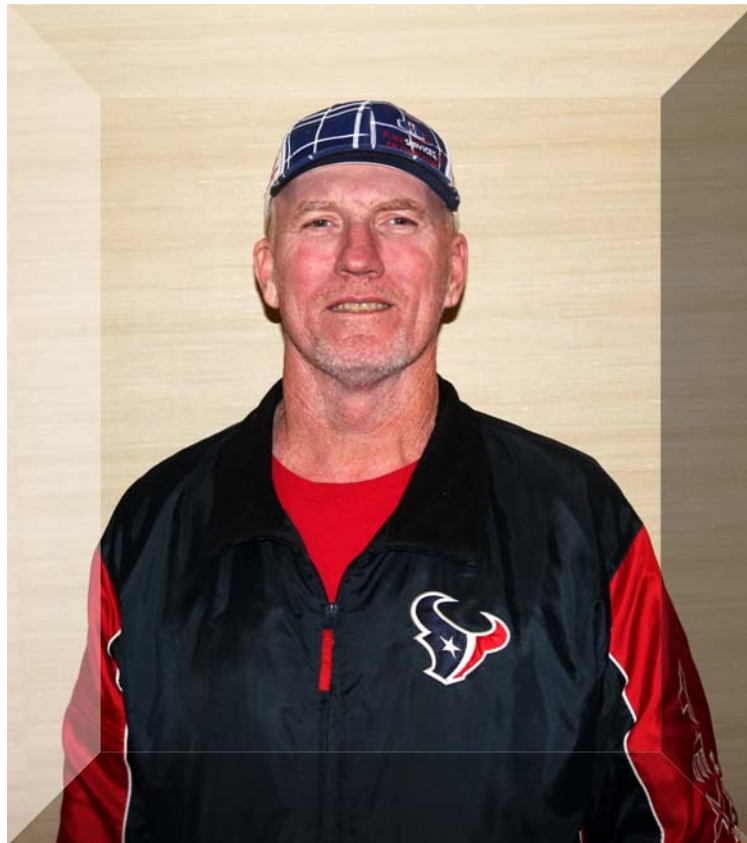


KELLY CAMERON



Table Shuffleboard Association, Inc.

TSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AS “*PLAYER*”



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KELLY'S STORY



BORN: August 9, 1960

HOME: Texas (In the Liberty-Dayton Area)

Kelly Cameron was born on August 9, 1960 in Kermit, Texas to Florence "Tre" and Rod Cameron. He was one of three children, all boys. When Kelly was very young, the family moved to Tulsa. Actually, his first memories of shuffleboard were in Tulsa. He remembers his parents taking him to a bar there when he was between 5-7 years old. As a young boy, he was drawn to watching his Father play table shuffleboard. We all know that Kelly's Father, Rod Cameron, was one of the greatest players in table shuffleboard history, earning his own titles for both, the Texas State and the TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Around 1973, the Cameron Family moved back to Texas to La Porte. In the La Porte school system, Kelly was an avid football player and boxer. He boxed for about 6-years. When he was 16-years-old, he won the State AAU Junior Olympics as a Region-9 Champion which covered the areas of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Also during that time, he earned the spot to compete in Green Bay, Wisconsin to Fight for National Championship at 16-years old. In tournament competition, Kelly was talented enough in amateur boxing skills to earn the title of Silver Gloves, as well as Golden Gloves. As Kelly moved on in life, he ended up at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas where he played college football.



When Kelly grew bored with boxing and football, his interests then shifted to Table Shuffleboard. About the 1983 timeframe, he remembers his Father taking him to a local bar in Dallas called the "Honeycomb" where his passion for the game began to blossom. In July 1987, Kelly succeeded in tournament play at the Corporate Image (DFW area) accomplishing a 1st place trophy for the Texas *Amateur* Open Doubles.

In late 1998, his Father (Rod) was formally inducted into both the Texas State Shuffleboard and the TSA National Hall of Fame. Four short years later, in 2002, the best player he knew (Rod) passed away. Kelly kept moving forward with his game. In 2002, he was rated 0.11. In a little over decade, Kelly became *THE* highest-rated player in North America (tied with Mike Taylor in 2013) using the Bowers Rating System.



He attributes his love for the game to his Dad, mostly because of Rod's own burning passion for table shuffleboard.



KELLY'S STORY (Continued)

Amongst an entire field of excellent Pros, he does have a few Pros that he admires the most ranging from Bill Melton, to Bobby Voorhis, to Darrol Nelson. He appreciates their professionalism, calm demeanor, and the fact that they grew up in the "old days" with Rod.

These were the guys he had to beat to climb up that proverbial ladder.



Another interesting facet in Kelly's shuffleboard history is his willingness and knowledge of doing setup, teardown, and adjustments to shuffleboard tables, not only at tournaments, but private installs. There are very few people who have ever picked up a wrench to tweak a board. Kelly is amongst one of the best at understanding the nuances of this very unique skill set.

He is best known for his table work in Reno at the NASC™ being the main lift operator to get those heavy boards up to the 2nd floor through a tiny window opening from outside ground level... and back down again. The evidence of his hard work has been demonstrated at multiple tournaments ranging from NASC™, Houston Holiday Open, Danny's, Volcano's, Golden Nugget, etc. It is estimated he has done 30-40 private installs, if not more, through the Shuffleboard Federation, Hudson Shuffleboards and Venture Shuffleboard. He believes that helping out with the boards on all levels is his way of "giving back" to the shuffleboard community for all they have done for him.



Furthermore, his love for the game has taken him across country and back to play in places like California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Two outliers of shuffleboard travel include St. Croix and Indonesia. Interestingly enough, his Father had to send a shuffleboard on a ship to Indonesia. After it arrived, they went over to set it up.



Kelly realizes the importance of sharing his skills in an effort to harvest the next generation of shuffleboard players. It is estimated that he has taught over 100-people to play this crazy game. He believes in the "paying forward" theory with sharing shuffleboard knowledge.

Saving the best for last—the topic of Mrs. Rod Cameron herself. Warmly regarded by most shuffleboard players as "Tre" Cameron, she is the biggest fan of Kelly. She (Kelly's Mother) has sat on the sidelines many a night praying that her son excels at every tournament. Her many decades of watching top players grind out match after match pretty much makes her an expert at picking out the crème de la crème... and her eyes are most certainly set on her pride and joy, Kelly! She adores him on all levels.



TESTIMONIALS



RANKED #1: DAVID WILLIAMS, JR. (Texas)

This is a very well deserved honor for Kelly Cameron. Kelly has always been one of the hardest players for me to face in major tournaments, as his game is tailor made for them. He is the definition of a grinder. He is never out of a game no matter the score, and he never gets careless or throws a weight without purpose. He takes his time and gives his full attention and focus to every shot and it drives fast players, like me, crazy. But he plays the game as it's supposed to be played, often turning the game into a chess match with his ability to stick and move virtually any weight he chooses. In all my years of playing, I have never seen anyone come close to making as many combo sticks. It is the most dangerous weapon in his arsenal, in my opinion, and many times makes it pointless to try and bury a weight on him. His mastery of the finger shot is unparalleled in the sport. Another aspect of Kelly's shuffleboard career, which I have never shared even with him, is when he decided to make certain lifestyle changes, and almost instantly shot to the top of the sport. As someone who needed to do the same, Kelly was a great inspiration for me in making the decision myself. I have learned a lot from Kelly, had some crazy road trips, hustled all over the country with him, had several fights with him (lol), and at the end of the day I know Kelly is the type of friend that would do anything to help if you are in need. He has dedicated his life to this sport, just as his father did, and no doubt has made both Rod and Tre proud. Congratulations Kelly, you are now among very distinguished company in our sport... As you should be. ~David Jr.



RANKED #2: MIKE TAYLOR (Texas)

Kelly Cameron has one of the most irreplicable styles of playing shuffleboard that we have witnessed. Though unusual, there's no denying that it's been most effective over the years. Kelly is a very calculating, knowledgeable and effortful player. I have always been, and remain to be, a great fan of his game.

Kelly appreciates shuffleboard from his knowledge of setting up boards to the history of our game. Well Bud... your name is formally forged in the history of shuffleboard. Kelly Cameron is now a member of the finest fraternity of players in our great sport, alongside his father, Rod Cameron. I know that Kelly will embrace this great honor and hold it with the utmost pride.

Your friend,
~Mike



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RANKED #3: KELLY CAMERON (Texas)
Current 2016 TSA National Hall of Fame Inductee!



RANKED #4: BILLY MELTON (Oklahoma)
I have known Kelly and his family since I was 5 years old. I have the utmost respect for him (and his father), as Kelly grew up a lot like I did with one of the smartest players in the world to teach him how to play. As we all know, Kelly took it to heart and became a world class player and competitor, as well as being a multi-time world champion.

I want to congratulate Kelly as he has earned this highest honor that shuffleboard gives out, while being at a relatively young age.
Boomer Sooner!

~ Billy



RANKED #5: JIM PAYNE (Missouri)
Congratulations Kelly! You have been one of the top players in the game for several years now. Your competitiveness is legendary. I want to thank you for playing with and against me all these years. It has been a pleasure.

~Jim



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RANKED #6: DAVID WILLIAMS, SR. (Texas)

I have played against Kelly for over thirty years. His ability in table shuffleboard is unquestioned, as was his Father's. He, without a doubt, is one of the top ten players in the world and has been for many years. Congratulations on your Induction into the HOF.

~David Sr.



RANKED #7: BOBBY VOORHIS (Indiana)

I first met Kelly in the early 80's at PT's Tournament of Winners in Houston. We've both come a long way since then regarding our game. I actually was on two winning 4-man teams with his father, Rod, before we ever played together. I finally got tired of losing to Kelly, so we won in Doubles at the Southwest Open.

Kelly is long overdue for this honor! Congrats!
~Bobby



RANKED #8: BILL MELTON (Oklahoma)

Well, I've known Kelly since he was a little red-headed boy in Tulsa. Of course I knew his Momma and Daddy before he was born. I knew Rod ever since I was a teenager. He (Kelly) is kind of like family to me. I mean I've just known him so long. To me, he is still like an 18-year-old kid, but I know he's getting up in his years now. I think Kelly is one of the finest shuffleboard players who has ever played the game, in my opinion, especially a tournament player. He plays well.

He's just as consistent as they get. I think you can ask any player in the game. Rod would be very proud of him. To me, he is just as good as they get. Nobody I hate to play worse than him. (With a light-hearted chuckle)...I don't like him. He's beat me several times in the finals. He beats me worse than anyone else does, probably.

(Audio Testimonial Transcribed)

~Bill



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RANKED #9: JOHN McDERMOTT (Michigan)

I first met Kelly in 1986, and have watched and played against him many times over the ensuing 29 years. During that time, I have watched his game continue to improve and evolve to the point that he eventually reached the top of the Bowers Ratings in 2013. I consider Kelly to be one of the top players in the history of the game. His tenacity, world class shot making abilities, and clutch lagging put him in the small group of elite

players. He is a winner of multiple major Singles titles, including the Pro Singles at the North American Shuffleboard Championships. He is one of only twelve players to accomplish that, and is also among the four players to win that event more than once, along with Bill Melton, Darrol Nelson and Dan Hitt. Kelly has also taught many players how to play the game, and his tough love approach has proven to be very



effective in improving the game of the many people who he has helped over the course of his career. In addition to his long list of accomplishments as a player, Kelly has also set up tables for many tournaments, including the game's most prestigious events. I have had a chance to see his dedication up close and personal at the NASC™,

where he has been one of my right hand people for more than a decade. I am thrilled to see him receive this hard earned and well deserved recognition.



Congratulations, Kelly, on being the newest member of the TSA Hall of Fame. I am very happy for you and proud to call you my friend.

~John
(The Shuffleboard Federation)

DATA ARCHIVES

PRO SINGLES: 1ST PLACE IN YELLOW

LIST of WINS from VERIFIED SOURCES (Page 1 of 2)
 (Only Listing Wins that are 1st/2nd/3rd Places)

DATE	WHERE	CITY	EVENT	PLACE
1987	TEXAS AMATEUR OPEN (CORPORATE IMAGE)	FT. WORTH, TX	DOUBLES	1 ST
2001	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2001	THANKSGIVING SHOOT	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2002	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	AB DRAW	1 ST
2003	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2003	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO AM DRAW	1 ST
2003	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO AM DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	ARLINGTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	BOARD TALK OPEN	GARLAND, TX	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2004	TEXAS OPEN	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	4-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2004	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	4-PERSON TEAM	2 ND
2004	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2005	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	3 RD
2005	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2005	TEXAS OPEN	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2005	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2006	CHAMPION OPEN	GARLAND, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2006	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2006	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2006	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	1 ST
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	AB DRAW	2 ND
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	4-PERSON TEAM	2 ND
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2007	TEXAS OPEN	CEDAR PARK, TX	4-PERSON DRAFT	3 RD
2007	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2007	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST



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PRO SINGLES: 1ST PLACE IN YELLOW

LIST of WINS from VERIFIED SOURCES (Page 2 of 2) (Only Listing Wins that are 1 st /2 nd /3 rd Places)				
DATE	WHERE	CITY	EVENT	PLACE
2008	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2008	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	ABC DRAFT	2 ND
2008	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2008	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2008	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2009	HEARTLAND WINTER HANDICAP	DEL CITY, OK	DOUBLES	2 ND
2009	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2009	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	OPEN SINGLES	2 ND
2010	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	ABC DRAFT	1 ST
2010	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2010	NASC™	RENO, NV	6-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2010	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2010	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	2 ND
2010	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	6-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2011	TEXAS OPEN	CEDAR PARK, TX	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2011	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	3 RD
2011	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2012	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2012	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2013	PRESIDENT'S DAY	HURST, TX	OPEN DRAW	3 RD
2013	PRESIDENT'S DAY	HURST, TX	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2014	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	3 RD
2014	HURST HOLIDAY OPEN	HURST, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2015	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	1 ST
2015	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2015	THANKSGIVING SHOOT	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2016	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	2 ND



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RANKED #10: RYAN PEARSON (Texas)

Hey Kelly, Ryan Pearson here. Over the years, I have had the pleasure to call you and your mother true friends. And in those years, I have played alongside you, with you, and against you! Kelly has the intensity and heart at the shuffleboard table that all professional athletes in any sport strive for! His intensity alone

carries an intimidation factor that starts even before his opponents step up to the board! My admiration for you and your game, Mr. Cameron, is beyond words. The way you can control each and every frame is second to no one. You are very deserving of this honor and I could not be happier for you! P.S. If the "General" gives you a left-cross-go-around, DON'T TAKE IT... IT'S MOST DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY A TRAP! Hahaha. Anne, my mother, and myself all send you much love! Congratulations, Hall Of Famer!



~Ryan



RANKED #11: ROGER HOLLOWAY (Texas)

Alright, Kelly Cameron. What can I say about this guy? He has, by far, taught me the most about the game. It's not just shooting or how the strategic aspects go, but it's his respect for the game. He came up old school through his Dad and watching all the old-time players play, as they used to play straight up... hit weights and lag. So, I learned a

great, great defensive game from him. He taught me how to control frames. You don't just blast a weight off, you stick them. You always make them chase you. One of my favorite traps that is his is when he doesn't have the hammer, he likes to throw a go-around set up that is just about a foot past the long foul line. I cannot tell you how many times, countless days, during the first year I started playing that we would go to Danny's or Triple Crown. We used to play \$5 games and we'd play like 5-10 hours every day, Monday through Thursday. He'd say, "You got a lot to learn, Boy." As far as players go, him and Mike Taylor, I've learned, by far, the most from. Those guys are complete idles for me. The way Kelly looks at the game, the way he's talked about the Hall of Fame and what he's accomplished... *THIS* is something he wants really bad. It's well deserved.

I just want to say I love you like a brother, Man.

I am so glad I learned from you first.

Thanks, Kelly. ~Roger

(Video Testimonial Transcribed)



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RANKED #12: DAVID KEITHAHN (Texas)

I played Kelly a few years back in Reno, the first time I ever met him. And I am watching this little finger-span shot. And I turned around to my buddy and said, "If that's all he's got, I can beat anybody that's got a shot like that." And Kelly ended up beating me. I was just totally blown away that anybody with one shot can win a game. Congratulations, Kelly.

~Dave



RANKED #13: TONY APPELL (California)

Congratulations on your induction into the Shuffleboard National Hall of Fame. It was an honor to be the person to nominate you. Rarely in a sport at the professional level does one get to see a player consistently win the way you have year over year, decade over decade.

Your passion, dedication and love for the game is undeniable, as is your talent. This is a lifetime achievement for someone that has reached the pinnacle of his/her game...

and you, my friend, are there.

Enjoy every moment!!

~Tony



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RANKED #14: JERI WILLIAMS (Texas)

Kelly has it all... Perfect shuffleboard form, great board play, and a winning attitude. Maybe the will to win overrides his good sense every once in a while, but isn't that true for most of us? We've been fortunate to have Kelly set up the boards at several of our tournaments and he always works hard to set the boards up just how he likes them. Maybe that's why he is just so damn hard to beat. Kelly is well deserving

of this honor, as both an outstanding player and as a supporter of the game.

Congratulations!

~Jeri



RANKED #15: JOSH ADUDELL (Oklahoma)

Since I entered the shuffleboard family a few years ago, it would be tough for me to name a player I genuinely like more than Big Red. Whether it be his dry sense of humor, his intensity while playing, or his ability to out think pretty much any player he goes up against. I respect and admire the way he plays the game and goes about his business at the highest level. He also isn't afraid to crack the whip on anyone, me

included. My first Pro Singles in Reno was 2 years ago, and I was playing Kelly.

Halfway thru our game I made a couple of loose shots. All of a sudden I hear "Son, this ain't no \$5 draw. You wanna win at this level you better tighten those shots up and focus." I was a little surprised, considering I was playing him, actually made me respect him even more. And of course he was right, if you watch KFC Play, he shoots every shot with purpose, something all of us at every level can learn from. This honor is certainly well deserved and I'm sure over the upcoming years he'll add even more accomplishments to an already incredible resume.

Congrats, Kelly!

~Josh



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RANKED #16: JASON PAPA (Michigan)

Congratulations to Kelly Cameron for being inducted into the National Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Although I have not played many matches against him, I can say confidently that I don't remember being on the winning end of any of them. Kelly is definitely one of the fiercest competitors in our sport today and is well deserving of this honor.

I look forward to many more opportunities to play against Hall of Famer Kelly Cameron.

~Jason



RANKED #17: BOBBY DEAN (Texas)

It's an honor and a privilege to write something about Mr. Kelly Cameron. I first met Kelly at Danny's Sports Bar in 2006. I have played with and against him more than I can keep track of. He has helped set up boards all over our area. He has also helped install and adjust boards every year at major tournaments. His accomplishments speak for themselves as he has won everywhere he's played, including NASC™, Texas Open, HHO singles...well, you get the picture

on his impressive resume of accomplishments. In my opinion, Kelly is one of the toughest and most consistent players that I have had the honor of being able to watch and learn from throughout the years. When you play against Kelly, it's very challenging due to the fact that he's a grinder that can literally wear you out and make you work very hard. This man eats, sleeps, and breathes shuffleboard! There is not a better place on earth for Kelly to be than under the bright lights of a shuffleboard table in a tournament setting. Kelly is one of our very best! Kelly, as a friend and competitor of yours, it's with great pleasure to welcome you to the elite company of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Kelly.

~Bob

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RANKED #18: CRAIG WHITE (Texas)

Great honor...
 Congratulations, Kelly!
 ~Craig



RANKED #19: FRANK BLADE (Michigan)

Congratulations, Kelly Cameron. It's well deserved your induction into the Hall of Fame. We go back a long way and I have a lot of memories... especially when you got the gun pulled on us in the middle of Oklahoma in the middle of nowhere and I didn't think we would make it out! Congratulations! Well deserved! ~Frank



RANKED #20: THOMAS "TJ" SCHWENK (Texas)

Congratulations, Kelly, on your induction to the Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You're one of the players that I've always looked up to for your determination, competitive spirit and your will to win. You're also one of the only players that I know that is so uniquely linked to a shot with your finger shot. It's been great to compete against you.

Way to grind your way to the Hall of Fame! ~TJ

TSA SECRETARY: MISSY VAN HECKE (Texas)

I, personally, would like to thank the Top-20 Pros of 2016 for contributing their superb testimonials in honor of Kelly and in support of this TSA National Hall of Fame effort. Because of you, this booklet is very unique... comprised of *only* the elite top-ranked players in our game!

Trivia: Back in **1998**, Rod Cameron (Kelly's Father) was officially inducted into the Texas State Hall of Fame, as well as the TSA National Hall of Fame, for his superior table shuffleboard skills and contributions to our sport.

Kelly Cameron has followed in his father's footsteps by being awarded the exact Hall of Fame titles, on both State and National levels, in the calendar year of **2016**.

I am very proud of you, Kelly!
 Congratulations, My Friend! ~Missy



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