

Bobby "Bobby V" Voorhis - Indiana HOF Induttee History Induction Ceremony Held on June 14, 2003

Over 27 years ago (at the tender age of 10-11), Bobby stood on a coke crate and started throwing weights on Palace Bar's shuffleboard in Fairmount, Indiana. Bobby practiced shuffleboard when he was supposed to be working for Bussy (his dad) stocking and cleaning the bar. When Bobby turned 20 years old, he started bartending at the Palace Bar and helped start the Grant County Shuffleboard League.

Bobby won his first tournament at the American Bar in Portland. His partner was Gogie Hoheimer from Fairmount. Bobby's first regular partner was Jerry "Radar" Warr. In the early 80's they won their fair share of tournaments. Jerry taught Bobby a lot about the game including discipline and patience.

Believe it or not, Bobby and Rick Stocker *flew* (as most folks who know Bobby, know he does fly) to Texas for his first tournament out of Indiana. In Texas, Bobby found out he had a lot more to learn about shuffleboard.

Among Bobby's accomplishments are, first place singles in Fort Worth, Las Vegas, Reno, Houston (TX), Del City (OK) and many cities in Michigan and the Indiana State Championship.

He has taken many singles and doubles events and is always supportive of participation in team events. He has taken first place in doubles in Omaha, Austin, Las Vegas, Bourbon (IN), Houston (TX), Del City (OK), and again many other cities in Michigan and Indiana, including taking the Indiana State Doubles Championship partnered with his wife Debbie Voorhis.

Bobby said the biggest prize he ever won was Debbie in 1990 where they married in a little chapel in Las Vegas.

Players Comments:

- "Not only tops in Indiana, but tops in the U.S.A.!"
-- Pam Dowell
- "The only player I've ever seen who can have a great time, make you think you are great... and beat your ass!!!" -- Jeff McFadden
- "My mentor and teacher!" -- Tom Nolder

***Congratulations
to Bobby "V"
and the
Family of
Les "Whitey"
White for the
well-deserved
Indiana
Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame
Inductions
for these two
great players and
promoters
of Shuffleboard!***

-- Shuffleboard Community