# 5TH ANNUAL HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Two New HOF Inductions Awarded!



HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN
December 30, 2000
Marriott at Greenspoint
Houston, TX
Texas HOF Inductees;

Bobby D. Williams & Johnny Ballard

Bobby Don Williams - Texas HOF Inductee

Johnny Wayne Crawford, one of the Texas Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Directors, performed the Hall of Fame ceremony. Before he actually started the induction ceremony, he emphasized to the group that there was an immediate need to establish a tournament "Rules Committee" and stated that "we have been discussing for nearly two years that we need to establish a rules committee to have standard tournament rules throughout the country. Lynda French has generously offered her skills as a focal central control to help us achieve this. There are too many discrepancies and this needs to be done immediately. We want and need representation from every State."

Then Johnny Wayne gave a brief history of the Texas Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, stating that three years ago [in Reno] that he and Bobby Williams decided to start the Texas HOF and that they have a need for donations to enable them to pay for the awards and other Texas HOF efforts in the future and that although Texas is behind other states in starting their HOF, it will become one of the more impressive list of names and inductees, as the years pass, including the following already inducted:

## **TEXAS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

(12 inductees):

Early Kelly
Rod Cameron
George and Donna Wilber
Don Valk
Harvey Kidd
Ron and Debbie Bowers
Diana Hagen
David Williams
Johnny Ballard
Bobby Williams



Johnny Ballard - Texas HOF Inductee

### Johnny Ballard - Induction Overview

Johnny Wayne Crawford first presented the HOF induction award to Johnny Ballard aka "Johnny B" and talked about how Johnny B, a Pro Rated Player, has been playing the game for over fifteen years.

Johnny Wayne first met Johnny B in Dallas about eight years ago on his way to play in the Arbuckle Open in Oklahoma. It was the first of the only two years that Pros were allowed in that tournament. Johnny B came in 4th in Singles with eight of the top "-1" Pro players in the country entered into that Singles competition event and Johnny B also was ranked 7th in the Federation rankings one year. Johnny B and Brenda Moore placed 1st in Pro Doubles during one of the Del City SW Open tournaments. Johnny B has won and placed in numerous tournaments through the years.

#### Achievements include:

First Place: Legends Doubles, Las Vegas, NV 1990; Open Doubles, Sherburne, NY 1990; Open Doubles, Harvey's Place, MD 1990; Pro Doubles, Corporate Image, FW, TX 1992; Doubles, US Open, Austin, TX 1992; Team Event, US Open, Austin, TX 1992; Draw Doubles, Gold Nugget, Arlington, TX 1997; Open Doubles, SW Open, Del City, OK 1998; Pro Team, SW Open, Del City, OK 1998.

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## Indiana State Champs...

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th: "MIXED DOUBLES" State Champs (pictured below):



(Pictured Above - Left to Right: 1st Place: Brian Collins and Joyce Roberts)



(Above: 2nd Place: (not pictured) Bobby Voorhis/ Debbie Voorhis; 3rd Place: Mark and Shannon McLeod (pictured right); and 4th Place: Kristie Redman and Gary Neff (pictured left))

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th: "WOMEN'S SINGLES" State Champs (pictured below):



(Pictured Above: 1st Place: Shannon McLeod (left); 2nd Place: Sheryl Cockerill (right); and 3rd Place: Debbie Voorhis (not pictured))

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Johnny B Achievements... Second Place: Open Doubles, East Coast Extravaganza, PA 1990; Pro Singles, SW Open, Del City, OK 1992; Open Doubles, Gold Nugget, TX 1994; Pro Doubles, Arbuckle Open, OK 1996; Semi-Pro Singles, Texas Open, Austin, TX 1991; A-B-C Draw, HHO, TX 1998; Pro Doubles, HHO, TX 1998; Pro Team, HHO, TX 1998; Doubles, Brook Alley, Tulsa, OK 1999; Draft Team, Texas Open, Arlington, TX 2000; Pro Doubles, Texas Open, Arlington, TX 2000.

## Bobby Don Williams-Induction Overview

Johnny Wayne first started playing with Bobby six or seven years ago during the last days of the Corporate Image and the beginning of play at the Gold Nugget. Johnny reported that he told Bobby [not to boast or brag on himself, but rather to reach the point to be made] that if he was around Bobby much he had best get a better left hand or develop a heck of a free hand because Johnny would cut his right hand plum off of him if he didn't. Johnny said



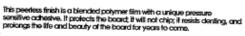
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