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BOB HUNT



I was born Sept 2, 1939, in Portland, Oregon. In 1945, when I was six, my parents moved the family to Sacramento and I have lived there ever since. I have a younger brother who lives in Phoenix and two younger sisters who live in Sacramento.

I went to Christian Brothers High School where I was on the golf team and also played varsity baseball. I married and started a family at young age, so I attended college part-time while working in my Father's restaurant supply business. I also drove taxicabs at night for a while. I graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in economics. When my father's business was sold I started my own accounting and tax firm.

From 1978 through 2003, I owned and operated R&H Financial Services, which I began with one business client and eventually grew to over 100 business clients along with over 400 hundred individual income tax clients. I retired and sold the business June, 2003.

Shuffleboard began for me in 1964 when I was asked to play as a substitute on a league team for a bar called Solorio's on Broadway in Sacramento. There was a lot of interest in the game at that time with as many as thirty teams split into two separate leagues. My partner, John Gonsalves and I were undefeated in the year 1966 and our team won the division.

My first large tournament was the California State Fair Tournament held in Sacramento at the Governor's Hall in 1968. It was primarily a team event with teams from all over California participating. While it was supposed to be a "California event" most of these teams were stacked with some of the best players in the country, including Billy Mays.

Tony's club, the local team on which I played finished third and I was hooked. From that point on, I was determined to become a better player. It was during this early period that I met Hal Perry, Joe Hudson and Nick Chaffin.

However, by 1969, I was married with five children and decided I had to quit playing shuffleboard for a while to spend more time with my family. I didn't play for about 10 years, but started back up again in 1978.

Upon my return, I rejoined Tony's Club League. It was the same place and team that I played for in my earlier years, though the number of league teams had diminished considerably to about fifteen from thirty. This meant that while the quality of play improved, we had to travel much further to participate. It was during this period that I met Fred Thuman and Don Cox and when I began to learn more about big tournaments being held in all parts of the country.

In 1979 at Dower's in Yuba City, CA, my partner, Rich Chapp and I finished first in doubles and I took second in singles (Nelson Jennings, first). Having just come back to the game and playing against most of the best players on the West Coast at that time was certainly a highlight for me. At what would now be considered a "local" tournament, we had some legends of the game participating, many of whom still play today.

I soon realized that my game needed continued improvement if I was going to stay competitive among these top players. From that time on, I have realized how much effort and commitment is required to maintain and improve shuffleboard skills.

In 1994, Glen Davidson and Hal Perry invited me to participate in helping to organize a National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I accepted the invitation and the three of us worked together to make this a reality. Larry Creakbaum and Louise Freer were asked to participate and the five of us comprised the initial Board of Directors. I wrote the original By-Laws and

served as Treasurer for the first five years. Hal and I still serve as Directors of the Table Shuffleboard Association. For this I am very proud.

Other highlights for me include having the good fortune to have grown up in this game with my good friends, Hal, Joe, Fred, Nick and Don; formation of the Sacramento Rat Pack of which I am a charter member; being fortunate enough to have met and married Vickie who has always encouraged me to play this game; playing with David Williams and winning the 1998 Reno pro doubles; and for having the opportunity to meet so many fine shuffleboard people from all over the country.



The Sacramento Rat Pack

Don Cox, Nick Chaffin, Freddie Thuman, Bob Hunt, Joe Hudson, Hal Perry



YEAR	PLACE	LOCATION	EVENT	PARTNER
1979	1ST	Dowers, Yuba City, CA	Doubles	Rich Chapp
1979	2ND	Dowers, Yuba City, CA	Singles	
1980	2ND	Cow Poke, Sacramento	Singles	
1980	1ST	VFW, Rio Linda	Doubles	
1982	1ST	North Star, Sacramento	Doubles	Doug Buhl
1983	3RD	Ace of Clubs, Marysville	Singles	
1984	3RD	Ace of Clubs, Marysville	Doubles	Larry Chadwick
1987	2ND	Ace of Clubs, Marysville	Doubles	Fred Thuman
1992	1ST	Gas Log, Sacramento	Doubles	Leroy Ledford
1993	2ND	NASC - Reno	Doubles	Nick Chaffin
1993	2ND	NASC - Reno	Draw	
1995	3RD	NASC - Reno	Doubles	Mike Melton
1996	1ST	NASC - Reno	Draft Team	
1996	3RD	Family Billiards, Phoenix	Doubles	Nick Chaffin
1996	3RD	Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Doubles	Al Salazar
1997	3RD	Family Billiards, Phoenix	Doubles	Al Salazar
1997	1ST	Blinky's, Santa Clara	Doubles	Steve Perry
1997	2ND	Houston Holiday Open	Doubles	Mary Koterass
1997	3RD	NASC - Reno	Singles	
1998	1ST	NASC - Reno	Doubles	David Williams
1998	1ST	Blinky's, Santa Clara	Singles	
1998	2ND	Dell City, OK	4-man Team	
1998	2ND	Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Doubles	Joe Hudson
1998	3RD	Dixie Belle, Downey, CA	Singles	
2001	3RD	133 Club, Manteca, CA	Doubles	Hal Perry
2001	2ND	133 Club, Manteca, CA	Singles	
2002	1ST	Balloon Inn, Denver	Doubles	Karl Spickelmeir
2002	1ST	Family Billiards, Phoenix	Doubles	Al Salazar
2002	1ST	Old Town Saloon, Livermore	Doubles	George Main
2002	3RD	133 Club, Manteca, CA	Doubles	AZ Turnbo
2003	3RD	Willie's, Winston, OR	Doubles	Joe Hudson
2003	1ST	Old Town Saloon, Livermore	Doubles	Joe Hudson
2003	2ND	Oscar's, Downey, CA	Doubles	Eddie Brayman
2004	4TH	Old Town Saloon, Livermore	Singles	

List compiled by Bobby Hunt and Lorraine Olson, not all-inclusive.

Bob is like Superman. During the day he dons the clothes of an accountant and when night falls he changes from a mild mannered accountant to a mild mannered shuffleboard player. He is always a gentleman and a caretaker. I have observed that he loves his friends but he is fierce when he plays against them. He wins a lot but he wins more points by being a great human being. Congratulations Bob. You truly deserve to be inducted into the California Hall of Fame.

Love to You,

Michelle & Jim Foran

I have played with and against Bob for more years than I can remember. I lost many and won a few, and never has Bob been anything but a truly good sport in both victory and defeat. This is a much deserved honor. May Bob and Vicki continue to play forever.

Bobby Williams

The dapper accountant from Sacramento is full of surprises if you think someone as gentlemanly as Bob won't kick your butt if you let him. He has supported shuffleboard for many years as a player and also as a behind-the-scenes committee man. I always enjoy seeing him at a tournament.

Congratulations on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Bob Brunskill



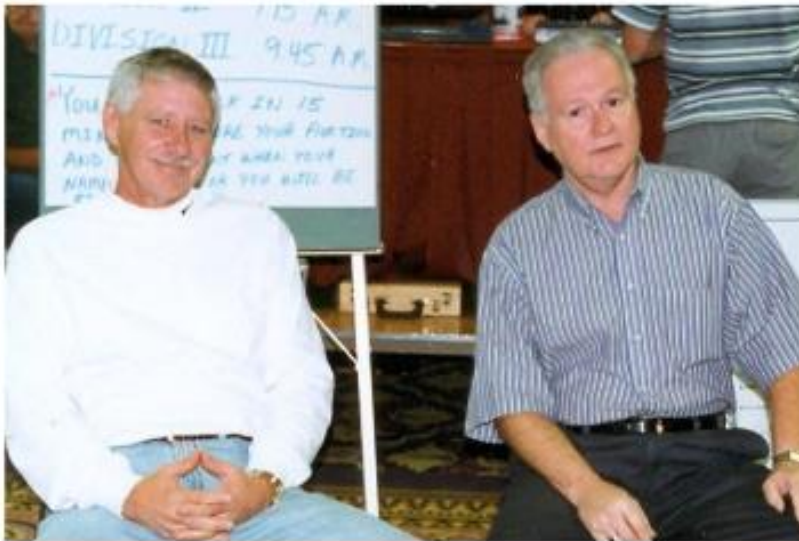
Bobby with Dave Keithahn – Winston, Oregon 2003



Bobby with Joe Hudson. This doubles team was in the money several times over the years.



Al Salazar and Bobby have successfully teamed up several times in Pro Doubles events.



David Williams & Bobby took 1st in the Pro Doubles at the NASC, Reno, 1998

I have observed Bob play in several national events and have competed against him once. Bob is a very tough competitor. We are both original members of the board of directors of the National Hall of Fame and Bob's insight and knowledge of all players makes him a quality member of the California Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Larry Creakbaum

I've known Bob for 20 years. He has always been a great player and a fierce competitor; however, win or lose, always a true gentleman. He even carried me to a Doubles victory in Reno in the 1990's.

His induction into the Hall of Fame is very much deserved and long overdue.

David Williams

If you want to find Bob Hunt all you have to do is look under Gentleman in the dictionary and you will find Bob's picture.

Congratulations Bob.

Rob Kern

It has been a privilege to know Bob and what a gentleman he has been to everyone he meets. He is a good shuffleboard player, spectator, and promoter of the game. May he have many more years promoting, spectating and playing shuffleboard.

Georganna Brand & Don Stallsworth

It goes without saying that Bob is a very, very good shuffleboard player that has won his fair share of tournaments and games. Just as important, Bobby is one of the great gentlemen of the game. He is also very smart, very focused, and very kind.

He was one of the founding members of the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and was a prudent and responsible treasurer, and the voice of reason in all discussions. He also has a great, though subtle, sense of humor. He has always treated people with kindness and respect, and is a devoted family man.

He leaves his mark on those who know him well, and also with those whose lives he only briefly touches.

For example, just today I was discussing what I could possibly add to the testimonials for Bob that have already been received, and my boyfriend got very excited when I was telling him what I know about Bob. He distinctly remembers meeting a Bob Hunt from California at a place called Friendly's Tavern (near Philadelphia) about 20 or so years ago. This gentleman was in the area only for a short amount of time, but Joe remembers him very well. He recalls him as well-dressed, well-spoken, very professional, very nice, and an incredibly good shuffleboard player. He was impressed with his offensive style of playing, which was very unusual for our area at the time ("keep hammer" was a very popular game at that time).

Was this our Bobby Hunt? I can't say for sure (and I am looking forward to finding out if it is), but if it wasn't, then Bobby has an identical twin somewhere out there. And isn't that a nice thought: two people just like Bob!

Congratulations, Bob, for this well-deserved honor.

Best wishes,
Louise



Pro World Championship Singles participants, 2001



Danny, Dan, Nick, Dave, Bob and Joe. Winston, Oregon 2003

I see Bob pretty much every week, when our shuffleboard gang gets together for weekend round robins and money games. I've seen him on his good days and not so good days. Win or lose, Bob is, without a doubt, the quintessential gentleman.

Bob's success as a player over the many years he has been at the game, as well as his contributions to the promotion of shuffleboard, certainly warrants his induction into the CHOF. But the real reason his induction is special to me, is that I consider Bob to be a dear friend and I am sincerely happy to see him receive this recognition.

I've spent some quality time with Bob, on the tables, chatting at the bar, gabbing away at our 2AM post shuffleboard breakfast meetings at Denny's, and hours spent in his car. He is as classy off the boards as he is on. Aside from being one of the cheapest guys you've ever met (they call him *10%-Tip-Bob*), he is one of the most wonderful people I have known.

Congratulations, Bob.

Eddie Brayman



We met Bob Hunt at Blinky's in Santa Clara while promoting tournaments from the early 1990's until 2002. We got to know Bob and Vicky during that time and shared some fun moments with them. Since moving, we get to see them more frequently as we all play at the 133 Club in Manteca. What a shooter & combo maker - no quit in this guy! We always seem to have a lot of fun playing with and against Bob and always enjoy learning a thing or two. Bob's contributions to the game of shuffleboard around the country are very commendable. Bob is most deserving of his induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Thanks Bob!

Rick and Kathy Thomas

Although I had seen Bob at many different tournaments, I don't think I officially met Bob until I started going to California tournaments with my buddy Lorraine. Bob is not only a great shuffleboard player, but also has a great sense of humor! Congratulations Bob! You deserve it.

Linda Ritter

Bob, to be such a nice guy and also such a tough competitor are rare, but always looked good on you. Win or lose you were always a class act.

Pat Bayless

Sacramento's Bob Hunt is very deserving of membership in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. A truly great player and gentleman, with a terrific disposition but most of all, a true ambassador for the game of shuffleboard. Someone that we can point out to a new player and say, "There is a Shuffleboard Player!" Congratulations on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Paul Weber
Robert Davidson
Pacific Coast Shuffleboard News

I had a bar on 25th and Broadway, in Sacramento, from 1978-85, with from one to three boards in use. Bob Hunt was there the whole time, and attracted challengers like Charlie Busch, Nick Chaffin, Donny Cox, Johnny Gonzales, Joe Hudson, Nick Chaffin, Hal Perry, Billy Mayes, and many others. Occasionally, we'd lock the door at 2 a.m., and play shuffleboard all night. Other times, we'd go to the Weeping Willow, in Lincoln, the North Star, in North Sac, or to Marysville, to cheer for Bob Hunt.

I'm happy to see Bob being honored, and sorry that I won't be able to attend.

Dave DeForrest
DeForrest's Tavern
25th & Broadway
Sacramento, California
1978-1985



Bob presided over John McDermott's induction into the National Table Shufflebaord Hall of Fame.

I first met Bob in Austin, Texas in 1986. Bob has been a top player for many years in addition to being a very successful business person. Because of Bob's background and integrity, the National Hall of Fame achieved instant financial credibility when Bob became their treasurer. Bob has also been a great supporter of The Shuffleboard Federation and is one of only five people to have attended all 15 of the North American Shuffleboard Championships.

Congratulations Bob. I am happy to see you receiving this award.

John McDermott

Bob Hunt is one of the most consistent, skilled and courteous players I have come to know. In competition, I have always admired his willingness to acknowledge the high-quality play of partners and opponents alike and down play his own first-rate play and strategies.

Even though the adjectives used to describe him and his play are most always of a nature as above, the word "funny" as a portrayal doesn't usually come to mind. But as an attendee of Freddie Thuman's induction ceremony, I recall Bob's testimonial about Fred and his Christmas gift of "summer sausage" to be the funniest of the evening. (You had to be there, I guess!) So, you see, there are many sides to Bob.

He is a gentleman in the playing arena as well as outside of it and it is a privilege to call him a friend. Congratulations, Bob. You have been deservedly honored.

Cindy Clark
President,
AZ Shuffleboard Hall of Fame



Glen Davidson & Bobby



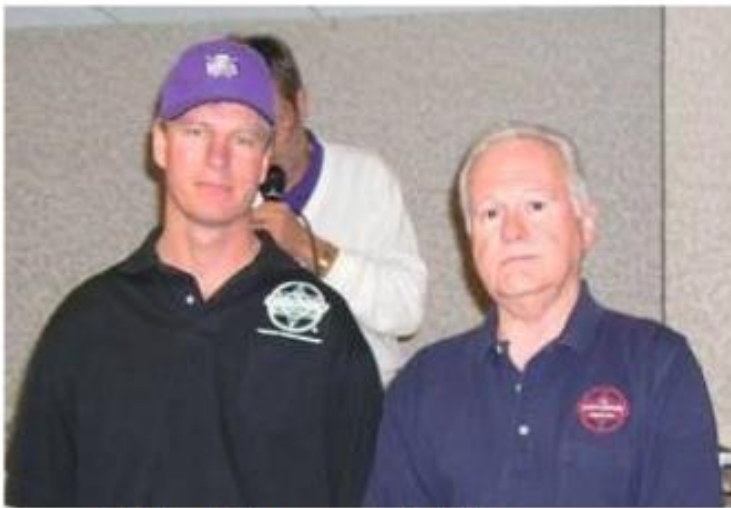
Bob in 1990



Bobby, Rich, Freddie, Arky, ? Doug, Hal

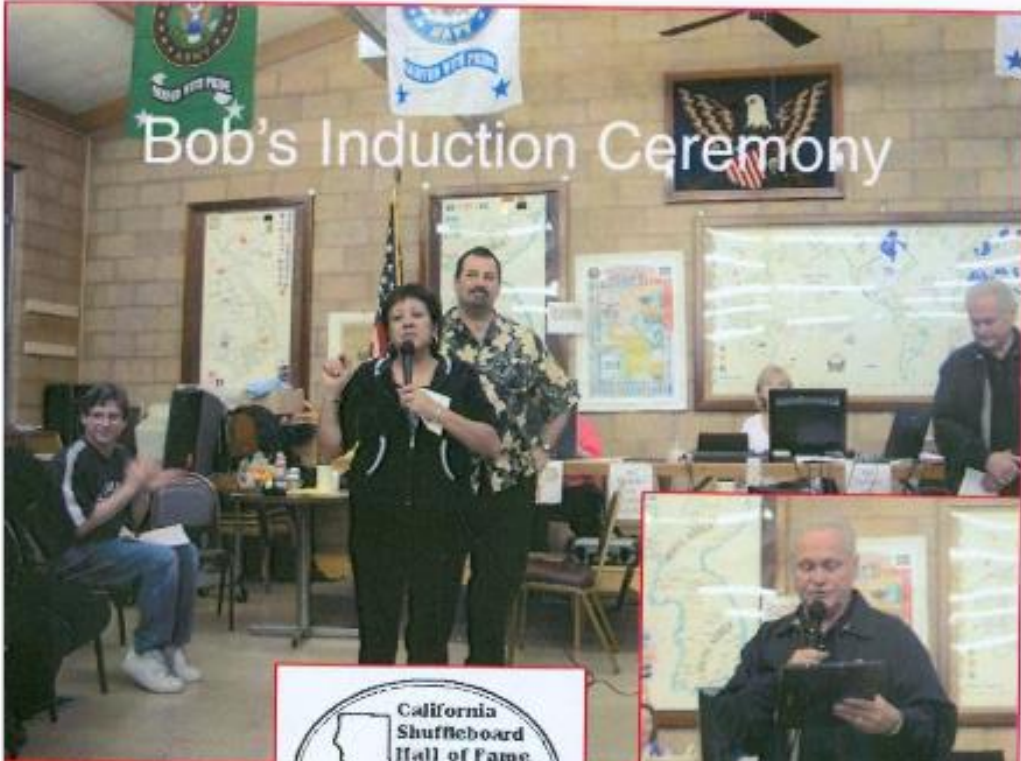


Paul Parks, Bobby, Mike Keevil
3 Person Team, Reno - 2003

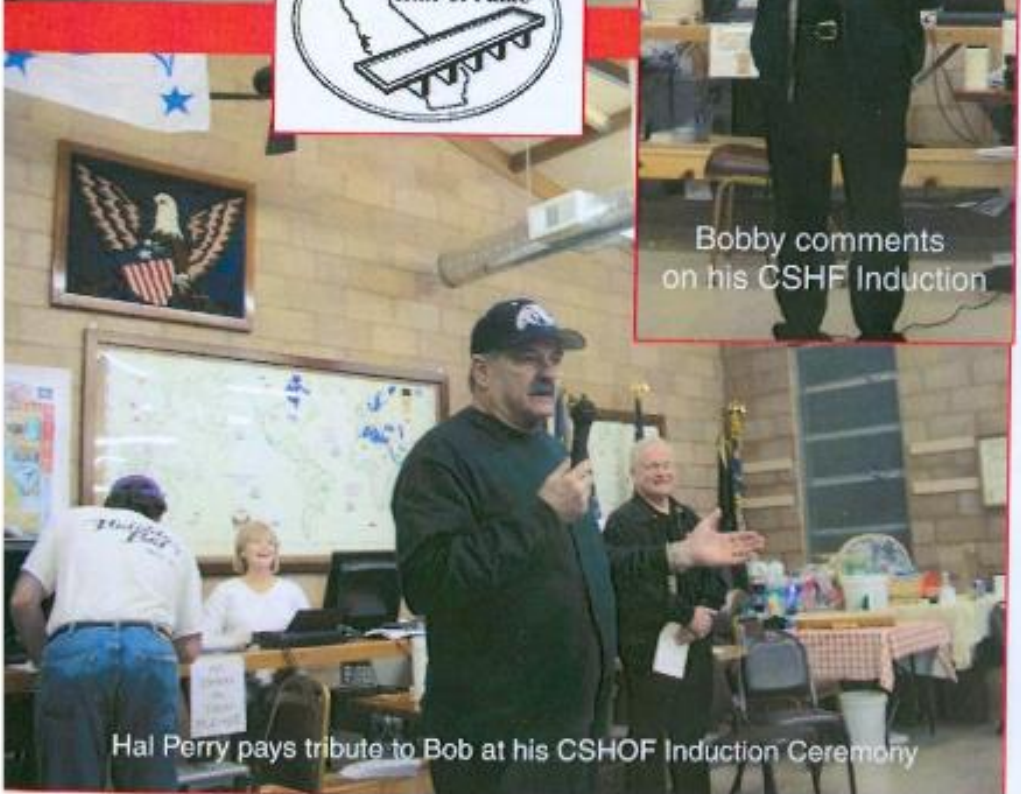


Mike Kinney & Bobby
Pro Doubles - NASC 2003

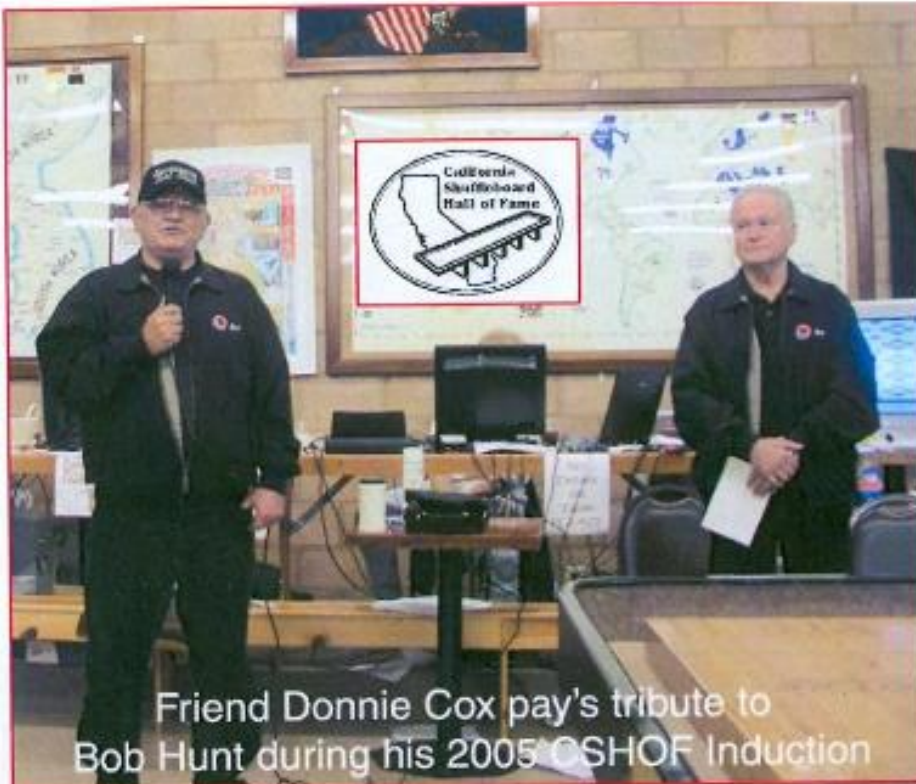
Bob's Induction Ceremony



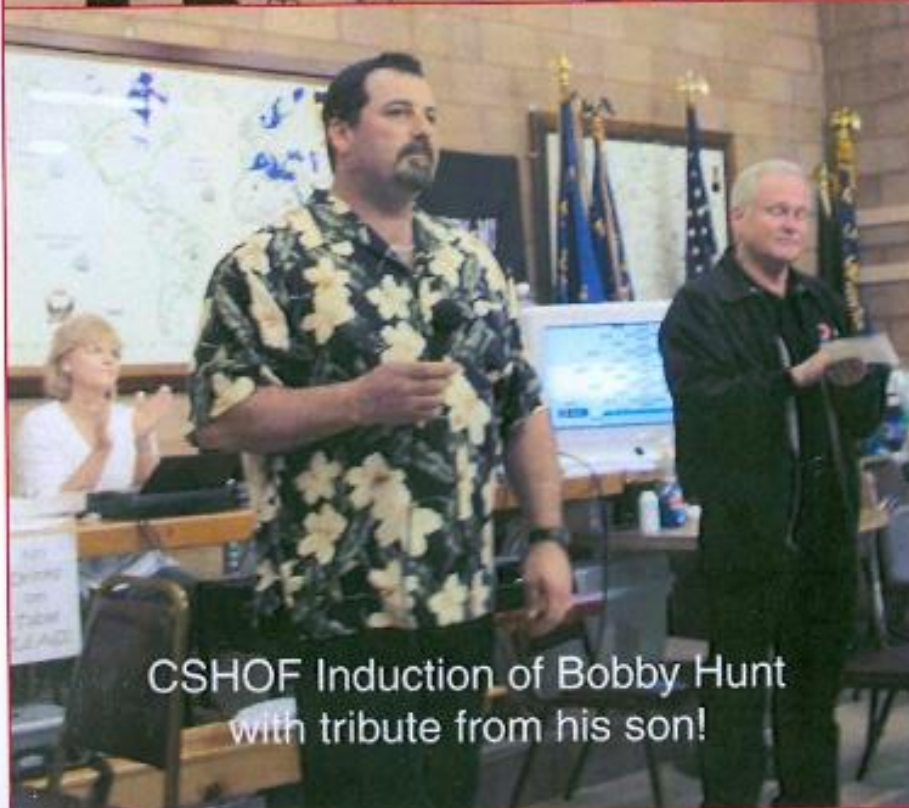
Bobby comments on his CSHF Induction



Hal Perry pays tribute to Bob at his CSHOF Induction Ceremony



Friend Donnie Cox pay's tribute to Bob Hunt during his 2005 CSHOF Induction



CSHOF Induction of Bobby Hunt with tribute from his son!





2003 NASC Draft Team



2004 NASC Draft Team



2005 NASC Draft Team



NASC Draft Team



The Halloweenies