



THE CALIFORNIA SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony Honoring

Dan Mourgos

Presented at

Exeter Eagles Lodge
Exeter, California

April 26, 2018



3rd Annual Bobby Goldsmith Pro-Am Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament

Exeter Eagles Lodge
655 West Visalia Road
Exeter, CA 93221

April 25-28, 2019
\$10,000 Added

Twelve (12) Boards
\$50 Registration Fee

For questions or additional information, Please contact:
Tour Directors-
Dwayne Spalding (559) 972-0803
Joel Atkins (559) 805-0334

2019 Bowers Ratings In effect

*Minimum \$10,000 added

PRO EVENT
Doubles: April 26-27 ~ \$500 per team
2/3, Double Elimination ~ Auction 6pm
Bring your partner, no minus 1's to play together.
Singles: April 27-28 ~ \$500 per player
2/3, Double Elimination
Six (6) Boards
Pro-Players: Non-refundable deposit of at least 1/3 of entry fees.
Must be received no later than March 30, 2019
Please make checks payable to: Exeter Eagles & mail to: Exeter Eagles Lodge, Attn: Shuffleboard Tournament, PO Box 518, Exeter, CA 93221

Pro-Am Event
4-person draft: April 25-26 ~ \$50 per player
Draft 5pm ~ Auction 6pm

Amateur Event
ABC: April 26-27 ~ \$50 per player ~ Auction 6pm
2/3 - 15, Single game to 21 losers ~ Open to all players.
Double Add to 2: April 27-28 ~ \$200 per team
2/3 - 15, Single game to 21 losers
Double Add to 5: April 27-28 ~ \$100 per team
2/3 - 15, Single game to 21 losers
Six (6) Boards

Payouts:

Pro Events & Amateur Event

\$10,000 added money

Minimum \$8,000 Pro Events

90% entry fees are paid out

First: 50% • Second: 25%

Third: 15% • Fourth: 10%

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Hall of Fame
Is proud to induct

Dan Mourgos

Friday April 26, 2019

Travel Information:

- Kaweah Motel (559) 592-2961
319 S. Kaweah Ave.
Exeter, CA 93221
- Best Western Inn, (559) 592-8118
805 S. Kaweah Ave,
Exeter, CA 93221
- Various Visalia, Ca Hotels

Nearest Airport: (FAT)
Fresno, CA

DAN MOURGOS



Dan was born in San Francisco, CA and lived there his first 6 years. He then moved to San Bruno where he lived through college. Dan got his undergraduate degree at USF with a major in Finance. Dan currently lives in San Mateo, CA with his wife, Jane, and son, Matthew.

Growing up, Dan loved team sports, baseball, basketball and especially football. He played football through all four years of high school and 1 year of college. He says, *“I also played individual sports, but I am more comfortable and do better in team sports. Not only for the comradery, but you learn to trust the other players on the team to do their jobs and you try not to compensate for what they are doing. Everyone needs to be on the same page, and you can’t try to do their jobs. Just stay in your role.”*

“That’s one of the reasons I think I have excelled in the team shuffleboard events because I don’t tend to bother my partner or team mates or try to make them do something they are not comfortable doing. I let them play their game and I play mine.”

In 1984, Dan had just moved from Mt. View to Belmont when a friend invited him out to a bar to watch a Wednesday night pool tournament. Dan wasn’t a bar person and didn’t play pool very much, but he liked to watch others play. When he got to the bar, Ausiello’s, he spotted a table shuffleboard in another room and that immediately drew his attention. He started going there frequently. *“There was one board and you walked in, put your name on the board and played 21-point games for a beer. If it was Friday night and there were a lot of names on the board, you hoped someone would grab you as a partner before your name came up. Otherwise you might not get a chance to play.”* He met and played with Larry Good (now playing in Texas), Jack Boatwright, Gary Johnson and others.

Dan started playing there almost every night; *“I would plan my day around when I could go down and play shuffleboard. Among the Ausiello gang of players were two people who had recently moved out from Nebraska. One of the two was Jane... and a few years later, we were married. I think one of the reasons I still play is because Jane is a player. She understands and there is no conflict. If I say, ‘I want to play shuffleboard’ she will say ‘Great, let’s go!’ “.*

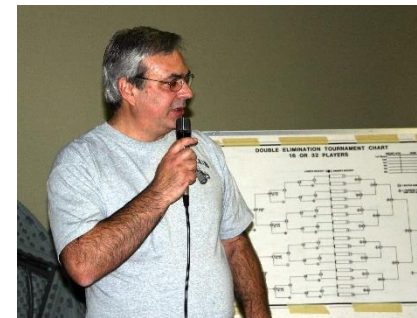
After a few weeks playing with the Ausiello group, Dan thought he was getting to be a pretty good player. One night a friend told him that he had to see this guy playing shuffleboard. Dan went to watch and saw the guy pick up a weight and throw with the prettiest, smoothest stroke he had ever seen. *“He threw a right cross Jersey towards the left corner and it curled behind a weight and dropped right into a three. It was the most amazing thing I had ever seen, and I said, ‘That is what I want to do!’ I wanted to learn to play like that.”* That guy he saw playing that night was Andy Brorsen. He

was the best player in the area and helped Dan learn the game in those early days.

Dan started hearing about the tournaments in Marysville but wasn't able to make it to one. He then heard about T.G.'s in Santa Clara that had two boards and a few players. One of the first times he was there, a group of players coming back from one of the Las Vegas tournaments passed through. Dan had never heard of these players, but they were pointed out to him and many later went into the Hall of Fame: Freddy Thumann, Jimmy Allis, Karl Spickelmier and possibly Hal Perry and Bob Hunt were there. Dan watched them and saw a yet even higher level of play. The future Hall of Famers weren't always there but there were other good players so Dan would go whenever he could. Paul Parks took him under his wing and taught him a lot about strategy and how the game worked at that level. Dan really appreciated that. Rick Thomas and Nelson Jennings started holding tournaments there. They then moved over to Blinky's and held a lot of tournaments, some that people from all over the country came to: Bill Melton Sr, David Williams Sr, Diana Hagan, Darrol Nelson, Doug Buhl, Dudley Hutcherson, Karl Spickelmier, Bubba Warren and others from SoCal. The Sacramento Rat Pack: Don Cox, Freddy Thumann, Hal Perry, Bob Hunt, Joe Hudson and Nick Chaffin were usually there. Darrol Nelson came to most of Blinky's tournaments. At the time, he and Bill Melton Sr. were considered the top two players in the country. Dan learned a great deal playing with and against Darrol. Rick Boyer lived in the area for about a year and Dan was able to play against him a lot which picked up his game further. Then Dan started traveling to tournaments in SoCal, Arizona, Reno and Vegas. He started playing money games and a few sessions. *"You really learn the game when*

you play the best players. It was enjoyable for me. It's the competition rather than the money."

When reflecting on the changes in the game over the years, Dan mentioned that in the mid-80's, people rarely had their own weights. You played with the bar weights and sometimes one color set was much better than the other. In those days when you flipped for hammer, sometimes color was chosen instead. Dan has also observed that players are now often more aggressive about passing weights and that the present-day consistency of tables and weights allows that change in the game. Dan considers himself "Old School," in that he more often bangs weights and lags. He will pass a weight but will pick his spots to do so.



Tournament Director

Dan is currently rated #44 in the country on the Shuffleboard Information Network chart and #43 in the Bower's ratings. This puts him within the top 2% of rated players in the U.S. Dan enjoys the family atmosphere at tournaments. *"When you go to these tournaments, you see a lot of the same people and you strike up friendships. That is a lot of fun and one of the things that keeps me playing."*

A Partial List of Tournaments Dan has cashed in

YEAR	LOCATION	TOURNAMENT	EVENT	FINISH	PARTNER
1989	T.G.'s Place	Thanksgiving	Open Doubles	3rd	Paul Parks
1993	Sands, Reno *	NASC	Division I Singles	1st	
1993	Sands, Reno	NASC	Pro Doubles	5th	Paul Parks
1993	Sands, Reno *	NASC	Pro Singles	5th	
1994	Blinky's	Labor Day	Pro Doubles	3rd	Rick Thomas
1994	Sands, Reno	NASC	Division I Doubles	2nd	Steve Perry
1995	Blinky's	Memorial Day	ABC Draw	3rd	Marion Bailey, Cheryl Kelly
1995	Blinky's	Labor Day	Pro Doubles	3rd	Rick Thomas
1996	Blinky's	President's Day	Open Doubles	3rd	George Camara
1996	Dixie Belle	4th of July	ABC Draw	3rd	Gary Jones, Jim Linton
1996	Dixie Belle	4th of July	Open Singles	4th	
1998	Blinky's	President's Day	Pro Doubles	1st	Rick Thomas
1999	Blinky's	President's Day	Pro Doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
1999	Blinky's	Labor Day	Pro Doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
2000	Blinky's	President's Day	Pro Singles	2nd	
2000	Blinky's	Memorial Day	Pro Singles	3rd	
2000	Old Town Saloon	Labor Day	AB Draw	3rd	Ray Garza
2002	Old Town Saloon	President's Day	AB Draw	2nd	Virgil Jones
2002	133 Club	Memorial Day	Pro Doubles	2nd	Joe Hudson
2004	Blinky's	Sweetheart	Mixed Doubles	1st	Jane Mourgos

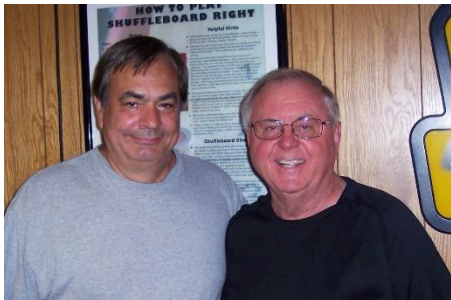
YEAR	LOCATION	TOURNAMENT	EVENT	FINISH	PARTNER
2006	133 Club	Memorial Day	ABC Draw	1st	Kathy Thomas, Roger Bradley
2007	Modesto Elks	President's Day	ABC Draw	1st	Jim Golden, John Azevedo
2007	Modesto Elks	President's Day	Open Singles	3rd	
2007	Las Vegas	Sept 28-30, 2007	AB Draw	1st	Bud LaChappell
2009	Modesto Elks	President's Day	Open Singles	3rd	
2009	Arizona	Bill Gibb Memoria	ABC Draw	4th	Glen Lindberg, Don Cary
2011	Sands, Reno	NASC	4 team, add to 1	5th/6th	Dave Keithahn, Bob Crum, Jeff Delphia
2012	Cocktails Anyone?	Labor Day	ABC Draw	2nd	Willy Vasquez, Gary Sturm
2013	Royal Room	Labor Day	AB Draw	1st	Richie Eshilian
2013	Sands, Reno	NASC	4 team, add to 1	1st	Dave Keithahn, Joan Healey, Dan Childs
2014	Royal Room	Labor Day	Open Doubles	1st	Craig Amundson
2015	Sands, Reno	NASC	4 team, add to 1	3rd	Dave Keithahn, Dan Childs, Barbara Head
2016	Elks - Exeter	4th of July	Add to 2 dbls	1st	Jeff Delphia
2016	Elks - Exeter	4th of July	ABC Draw	1st	George Goldsmith, Lance Lohr
2017	Sands, Reno	NASC	4 team, add to 1	5th	Dave Keithahn, Debbie Sexton, Bita Giliam
2018	Sands, Reno	NASC	Pro Am Draft	5th	Eddie Brayman, Barbara Crum, Ric Ware, Duke Drewry, Helen Robertson

- Dan was eligible to play in both Division I and Pros in 1993

TESTAMONIALS

Dan has been playing tabletop shuffleboard now for over 25 years. He is currently rated in the top 2% of the nation and Canada. He has been rated a pro player most of his career in the last 20 years. Dan is not only one of the top players in the country as well as Canada, but Dan has also been a supporter of the game. He has always been there to help out with many tournaments. I am proud to have nominated Dan and to congratulate and welcome him into the California shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jim Martin



Dan and Jim Martin

Congratulations Dan. You are truly a great player and gentleman. Your ability and sportsmanship are what the hall of fame is about.

Vern Booth

Allan and I met Dan many years ago at one of Jolene's Sweethearts Tournament out in San Bernardino, CA. Wow! What a player, Jolene was known for bringing ringers in to play with her. Years later, I had the pleasure to play with Dan in the four-person add to 1 in Ren. To win the tournament, Dan lagged a 3 to win the game, match and event. Congratulations Dan on your induction to the California Hall of Fame, very well deserved.

Joanie and Allan Healey

Dan Mourgos, gentleman of shuffleboard. If you're going to play Dan Mourgos, you better be on top of your game. Dan should be in the Hall of Fame.

Dox Cox

Dan the man! You are what Shuffleboard is all about. A great competitor and a true gentleman of the game, who always displays good sportsmanship along with unparalleled wit. It has been my privilege and pleasure to play both with and against you. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you over these past few years. Congratulations on your induction to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Our sport is just better because of players like you.

PS-I'll take a white wine spritzer. Only a "manly" man would do that for me!

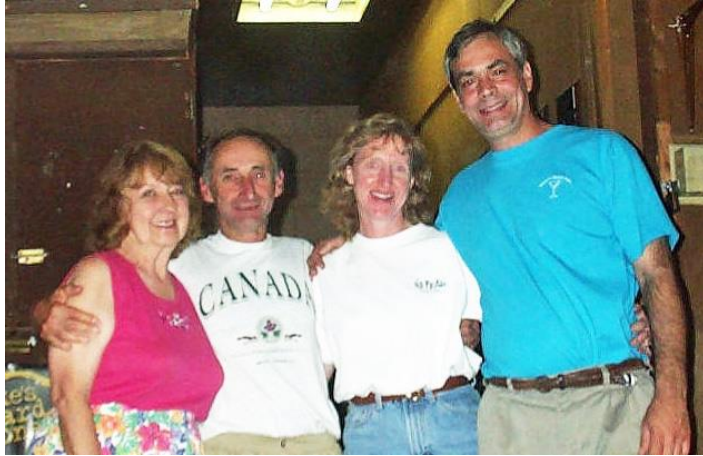
Luv ya!

Cindy Clark

Dan, congratulations to one of the nicest guys in shuffleboard and one hell of a player! We all love you here at Ranch Shuffleboard.

Russ, Leslie and family

Blinky's Sweetheart Tournament, 2004



Bev & Nick Chaffin, Jane & Dan
Jane and Dan took 1st place

Reno 4 Person Team



Dave Keithahn, Dan, Dwayne Maxwell, Anna Brunskill

The 133 Club 2006

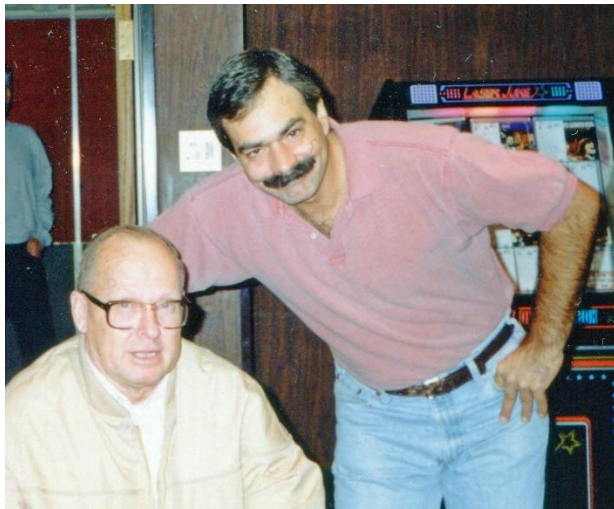


Back row: Bob Crum, Dan, Dave Keithahn
Middle row: Bob Hunt, Eddie Brayman, Don Cox, J.R. Noel, Nick Chaffin
Front: George Camara, Lorraine Olson

TG's Place 1990



Back row: Gabe, Dan, Phil Pickens, Steve Luttrell
Middle row: Larry Good, Eileen, unknown, Cal Stevens
Front row: Rick Thomas, Pat Bayless, Clarence

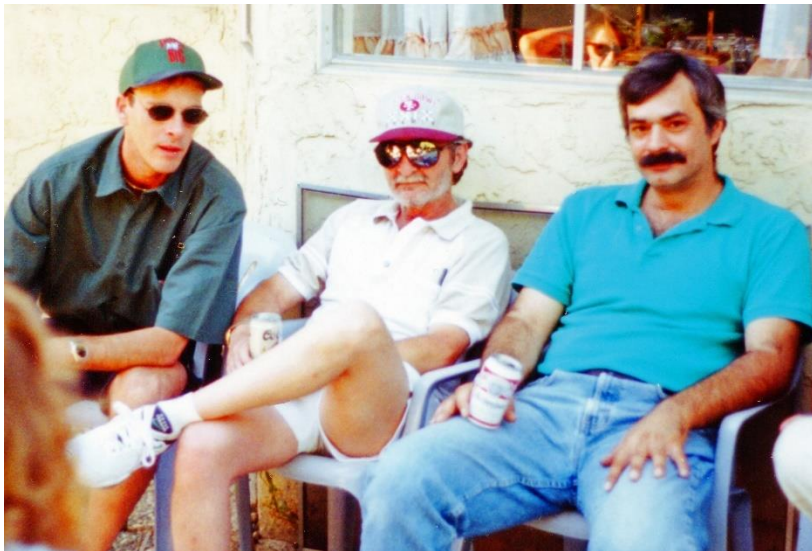


Andy Brorsen and Dan



Dan and Jane

133 Club Memorial Day 2006



Steve Perry, Paul Parks, Dan



Roger Bradley, Kathy Thomas, Dan 1st Place ABC, John Azevedo sponsor

In the late 90's to early 00's, Blinky's in Santa Clara was THE place to play in California. You could find a game any day of the week, and on weekends, you were sure to find some of the best players on the west coast, from Los Angeles to Washington. There were tournaments on just about every holiday, and most of them included people like Darrol Nelson, Hal Perry, Donny Cox, Nick Chaffin, Joe Hudson, Fred Thumann, occasionally Dan Hitt, and a whole bunch of other -1's and 0's. In that elite group, there was a seemingly quiet dude named Dan Mourgos.

The very first time I encountered Dan, he was shooting against Darrol Nelson, in one of Blinky's week long tournaments. Dan showed up for tournaments, but I don't recall him being there much for non-tournament play or practice. I later found out, he wasn't a big fan of practicing.

Dan is simply a perfect gentleman, great friend, crazy funny when you get to know him, and outstanding shuffleboard player. He is absolutely deserving of this honor.

Eddie Brayman



Dan and Eddie Brayman

When the name Dan Mourgos is mentioned, I think of a real nice and enjoyable person to be around that will let you take up his whole day along with his wife Jane to help and teach you the game of shuffleboard. He deserves this award without a doubt!

John Bernal

Congratulations to Dan Mourgos on his induction to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He's been a great player and supporter of shuffleboard for a long time. We played quite often at TG's and Blinky's in San Jose. Congrats Dan!

Bubba

It was my pleasure to meet Dan a few years ago playing shuffleboard. He's a very good shuffleboard player and he's very polite and friendly. I've always liked Dan and I congratulate him on his induction into the California Hall of Fame. It's been my pleasure to know you and hope we see each other many more years.

Jan Manes

Well Dan, welcome to the CSHOF.

Dan is a true California player, born in San Francisco and living and working the Bay Area with his great wife Jane (a Hell of a player herself).

Dan worked hard through the years to get his game to the level to compete and certainly win his share of tournaments. Kind of a quiet guy that carries himself at such a high standard. I'm a big fan of both him and his wife, they have done so much for the game.

Great player and great person. I have loved this game for a very long time and when I see a person that has meant so much to the game, it makes an old man feel pretty damn good to see him reach the top.

Proud of you Dan and I wish you the best!

Proud Friend,
Hal Perry

Dan made some great shots to put me in the loser's bracket (NASC Pro Singles 2018). I don't know him well, but I know if he is receiving this award, it has to be well deserved.

David Williams, Jr.

The first time I met Dan was at Blinky's in Santa Clara, CA. He was the top pro there at the time. I played 14-hour sessions against Dan on Saturdays. We played tournaments together and practiced together. Dan always conducted himself as a professional. I truly believe he is more than deserving of his CSHOF induction!

Congrats Dan!
Dave Keithahn



Dave Keithahn and Dan

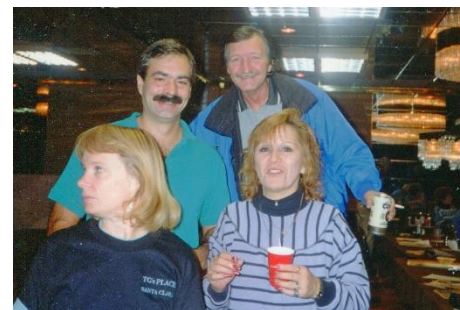
I've been lucky enough to play once with Dan. We won, and I learned something important. KEEP THE HAMMER WITH DAN!
Congratulations on your induction to The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!

Richie Eshilian

I first met Dan in the late 1980's when he brought a group from San Mateo to a Saturday meet at TG's in Santa Clara. It was quickly obvious that he was a very good player. He continued to improve and by 1993 finished first in the Division I Singles event at the NASC in Reno. He also cashed in the Pro Doubles event with Paul Parks that year. Not long after that he reached Pro status and has remained there. Dan was always a major presence at the Blinky's tournaments, playing with and against the best pros in California and beyond. He is great to play with in Pro Am events because while he always plays to win, he won't make you feel horrible for missing a shot. He has a great sense of humor and is a really nice man.

Dan has also helped out with brackets at many tournaments and has served as Director of a few tournaments, a very thankless job. He is currently rated in the top 2% of players in the U.S. and #3 in California. This induction is well deserved!

Kathy Thomas



Dan, Paul Parks, Kathy Thomas, Stevie Parks

I haven't seen Dan in decades, but I remember him being a very good player and a class act. Congratulations!

Steve Burkett

I met Dan in Reno last year. What an awesome guy!

Laurie Gordner

Congratulations Dan for a well-deserved California Hall of Fame award!

Many years ago (1995) Dave and I went to my first major tournament in Del City. When we got to the hall on the first day, a \$20 "Robin" was forming. Dave put me in and I was very nervous. Dan and I drew up. When Dan delivered the first weight of that game with that beautiful smooth release, I knew I drew a very experienced player. He played amazing. Unfortunately, I did not have a good game. Even though we didn't win, he was exceptionally respectful and encouraging throughout the game. Afterwards, Dan took a few minutes to sit and talk to me. He complimented me and told me to keep playing that I had potential. The kindness that Dan showed me on that day has stayed with me all these years. Since that day, I have wanted to play with Dan again. We played in the 4 person bring team event in Reno the last 2 years and are playing again this year. Each year, I look forward to playing with a great player that is the essence of Friendship Through Competition. Dan you are a great Ambassador for the game of Shuffleboard.

Dave and I extend our sincere Congratulations! We wish all the best for you, Jane and your family for many years to come.

Debbie Sexton

Congratulations Dan!

Char Waugaman

Great to see Dan being put into the California Hall of Fame. Well deserved!

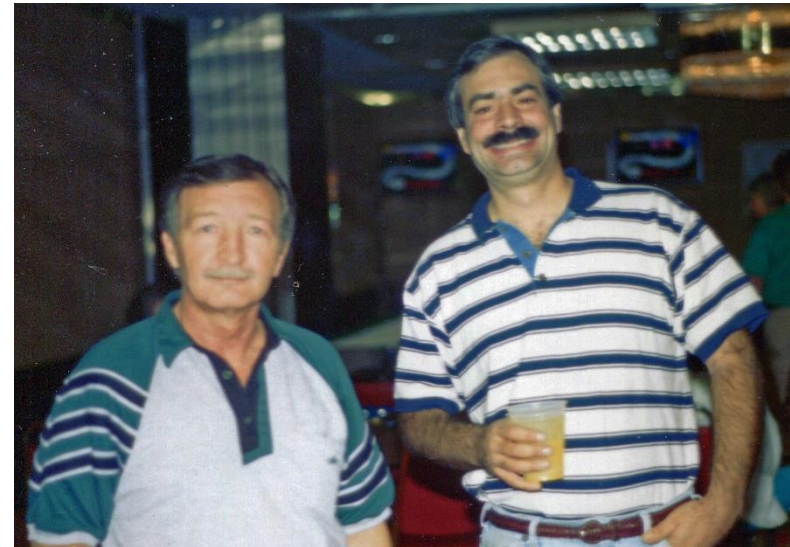
Gordie Smith

Well-deserved and congratulations Dan!

Jeff Delphia



Dan and Johnny Wayne Crawford



Paul Parks and Dan

Facebook Messages



Jana Brannen Stillman Congrats to dan!!! Well deserved

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Diana Jones Hagen



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