

NEW UPDATE (Sunday, June 26, 2005 2:32 AM (emailed letter from Sharon Griffin for Jim Manders to all of the shuffleboard community):

Greetings to all of Jim's friends, readers and shuffleboard family:

As some of you may know, Jim Manders passed away early Monday morning, June 13, 2005. He had been battling cancer since the fall of 2004, and I can tell you personally, that he fought the good fight. He left us peacefully, in his favorite chair, at home in his sleep and I am thankful that I could be with him. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

I want to take just a moment or two to tell you how much all of you, and Lagging4s meant to Jim, not only as his health declined, but since the first edition hit the streets in May of 2004. As those of you who know Jim already know, Jim loved shuffleboard. It was not just a game, it was a passion. He loved the fellowship of shuffleboard and his shuffleboard family, locally, nationally and internationally. He loved to play the game, watch the game, read about the game and write about the game. Even in these last weeks, Jim spent countless hours working on the magazine and making plans for future editions. Lagging4s was inspired by his passion for shuffleboard and his wish to create a cohesive, supportive shuffleboard community which he believed was the way to make shuffleboard a sport that competed with pool, poker, bowling, golf and other sports for sponsorship, publicity and popularity. His steadily increasing readership and advertisers prove that he has made a ripple towards that goal. Ripples spread.

It is my hope that Jim's passion and wishes for shuffleboard and his shuffleboard family have inspired continued momentum towards his goals, and that the ripples will continue to spread and their effects widen. Your support of Lagging4s and shuffleboard are appreciated more than you know. Thank you.

Lagging4s was a very personal production to Jim. Although we appreciate the offers to continue the magazine, I believe Jim would want it to remain his own, and so, the final edition of Lagging4s was the June 8, 2005 issue.

Jim was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame on June 25, 2005, at the Whistling Oyster in Quilcene, OR. The event was a wonderful celebration of Jim's life. My deepest thanks to his local shuffleboard family who put so much heart and effort into the day. More information about the event, and about Jim's life and his passing is available at eshuffleboard.com and at <http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com>.

I hope that I've done this properly and haven't omitted anyone, if I have, please share. As I said, this was a very personal project to Jim and this is the first time I've touched this list.

Thank you. Play like you love the game.

Lagging4s has been put to bed.

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