

American Legion Post #424
202 S. Main Street
Bourbon, Indiana, 46504

Induction Ceremony
For
Rick Royal
Into the
Indiana Shuffleboard
Hall of Fame



2026 Spring Tournament
American Legion Post #424
Bourbon, Indiana
May 2, 2026

Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

The Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was started in May 1998 with the introduction of Emmett Wilcox.

The requirement for nomination in the Hall of Fame is a petition with twenty or more signatures recognizing individuals who have played and/or promoted shuffleboard in Indiana.

The American Legion Post #424 in Bourbon Indiana has a showcase highlighting the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inductees located upstairs in their facility.

This display board was made by Bill Niswonger and Dick Baney with framing done by Robin (Weissert)Racolta.

Rick Royal

Rick was born and raised in Eaton, Indiana alongside his two brothers, Bub and Davy, and his three sisters, Shelly, Stacy, and Stephanie. Rick has been married to his wife, Dena for 30 years, and together they have raised three kids, Nathan, Jacob, and Cassidy. Nathan and his wife, Kelsey, have two children, Beau and Haisley.

Rick started playing shuffleboard when he turned 21. His brother Davy introduced him to shuffleboard at the Mississinewa Tavern in Eaton, Indiana. Davy along with Rick's brother-in-law Jeff Fowler and cousin Alan Bailey would go to Muncie on Friday night to play in a draw tournament.

Rick started playing in Calcutta's with his good friend, Larry Vance. Larry would take Rick to different tournaments in Muncie and help him improve his game. The first Calcutta Rick ever won with Larry at the Red Dog in Muncie. Larry and Rick went on to play in many tournaments over the next several years. Rick won several Calcutta's with his brother Davy as well.

Rick also ran a shuffleboard league, in Eaton and Albany, for 2 years called "The Royal Slide". They had so many players that they eventually stopped because they would end up playing until 1 or 2 in the morning during the weeknight.

Rick at some point started playing with his idol Bobby Voorhis. Rick's greatest accomplishment was in 1994. Rick was 24 years old and played in a 42 player singles at the Indiana State Tournament. It didn't end until 4 or 5 in the morning. Rick ended up coming out of the loser's bracket to double dip Bobby V. There were only a handful of people left watching by then – Brian Collins was one of them – and to this day, he's still one of Rick's closest friends in the game. Everyone had to be back at Chances R at noon for the State Doubles Tournament. That was a great weekend that I'll never forget. Bobby V. was Rick's partner for most of the time until he slowed down to help raise his kids.

After 7 years out of the game where Rick would mainly play in the Annual State Shuffleboard Tournament, Terry Dowell and Rick partnered, at the last minute, and won the state doubles.

A few years later Rick was back at it when he played in a tournament that Dustin had in his garage. Jesse Lainhart and Rick have now teamed up to play in the state shortly after that and they have been doubles partners since.

Rick stated that one of the funniest memories was driving out to Vegas with Bobby and Beef. It took them 24 hours, and they drove through an ice storm. Rick played in the Pro-Amateur doubles with Jimmy the Cop (Jimmy Kumpula). Jimmy and Rick placed 1st in that event. Rick ended up buying a plane ticket and flying back home with Dena. The 24-hour drive there turned into a 4-hour flight home.

Shuffleboard has been a big part of Rick's life now for 35 years. He has slowed way down but the people he has met through the game will always be like family to him.

Rick over his career in Indiana had forty-six (46) firsts, twenty-four (24) 2nds, eighteen (18) 3rds and ten (10) 4ths.

1st Places

1992 Open Doubles w Larry Vance
1994 PCSA Extravaganza VI AB Draw w Jimmy Kumpula
1994 Indiana State Open Singles
1995 Open Doubles w Dave Royal
1995 Open Doubles w Bobby Brown
1995 Open Doubles w Bobby Brown, Jr.
1996 Open Doubles w Steve Blue
1997 Open Doubles w Marcia Brown
1997 Open Singles
1998 2nd Annual Shuffleboard Casino Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
1998 Open Doubles with Jim Davis
1998 Open Singles
1998 Indy 15 Shootout Open Doubles w Terry Dowell
1998 Indy 15 Shootout Open Singles
1998 Open Doubles w Mark McCleod
2000 Spring Chicken Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2000 ABC (Add to 4) w Gene McCleod & Al Ingram
2000 Mixed Doubles w Marcia Brown
2000 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2000 Indiana State Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2001 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2001 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2001 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2003 Red Dog Shoot Out w Brian Collins
2003 4th Annual IN HOF Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2003 Indiana State Open Singles
2003 Indiana State Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis

2004 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2005 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2005 Indiana Pre State Open Singles
2006 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2010 Indiana State Open Doubles w Terry Dowell
2016 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2016 Spring Chicken Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2017 Indiana's Top 8 Open Singles
2018 Indiana Pre State Open Singles
2019 Larry Brown Memorial Handicap Doubles w Jesse Lainhart
2019 Handicap Singles
2020 Handicap Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2020 Indiana State Open Doubles w Jesse Lainhart
2021 3 Person Add to 4 w Danny Eppard & David Royal
2021 Open Doubles with Dustin Roseberry
2021 Fall Chicken Handicap Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2022 Handicap Doubles w Danny Eppard
2022 Fall Chicken Handicap Doubles w Dave Shewbridge
2023 Memorial Day Handicap Doubles w Bobby Voorhis

2nd Place.

1993 Open Doubles w Danny Lowe
1993 Doubles Series 2 of 5 w Larry Vance
1994 Indiana State Mixed Doubles w Joanna Reese
1995 Open Doubles w Bobby Brown, Jr.
1997 Open Doubles w Marcia Brown
1997 Fall Chicken Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
1997 Indiana State Open Singles
1998 Open Doubles w Debbie Voorhis
2001 Spring Chicken Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2002 Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2006 Indiana State Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2009 Indiana State Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2016 Valentine's Open Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2017 Indiana State Open Doubles w Jesse Lainhart
2018 Indiana Pre State Open Doubles w Jody Shewbridge
2018 Indiana State Open Doubles w Jesse Lainhart
2019 ABC Bring Add to 5 w Danny Eppard & David Royal
2020 Handicap Doubles w Bobby Voorhis
2020 Summer Bash Singles Division 1
2021 Memorial Day Handicap Doubles w Dustin Roseberry
2021 TJ's Tournament Open Singles
2022 AB Add to 1 w Chad Cunningham
2022 Larry Creakbaum Memorial 3 Person w Mary Brown & Mike Galligher
2022 Indiana State Open Doubles w Jesse Lainhart

Agenda

Welcome

Jackie Imus, Chet Seybert, Mary Brown (IN
HOF Bd Member)

Hall of Fame Update

Jackie Imus, Chet Seybert, Mary Brown (IN
HOF Bd Member)

Presentation

Jackie Imus, Chet Seybert, Mary Brown (IN
HOF Bd Member)

Acceptance

Rick Royal

Closing

Jackie Imus, Chet Seybert, Mary Brown (IN
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Hall of Famers

Emmett Wilcox 1998

Steve Hart 1999

Larry Creakbaum 1999

James Long 1999

Larry Paxton 2000

George Slabaugh 2000

Dale Jackson 2000

Charlie Thompson 2000

Jim DeWitt 2002

Les White 2003

Bobby Voorhis 2003

Glen Ingram 2004

Terry Dowell 2005

Larry Brown 2005

Mary Brown 2006

Debbie Voorhis 2006

Mike Koontz 2015

Bill Niswonger 2017

Dave Boaz 2018

Bud Broka 2018

Butch Thomas 2020

Joyce Roberts 2022

Jody Berry-Shewbridge 2023

Brian Collins 2024