



It was an emotional moment for both the recipient John McDermott and the presenter Rob Kern during the Michigan Hall of Fame ceremonies. John's plaque read: "We salute you for your years of hard work and determination to become Michigan's top player and to earn recognition and respect as one of the nation's best. We especially appreciate your successful efforts to raise our sport's professionalism through rules of play and conduct, and providing opportunities for beginning shufflers to play and win. We honor you as a professional player, teacher and promoter."

Thanks From George & Donna....

This was our first attempt at producing a video salute and we gave new meaning to the word: amateur! However, it was a "Labor of Love" and we thank the family members who so-discretely supplied us with photos of the inductees and much gratitude to Dennis Bittner for providing the musical background.

Special thanks to those who granted us video testimonials: Woodie Cockrum, Missouri; Harvey Walden, Tennessee; Johnny Wayne Crawford, Texas; Bobby Voorhis, Indiana; Balboa Ron Schweikert, Nevada; Dick Gorman, Delaware; Jim Martin and Paul Weber, California; Phil Skover, Linda Stober Humbert, Jerry Siebert, John Addington, Bob Ray, Dick Reist and Ron Palmer, all of Michigan. We're sure the few moments you gave us will provide a lifetime of pleasure for the inductees and their families.

Thanks from Betty Kuebler

There was a big void at this year's Michigan Championships. Last year's Div. II singles champ, Bill Kuebler, passed away on June 16 at the age of 72. Nobody missed him more than his wife Betty, who was an active participant and spectator at the 1998 Championships. She expressed her appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy and support from the shuffleboard community during her time of loss, and the warm welcome she received in Durand. "I treasure my old friends and the new ones I made this year," she said. "They are all special people."

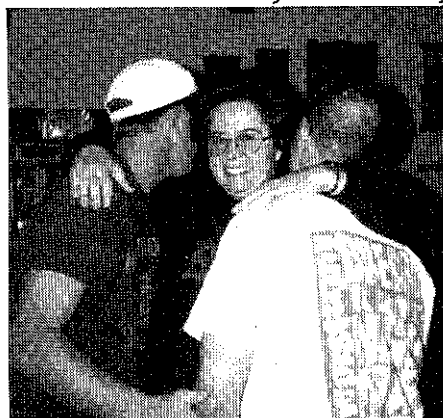
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Expectant Fathers are Winners in Indiana

The first tournament at the American Legion Post 330, New Haven, Indiana, was a huge success, according to manager Larry Brown. The open doubles was held on Oct. 24 and attracted 16 teams.



The young, but extremely tough, team of Rick Royal and Mark McCleod are congratulated by their wives, Deana and Shannon, for taking first place honors. The ladies were winners, too, as a baby shower was held for them during this event. (Since then, Shannon and Mark are the proud parents of 9 lb. 5 oz. Alexis, born on Nov. 30. No word yet on the Royal arrival.)



Deb Voorhis accepts congrats for taking second place with husband Bobby.

Third place went to Mary Brown and Mikel Johnson.



Rounding out the money places were Beef Camp and Mark's Dad, Eugene McLeod of Missouri.

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(Editor's Note: Gene McLeod stopped in Durand on his way to Indiana for the birth of his grandchild. We couldn't let him play, but he got to see his good friend, Bjerne Sunde, inducted into the Hall of Fame.)