

# Bobby Voorhis "Bobby V"

Table Shuffleboard Association  
Hall of Fame Induction

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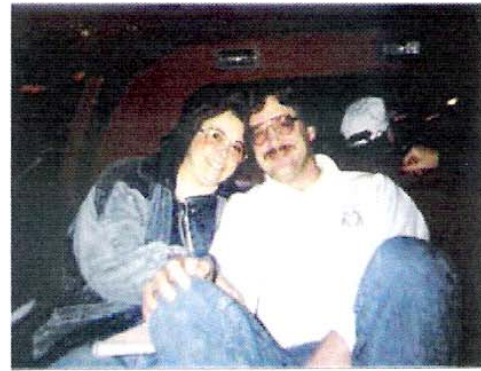


***Indiana Shuffleboard League  
Indiana Hall of Fame Inductee  
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### Personal History

Bobby Voorhis was born on August 26, 1954. He resides in Fairmont Indiana with his wife Debbie. They were married in a little chapel in Las Vegas January 21, 1990. He owns and operates the Palace Bar in Fairmont Indiana. A family business, his father Buss bought in 1964.



*Bobby and Debbie  
January 21, 1990*

Shortly after buying the bar, Buss put in a shuffleboard table. At the tender age of 10, Bobby stood on a coke crate and started throwing weights. Bobby practiced shuffleboard when he was supposed to be working for his dad stocking and cleaning the bar. First he was throwing weights down the board, then playing a game with Buss teaching Bobby the rules of the game.

When Bobby was 20 he started bartending at the Palace and helped start the Grant County Shuffleboard League. At 21, Bobby played his first game for a beer and soon was playing all the house regulars. His first regular partner was Jerry "Radar" Warr. In the early 80's, they won their share of tournaments. Jerry taught Bobby a lot about the game including discipline and patience.

Bobby played his first tournament in Anderson Indiana in approximately 1977. His first tournament win was at the American Bar in Portland Indiana with Gogie Hoheimer from Fairmont. Bobby's tournament experience and winning record span over three decades. Including the Indiana State Doubles Championship with his wife Debbie Voorhis. Bobby says that the biggest prize he ever won was Debbie.

For 25 years Bobby has promoted and run tournaments at the Palace Bar. He has helped teach most Fairmont and Indiana players that started the game after him. As well as "anyone else that will listen". "The younger players are what this game is all about."

Today, Bobby is a pro rated player of the game of table shuffleboard. He has been inducted into the Indiana Hall of Fame with a long list of achievements in the game including this induction to the Table Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame.



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The first time I played against Bobby in a doubles match, he kept up a running patter on our end. I thought he was trying to unnerve me, which was already a given, but once I got to know him, I realized that he was just being Bobby. He can talk intelligently about almost any subject because he has such curiosity and is so well-read. If he decided to learn something new, he will own the subject and be able to tell you more about it than anyone else. He is always the center of attention in any setting and has a wicked sense of humor. He and Deb are such fun guests and marvelous hosts, whether at home, at the Palace or at the lake. When it comes to shuffleboard, Bobby V is a fierce competitor who will do his best to beat you, but he's always a classy winner or (rarely) loser. Though he may not think of himself as a teacher, there's a bunch of folks in Fairmont who are players because of Bobby. And players around the country look up to him as a role model and a mentor. I can't think of anyone in shuffleboard who is more loved and admired than Bobby V. Congratulations Bobby! It is good to be King!

*-Pam Dowell*



*Anglin Garage Tournament*

"Congratulations" Bobby V. This is an honor well founded and well deserved. The consummate pro, ever vigilant for the younger amateur players. Always a kind word or a piece of advice for whoever will listen. With Debbie at his side, I'm sure we'll have more stories to share in the future.

As Yogie would say, "Your future is still in front of you".

*-Rick Pittman*

"WAY TO GO" Bobby V. An honor that is truly well-deserved!! It's a pleasure to know great players like you and your loving wife Deb. Have fun and enjoy your special day!!

*-Carol Jean Pittman*



*Rick Royal - How Bobby V's opponents feel after a match*

## Testimonials

Bobby Voorhis in the National Hall of Fame - yes yes yes!! I can't think of many that deserve this more. Bob V. is one of the best players, promoters & sponsors and overall guy. He has done so much for the shuffleboard world and helped so many including myself.

Bobby has played across the US winning his share..but win or lose he always comes back for more.

I think Bobby was on one of the first to travel out of Indiana and now we have so many that do so in all parts thanks to Bobby. Bobby makes a tournament worth going. He is always in the game and there to have some fun! I have had the pleasure of playing with him and he is one of the best partners you could ask for!!

**- Mary Brown**

Bobby V. is one of the game's true gentlemen. Bobby is a fierce competitor, but if he loses, he manages to be a good sport. Bob's home bar is the Palace. Players come from Michigan, Ohio and all over Indiana to compete in shuffleboard at a world class level. The Voorhis's are great hosts and the players always enjoy themselves.

**-Sheryl Cockerill**



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I want to say that you have my best wishes Bobby V. You are one of the nicest and giving people I have ever met. I will always remember how you and Debbie welcomed me into your home when I came back to play the tournaments there in Indiana. I had some of the best times ever there. I will always remember the tournament that you and I played together. We were in the finals and you wanted me to order you another White Russian. After looking at you I decided you did not need another one. I said, if we are going to win this final match there is one thing that you don't need is another White Russian." I no sooner got the words out of mouth and Rich Royal (who was standing right next to us) said, "Jim, if you want to win this, the one thing you DON'T WANT to do is stop buying Bobby the White Russians. Well, I did buy that much needed drink and we went on to win the tournament. Thanks Rick!

I remember that you once told me that you have not ever been to Southern California. I would like for you and Debbie to know that my offer will always stand. I extend my sincere welcome for you to come visit us some time and allow Pam and I to put you up in our home as you did for me. If you are coming to play in a tournament and choose to pair up



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in a tournament and choose to pair up with me, you probably should think about bringing Rick. Come see us!

I probably could not imagine the number of times you have placed either first or second in all the many tournaments you have played. It must be several. I remember the many you played in Vegas and Reno. I remember your dad, who everyone thought the world of, would step up to the plate and would not back down when it came to buying your calcutta. He certainly had the faith. It is for sure the Bus will be looking down that very special moment of time when you physically are receiving the plaque. I can hear him saying, way to go son it's about time.

Bobby V. it is my pleasure to add my name to the many others and to send you my congratulations. Being inducted into the National Hall Of Fame is an honor that only comes to a very select few and you are much deserving to be there among our elite. My only hope is that some time down the road we get another chance to pair up again. Win or lose, I enjoy teaming up with you and all the good laughs we had. If we do, I want to make sure that Rick is there for your drink count.

***-Jim Martin***

Back in 1995 I was pretty much a softball player only playing league shuffleboard, and not long at that. It had been raining all week so no ball games were played. I went with Rick Niblett and Lenny Dell to Waterloo, NY for a national tournament sponsored by Milwaukee Beer. Having no partner when I got there, Louise Freer said a guy from Indiana was coming and needed a partner. That was Bobby, so we teamed up. I had heard about him but never seen him play.

On Saturday, I knew it was going to be fun since Bobby had a beer in one hand and a White Russian in the other!! Our first game was against Don Perry and Kenny VanZile! I will never forget Kenny lagged 7 deuces in a row!! But that never bothered Bobby. He just kept on playing and drinking very calmly. I thought, hey, this is a pro I'm playing with, he is supposed to carry me. Well he did and I scored a 4 to win the game. From there we went on to win the tournament! It was great ! Even won T-Shirts (hey Bob, does it still fit?). Since then I have played with Bobby several times. He is a great player and person!!!

***-Dave Shewbridge***



*Bobby V and Glen Davidson - 1989*

I really don't remember the first time I met Bobby, but he made a lasting impression on me. He was a top Pro and I was a really low ranked amateur. This didn't seem to matter to him. He was very friendly and cordial and to my amazement, he remembered my name the next time we met.

I've played against Bobby a few times and was never able to beat him, but it was a lot of fun playing him. Bobby is one of the best players of all time and one of the nicest guys of all time, and definitely one of my favorites. Congratulations Bobby, you deserve to be in the National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

***-Tom Hendrix***

I don't know Bobby too well, but have seen him playing in Reno and other big tournaments long enough to be able to say that he is not only one of the shuffleboard greats, but is a total class act. Though indirectly, he's been a part of my education as far as learning the game and learning how to win and lose.

Congratulations, Bobby!

***-Eddie Brayman***



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Induction to the TSA National Shuffleboard hall of Fame is a great honor, and you deserve it. You have won tournaments across the country and impressed everyone with your shuffleboard skills. Too bad you couldn't hold me up enough to win when we played as partners! We always had a great time though. Congratulations!

***-Jerry Siebert***

I never thought I would win an AB Draw, but in Garland Texas in 2003, I drew Bobby V and the win was assured. He got the hammer and lagged 2's and 3's every time and I just threw them back. I've always enjoyed playing with him and against him. He is always a gentlemen who gives his best to the game.

Congratulations, Bobby on this well-deserved honor.

***-ET Jenson***

Bobby V you have been one of the greatest inspirations to me in the game of shuffleboard. I want to say thank you for helping me and being a good friend.

You are a great player and friend to all. Thanks Again!

***-Don Stallworth***

### *Bobby Voorhis Shuffleboard Accomplishments*

1989: PCSA Doubles with Billy Chiles- 1st Place  
(First major doubles win)

1991: PCSA Singles - 1st Place  
(First major singles win)

1992: PCSA Singles - 2nd Place

1993: Southwest Open Singles - 1st Place  
Southwest Open 4 Person Team - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis, Jim Long, Steve Blue, Sam Sweat

1994: 4 Person Deuces Wild - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis, Al Salazar, Rosa White, Dale Williams

1995: Southwest Open AB Draw - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis and Greg Tedford

1997: North American Shuffleboard Championships  
Singles - 1st Place

1998: Southwest Open 6 Person Draft Team - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis, Leroy Dowell, Rod Cameron, Ron Monville, Charlie Riley and  
Madge Goff.

PCSA Pro Doubles - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis and Jim Allis

2001: Southwest Open Pro Doubles - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis and Harvey Kidd

2002: Houston Holiday Open Pro Singles 1st Place  
Board Talk Open Pro Doubles - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis and Chris Passariello

2003: Southwest Open Pro Singles - 1st Place  
Southwest Open Pro Doubles - 1st Place  
Bobby Voorhis and Kelly Cameron  
Garland Texas - AB Draw - 1st Place  
Seven Time Indiana State Singles Champion  
Three Time Runner-up Indiana State Singles Champion



*Bobby and Billy - 1989*



*Bobby V and Linda Nobles*



*Bobby Voorhis, Don Happer, Sharon Canino, Deb Voorhis, Lance Black & John Nicol*



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The Table Shuffleboard Association's Board of Directors,  
TSA Associate shuffleboard community, friends and family  
proudly present the Hall of Fame Induction Award to  
Bobby "Bobby V" Voorhis on this 5th day of July 2007.

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