

## **Mikel Johnson named Official Auctioneer of the 2007 Greater Detroit Open Jason Papa and Mike Koontz Partner to offer incentive for Indiana players**

Madison Height, MI – April 14, 2007 – I am pleased to announce that Mikel Johnson of Indiana will host the auctions for all the events at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greater Detroit Open. I have been present at many tournaments that Mikel Johnson has done the auctions, and I feel he is one of the best, and definitely the right person for this tournament. If all goes well, I hope he will consider doing it for many years to come as we build this into a major international shuffleboard tournament.

In addition to this exciting news, I have been working Mike Koontz, the proprietor of Journey's End Bar, over the past few weeks to help promote his Spring Amateur Tournament in Bourbon, IN. We were able to bring 6 Michigan players (and some Michigan Money for the Calcuttas) to this years event at Journey's End, and we hope to have even more for next year. Mike Koontz was very impressed by our goodwill, and wanted to do something to help promote The Greater Detroit Open.

Mr. Koontz has agreed to pay the \$15 registration fee for the first 10 Indiana players to sign up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greater Detroit Open for a total donation of \$150 Indiana Shuffleboard. This is a very noble act on behalf of Journey's End Bar and Mike Koontz, and I thank him very much for his support of the Greater Detroit Open and the game of Shuffleboard. If you are from Indiana, now is the time to register for this year's tournament. Call me to reserve your spot, and make sure to drop Mike Koontz a line and thank him for his generosity to Indiana Shuffleboard.

Moving along, I would also like to thank Glen and Jeri Ingram for postponing their Open Doubles event that was scheduled on the same weekend as the 2007 Greater Detroit Open. They have reaffirmed their commitment to promoting the game and I thank them for their help in promoting our event. Not many bar owners are willing to go out on a limb like this, so I am very impressed by this gesture, and I look forward to a great working relationship with GI's Town Tavern in promoting both our tournaments. Thanks again, Jeri and Glen and I look forward to seeing you both in a couple weeks,

Last but not least, I would like to thank Bill Kane for loaning us a board for the tournament, and I would like to thank John Tischler, Frank Blade, and Lacho Barradas for moving it and getting it set up. Without your efforts, none of this would be possible. It looks like all six tables will be Venture shuffleboards, and they are all playing great.

I will put out a list, by the end of the week, of players that are confirmed for the tournament. I encourage anyone that is planning to attend, to please contact me if you need a hotel room for the weekend. I am looking forward to a very successful event.

Jason Papa  
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