

**THE CALIFORNIA
SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME**

PROUDLY INDUCTS

FREDDIE THUMANN



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FOR

**FREDDIE THUMANN
PLAYER/PROMOTER**

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction..... Eddie Brayman
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Master of Ceremonies..... Paul Webber
CSHF Director

Tributes by..... Hal Perry
Joe Hudson
Bob Hunt
George Camara
John McDermott

Induction and Award Presentation..... Jolene Lembke
CSHF President

Acceptance of Award..... Freddie Thumann

Freddie Thumana

"An interview with Freddie, in his own words"

by Lorraine Bingham-Olson

FREDDIE TALKS ON HIS HISTORY WITH THE GAME OF SHUFFLEBOARD:

I can't remember the exact year I started playing, but I believe it was in the late 60's. Meeting Joe Hudson and Hal Perry was what truly changed my style and desire about the game of shuffleboard, and they became my best friends.

I got involved in league play, which is where I really loved to play in Doubles and Team events.

This evolved into starting and helping run tournaments, one of which was the Auburn Club Tourney that eventually was moved to the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, California.

I had the great pleasure of being involved with Joe Maniz, Paul Webber and Karl Spickelmier in putting shuffleboard in Vegas, in a casino, in a large way. It was a great pleasure to have had the opportunity of learning and working with the late Al Stewart, also working along side one of the games greats, Bill Maxwell. Probably the most important part of this history was the reward of all rewards, I met Lois. The rest is truly history, for not for her I would be nothing. Her love for the players and the game inspired me even more to help make the game worthy of all things.

I can go on for days of my history and involvement with the game. My goal and philosophy was quote: "If you took care of the players, they would take care of you."



FREDDIE ON HIS LIFE AND FAMILY OUTSIDE OF SHUFFLEBOARD:

I have been self-employed for 35 years. My business partner is also my best friend, Lois McCabe.

I have a daughter with two master's degrees that lives in Austin, Texas and is "the apple of my eye", and I have a son that, "is SO DEAR to me, that can do it all", that lives in Roseville, California. Both of these children I live for.

I have two stepsons, one stepdaughter, five step grand children, two step great grand children, one wonderful Boxer dog (Buddy), and two of the most wonderful and loving people, my father and mother-in-law.

Most of all I have Lois, she is the ultimate, and truly is the definition of unconditional love.


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### FREDDIE ON HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME OF SHUFFLEBOARD:

I have been promoting the game for years by many, many letters and phone calls all over the United States, visiting places to attract new teams in League play and to get them to enter tournaments. I enjoyed teaching young players how to play – but most important the sportsmanship within the game. I helped draw up the "Rules of the Game" which exist today. I have been honored to receive numerous gold cups and plates for helping do tournaments over the years and for promoting the game.

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FREDDIE ON HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Due to uncontrollable circumstances all documented accomplishments were lost. There were many tourneys won plus a few Majors as I call them.

I feel my greatest accomplishment was the satisfaction of players enjoying the tournaments and activities that my friends and myself and Lois helped promote and run.

Of all the wins that I've been fortunate to do, the most important, the one with the most emotion and meaning to me was the famous Longview tourney. It was the 6-man team event, the that team that I had the great honor of playing on, consisted of Joe Hudson, Hal Perry, Don Cox, Leroy Ledford, Billy Mays and myself. (The tournament that Freddie is alluding to was the 1976 "World Team Championships" that were held at the fairgrounds in Longview, Washington. Over 90 teams competed on 18 boards over a two-week period. And this great California team brought home the gold! First Place.)

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### A FEW OF FREDDIE'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT I UNCOVERED:

- 1976 – 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE, WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, LONGVIEW WASHINGTON  
TEAM: HAL PERRY, DON COX, LEROY LEDFORD, BILLY MAYS, JOE HUDSON & FREDDIE
  - 1977 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE – WORLD SERIES OF SHUFFLEBOARD AT THE "BLACKCAT" IN PORTLAND, OR  
PRO DOUBLES PARTNER: JOE HUDSON
  - 1977 – 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE – MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT AT THE "AUBURN CLUB" IN AUBURN, CA  
PRO DOUBLES PARTNER: JOE HUDSON
  - 2000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE – PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNAMENT AT "BLINKY'S" IN SANTA CLARA, CA  
PRO DOUBLES PARTNER: NELSON JENNINGS
  - 2002 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE – PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNAMENT, TEMECULA, CA  
PRO DOUBLES PARTNER: AL SALAZAR
  - 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACES WITH DON COX AS HIS PARTNER IN OVER 30 YEARS OF PLAYING
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### TRIBUTES TO FREDDIE FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

When I first met Fred, I called him Fred Thurman. For a couple of years I didn't even realize there was such a person as Fred Thumann. He drank soft drinks and didn't say a whole lot. At first, I thought I could use him as arrow in an archery contest, or maybe a javelin in the upcoming Olympic games. Perhaps I could even use him as a bat in baseball, or maybe a pointer, when people needed directions I could just pick him up and guide them in the right direction. Instead, I decided to help him become a shuffleboard player and become his friend. Which, he has been for the last forty years.

I played so many sessions and tournaments with him that they seem to all run together. We played a forty-hour session together, won a tournament and didn't get paid (a very sad story). Played Billy Mays and Curt all night in Washington where we shot so good that the Canadians bet \$500.00 on the outcome, and then came by the next morning to collect their money. We almost got thrown out of the Sacramento Airport for lagging quarters, just missed hitting a crop duster heading to Seattle. We walked the streets of Tacoma drinking whiskey at six in the morning in preparation for an eight o'clock match. We got removed from the bar on a train heading to the Black Cat in Portland Oregon, drove VW bug on a sidewalk in Lincoln California. I watched Fred cry the last two games in Longview Washington while we won the team championship. One time I even watched him light farts on fire at Costigans in Longview in front a packed house.

In other words, I have seen Fred's act -- and it's a good one. He may be the best entertainment the game has ever seen. Maybe the best the game ever will see.

But, the Fred I love and respect as a player and friend is a gentle and giving man. As a player, he never gives up. You will always get 110% from Fred. You can trail by ten or twelve points and he is still trying to win. Of all the games we've played together, he has never, ever given my anything but support -- no matter how bad I was playing. Believe me; we have won many times over the years because his high regard for my game and the great game he brings to the table himself.

How wonderful to share forty years of your life with someone that you enjoy and respect so much. Congratulations Fred, couldn't happen to a better man.

Love you forever,  
--Hal Perry

*Long live the "Rat Pack"*

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What can I say about the guy who has stuffed just about anything you can think of into every orifice he's got? How about Fred is a man of exceptional character, has one of the best senses of humor I've ever been around, is one of the best board players on the planet and always makes me have a great time when he's around. What more can you ask for. Wait a minute though, there is one open issue though. I remember one time when he stayed overnight in my motorhome outside the Dixie Belle after me, Bobby T and him tried to drink Les and Eileen (correct the names PLEASE if I'm wrong cause I'll go directly to hell) out of booze. I woke up and walked out to the front and there was Fred sleeping on the sofa with a case of dog food on his chest. He looked like he was gonna die, and I'm sure he was thinking that dying would be an easier way to go. Then he had to take a bus home for some reason I can't remember why, but it was better him than me. Fred, I still wanna know what the hell you were trying to get my dog Killer to do you sick son of a b!!!! Congratulations by the way.

--Larry Pearson

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Freddie,

Favorite Fred Thumann memory??? Got to be the April 2001 round robin at the Sands Regency. If Fred beats Bobby V. and I can get by Rick Boyer (needing both games) I go home with twice the money and a tie with Bobby V. for second, you played like a true champion and I was ever so grateful!!! Once again, Thank-you.

Congratulations Fred, being honored by your peers in a game/sport that you love is truly an honor. We're very happy for you and looking forward to being at the President's Day event and sharing in your induction.

--Dan Hitt

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"Just Freddie"

I say "Just Freddie", because that's who he is. What you see is what you get with Freddie. He is always himself. He is a fun loving, yet serious, sensitive, compassionate man. He has a heart as big as all outdoors and a sense of humor to along with it. Freddie and Lois are two of my favorite people and I feel blessed to have their friendship.

Freddie is an excellent choice to represent California in the Hall of Fame. Congratulations my friend.

Love,

--Michelle Foran

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many years. Your "enthusiasm" during tournaments is well documented.

Your Friend,

--Karl Spickelmier

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I first met Fred in 1967, at the Sierra Club in Auburn, California. Hal Perry and myself had been hearing about Fred from Auburn, so off we drove in hopes of finding a Shuffleboard game. We not only found a game, I found a friend for life. On that day we became Best friends and remain so to this day.

We played almost every weekend, trying to improve our game. One year every weekend except Christmas. We felt our wives deserved a break, we both divorced shortly thereafter.

We played our first tournament together in Yuba City at the Dowers Club. Our Calcutta sold for Twenty dollars and we played like it! That was all Fred needed, from that day on Fred worked on his game harder than anyone I've ever seen. He became one of the best players to have ever played the game. Two great hands, fierce competitor and over all great guy.

There is no one more deserving than Freddy T. to be in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Great Player

Great Guy

Great Friend

--Joe Hudson

*Sacramento "Rat Pack"*

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Fred Thumann's induction in the CSHF is very deserving. He has been a great player & friend for many years. Congrats Freddie.

--Rich Warren

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Freddie Thumann is one of the greatest doubles shuffleboard players of all time. He can defend and control the hammer better than anyone. He has also shown his superb ability in singles having won major tournaments in Vegas and elsewhere. He is a very deserving inductee into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Freddie, it is obvious that this honor is a result of your never-ending support of the game and your abilities as one of the top professional shuffleboard players. Thanks to you for your always enlightening stories and your terrific sense of humor. You make shuffleboard fun. Congratulations!!

--Dan and Jane Mourgos

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Fred has been a great supporter of shuffleboard since before I met him about 20 years ago in Marysville where he was the auctioneer for the Memorial Day and Labor Day tournaments. He has been a great promoter of the game. I have seen him in Temecula, Downey, Las Vegas and Reno where he has played and supported the game. I am sure he has been to other places that I have not been to.

Lois, thanks for letting him run loose. We have really enjoyed his seriousness. Congratulations Fred, it is well deserved.

--Bob Brunskill

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I met Fred while we were setting up in Reno, Fred came over & introduced himself & later introduced me to Lois. From that time on Fred was always the first to come & make me welcome. I feel Fred & I became very close friends without playing or partying together, he was always there trying to help me setting up the scoreboards, most of the time we just talked. I have the greatest respect for Fred as a friend & player & congratulate him on getting into the Hall of Fame, as he deserves. Most people don't know how hard Freddie works for other people so they can have a good Tourney. "Thanks Freddie for being my friend"

--Gordie Smith

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Freddie Thumann - what can't one say about him. I met this man six years ago, my first year working the Reno tournament, and we hit it off from day one - literally. Had to body-slam his ass to get him to see things my way, but whatever works. Freddie is a true gentleman. I have the utmost respect for him as a person and as a great shuffleboard player. He is one of the ones that make shuffleboard what it is today. Wish I could be there to say this in person but since I can't, Freddie, congratulations and I love ya.

--Kathy Yingst

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I first saw Fred Thumann in Tacoma in about 1983. He announced to everyone that he and Hal Perry were going to win that tournament. I thought he was loud and obnoxious. It wasn't until a couple of years later that I started to get to know the real Fred.

During tournaments in California, we hung out together a bit more, talking about each others families just as much as shuffleboard.

Later we helped set-up tournaments together. First for the PCSA with Al Stewart, and then in Reno for the Shuffleboard Federation. You could always count on Freddy to show up on time to work, no matter what he'd been doing the night before, and stay as long as needed. I've missed that the last 2 years in Reno.

But what I really miss is seeing Lois and him at the various tournaments in California and competing against him and the other "Rat Packers" like we used to. I've always considered him one of the best in the State.

So congratulations Fred, Evie and I are looking forward to spending some time with you again.

--Bill Maxwell

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I Rob Kern, aka the bracketman, would like to say a few words regarding my friend Freddie Thumann. A more fun guy, YOU CANNOT FIND. A guy more willing to pitch in and help, YOU CANNOT FIND. A man who loves his family more, YOU CANNOT FIND. A man to start a pissed off bracket, YOU CAN FIND. Of all the tournaments I have ever been a part of, the pissed off bracket tourney is one I will never forget. To be able to get 74 players to sign up for 25 cents, to throw one weight and expect me to hold up a \$7000 tournament so they don't miss there chance at all the quarters, is only one of the things that make Freddie special. So in conclusion I say to my napkins in the nose and ears buddy. The induction couldn't happen to a nicer guy. I only wish I could be there to enjoy it with you.

--Rob Kern

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I have known Freddie for several years. Many years ago Freddie and I had a difference of opinion. The issue simmered for some time because of the distance we live and play apart. When we finally saw each other we settled the issue and partied all night. I consider Freddie a great shuffleboard associate, player, and promoter. An honor very well deserved. My only regret is I have not figured out how to attend the induction, which is going to be a great party.

--Larry Creakbaum

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I first met Freddie at a Tournament at the Dixie Belle (1994-95?). I believe he was sleeping under Board One when I first noticed him. Needless to say, Lois wasn't with him that trip. I have always found it fascinating that one can tell whether Lois has accompanied Freddie or not by your initial sighting of him. Either with or without Lois on hand, Freddy has always been a welcome addition to any tournament I've ever been involved with. They just don't come much more helpful or fun than Freddie.

--Chris Brown

Freddie and Lois have been great supporters of The Board Talk and have been great friends to us both. be it The Board Talk business and/or personally since we took over this task from George and Donna Wilber in December 2000. Freddie is a great player and promoter of shuffleboard and, more importantly, a sincere caring friend to all. When Freddie learned that I (Lynda) had been diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2002, he immediately called and talked to me for more than an hour. After talking to him, my spirits were lifted. Freddie has such a great outlook on life and his positive attitude is a blessed trait. We wish we could be there personally at his most deserving California Hall of Fame induction, but we will there in heart. Congratulations Freddie!

--Lynda & Tom French, The Board Talk Editors/Publishers



Freddie Thumann's years of experience and level of play has earned him the recognition to be nominated and inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The noticeable qualities Freddie has are his compassion, praise and encouragement that he gives to everyone, and his crazy antics are sure to amuse us.

--Jolene Lembke





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| 1977 | SINGLES | FRED JOHNS (LONGVIEW)                               |
| 1977 | DOUBLES | JOE HUDSON (SACRAMENTO) FRED THUMANN (AUBURN)       |



Fred Thumann is a good friend of mine and richly deserves induction into the C.S.H.O.F. Fred has been one of the top players in California for as long as I can remember. I vividly remember a match at the P.C.S.A. tourney in Las Vegas some years ago. Fred was teamed with the incomparable Billy Mays. Fred made a fantastic freehand shot that basically won the match and the doubles victory. I remember so well because Jim Allis and I were on the losing end of it.

Fred has unbounded enthusiasm for our game and will gladly volunteer his energy whenever needed. I consider Fred a true friend and believe that he has 2 of the best hands in our game.

Congrats Fred, your friend,

--Darrol Nelson

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I have known Freddie for 23 years. There is no question about his ability as a player. Bill Melton and I have played countless matches against Freddie and his good friends and partners Hal Perry and Joe Hudson. He is a tireless promoter of the game and a friend to all. His dedication to friends and family are unequalled, passing up many tournaments and neglecting his own health to take care of his ill family.

I've never played against a player who loves this game more. I'm privileged to have known Freddie and his induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserved and long overdue.

--David Williams Sr.

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I have played with and against Freddie for more years than I can recall and have been impressed by his ability but more impressed by his honor, sportsmanship and kindness.

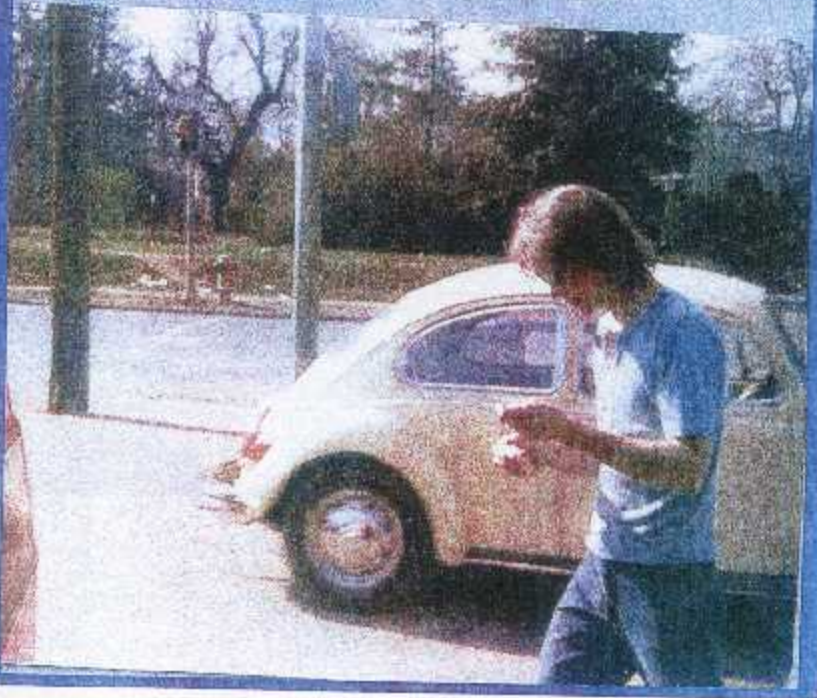
While he is eccentric and some would even say weird, he has endeared himself to all who have come in contact with this wonderful and gentle person.

I shall always recall a tournament at the "Corporate Image" attended by players from across America. Freddie showed up and played the entire tournament with napkins protruding from both ears. Most of us knew that he marched to a different drummer but some of the Texas folk did not know how to take him. By the end of the tournament these folks were won over and actually cheering him on.

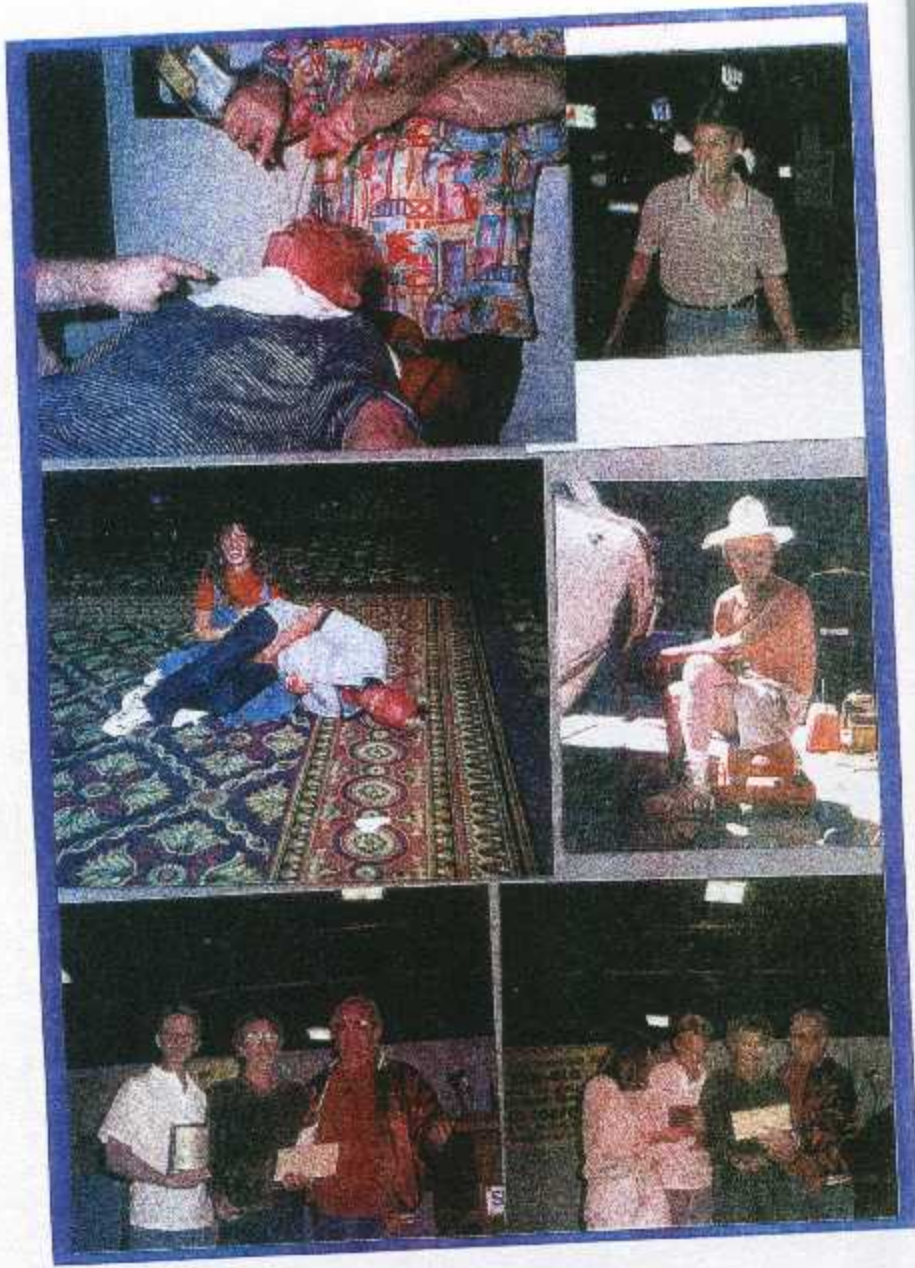
There could not be a more deserving inductee and I offer my heart-felt congratulations.

--Bobby Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

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The first Pro tournament I saw was about 1990 at TG's in Santa Clara. Although I had not started playing yet I had watched some of the locals during their Friday night money games. Little did I know that it wasn't enough to prepare me for the arrival of Freddie and the rest of the traveling gang.

Beyond the never ending chatter usually followed by crowd laughter the one thing I clearly remember about Freddie was how focused he became during each of his shots. It also appeared to me that his game was defense and that he didn't miss any shots. When I started to play I tried a similar approach and realized in a short while just how difficult that task is to "always" hit all weights in all places let alone to have FUN between each shot with anyone willing to join in.

One of my most favorite memories (and I do have a lot of them with Freddie) is during a doubles tournament at Blinky's in Santa Clara in the late 90's when he was George Camaro's "defensive partner". During the semi finals somehow the hammer got swapped to Freddie's end in the 3rd and deciding game with the score 14-12 the opponents favor. Freddie lagged a winning 3 with the game weight on the board to allow them to go to the finals. I'll never forget Freddie running down the board and jumping on George, they rolled around on the floor like two 10 year olds hasking in the glory. I too shared in that moment while being in the spectator section. Truly a memorable occasion.

--Chris Wayt

- Chris,

I like the story... though I find it really, really hard to believe that Freddie would do anything like that (I'm referring to lagging a 3, not rolling on the floor).

--Eddie Brayman

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I first met Freddie at a tournament in Temecula, CA. I was not sure how to take this man at first, but after getting to know him over the last twenty plus years, I have come to find Fred to be very sincere, honest, fun and a real party animal. He makes me laugh and this is good for ones soul. Freddie is a little boy in a grown man's body and I hope he never grows up for I am looking forward to many more good times with him and enjoying the laughter.

Congratulations Fred on your induction into the CSHF. You are certainly most deserving.

My Best To You,

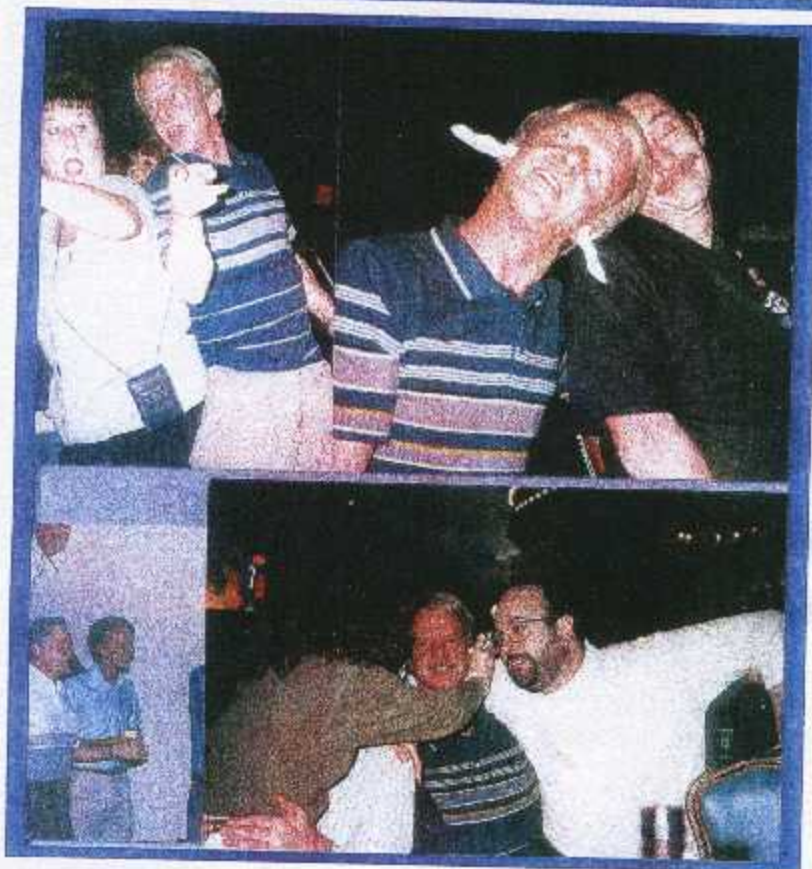
--Jim Martin

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ABOVE: (left to right) Fred Thumann, Fob Kern, and Gary George entertained the crowd at the 2001 NASC Reno tournament and actually received \$20 in tips that they donated to the TSA National Hall of Fame! Now, Jane Mourgos asks "Boys, are these tricks on your resums?"







One of the most colorful players in the game -- there are many stories about Fred. Some are true and some are whoppers, but always interesting. What a character!

Fred is truly a great pro player, a serious player and a tough competitor who has many wins over the years. Many more to come, Fred.

For about 30 years I have known Fred Thumann and he has always been a friend and a fine person. I am honored to have Fred as one of my very best friends.

Vickie and I congratulate you Fred on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. A most deserving honor for a most deserving person.

Go Rat Pack (Fred is a charter member).

--Bob Hunt

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I was glad to see that Fred Thumann is being inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Though we've been opponents for the most part, over the years, I consider him a good friend. He is a great player and competitor, but also has a warm and caring heart. It's been a pleasure to know Fred.

--Doug Buhl

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I met Fred in the early seventies at the Auburn Club in Auburn, CA, where I started playing on their league. We became friends right away. Fred is more than just a friend; Donna and I consider him "family". Fred has given a lot to the game of shuffleboard. With 2 good hands and a personality too. He always knew how to get things jumping at a tournament. He was the best auctioneer. There is no one better than Fred at auctioning off the players. Fred has been in the game long enough to know all the "who's who" and how to get everyone involved in the auction. He can be funny and sincere. Fred became a top player the old fashion way, by working his way up the ranks, playing the best. Fred has been a great friend and player. We played in many tournaments together. Thanks Fred for all those "2nd's" and "Fred stories". CONGRATULATIONS on your induction... you deserve it!!

Rat Pack Brother,

--Donny Cox

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If Freddie's not playing in a crowd he's a perfect and gentle man.

--Paul Parks

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Freddie,

You are a truly deserving of your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as both a sponsor and a player. Your endless promotion and support of the game and its players is well known throughout the shuffleboard community. Both you and Lois are the most loving, caring, and giving people with hearts bigger than the game itself, and lust for life that knows no bounds. The word "NO" has never been in your vocabulary. If anyone needed anything, you have gone out of your way to provide it. You're the firsts ones to call when someone needs help and that alone brings a beacon of light into their lives. You will never know how much your friendship has meant to both Jim and me. We are blessed to be included in your never-ending circle of friends.

You are also the craziest person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and you bring it out in me, which is more than a little scary. Demented is another word that comes to mind, what other pro would ask a 2-rated player to play in the pro doubles in Reno? But you did, and what it did for my game and my confidence in my game, I will be eternally grateful for. I could never want for a better partner, and it was more than fun, it was probably the best time I have ever had playing the game. Of course I was black and blue for a week after, but it was well worth it. In your eyes I could be great, and in my eyes you are.

You do need to curb your harebrained notions, like when you told me we would play as partners at the NASC in Reno every year in the pro division until we won it, was unbelievably *considerate, unselfish, insightful, intelligent*, stupid of you. And the proof in that is that you have not been back to Reno since. Please come back, I promise not to hold you to your promise. The game can't afford to lose someone like you. You have no idea how much you and Lois are missed at these events. You make everything fun. I wish for both of you health and happiness for life.

Words can say so little when someone cares so much.....Love you.....

--Lorraine (aka Hurricane) Olson

*Handwritten signature*





*"Sweethearts of Shuffleboard"*

*Freddie introduced me to the game of shuffleboard twenty years ago, at the Ace of Clubs in Marysville, CA, (first place he ever took me). It was not the elite spot of Marysville, but is where the action was.*

*That's where I met the majority of the players – the friendliest people, from all walks of life, and though I've never played the game, they welcomed me into their shuffleboard "family".*

*It has been quite an adventure – Exciting watching Freddie play, win or lose - watching all of the players – and every tournament seeing friends we see all too seldom.*

*Exhausting – the late hours – helping Freddie promote the game, with letters, lots and lots of phone calls, making banners for different tournaments, etc. When we weren't working at our day jobs, we were promoting the game and enjoying every moment of it.*

*It has been a real pleasure working with people like Jerry and Sharon Miller at the Ace of Clubs; Paul Weber, Joe Muntz, Karl Spickelmier, Al Stewart and Bill Maxwell in Las Vegas; and John McDermott and his crew in Reno. (We've missed the last two years and we really miss it).*

*One of my most memorable times was when Freddie and Eric Walman won the doubles at the Ace of Clubs. Eric, a very quiet gentleman, literally turned into a Freddie when they won.*

*Another time was when Freddie and Billy Mays won the doubles in Las Vegas – beating out some really tough teams.*

*The first Ladies tournament in Livermore, CA was really an enjoyable time. The ladies were great.*

*Freddie, I'm so proud of your accomplishments in shuffleboard and in life.*

*Love you.*

*Lois*







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#### How to Play with 2 Players

To start a round, both players stand at the same end of the board. Player one is the offensive player and their goal is to weight and what one weight first in their own play area.

The first weight given its weight by hand from the playing end of the board so that it will reach the opposite end of the board. It is assumed that the weight is a strike weight. The first player continues to alternate striking weights with their weight from their position. At the point of play has been determined and the strike is taken and explained as the situation. (See Method of Scoring.)

After playing their portion of the board where the weight is the new ending. They continue to play the same manner from this end of the board, with the same of the previous round. The first player who has scored 15 points wins the game.

The object of the game is to shoot a weight to end it reaches the opposite end of the board. The goal is to shoot a weight to end it reaches the opposite end of the board. The goal is to shoot a weight to end it reaches the opposite end of the board. The goal is to shoot a weight to end it reaches the opposite end of the board.

#### How to Play with 4 Players

When 4 players remain, they play in double tables of 2 players each. One player from each team is stationed at one end of the board and the 2 opposing players are at the same end; their partners are at the opposite end.

Weights delivered by one of a team or other means which come straight from and which leave directly into or from any player's position on a low handed shot.

The first player takes the weight by hand so that it will reach the opposite or scoring end of the board. It is assumed that the side opposite the first weight is a double manner. The first player continues to alternate weights with their weight from their position. At the point of play has been determined and the strike is taken and explained as the situation. (See Method of Scoring.)

The partners of the opposite end of the board where the weights are not making clear the board and their partners to play in exactly the same manner, with the partner of the striking team shooting first. The process continues until

#### METHOD OF SCORING

At the end of each round 21 points is the total score. Only the weights in a player's hand have played. The score is taken by counting only the weights in a player's hand. The score is taken by counting only the weights in a player's hand. The score is taken by counting only the weights in a player's hand.

On every WESTERN SHUFFLEBOARD there are two rows of 10 feet each at the playing end.

... The line toward the center of the board is known as the "back" line.  
... The line toward the end of the board is known as the "leg" line.

1. Weights touching at or front of the center line score 1 point.
2. Weights between the back and leg line, or touching the leg line, score 2 points.
3. Weights between the leg line and the end of the board score 3 points.
4. Weights touching over the far edge of the playing area are called "knights" and score 4 points.
5. In case of a tie, or when no weights are left on the board at the end of a round, one team is awarded the privilege of the next round except the privilege of choosing the starting team.

#### REMARKS—SCORE ONLY THE FORWARD WEIGHTS OF THE STARTING GROUP

Paul Line Rule Applies Only to Delivery or Playing End... To be Legal Each Weight Must Pass the Six-Foot Paul Line Nearest to Player.

#### DELIVERING THE WEIGHT

When starting at one end of the board, the player must deliver the weight to the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board.

Should additional striking, in which the player shoots the ball and strikes the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board.

After the first shot, the player must deliver the weight to the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board. The weight must be delivered to the other end of the board.

#### HINTS FOR BETTER PLAY

Generally speaking, there are three points to be kept in mind in playing shuffleboard. The first is to keep your weight in your own play area. The second is to keep your weight in your own play area. The third is to keep your weight in your own play area.

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#### TECHNICAL POINTS

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