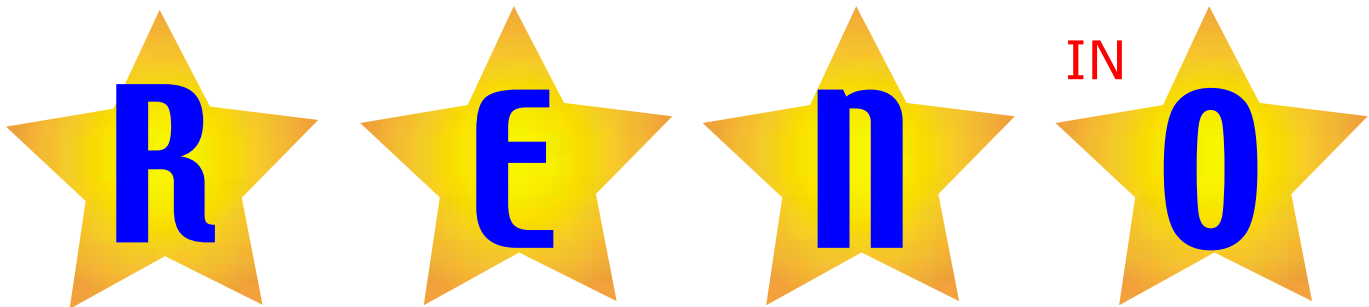


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McDermott inducted into Hall of Fame

Accomplishments as a player and promoter lauded during ceremony

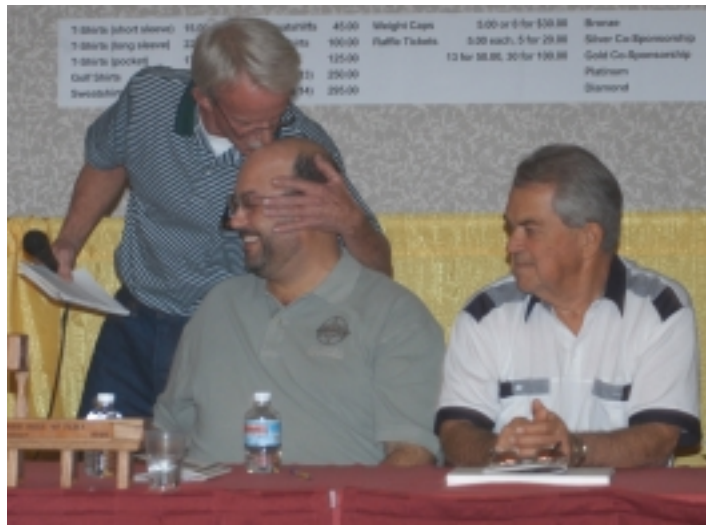
by Jim Manders, publisher

RENO — Speakers applauded John McDermott's ability to turn his dreams for shuffleboard into reality, his integrity and professionalism as he became the 33rd person to be inducted into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Friday night.

McDermott was named to the Hall as a player and a promoter of the game.

"This is the highlight of my shuffleboard career," McDermott said during his induction speech.

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Fred Thuman kisses the top of John McDermott's head while praising him during McDermott's induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Friday night. Bob Lewis, right, was named winner of the prestigious Sol Lipkin Award for his promotion of the game through innovative ways of getting shuffleboards into taverns and lounges.



Table Shuffleboard Association Vice President Al Salazar presents John McDermott with the award signifying his induction into the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

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Maryland players make Reno splash

RENO — Making their first visit to the North American Shuffleboard Championships a group of Maryland players had a major impact on the tournaments during the week of events at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel.

On Friday the team of Curtis Dean, Kurt Mauer, Steve Jourden and Shannon Ratledge from Maryland captured the championship in the Division II 4-person team competition after coming back through the loser's bracket.

It was the second championship effort for Ratledge, who earlier in the week, won the Division III singles championship.

Dean's team beat one captained by Bud Spier in the championship match after Spier's team had gone undefeated through the winner's bracket final.

Joining Spier were Harry Oda, Ken Griggs and Shirley Aldridge, all of Canada.

Marv Wilbur's team took third place. Kathy Keevil, Joe Paskowski and Mario Briones, all of Washington, were on Wilbur's team.

Chris Wayt, California, and his squad of Ray Comer, California, Dave Hansen, Oregon and Joyce Davis, California finished in fourth place.

Sharing fifth were teams captained by Bob Crum, California,

and Bill Walker, Washington.

Crum's team was Steve O'Neal, Barbara Crum and Brent McQuillan, all of Washington.

Walker's team was Justin Kasa, Washington, Junelle Schrum, Washington, and Libby Gates, Arizona.

David Williams' squad double-dipped John Fisher's team to win the Division I championship.

Williams, Texas, had his son David Williams, Jr., Texas, Johnny Gardner, Maryland, and Sally Phillips, Texas, on his squad.

Fisher, California, was joined by Tommy Campbell and Rick Shaw of Washington and Bob Lewis, Arizona.

Dan Hitt's team finished in third place. Hitt, Washington, had Dan Holland and Glen Redding, both of Oregon and Curt Grothen, Washington, on his team.

Bill Maxwell, Mike Kinney, Ted Curtis, all of Oregon and Suzy Halstead, Kentucky, joined forces to finish in fourth place.

Tying for fifth were the teams of David Keithahn and Ken Simmons.

Keithahn, California, had Paul Parks, Andy Brosen, both California, and Ken Strong, Texas, on his team.

Simmons teamed with Mike Keevil, Jim Tribble and Dino Mako. All are from Washington.

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Reno Recap

Pro-Am Draft Team

1. Steve Auten-Scott Auten-Earl Madary-David Veazey-John Flynn-Melinda Flinn.
 2. Larry Sawyer-Jerry Siebert-Sharon Canino-Bill Walker-Linda Walker-Jim Stuart.
 3. Tom Campbell-Eddie Brayman-Gordie Smith-Junelle Schrum-Barb Kenney-Jerry Mattson.
 4. John Tischler-Junior Lopez-Ron Palmer-Marty Atkinson-Sharon Juhlke-Terry Howard.
 - 5 (tie) Bob Hunt-JR Noel-Bob Brunskill-Jerry Beard-Mike Halstead-Kathie Hoskins.
- And, Rick Boyer-Ron Sosevic-Jim Filkins-Larry Creakbaum-Roland Harkless-Randy Rollins.
- 7 (tie) Dan Hitt-Bob Shirley-Anna Brunskill-Faye Todd-Brandon Glasscock-Marion Cartwright.
- And, David Keithahn-Mike Keevil-Mark Holland-Andrew Brorsen-Elaine Hill-Don Strong.

Open Singles

1. Bill Melton.
2. Bobby Voorhis.
3. Steve Auten.
4. Rick Gindt.
- 5 (tie). Billy Mays and Darrol Nelson.

Division I Singles

1. Larry Brown.
2. Scott Auten.
3. JR Lopez.
4. Don Stallsworth.
- 5 (tie) Jim Tribble and Curtis Dean.
- 7 (tie) Rick Stocker and Ron Gamble.
- 9 (tie) David Williams, Jr., Chris Smith, Linda Nobles and Robert Crum.

Division II Singles

1. Justin Kasa.
2. Tom Parr.
3. Rick Greider.
4. Junelle Schrum.
- 5 (tie) Ty Banks and Don Grossman.
- 7 (tie) Earl Madary-Ted Canada.
- 9 (tie) Jim Filkins, Mike Boulanger, Robert Hurst and Jonathan Harris.

Division III Singles

1. Shannon Ratledge.
2. Linda Meyer.
3. Brandon Glasscock.
4. David Dickerson, Jr.
- 5 (tie) Mario Briones and Joe Fancher.
- 7 (tie) Ken Griggs and Vern Jensen.
- 9 (tie) Anthony Todd, Jr., Melinda Flynn, Horst Muszynski and Timi Kale.

Division I A/B Draw

1. Glen Ingram-Ron Stocker.

2. Bill Melton-Eddie Brayman.
3. Karl Spickelmier-Curtis Dean.
4. Steve Hart-Mary Brown.
- 5 (tie) Mahlon Noles-John Canino and Mike Kinney-Dave Shewbridge.
- 7 (tie) Jim Payne-Chris Wayt and Dan Hitt-Glen Redding.
- 9 (tie) Billy Mays-Marv Wilbur, Roland Metivier-JR Noel, Bob Hunt-Ted Fowler and Charlie Gates-Jennifer Pickett.

Division II A/B Draw

1. Anna Brunskill-George Goldsmith.
2. Earl Madaray-Linda Meyer.
3. Bob Auten-Mario Briones.
4. Jim Filkins-Melinda Flynn.
- 5 (tie) Bruce Childers-Davie Dickerson, Jr. and Cid Floriani-Bill Cassell.
- 7 (tie) Linda Walker-Brian Rutherford and Ken Griggs-Anthony Todd, Jr.
- 9 (tie) John Mortensen-Coach Baize, Harvey Comer-Linda Becker, David Barritt-Jim Stuart and Mike Coon-Barb Crum.

Division I 4-Person Team

1. David Willikams-David Williams, Jr., Johnny Gardner-Sally Phillips.
2. John Fisher-Tommy Campbell-Rick Shaw-Al Lewis.
3. Dan Hitt-Dan Holland-Glen Redding-Curt Grothen.
4. Bill Maxwell-Mike Kinney-Ted Curtis-Suzy Halstead.
- 5 (tie) David Keithahn-Paul Parks-Ken Strong-Andy Brosen and Ken Simmons-Mike Keevil-Jim Tribble-Dino Mako.

Division II 4-Person Team

1. Curtis Dean-Kurt Mauer-Steve Jordan-Shannon Ratledge.
2. Bud Spier-Ken Griggs-Harry Oda-Shirley Aldridge.
3. Marv Wilbur-Joe Paskowski-Kathy Keevil-Mario Briones.
4. Chris Wyatt-Ray Comer-Dave Hansen-Joyce Davis.
- 5 (tie) Bob Crum-Steve O'Neal-Barbara Crum-Brent McQuillan and Bill Walker-Justin Kasa-Junelle Schrum and Libby Gates.

McDermott inducted

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Some of shuffleboard's greatest players and promoters provided a litany of McDermott's accomplishments during the ceremony at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel.

Bill Melton, an Oklahoma member of the Hall of Fame, recalls the first time he heard McDermott talk about his dream of national tournaments held in hotels/casinos rather than taverns or lounges.

"I encouraged him, but when I went home I told my wife that it was a bunch of crap," Melton said.

Fred Thuman, California, evoked tears and laughter as he talked about McDermott's accomplishments.

"He has made the game what it is today," Thuman, who is battling cancer, said. "He's brought the game to a level, which even I at one time felt could not be achieved."

At one point Thuman kissed the top of McDermott's bald pate and later wiped his eyes on John's shirt to bring comic relief.

As a player, McDermott has more than 120 tournament victories, including a stretch from 1979 to 1985 when he won 40 straight tournaments in Michigan and Indiana.