim has had many memorable moments. A couple highlights stand out in particular. His first win was during his first Southwest Open tournament when he was drafted by Bobby Williams for the 6 man. They ended up winning first place in that event and Jim

received that year's division 3 MVP. Later on, when he was a negative 0, he attended the North American Shuffleboard Championship, Jim had the privilege of partnering with Darrol Nelson in the pro doubles. That year Billy Mayes was in attendance as well, and had worked out a conn in order to be moved back to a -0. He pretended to of had a stroke recently, which rendered his right arm unusable. Billy Mayes partnered with Bill Melton. Opening the doubles at 8am, Jim was unable to find his partner, Darrol, and when the time came to play, he and Jim were put on the clock. Eventually security opened Darrol's room and found him passed out still from the previous night's events. He and Jim were 13 points down by the time he staggered in for the match. They lost the first game. Darrol informed Jim something to the effect of "Jim you have the lagging end." And true to his word he kept Payne with the hammer throughout. Jim and Darrol ended up winning that first match. In the final match, against Bill and Billy, Jim realized he was playing with the three best players in the history of shuffleboard and wondered to himself what on earth he was doing there.

His first few years as a pro were difficult, only able to get 1st place finishes in either the Drafts or Draw or 4Man team events. While he finished in the money numerous times in Single and Doubles it wasn't until 2011 at the Champions tournament at Bally's in Las Vegas that he was able to break thru and win his first Pro Singles.

Another time, playing a pro-singles in 2012, Jim was playing the KC Shootout. That year the tournament was

sponsored by Hudson Shuffleboard and had an added four thousand dollars and paid out twelve thousand to the first-place winner. The event had 32 strong competitors, he had to beat the likes of Mike Taylor in the semi's and Bobby V in the finals to secure 1st place.

Probably his greatest personal achievement was winning the Presidents Day Williams Melton tournament in 2015. This was his first singles win after conquering Colon Cancer in November of 2013.

In both Nebraska and Missouri, Jim has run tournaments at Harold's Bar, the Southwest open for a couple years, Musette's, Stockton, and helped with the President's Day tournament in Texas, as well as many throughout Missouri.

Jim received runner up MVP two separate years in Reno at the North American Shuffleboard Championship and finally won overall MVP the year he won 4 events and placed 2nd in the fifth. Throughout the last 24 years, he has won over 180 first and second places all over the rest of the country. Jim's contribution to improving the skill and competitiveness of Table Shuffleboard players is evident and his impact on those who have partnered with him and been taught by him is appreciated by many and a true testament to his ability. His want is to give back to the game and help anyone willing to learn has become a goal of his to help keep advancing the game and keep it going.

Paige Hendricks

Jim Payne's Highlights and Awards

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| 1999 | Southwest Open | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 1999 | Southwest Open | Div III MVP | 1 st |
| 1999 | NASC Reno | Pro/AM Draft | 2 nd |
| 1999 | NASC Reno | Div III Doubles | 1 st |
| 1999 | NASC Reno | Amateur Team | 1 st |
| 1999 | NASC Reno | Div III MVP | 1 st |
| 1999 | NASC Reno | NASC MVP | 2 nd |
| 1999 | Houston Holiday Open | Div II Doubles | 1 st |
| 2000 | Heartland HCP | Draw Partner | 1 st |
| 2000 | NASC Reno | Deuces Wild | 2 nd |
| 2000 | NASC Reno | Div II MVP | 1 st |
| 2000 | Heartland HCP | Draw Partner | 1 st |
| 2000 | Harolds | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2000 | Ko Zee Bar – Omaha | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2000 | J.C's | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2000 | Old Bar | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2001 | Spokane Memorial | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2001 | Spokane Memorial | Open Draw | 1 st |
| 2001 | Texas Open | Pro/Am Draw | 1 st |
| 2001 | Texas Open | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2001 | Amateur Open – Garland TX | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2001 | Southwest Open | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2001 | NASC Reno | Div I Crazy 8's | 1 st |
| 2001 | NASC Reno | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2001 | NASC Reno | Amateur Team | 1 st |
| 2001 | NASC Reno | Div I MVP | 2 nd |
| 2001 | NASC Reno | NASC MVP | 2 nd |
| 2001 | Ko Zee Bar – Omaha | Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2001 | Ko Zee Bar – Omaha | Singles | 2 nd |
| 2001 | J.C's | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2001 | Denny Busch Memorial | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2001 | NE State Championships | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2002 | Board Talk Open | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2002 | Texas Open | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2002 | Texas Open | Pro Draw | 2 nd |
| 2002 | Wynnewood Memorial | Open Doubles | 1 st |
| 2002 | Wynnewood Memorial | Open Singles | 2 nd |
| 2002 | Wynnewood Memorial | Doubles | 1 st |

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| 2002 | Southwest Open | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | Div I Singles | 1 st |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | Amateur Team | 2 nd |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | Pro 3-Man | 1 st |
| 2002 | NASC Reno | NASC MVP | 1 st |
| 2002 | Missouri HOF | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2002 | Missouri HOF | Singles | 1 st |
| 2002 | O'Harolds | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2002 | Houston Holiday Open | Pro Draw | 2 nd |
| 2003 | NE State Championships | Singles | 1 st |
| 2003 | Joel Rahn Memorial | Singles | 2 nd |
| 2003 | Denny Busch Memorial | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2003 | Denny Busch Memorial | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2003 | O'Harolds | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2003 | Harolds | True RR Singles | 1 st |
| 2003 | Harolds | True RR Doubles | 1 st |
| 2003 | Board Talk Open | Pro Draw | 1 st |
| 2003 | Texas Open | Pro Draw | 2 nd |
| 2003 | Texas Open | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2003 | Heartland HCP | Bring Partner | 2 nd |
| 2003 | NASC Reno | Pro/AM Draft | 1 st |
| 2003 | Missouri HOF | Singles | 1 st |
| 2003 | Santa Claus Open | Bring Partner | 2 nd |
| 2003 | Houston Holiday Open | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2004 | Board Talk Open | Pro Draw | 1 st |
| 2004 | O'Harolds | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2004 | Bambinos | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2004 | Deveny Memorial | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2004 | Houston Memorial | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2004 | Southwest Open | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2004 | NASC Reno | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2004 | Missouri HOF | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2004 | Houston Holiday Open | 4 Man Team | 2 nd |
| 2005 | Denny Busch Memorial | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2005 | Denny Busch Memorial | Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2005 | Denny Busch Memorial | Singles | 1 st |
| 2005 | KC Shootout | Singles | 1 st |
| 2005 | KC Shootout | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2005 | NE State Championships | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |

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| 2005 | NE State Championships | Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2005 | NE State Championships | Singles | 1 st |
| 2005 | Missouri HOF | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2005 | Missouri HOF | Draw | 1 st |
| 2007 | NASC Reno | 4 Man Bring | 1 st |
| 2007 | Doc's Holiday | Guy/Gal | 1 st |
| 2007 | Missouri HOF | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2007 | Little Rock Holiday Tournament | Open Doubles | 1 st |
| 2007 | Houston Holiday Open | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st /2 nd |
| 2008 | Nebraska Championships | 4 Person Draft | 1 st |
| 2008 | Southwest Open | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2008 | Southwest Open | 4 Man Bring | 1 st /2 nd |
| 2008 | Stockton's Winter Blast | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2009 | O'Harolds | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2009 | Doc's Shuffle In – Stockton MO | Guy/Gal | 1 st |
| 2009 | Brook Alley – Tulsa OK | True RR Doubles | 1 st |
| 2009 | Southwest Open | 4 Man Bring | 1 st /2 nd |
| 2009 | Missouri State | Div I Bring | 1 st |
| 2009 | Nebraska Championships | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2009 | Nebraska Championships | Open Doubles | 1 st |
| 2009 | NASC Reno | 4 Man Bring | 1 st |
| 2009 | Missouri HOF | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2008 | Springfield Eagles | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2010 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2010 | Missouri State | Doubles | 1 st |
| 2011 | Las Vegas Bally's Champion | 4 Man Draft | 1 st |
| 2011 | Las Vegas Bally's Champion | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2011 | NASC Reno | 4 Man Bring | 1 st |
| 2011 | NASC Reno | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2011 | Super Sam St Louis | Open Draw | 1 st |
| 2011 | Missouri State | Singles | 1 st |
| 2011 | Missouri HOF | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2011 | Stockton's Winter Blast | Open Bring | 1 st |
| 2012 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2012 | Wynnewood Memorial | Open Draw | 1 st |
| 2012 | Hudson's KS Shootout | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2012 | Southwest Open | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2013 | Southwest Open | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2013 | Southwest Open | Pro Bring | 1 st /2 nd |
| 2013 | NASC Reno | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2013 | Missouri State | Div I Bring Partner | 2 nd |

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| 2013 | Missouri State | Div I Singles | 2 nd |
| 2013 | Missouri HOF | Div I Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2014 | NASC Reno | 4 Man Team | 1 st |
| 2014 | NASC Reno | Pro Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2014 | Missouri HOF | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2014 | Houston MO Thanksgiving Tourn. | Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2015 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2015 | Southwest Open | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2015 | Missouri State | Singles | 2 nd |
| 2015 | Stockton's Winter Blast | Div I Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2016 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Div I Open Draw | 1 st |
| 2015 | KC Shootout | Div I Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2016 | NASC Reno | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2016 | NASC Reno | Pro Singles | 2 nd |
| 2016 | Missouri State | Singles | 1 st |
| 2016 | Missouri State | Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2017 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Div I Open Draw | 1 st /2 nd |
| 2017 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2017 | Southwest Open | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2017 | NASC Reno | Pro Singles | 2 nd |
| 2017 | Missouri State | Singles | 1 st |
| 2018 | Musette Memorial | Div I Bring | 2 nd |
| 2018 | Southwest Open | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2018 | Missouri State | Div I Singles | 1 st |
| 2018 | Ozark Winter Blast | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2019 | KC Shootout | Pro Singles | 2 nd |
| 2019 | Southwest Open | Pro/Am Draft | 1 st |
| 2019 | Southwest Open | Pro MVP | 1 st |
| 2019 | Southwest Open | Pro Singles | 2 nd |
| 2019 | Southwest Open | Pro Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2019 | 33 rd Annual Pat Kinard Labor Day | Open Draw | 2 nd |
| 2019 | 33 rd Annual Pat Kinard Labor Day | Bring Partner | 2 nd |
| 2019 | Missouri State | Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2019 | Missouri State | Div I Singles | 1 st |
| 2019 | Missouri HOF | Div I Bring Partner | 2 nd |
| 2020 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Pro Open Doubles | 1 st |
| 2020 | Brook Alley – Tulsa Ok | A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2020 | Stockton's Summer Blast | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2020 | Texas County Championship (MO) | Div I Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2020 | Houston Mo Thanksgiving Tourn. | Div I Bring Partner | 1 st |
| 2020 | Missouri State | Div I Doubles | 1 st |

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| 2020 | Stockton's Winter Blast | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2021 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Div I 4 Man Bring | 1 st |
| 2021 | Southwest Open | Div I 4 Man Bring | 1 st |
| 2021 | Southwest Open | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2021 | Texas County Championship (MO) | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2022 | Williams-Melton Presidents Day | Bring Team | 1 st |
| 2022 | KC Shootout | Pro Singles | 2 nd |
| 2022 | NASC Reno | Pro Doubles | 1 st |
| 2022 | Missouri State | Div I Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2022 | Missouri HOF | Div I Doubles | 1 st |
| 2022 | Stockton's Winter Blast | Div I A/B Draw | 1 st |
| 2023 | KC Shootout | Pro Singles | 1 st |
| 2023 | Southwest Open | Pro Doubles | 2 nd |
| 2023 | Stockton's Sumer Blast | Div I Doubles | 1 st |



History in the making!

Testimonials

Ron “Soso” Sosovec

I met Jim Payne in Reno on Diana Hagan’s six-person team and we never looked back. Our friendship has continued to grow ever since.

Jim ran the infamous O’Harold tournament in Omaha for several years. He opened his house to Morey Balins, Char Waugaman, me, and other Colorado players. He first introduced us to Harold Newbanks and the fun began. So many great memories with Harold. Thank you, Jim!

While staying at Jim’s his boxer, Buddy, teamed up with me to challenge Jim at Chess. I put a dog biscuit on the board and Buddy made our first move. Jim was amazed but knew I had no idea how to play but his dog, Buddy, did!

I have many fond memories of playing doubles with Jim and hope to have many more.

Congratulations, my friend, Jim, on this well-deserved Honor! Your friend, Ronny

Friends from Colorado:

Morey Balins, Char Waugaman & Kevin Kelly

Congratulations on this well-deserved, justly earned award!

Best of luck in the future!

David & Debbie Sexton
Texas HOF/TSA Director

Congratulations on a well-deserved and earned Honor!
And many thanks for your service to the Shuffleboard
Community. Long-term TSA Director, assistance with
running tournaments, Pro Player, Ratings Committee and
so much more over the years. Thank you for your
dedication.

Eileen Carroll
Congratulations Jim!

Cindy Clark
Arizona HOF

As a player, you are larger than life! Been among the elite
for a long time. Thanks for the advice over the years and
enjoyed our conversation in Reno this year. You also will
be recognized for your work to support the game. For me,
I'll always remember when you joined some of the ladies
for a steak dinner at WWW in Omaha and then took us to
Harold's for some local fun. Help me Rhonda!



Jeri Williams-McIntyre
Texas HOF

Jim is one of my favorite people. He's grumpy, dry humored, and a hell of a shuffleboard player. Jim is also a great friend that cares about our sport and is willing to jump in to help or organize.

I remember the first time I met him. He came to Del City as a 3. Bobby drafted him and they won. Jim was probably a 1 but hadn't been playing even a year. He's just that talented. From then on Jim has been one of the family. He's helped us as a tournament director at the Prez Day tournament for the last 15 years and is so well respected.

His shuffleboard skills speak for themselves. He's won everything there is to win. Congratulations on this milestone and I expect we will see your name in flashing lights again soon!

Diana Hagan
Texas HOF/TSA HOF Inductee 2002

Hey Jim! Congratulations.... Thanks for the great memories of playing together as partners n teams n draws n winning. We had some great times till they decided I wasn't good enough to play with you anymore, I know I scared you a few times. Well-deserved my friend. Yay

Kathy, Terry, Haylee & Jordan Yingst

Jim, congratulations on your Induction into the National Hall of Fame. You have come such a long way since we first met you. Your love of shuffleboard has made you into the player you are today. You have worked hard to get where you are which makes this honor so deserving. We are proud of you and so lucky to call you, our friend!

Matt & Tammi Coonts

Congratulations Jim! Your induction into the Table Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame is such a huge accomplishment that is well deserved. You are not only a fantastic shuffleboard player but also a great person and we are happy that we have the honor of calling you a mentor and friend. Thank you for everything that you have done for not only Missouri shuffleboard but for the game across the country.

Jim Martin

California HOF/TSA HOF Inductee 2023

I first knew of Jim Payne when I traveled and went to my first Extravaganza tournament in Las Vegas in the 1990s. I knew then, as I do now, he was a competitor in our sport. Jim has gone on to win and place in the money at several tournaments throughout his career. He also has contributed his time and effort to the TSA organization and Bowers rating system. Congratulations Jim, on your well-deserved induction into the TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jeff Cottrell
Michigan HOF

Jim, I would like to congratulate you on your induction into the national hall of fame. Been shooting against you for many years, you think you would at least let me win one again congratulations on your honor Keep it up my friend! Great Job!

Sam Sweatt
Congratulation JP!

Tom & Lynda French
Texas HOF / TSA Director

Congratulations Jim on this well-deserved award. Your first-place awards are very impressive, what a list to be proud of! Congrats!

Hal Perry
California HOF / TSA HOF Inductee 2000

Getting this organization off the ground all those years ago, Glen & I could have never imagined in 2024 we would still be inducting players and sponsors alike, into the National Hall of Fame. Table Shuffleboard has brought a diverse group of people into a setting of competition, fun and friendship.

In receiving your nomination packet, I was truly impressed with your achievements. You deserve this honor. Welcome to the National Table Shuffleboard HOF!

Mark Gray
Missouri HOF / TSA Director

Congratulations Jim on your induction into the National Hall of Fame. Your winning record says it all! I guess we are going to have another shot huh? See you in Texas, again congratulations MSPA President.

Debbie Gamble
Congratulations Jim, a well-deserved honor!

Margaret Morse
Jim! I'm thrilled for your induction. You've been a pillar in the shuffleboard world. Thank you for being a promoter and teacher that has helped myself and so many others. Thank you for throwing tournaments and laughing at me when I miss an AB. You have an unforgettable presence, and it is wonderful to celebrate your recognition. Congratulations!!!!

Gary Nelson
TSA CFO

Jim, like Hal and Lynda both said your list of achievements is very impressive. I've played against you for many years and know the skill you possess on the boards. You deserve this spot in the TSA National Hall of Fame. Congratulations and enjoy the honor! #41

Rick Pittman
Missouri HOF

Jim Payne, Member of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. An honor well deserved, recognition for dedicating the last 25+ years to this crazy game we all love. I met Jim in the late 1990s at the American Legion Hall in Del City Oklahoma at the S.W. Open. At the time, it was the biggest shuffleboard tournament in the country, (money and players). It was my first time ever playing out of the state of Missouri. I met Jim in one of the robin tournaments before the first regular event. I'd like to say we've been friends ever since. Obviously, he took the game a lot more seriously than some of the rest of us. (LOL) Being an elite player, Jim has worked tirelessly on his game throughout the years. Not counting teaching new players, giving tips to any who would listen, promoting the game, setting up tournaments, running brackets, and anything else that applies to the game. Jim Payne, this is an honor that maybe should have happened a bit earlier in your career. Congratulations, my friend. Keep up the faith.

Craig "Doc" Bendickson
Missouri HOF

Congratulations Jim on being inducted into the National Hall of Fame. You have been a model of consistency and great play for many years. Your records over time speak to how deserving you are of this award. I have learned a lot from you and I appreciate your mentoring.

Anne Pearson

Congratulations on your induction into the National Hall of Fame! I actually couldn't believe you weren't already in it! You are certainly well deserving of this honor. I have always looked up to you as a player and mentor. You gave me my first chance to play up in the 4-person team when I was a 3, and it was an experience that most definitely impacted me as a player- I never looked back. Through the years, I have been in awe of your resilience as you conquered health issues only to become better than ever. Your strength, grit and determination are inspiring. I'm proud to be your friend and can't wait to watch you keep laying on the board for many years to come!

Jeri "Cayenne" Kilpatrick

Well, Jim Payne has proven to be a straight shooter when he was captain of the teams I've been on. Firm direction with kindness. Congratulations are in order! Well-deserved honor.



Missouri Hall of Fame Members (left to right)

**Rick Pittman, Charlie Riley, Craig Bendickson, Jim Payne,
Jerry Roday, Chuck Muehlhauser & Mark Gray**

Clint Miller
Congratulations, Jim

Amanda Taylor
Congratulations Jim on your National Hall of Fame
Induction!!

Conner McNew
Jim, I just want to start off by saying thank you. You have
taught me how to play this game, and have had the
utmost patience with me. I couldn't think of anyone more
deserving for this award. Congratulations!

Julie Hartman
Congratulations Jim Payne

Ryan Pearson
Congratulations on your induction into the Hall of Fame!
Your contributions and achievements have left a lasting
impact and have inspired countless individuals (myself
included). I hear that being inducted into the Hall of Fame
is a great resume add with the ladies. One lady in
particular has asked me to send her congratulations (don't
make it weird). Your legacy will continue to inspire future
generations in this game we all love. Thank you again for
all that you have done and accomplished. I will see you on
the boards.

John McDermott

Michigan HOF / TSA HOF Inductee 2004

Since winning that first major Pro Singles at the 2012 KC Shootout, Jim has been a remarkably consistent performer. In the ensuing years he has contented for the top spot in virtually every event he has played in.

During that time he has won multiple major singles and doubles events and is always among the favorites in any event he enters.

In addition to being a great player, Jim has been a long record of service to the Table Shuffleboard community, serving as a TSA Director, Bowers Rater, Tournament Director, Bracket Man, and more.

Congratulations, Jim! Your induction into the TSA Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor.

Rob Kern

Michigan HOF

Congratulations Jim!

John Stenger

Congratulations Jim!

Juanita Duncan

Congratulations!



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Mike Taylor

Texas HOF / TSA HOF Inductee 2016

Congratulations Jim Payne! With the scenery changing around us you've been a constant in tournament play. We chewed a lot of the same dirt. We've had some wins together and many times knocked each other out of events. I consider you one of the top few tournament players of our era and one of the greatest lagers ever.

Welcome to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I couldn't imagine one without you in it.

Cody Bock

Congratulations Jim on making it into the National Hall of Fame. I've known you for at least a decade and always knew you were a great and talented player. I'm glad to know you and be able to have some great stories with you. Congratulations again.

Shawn Bradstreet

Jim Payne is a great player and competitor. In 2020, I was fortunate enough to draw Jim at Wynnewood when I was unrated. I did not know Jim at that time. He did not buy his part of our sponsor sale. After we won, he was surprised that I had. I knew he was a top pro, and I thought we had a great chance since I played at Gerald Wood's bar almost daily. The next year, Jim asked me to play in the bring partner at the Memorial Day tournament. Jim was easy to play with, and we won that tournament too. Jim has always supported the shuffleboard in Oklahoma, and I personally appreciate that, too. Congratulations to Jim on this well-deserved accomplishment.

Tony McNew

I remember the first time Jim Payne came to Houston, he was a two and he beat our house pro, which was John Stinger at the time. I thought wow, this grumpy guy can play. I was right on both parts; he could play and he is definitely grumpy. Congratulations Jim. Very well deserved.

Troy Crowe

Hey Jim-Congratulations on your induction into the national shuffleboard Hall of Fame....Well deserved. Thanks for all the lessons over the years....lol.

Raymond Wadsack

Congratulations Jim on your induction into the national shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You are well deserving of this accomplishment, you are a great player, mentor, teacher, and a friend. You taught me so much over the last 15 years, I would not be the player I am today without you, you taught me so much strategy of the game it is unreal, and you also taught me how to run brackets, you still are teaching me today. You brought me to my first out of town tournament which was in Houston Missouri for the thanksgiving tournament, which got me more motivated to play. You have done a lot for shuffleboard and we all appreciate that. You and Doc are the reason I love this game. We played in a lot of tournaments together, we won some and we lost some, my favorite tournament win was with you at the hall of fame tournament in 2014. I'm hoping one day I will be good as you and be on that wall with you and so many other great players. We haven't always gotten along but I have always respected you. You have one of the greatest shuffleboard minds it's unreal, it's like your 3 shots ahead in the frame. Congratulations again Jim. By the way red wins more than blue. Lol

Louise Williams

TSA Director

Congratulations Jim! Well deserved...

Bethany Rohr-Freeze

Such a great and well-deserved honor you are receiving. I know most people involved in shuffleboard only know that 'business' side of you. I think it's difficult for most to understand why you and I are friends because of that. I know when it comes to shuffleboard you have your goals and focus. But, when shuffleboard isn't involved, you are a fun and funny guy.

While shuffleboard has taken you all over the country, I'm sure glad it took you to Stockton. You not only contributed greatly to the players in Stockton, but all over Missouri as well. Despite my own lack of motivation to improve, you have always encouraged me and supported me in the game.

Shuffleboard may have been what brought us together, but my, our times going out dancing and out on the lake are still my favorite. Oh, and our people watching.

Thank you for your years of dedication to the game and all you have done for the game. Thank you for your friendship and support. Congratulations on this achievement.

Rena Fleming

Jim is the most solid player I've ever seen. His no nonsense style of hit and lag has gotten him many great wins. Jim is a great well-respected player that is very deserving of being in the NTSHOF.

Congratulations Jim!!!

DJ McNew

Jim, I could tell from the first time I saw you shoot a weight that you were no question one of the most elite players in the game. Not only are you one of the best to play, you are an even better mentor for the game. I have learned so many different aspects of this difficult game from you and how to handle tough situations and scenarios. Jim, I have enjoyed every tournament, match, and game I've played with you and will forever appreciate your presence in the shuffleboard community. I want to say thank you for all you've done not just for me but for all the other players that have interacted within the shuffleboard world. Thank you, Jim!

Travis Ward

Congratulations to Jim Payne on his induction into the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Jim's prowess as a shuffleboard player has consistently placed him among the top 5 rated players for the past decade. Beyond his exceptional playing skills, Jim is also an ardent supporter and advocate for Table Shuffleboard.

His commitment is evident in his dedication of numerous hours to ensure the accuracy of the annual rating process and as the Tournament Director for several tournaments throughout the year. Jim Payne personifies a great blend of a remarkable player and a dedicated ambassador for Table Shuffleboard.

Congratulations Jim on this well-earned recognition!

Willy Walker

Congratulations on your induction to the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. This is an honor that you are most deserving of. You have been such an asset to the game of shuffleboard and have impacted those of us who are able to play with and against you. Your competitive nature has inspired me to work on my game so that I am able to “sometimes” play competitively. Thank you for taking the time to travel to Houston MO on Wednesdays, it has made all of us there better.

My better half wanted to say: “also, your smile always brightens our day!”

Phyllis Domrose
Congratulations Jim

Neil Fetter
Michigan HOF
Congratulations Jim! You deserve this recognition!



The many faces of Jim Payne









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