



THE CALIFORNIA SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony Honoring

Dave Keithahn

Presented at
Exeter Eagles Lodge

Exeter, California

May 5, 2017

**Bobby Goldsmith Pro-Am Memorial
Shuffleboard Tournament**
May 4-8, 2017
Exeter Eagles Lodge
555 West Visalia Road, Exeter, California
\$10,000 Added
Nine Boards •
\$50 Registration Fee
Thursday, May 4 – \$20 Round Robins

Pro-Event

Doubles: May 5-6 • \$500 per team

2/3, Double Elimination

Bring your partner, no minus 1s to play together.

Singles: May 6-7 • \$500 per player

2/3, Double Elimination

Five (5) boards • 20-player field

Pro-Players: Non-refundable deposit of at least of half of entry fees must be received no later than **April 7, 2017**. Please make checks payable to "Exeter Eagles" and mail to:

Exeter Eagles Lodge
Attention: Grant Watson
555 West Visalia Road
Exeter, CA 93221

Amateur Event

ABC: May 5-6 • \$50 per player

2/3-15, Single Final 21

Double Add to 2: May 6-7 •

\$200 per team 2/3-15, Single Final 21

Double Add to 4: May 6-7 •

\$100 per team 2/3-15, Single Final 21

Four (4) boards

2017 Bowers Ratings in effect.

Pay-Outs* for Both Pro- Events & Amateur Event

\$10,000 added money

(\$8,000 Pro-Event; \$2,000 Amateur)
90% of combined entry fees goes
to payout

First: 50% • Second: \$25% •
Third: 15% • Fourth: 10%

*Pay-out will be according to event payouts.

California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

is proud to induct
David Keithahn
as a Player on
Friday, May 5, 2017!

Travel Information

Accommodations:

- Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, California; (559) 651-5000. Rooms blocked under "Shuffleboard."
- Best Western Exeter Inn & Suites, 805 S. Kaweah Avenue, Exeter, California; (559) 592-8118

Nearest Airport: Fresno Air Terminal (FAT), Fresno, California; Shuttle service from airport available via V-Ride

For questions or additional information, please contact: Tour Director – Grant Watson, (559) 731-2385 • Dwayne Spalding, (559) 972-0803 • Joel Atkins, (559) 805-0334

David Keithahn

David grew up in Sherburn, Minnesota, the oldest of 6 children. As a young adult, he worked for a nationwide company that built retirement apartments. During a period of 5 years he helped build over 30 apartments in Colorado, Utah, Washington, Texas, Rhode Island and California.



In 1987, Dave settled in Visalia, CA and spent the next 10 years there doing drywall work. It was there that he found Mr. G's, the bar owned by Bobby Goldsmith, a California shuffleboard legend. The best players from Northern and Southern California would meet there for money games and session play. He

watched, learned and practiced, determined to make money on the game. A guy named Herman first showed him how to throw a weight, but Larry Newell showed him how to play the game. In 1997, Dave and Larry took 2nd place in the Open Doubles at the annual Mr. G's Memorial Day tournament. This event was attended by shufflers from all over the state.

Soon after, David moved to Northern California and continued to hone his game at Blinky's in Santa Clara. He quickly became a major presence in the many tournaments held there, but also supplemented his income with money games. He began working with A.Z. Turnbo who showed him how to setup and pour a shuffleboard.

Early on, Dave's biggest shuffleboard influence was Darrol Nelson. Dave says that his favorite tournament win was at the 133 Club (Manteca, CA) Memorial Day tournament in 2002. He took first place in the Open Singles event, beating Darrol and Joe Hudson to get there. He also teamed up with Darrol to place in Pro Doubles at the 2001 and 2002 NASC tournaments in Reno, NV and at the 2008 Presidents' Day tournament in Stockton, CA.



Darrol Nelson and Dave

David has taken 1st and 2nd places in many large tournaments in Pro Singles, Pro Doubles and in various Team events. Before he left California, Dave was the #1 ranked player in the state. He also served as President of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. In his "spare time" Dave was a professional bass fisherman.

In the nomination letter from Hal Perry and Eddie Brayman, Eddie wrote:

"From his first entering Blinky's, in Santa Clara, CA, Dave was playing toe-to-toe with some of the best players in the country. Devoting a huge amount of time and energy into long

practice sessions and studying the masters, Dave continued to improve his game and soon became the most dominant player in California. His devotion and love of shuffleboard quickly allowed him to exercise another one of Dave's talents, teaching. Dave loved to help others and pass his knowledge on to other players trying to improve their game.

Besides his success as a player, Dave has contributed to shuffleboard in so many other ways. Dave has been building, refinishing, and every performing every aspect of board maintenance for over 20 years. He has been part of the core of the NASC Reno shuffleboard table crew for many years. Dave has been in charge of board installation and maintenance for a number of small, medium, and large tournaments over the years."

Since moving to Texas, Dave has continued his winning ways, getting 1sts in NASC team events, singles in Indiana, doubles in Cedar Park, TX and cashed in the Houston Holiday Open, the Texas Open and the Southwest Open. He is now ranked #11 in the U.S.

Dave, along with his business partner Jim Lynch, own Allstar Shuffleboards. They manufacture shuffleboards from the ground up and have worked very hard to perfect player-friendly boards.



Dave and Larry Newell

Partial List of 1st – 3rd Place Wins

YEAR	PLACE	VENUE	EVENT
1997	2nd	Mr. G's	Open Doubles
1998	2nd	Blinky's	Amateur Singles
1999	2nd	Dixie Belle	Open Doubles
2001	3rd	Winston 2001	A/B Draw
	3rd	NASC	Pro/Am Draft
	3rd	NASC	Pro Doubles
2002	1st	133 Club	Open Singles
2003	3rd	Winston 2003	Open Doubles
	1st	NASC	Pro Doubles
	3rd	NASC	3 -man add to 0
2004	1st	T's Cocktails	Open Doubles
2005	2nd	VFW Post	Open Singles
2007	2nd	Elks' Lodge	Open Singles
2008	2nd	Moose Lodge	Open Doubles
	2nd	Pacific Northwest	Singles - Div1
	2nd	Pacific Northwest	Doubles - Div 1
2010	2nd	Marlin Open	Doubles
2011	1st	Marlin Open	Doubles
2012	1st	NASC	Pro/Am Draft
2013	1st	NASC	4-man , add to 1 Handicap
	1st	The Palace	Singles
2014	2nd	Houston Open	Pro Singles
	3rd	Texas Open	A/B Draw - Div I
	3rd	Texas Open	Singles - Div1
2015	3rd	NASC	4-man add to 1
2016	1st	Post Tavern	Pro Doubles
	2nd	Southwest Open	Pro Singles

TESTIMONIALS

I don't think I'm alone in saying that Dave has made me so mad before, I could have thrown a weight at his head. More than once, actually.

Since the first day I met Dave K, I knew he was not a man shy with his words. I don't exactly keep my mouth shut nearly as much as I should which is a very good reason he and I clashed so much in the beginning. However, we have become friends over time and I have learned a great deal from Dave.

Anyone who knows Dave K knows that he has been involved in every aspect of shuffleboard. I have had the opportunity to watch Dave work his magic on tables at All Star Shuffleboard headquarters and design and construct some of the most beautiful tables there. He has run tournaments and has played a major role in setup and preparation for the largest tournaments in the world. He has established himself as a great player, winning countless tournaments in the pro division across the country.

More personally, Dave is an amazing instructor of the sport. If you are willing to learn, he is willing to teach. I wanted to go back home to Missouri and win a certain tournament. Everyday possible for a month, I was throwing weights. Dave was there with me every day. He helped me work on my consistency and my lag. When it came time for me to go play, I felt more ready than ever before. I went through the winner's bracket untouched, rarely missing a weight and lagging so good I couldn't even believe it! Without Dave's dedication to help me, I have no doubt I would never have done so well.

I am only one example of the time he spends teaching players skill and sharing his knowledge and time to promote the game. I have seen him spend countless, and often frustrating, hours with players and he asks for nothing in return.

Our lack of physical presence at your induction is not an adequate representation of how proud your Texas Shuffleboard Family is of you. We are all truly happy for this honor you are receiving.

Congratulations to you!

Bethany Rohr Freeze (TX)



Dave and Jeff Delphia

Dave has been a True Friend. When I first met him, I had only been playing shuffleboard for about 3 weeks at the 133 Club with Danger (J.R. Noel). On this day my partner was Nick Chaffin, and Dave was at Nick's end. I hopped a weight or two, and Dave, who I didn't know at that time, jumped up and yelled at me: "You have no business playing this game! You are wasting our time and your money until you can hit weights!" That pissed me off because, if you know Dave, he can be an asshole at times. I have learned much more about the game over the last ten years or so and he has taught me in all our road trips across country doing shuffleboard installations. From the first time we met to now, he has become a brother to me and made me a much better player.

I thank you Dave. Congratulations, you are well deserving of this award!!!

Jeff Delphia

David Keithahn. He is one of the top shuffleboard players. He reminds me of the old-time players. He travels everywhere. He doesn't have to have a Home board to be good. That makes him a champion shuffleboard player. You might call him overqualified for the Hall of Fame. Not only is he a top player, he will also go to tournaments and adjust the boards to make them more playable. And, David is a great money player, he does not back down from anyone.

Your Friend,
Don Cox



Dave and Don Cox

One afternoon, my father (Bobby Goldsmith) was at Mr. G's playing shuffleboard and she said that there was a young man there named Dave who really showed an interest in the game. Then one day he came home and said, "That boy Dave is going to be a player and a good one at that!" And Dave, I think he was right.

Congratulations for this well-deserved induction. We consider you a great promoter, competitor and a lifelong friend.

Russ & Leslie Langton and Warren Goldsmith

I first met Dave Keithahn sometime in the 1990's, playing shuffleboard. Over the years, we have played in several doubles tournaments. Looking back, I remember the 2003 NASC in Reno, the 2006 Memorial Day tournament at the 133 Club, the Marlin Open in southern California and several Memorial tournaments in Arizona. Winning with Dave was easy, he was always calm and collected. Most of all, he has an accomplished knowledge of the game, excellent board play and tremendous lags. With his professional play and dedication to the game, he is most deserving of induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Nick Chaffin



Dave & Nick Chaffin

Like many other players, David worked his way up through the ranks, earning him one of the top positions in the country as a player. He played some of the best in the country in the Visalia area many years ago. He learned how to polish and hone his skills. He is not only one of the country's top 10 best, he has also been a great help in supporting one of the biggest tournaments in the country, the North American Shuffleboard Championships.

Congratulations David, this is a nomination that is well deserved

Jim Martin

As a player, Dave has done so much for shuffleboard. In California, Dave has helped several players including myself improve both knowledge and strategy in playing shuffleboard. Dave has held the number 1 spot as the top shuffleboard player here in California for the past couple of years, he has been a great supporter playing in many tournaments here in California and other states as well. My greatest memory was playing in Reno on the 4-person add to 1 with Dave, Dan M. and Dan C. and winning 1st Place. Congratulations Dave, on your induction to the California Hall of Fame, very well deserved. Thank you for all that you have done for shuffleboard, I wish you all the best in Texas.

Your friend, Joanie Healey



David Keithahn is a very deserving inductee to the California hall of fame. He is a great example of what can be accomplished with dedication and hard work.

Dave is a true student of the game. Always learning and improving his game. Even after becoming, arguably, the best player in California and one of the best in the U.S., he has never stopped learning and improving his skills.

I have always said that it should be difficult to get into the hall of fame. David Keithahn is certainly deserving of that honor. He is one of the best players of his era and I expect he will continue to be a great player for many years to come.

Wow, the Hall of Fame. Way to go Dave!

Dan Mourgos

I am not sure when I met Dave, it's been a lot of years. I was always a fan of his talent. For a few years he didn't win the way I thought he would because he had so damn much talent he couldn't figure out which way to play: should he be a lagger, board player, blaster of weights? Should he use free hand or span shots? He ended up using them all and finally put them together and he is now, in my opinion, one of the 5 best players in the country. So, going into the CSHOF should have been a no brainer and I am certainly glad to have been one of the people to help him get there.

I am still a big fan of his. He has moved to Texas where the game is in full bloom, it's really a Texas game now. They hold just about everything. When I was young, I was lucky enough that California was the big spot. It had the best money games and tournaments, but that has now without a doubt, ended up in Texas. That is where he is and he is playing the best players and holding his own. That is why I wanted to get him into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, and down the line I can certainly picture him getting into the National Hall of Fame,

Dave, I have been a friend of yours forever, and a fan of your talent. Welcome to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame,

Hal Perry

My wife and I would like to congratulate Dave on his induction to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. He has been a good friend and inspired a lot of us.

He has given up a lot of hours setting up workshops and helping 1on1. All you had to do was ask and Dave was there.

He is truly missed here in Southern California. Thanks again Dave and congratulations!

Jim & Linda Rawlings

OLD FRIENDS



NEW FRIENDS



The first time I met Dave was 2009, my second doubles tournament. I asked him to show me how to drive weights. The second time we met was Reno 2010. He grabbed a pen, put an arrow on my hand and showed me a thumb. When Dave moved to LA he became a friend and a mentor. His time in LA, his practice regime, his stellar play, and his ability to coach others are all things that had an impact on our entire shuffleboard community. Play improved from top to bottom. Congratulations Dave!

Richie Eshilian
President, California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Dave Keithahn on his induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I met Dave a few years ago when I joined the Wednesday night league in Bellflower. I'd show up early right after work and he was always there throwing weights. He would take the time to show me various shots and grips and help me with other aspects of the game. Thanks Dave, I did and still do appreciate it. I could tell right away that shuffleboard was not a hobby or recreational activity for Dave, it was business. Literally. Dave's focus and commitment to the game of shuffleboard are obvious. I would try and get in some low stakes games before league and he would often say, "You shouldn't be playing, you should be practicing." Congratulations on this well-deserved honor Dave.

Lance Lohr
Vice President of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Personally, I have never met anyone in shuffleboard who has put more time into developing his game, and I have never known anyone who has taken a more technical approach to perfecting his stroke. Dave used to call me in the wee hours of the morning to tell me that he "Got It!!". He had (once again) discovered the holy grail of shuffleboard. If you just move your ring finger about a half a millimeter and cock your thumb at 42%... etc, etc.

Dave does everything with that same intensity. Back in the early 2000's, Dave single handily completely redid the interior of his 3,000 sq ft house, laying elaborate ceramic tile patterns, ornate crown molding, and on and on. The craftsmanship and attention to detail was seriously incredible. And so it is with everything Dave builds, as demonstrated by the boards and shuffleboard products he designs and/or constructs.

Dave has been obsessed with shuffleboard since I first met him, over 20 years ago. The day he walked into Blinky's in Santa Clara, Ca, he instantly became the top dog. His practice regiment was lightyears beyond what any of us were doing, and it showed. If Dave was your partner in a round robin, your chances were real good, and if the pro's came to town, you could be real certain Dave was going to be the one walking out with all the cash (at least that's what he used to tell me).

There was another thing Dave did back then to contribute to the game. He taught, and I mean gave lessons, way before it was fashionable. Before guys like Roger, and Jr, and Eddie V, there was David K. Personally, I never cared much for his teaching style, but if you could get through that, the guy had a wealth of information to pass on, and most importantly, he was willing to put in the time; as much as you could take.

So, for being an incredibly gifted and excellent player, and for promoting the game in any way possible, I'd say he most definitely belongs in the CHOF, as a player and promoter.

Sincerely,
Ed Brayman

Congratulations on your induction into the California shuffleboard HOF! You've been so much help to all of the shuffleboard family in Texas and I've personally learned so much from you these last few years. I really appreciate your patience with me and have really enjoyed getting to know you. Your knowledge of the game, the boards, the strategy is the greatest and your countless hours adjusting boards, helping everyone in the game, even teaching folks that come in curious about shuffleboard or new players really wanting to learn helps to bring our sport to more people and shows your passion for the game! Thank you for your friendship and coaching and again congratulations on an honor very much deserved!

Deana Scobee TX



Dave, Amanda Williams Taylor, Deana Scobee, Mike Taylor

"From the day Dave K. moved to Texas, I'm not sure if he saw potential or knew how to work with it. Regardless, he changed my game both by strategy and mechanics-both were instrumental to my game. He can be quite a pain in the ass at times, but it is for your benefit. I have only known hi for a brief period, yet he has changed my game by leaps and bounds! He has taught me to be patient, calm and collected. And I quote, "Dave K. is the 'Bill Nye the Science Guy' of shuffleboard." If he was as good at fishing as he was at shuffleboard, he would be the greatest fisherman ever!! I have no doubt he will be."

Billy Lowrance (TX)

Eisenstein. That's what I call my buddy, David Keithahn. Why, you may ask? For many reasons; Sometimes because he uses such detail in teaching the game of shuffleboard. Sometimes because he is so eager to learn in detail from others. For instance, he sat behind me for hours in a poker game to learn higher stakes poker and asked questions on why I played a hand a certain way. And sometimes I call him Eisenstein, just to be he's a smartass! My buddy, Dave Keithahn, is so deserving in the Hall of Fame for the simple fact that there are many people who would not be playing this wonderful game without his teachings and the dedication he has made to it, myself being one. He has taken the time to show me the game along with others (Bobby Goldsmith, Steve Floyd, Wes Martin, Sal Reynoso, Marion Bailey, Larry Newell, Warren Goldsmith to name a few). Most of those guys are gone now and Dave has definitely picked up the slack to keep this game going strong in the Central Valley. He has done so with his education of the game, his hard work of setting up boards, his comradely with fellow players and his wit to build and adjust boards to our satisfaction. Congratulations Eisenstein! Love ya buddy,

Your friend Ty Bayne

Congrats Dave Keithahn. aka Crouton! Thank you for taking me on your team as a new player and teaching me the game of shuffleboard the ABC 123 way. I will never forget you picking me as your first pick when I sucked at shuffleboard and picking me up at home cause my mom was not going. I wish you the best!!❤️

Love Mindy (Brannen) Aka Captain combo.

When I first met Dave, it was in Reno 2014. I was invited to play on a 4-man team and in the doubles event. I was extremely excited to have been invited to play and to mix and mingle with players I knew and players I was meeting for the first time. Dave Keithahn was one of those I was just meeting for the first time. I asked David Sr. who the guy under one of the tables was and he said, "that's Dave Keithahn". On that note, I passed by the table and said "hello," ugh no response. I thought to myself well maybe he's busy. Later that day we happened to be passing each other down one of the tables and I said, "hello Dave," all I received was a shake of the head with his finger tip on his chin, and still no response, aargh! What in the hell did I do to this guy to get such a cold shoulder?

I played my events and did not really come into contact with Dave the remainder of my trip. I must have thought about that for days after I returned home and decided maybe he just didn't like too many people and I was one of them. Little did I know that Mr. Dave Keithahn would be migrating our way to Hurst, TX. Of course, at one of the first monthly tournaments we had when Dave came into Volcano's he & I drew up. I thought, how do I play with this guy who is either stuck-up or just simply does not like me? We proceeded to play together and actually won 2nd place and he was neither stuck-up nor disliked me. Finally, in speaking to him and other players I found out that this is just the intensity in which he works on the boards and his desire to make every shuffleboard player happy with the boards they are playing.

His knowledge and expertise in setting up shuffleboards is without a doubt one of the best! Since then he & I have played money games together, league together and won league in 2016! He is a great league captain unless he argues with me (lol) then it's on! He & I can argue with the best of them and 5 minutes later be best of buddies. He has become a good friend and his play and board ethic are one of a kind! I value our friendship & hope to be able to argue with him many more years to come.

Your friend The Mule!! (AKA Della Greener) ☺ TX

If you were as lucky as I was to have Dave show you strategy and shots, you are among a few lucky individuals. He's a great teacher. Good job Dave, well deserved!

Grant Watson

I'm sure I'm not going to voice any original opinion here. In fact I'd bet that voicing what will become a reoccurring theme.

Dave was with us, in the L.A. area, about 5 years. A relatively short period of time. In that time, he was responsible for a good deal of improvement in the quality of play in our area.

The number one factor in our improvement was Dave's willingness to work and share knowledge with anyone who wanted to improve their game.

Dave won't settle for just being a great player. He is constantly trying to learn and innovate. He's always seeking to improve his game and always willing to share what he's learning.

He was only with us for a short time; but his impact was great. He left us with a much improved group. His influence definitely improved the quality of play in our area and for that we thank him.

Richard Eshilian, Sr.

I first met Dave in Austin at the Post in 2010. He flew from California to play in our State tournament. I was rated a 2 then and was recommended to Dave by Billy Mays and Mike Taylor. It was the first tournament that I played up and Dave realized immediately how nervous I was. It was a good experience for me, but not so much for Dave! Since then he has moved to the DFW area and started a growing shuffleboard business; Allstar Shuffleboard.

Dave has been instrumental in replacing, refinishing and adjusting boards at our local site Volcano's. As a player, Dave's ability to read a board and plan strategy in advance is amazing. In discussions, I learned more and more from his approach to the game. My wife, Darleen and I enjoy his voluntary instruction. We had an opportunity recently to observe Dave's shuffleboard business operation. He is tireless and dedicated. His method and finished product is second to none. By joining our shuffleboard family of North Texas, he has improved an already stout lineup of great players. Darleen and I are both proud to contribute to his induction in the California Hall of Fame that he so richly deserves!



Leen and Wayne Steinfels (TX)

Dave, congratulations on your California Hall of Fame induction. In the 5 years I've known you, you've shown your love and devotion to our game. I've watched you practice, coach, and encourage players. I've also enjoyed playing in tournaments where you've set up the playfield, especially the KC Shootout!

I've been on the receiving end of your phone calls when you were concerned about a player, a rule, or a concept. You've listened to my side of a story and made helpful suggestions. Dave, you have a good heart to go along with your best of intentions, and I gladly call you my friend. You are a real friend of this wonderful game and are deserving of this honor.

Best wishes and again, congratulations. Sincerely, Obie Pierce

Congratulations Dave Keithahn on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. To be honored by your peers in such a manner says so much about your ability and your love of the game. I have been privileged to play with you, and against you and see why you were so honored. Your skill on top of the board, overall knowledge of the table from the ground up, is in its self very impressive. Add in all the events you have placed in and in which you took top honors – even more impressive! An honor well deserved for a player of your caliber.

When players think of the Pros in the sport of Shuffleboard, many names come to mind and you can bet, from Texas to Michigan, from Washington to Pennsylvania the name Keithahn comes up all the time. What a great compliment to your skills. You are a role model for beginning players and established players alike.

You take time to teach the game to those willing to listen and learn – now we all know that patience is not your top virtue! LOL, but we do know that you hold nothing back. An attribute that few players share in common with you. If I recall correctly, in 2017 we have 41 rated pros. That alone says that you have earned the respect and admiration of your peers. The honor of being inducted into the California Hall of Fame is so well deserved. Again, congratulations to you Dave. Well deserved!

Gary Nelson
2017 TSA President