

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

Induction Ceremony

For

**Butch Thomas**

Into the

Indiana Shuffleboard

Hall of Fame



2020 Fall Tournament  
American Legion Post #424  
Bourbon, Indiana  
October 3, 2020



## **Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame**

The Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was started in May 1998 with the induction 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.

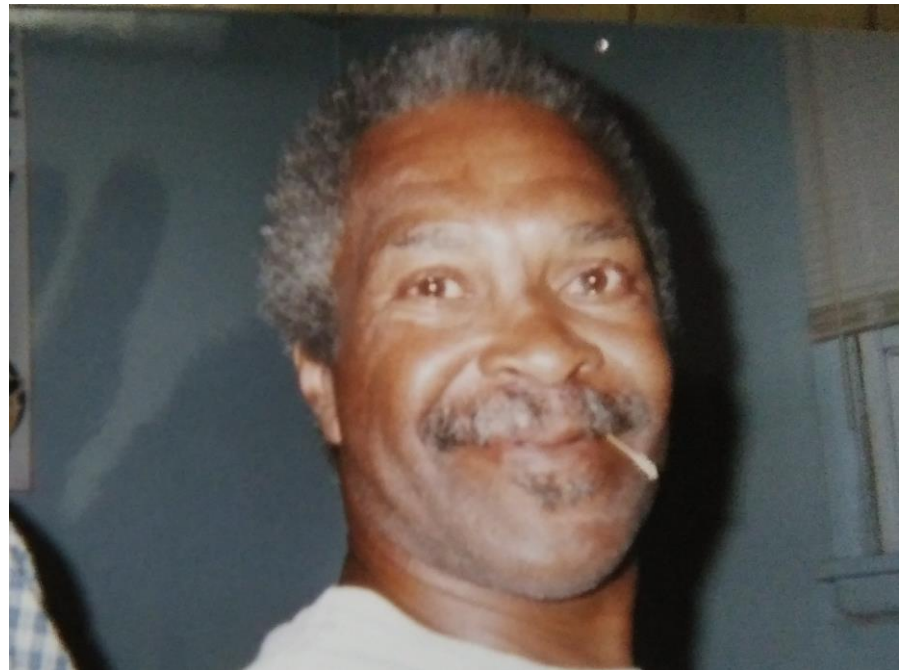
The American Legion Post #424 in Bourbon Indiana has a showcase highlighting the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inductees located upstairs in their facility.

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

## **Butch Thomas**

**Born December 4, 1947**

**Died July 5, 2020**



## Butch Thomas

Butch Thomas was born December 4, 1947 and passed away on July 5, 2020.

Butch was survived by his lifelong partner Connie Odom and her son Andy, daughter in law Dee, grandsons, Will & Jackson.

Butch Thomas's passion for shuffleboard began in 1975-1976. According to an article in the October 1996 Boardtalk, Page 11, Butch said: "I had never seen this game before until Willis Mathews put weights in my hands in 1975-1976. I played very little then, but by 1990, I was on my way. All the Hoosier shufflers helped me in some way to get my game going. Thanks to all of them. When Chris Danke and Steve Wilson came to Noblesville, they helped me with some shots and lagging."

Butch was an avid reader and occasional author in Board Talk newsletters during the 80's, 90's and early 2000's. Butch was a frequent poster on social media (Facebook) about his love and opinions (colorful) about the game as well as other interests.

Butch loved the game of shuffleboard so much he advertised on his pickup truck (on both sides) for Indiana Shuffleboard.

Butch traveled to tournaments to countless venues including Michigan and Oklahoma.

Butch over his career in Indiana had thirteen (12) firsts, eight (8) seconds, three (3) 3rds and two (2) fourths.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

2009 Open Doubles with Connie Langolf

2009 Fall Amateur Draw with unknown partner

2010 Pro Am with Bobby Voorhis

2010 Open Singles

2015 Pro Am with Jesse Lainhart

2015 Open Doubles with John Spillman

2015 Open Singles

2016 Amateur Round Robin with Dugan Bilbrey

2016 Amateur Singles

2017 Handicap Singles

2017 Open Doubles with Joe Anderson

2019 Jimmy the Cop Bring Partner Div 1 with Rena Fleming

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

2000 Mixed Doubles with Connie Odom

2009 Singles

2010 Open Doubles with Mike Tharpe

2015 Open Doubles with John Spillman

2016 Jimmy the Cop Div 2 Singles

2017 Jimmy the Cop ABC Draw with Dustin

Roseberry, Butch Thomas and Robyn Korpi

2018 3 Man Draw with Butch Thomas, Taya Keesling, Bob Voreis

2019 Handicap Doubles with Amber Mills

## **Agenda**

### **Welcome**

Joyce Roberts – Tournament Director

### **Video**

Jim Martin Video

### **Hall of Fame Update**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Presentation**

Dustin Roseberry (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Acceptance**

Butch Thomas (Posthumous) given to Connie  
Odom

### **Closing**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

Chet Seybert (IN HOF Bd Member)

## **IN Hall of Fame Inductees**

Emmett Wilcox - 1998

Jim Long -1999, 2005 TSA HOF

Larry Creakbaum -1999, 2005 TSA HOF

Steve Hart – 1999

Larry Paxton – 2000

Charlie Thompson - 2000

Dale “Skip” Jackson - 2000

George “Doc” Slabaugh - 2000

Jim DeWitt - 2002

Bobby Voorhis – 2003, 2007 TSA HOF

Les “Whitey” White - 2003

Glen Ingram - 2004

Terry Dowell - 2005

Larry Brown - 2005

Deb Voorhis - 2006

Mary Brown – 2006

Mike Koontz – 2015

Bill Niswonger – 2017

Dave Boaz – 2018

Bud Broka - 2018