

**MICHIGAN SHUFFLEBOARD
HALL OF FAME TOURNAMENT
KANES CLUB CAR LOUNGE
DURAND MI.
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**HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
FOR BILL KANE**



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Bill started playing shuffleboard in 1991 after he came to Michigan from Boston. He played for Dons Pub in Pontiac, in the Pontiac inner-city league. they finished in first place that year out of 20 teams ! He was hooked ! After that he was 1st. place singles champion twice and 1st. place doubles champion with Jerry Hershman in the league finals.

Bill was a dart player in Boston, and as well as playing shuffleboard he played darts at Dons Pub in the league. While playing darts at Ventura Bar in Pontiac one night he met Brenda, who was playing shuffleboard for Broken Arrow Saloon in the Ladies league. When asked what attracted her to Bill she said " I like the way he holds his dart " Darts and the rest is history, they went on to



play shuffleboard together.

Around 1999, George and Donna Wilber, shuffleboard tournament directors, decided to retire. According to Bill, Ron Palmer said to him that Skip (Skips Lounge) wanted George and Donna to run his tournament in Houghton Lake as they had always done, but they wanted him to get someone else. Bill said to Ron " that shouldn't be a problem, we'll find someone." And George said if anyone's going to run the tournament it should be you and Brenda. Little did Bill know at the beginning of the conversation that it would end up being him ! That how tournament directing and tournament playing started. After Skips he ran tournaments for Dennis Bittner at Club Car



Lounge in Durand and other tournaments as well.

An Interesting side note, Alonzo Cottrell mentioned to Bill in 2000, that we should bring back the Michigan Open tournament that ran in the 1980"s and went to the way side. So they came up with a game plan and brought it back at the Club Car in Durand Mi, and its run every year since.

As history will have it, Bill and Brenda ended up buying the Club Car in 2003 and continued running tournaments, such as the Michigan State Championships, The Michigan Open, Michigan Hall of Fame, Sweethearts Tournament and others. For Bill having tournaments is a lot of work but HE LOVES THE GAME!!! so it's worth it ! All the waiting to play, the bull, the interacting with players and of course the drinking, whoops ! I mean the socializing! is great.

Bill would like to thank Brenda for her help from the beginning of this journey and for her love and support. He would also like to thank Rob and Deb Kern, Co Co and Cindy Brown for all their help and support, and John McDermott for helping us put together the best ever Wandering Women's tournament.

1st place tournament wins and places for Bill include Pontiac Mi., Durand Mi., Flint Mi., Madison Hts. Mi., Houghton Lk. Mi., Lansing Mi., Saginaw Mi. and 1st place singles, doubles and draw partners in Florida, HE also he placed in Reno.

Bill says " I've been playing table shuffleboard for quite a while now, and it has been a wonderful experience. I have met a lot of terrific people from all over the states, and hope to meet more, my wish is to see more new players, so we can keep this great game alive."



