



The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony Honoring

JOE HUDSON

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Joe Hudson started playing back in the 1960s. He was a legendary session player and placed in many tournaments beginning in the late 60's to the 2000's. Many of these tournaments were not well documented or recorded. He played and won with and against all the great shuffleboard players of the time including these CA Hall of Famers: Troy Tolbert, George Camera, Leroy Ledford, Hal Perry, Fred Thumann, Don Cox, Nick Chaffin, Bob Hunt, Joe Muniz, and Karl Spickelmier.



Joe's consistent ability to secure top placements, along with his notable partnership wins with other top ranked players establish him as a significant and enduring player in shuffleboard history. He is a testament to sustained excellence over decades.

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Taken from Hal Perry's "Most Fond Memories" in the TSA Article, June 2007 [Vol. 1 Issue 1, Page 3] and regarded as Joe's most memorable event:



"In 1976 the World Team Championships were held in Longview, Washington at the fairgrounds, with 18 boards, over two weeks, with 90 teams. The winning team was Hal Perry, Fred Thumann, Joe Hudson, Don Cox, Leroy Ledford and Billy Mays. This was one of Hal's most memorable and rewarding tournament wins!"

1959-1980 major tournaments that most top players played in.

	LOCATION	TOURNAMENT	EVENT	PLACE	PARTNER
	San Jose, CA	Happy Hour	Doubles	1st	Leroy Ledford
		Dowers Club	Singles	1st	
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		Dowers Club	Doubles	1st	Hal Perry
		Dowers Club	Doubles	1st	Fred Thuma
	Marysville, CA	Ace of Clubs	Doubles	1st	Hal Perry
	Auburn, CA	Auburn Club	Singles	1st	
	Auburn, CA	Auburn Club	Doubles	1st	Hal Perry
	Auburn, CA	Auburn Club	Doubles	1st	Fred Thuman
	Longview, WA		Singles	1st	
	Longview, WA		Doubles	1st	Gary Thompson
	Longview, WA		Doubles	1st	Budie Miles
1978	Longview, WA	Team Event (90 teams)		1st	Billy Mays, Hal Perry, Leroy Ledford, Don Cox, Fred Thumann

1990-current

1994	Reno, NV	NASC	Pro Doubles	6th	Bob Shaw
1994	Reno, NV	NASC	Legends Draw	1st	Jim Kampala
1997	Reno, NV	NASC	Pro-Am Draft	3rd	Paul Parks, John King, Marty Allen, Don Simard, Jerry Berquist
1997	Medford, OR	Southern Oregon Doubles	A/B Draw	8th	Larry Balzer
1997	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Labor Day	Pro/Open Doubles	3rd	Fred Thumann
1998	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Presidents' Day	Pro/Open Doubles	3rd	Fred Thumann
1998	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Memorial Day	Pro/Open Doubles	3rd	Fred Thumann
1998	Medford, OR	Pacific Northwest HOF	6 Person Draft Team	1st	John King, Tim Nugent, 1st Kyle, Mike Bailey, Richard Brooks
1998	Reno, NV	NASC	Pro doubles	3rd	Fred Thumann
1999	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Presidents' Day	Pro doubles	2nd	Steve Perry
1999	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Memorial Day	Singles	1st	
1999	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Memorial Day	Pro/Open Doubles	3rd	Don Cox
1999	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Labor Day	Singles	1st	
1999	Downey, CA	Olde Baller/Oskar's Thanksgiving	Open doubles	2nd	Bob Hunt
2000	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Presidents' Day	Pro/Open Doubles	4th	Karl Spickelmier
2000	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Presidents' Day	Singles	4th	
2000	Santa Clara, CA	Blinky's Memorial Day	Pro/Open Doubles	2nd	Don Cox
2001	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	ABC	2nd	Widde Hunt, Rich Porter
2001	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	Doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
2001	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Thanksgiving	Doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
2001	Reno, NV	NASC	Pro doubles	4th	Pat Bayless
2002	Livermore, CA	Old Town Saloon President's Day	Open Singles	2nd	
2002	Livermore, CA	Old Town Saloon President's Day	Open doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
2002	Reno, NV	Sand's Agency World Championships	Round Robin Pro Singles	3rd	
2002	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	Open doubles	2nd	Dan Mourgas
2002	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	Open Singles	3rd	
2003	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	Pro doubles	1st	Nick Chaffin
2003	Winston, OR	Winston Labor Day	Open doubles	2nd	Nick Chaffin
2003	Reno, NV	NASC Sand's Agency	3 person add to 6	3rd	Dave Kelschman, Eddie Brayman
2004	Maricopa, CA	133 Club Memorial Day	ABC	1st	Widde Hunt, Linda Ritter
2022	Las Vegas, NV	ASPA Winter Nationals	AB Draw	3rd	Nancy Martinez
2022	Las Vegas, NV	ASPA Winter Nationals	Emerald Singles	3rd	

TESTIMONIALS

Joe,

Congratulations on your well-deserved California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame induction! This recognition is a testament to your exceptional skill and competitive spirit. As the last of the “Rat Pack” to be inducted, I celebrate not only this honor with you, but to the great friendship we’ve shared along the way. Congratulations.

~ Bob Hunt



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I met Joe in the early 1990s. I had the honor and pleasure of playing against him many times. I quickly found Joe to be an extremely competitive individual and he proved to be one of the best players around.

Joe was one of the greats of his era and in fact one of the best of all time. A fantastic tournament player as his record shows, but also a formidable session player.

If anyone belongs in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame its Joe Hudson. I can think of no one more deserving of the honor. Congratulations Joe.

~ Dan Mourgos

Congratulations Joe, on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I really never got to know you, but I have heard from several players, what a great player you were and the impact you had on the game. I'm so glad to see you are getting the recognition you so very well deserve. Again, congratulations.

Joanie Healey



I first met Joe Hudson many years ago at one of the tournaments in Medford, Oregon. The introduction didn't go that well. The following years I noticed that Joe wasn't coming to a lot of the different tournaments and I guess it was because of some health issues. As the years went on, and I developed a close relationship with his brother-in-law, Hal Perry, I grew to know Joe much better. Like many other players that I have met over the years, believe it or not, Joe is one of those that I wish that I could've got to know and come closer too. I've watched Joe play in different tournaments over the years and I'm here to tell you, there is no other player, that I know of in my career, that played with more passion and fire in his belly than Joe Hudson. His love for the game spewed out like a beer that had been shaken.

It is my honor to welcome Joe to the California State Hall of Fame. This is an award that I have advocated for many years ago. Long overdue, but we got'er done.

- Jim "The Marlin" Martin

Joe Hudson was a Hall of Famer long before California even had a Hall of Fame! Much of his competitive career took place when tournaments were few and far between, and competition was mostly in the form of long sessions of head-to-head singles and doubles play. The best players who were around during that time, like Billy Mays and Bill Melton had enormous respect for Joe's game. His sessions with Billy Mays, which sometimes went on for 24 hours or more is the stuff of legends.

I'm super happy to see Joe receive this well deserved recognition and honor. I look forward to seeing his picture in its rightful place on the California HOF wall on my next visit to Exeter.

Congratulations, Joe! Wish I could be there to shake your hand and congratulate you in person.

~ John McDermott



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Congratulations Joe! You always played with an intensity no other player had and it shows in your lengthy career success. This recognition and induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is very much deserved and way past due.

~ Jane Mourgos

Joe Hudson was a big part of the Northern California shuffleboard scene for decades. Much of it was before my time, but I did observe him place in countless events in the 1990's and 2000's. I have heard from several legendary players that Joe was one of the smartest in the game. I believe it, and I am thankful for the times Joe tutored Shari and me on strategy as well as technique. His knowledge is remarkable. This honor is overdue, and I know that Hal Perry is very pleased today.



Congratulations Joe!

~ Kathy Thomas

I met Joe at Blinky's, a Northern California bar that was one of the shuffleboard meccas of the '90s. On weekends and holidays the Sacramento Rat Pack would roll in — Hal Perry, Joe Hudson, Fred Thuman, Don Cox, Nick Chaffin, and Bob Hunt — six minus-1's under the same roof.

Joe stood out for his consistency, his brilliant board play, and his intensity. He was one of the most competitive athletes I've ever seen in this game. And yes — that intensity sometimes came with a temper. If you played with Joe, you knew he could scare you as easily as he could school you. But that fire is part of what made him who he is on the board.

I've known him for 27 years, and I'm proud to call him a friend. Congratulations, Joe!

~ Eddie Brayman

Joe was a fierce competitor. He was known for being one of the smartest players, both defensive and offensive. This induction into the CSHOF is long overdue and might I add, you should be Inducted to the National Hall of Fame!!! Joe was a great session player but also had many major tournament wins! Joe always said control the real estate of board!!! Welcome to the CHOF my friend.

~ David Keithahn





The Sacramento Rat Pack:

*Don Cox, Nick Chaffin, Bob Hunt, Fred Thumann,
Joe Hudson, and Hal Perry*