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HALL OF FAME

Jim Payne

Great Player

Promoter

Inductee #16
 September 23, 2023
 Eagle Lodge Aerie #3911
 Houston, Missouri

History/Memories



On what he describes as the best day to have a birthday, Jim Payne was born March 17th, 1956, St Patrick's day, in Orlando, Florida. His mother Sherry, who now resides in Springfield, Missouri, raised Jim and another son named John. Jim's father was serving in the Air Force at the time. Moving around a lot when younger, Jim was raised in Kansas until his high school years. His father owned and operated an electronics shop in the late 60s, eventually relocating to Beatrice, Nebraska where Jim would go on to graduate high school. Jim would end up spending some amounts of time at local bars and developed a skill and appreciation for playing pool. While in high school Jim also picked up the sport of volleyball, something for which he had a natural talent and continued to play for many years. During college, he picked up bowling as freshmen on the school team. Being highly competitive he went on to win more trophies in volleyball than he has in any of his other hobbies. Even helping to coach several teams, including a couple young men from the local air force base who went on to receive scholarships to play in college. Eventually, in the late 70s, he moved to Omaha where he worked as a contract programmer in order to support his volleyball habit. Once he was too old to play the type of volleyball he wanted, he began thinking seriously about starting a career. He commenced his new career with a small start-up satellite communications company where he worked for the next 11 years. Along the way, he received shares in the company and upon the retirement of the longtime V.P. and co-worker, Jim decided to cash in his shares and set to finding a new job in the growing IT field.

Growing up, Jim and his brother John were polar opposites. John once set off to hitchhike across the country, continuing on through Mexico. He lived in Belize for a few years before setting off again to now live in France, coming back to the states on occasion to see his mother Sherry and his brother. Jim's father passed away in the 90s, his mother is now 87 years old.

Throughout the years, Jim tried his hand at many different sports, and activities. Including foosball and golf. Once playing in a city-wide annual tournament in Omaha Jim got his one and only hole in one and stayed the only person to get it an ace in that tournament for several years to follow. He remained active in the competitive pool scene for a number of years, winning tournaments, including a couple regional masters. Once while playing pool in Harold's Bar, there was also a shuffleboard tournament going on at the same time. Harold's partner for the doubles event could not make it and he found a willing, and somewhat able, partner to fill in when he asked an apprehensive

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Jim Payne's Missouri Wins List

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>PLACE / PARTNER</u>
2002	Doubles	Missouri HOF	1st / Charlie Riley
2002	Singles	Missouri HOF	1st
2003	Singles	Missouri HOF	1st
2004	Doubles	Missouri HOF	1st
2005	Doubles	Missouri HOF	1 st / Tony McNew
2005	Draw	Missouri HOF	1st
2005	Singles	KC Shootout	1st
2005	Doubles	KC Shootout	1st
2007	Guy/Gal	Doc's Holiday	1st
2007	A/B Draw	Missouri HOF	1st
2008	Bring Partner	Winter Blast Stockton	1 st / Matt Coonts
2009	A/B Draw	Missouri HOF	1st
2009	Guy/Gal	Doc's Stockton	1st
2009	Bring Partner	Springfield Eagles	1st
2009	Div I Bring Partner	Missouri State	1st
2010	Doubles	Missouri State	1st
2011	Open Bring Partner	Winter Blast Stockton	1st / Matt Coonts
2011	A/B Draw	Missouri HOF	1st
2011	Open Draw	Super Sam St Louis	1st
2011	Singles	Missouri State	1st
2012	Singles	KC Shootout	1st
2013	Div I Bring Partner	Missouri HOF	2nd / Raymond Wadsack
2013	Div I Bring Partner	Missouri State	2nd
2013	Div I Singles	Missouri State	2nd
2014	Bring Partner	Missouri HOF	1st / Raymond Wadsack
2014	Bring Partner	MO Thanksgiving	1st
2015	Div I Bring Partner	MO HOF	2nd / Raymond Wadsack
2015	Div I Bring Partner	Winter Blast Stockton	1st
2015	Singles	Missouri State	2nd
2016	Div I Bring Partner	KC Shootout	1st / Brandon Bock
2016	Singles	Missouri State	1st
2016	Doubles	Missouri State	2nd
2017	Singles	Missouri State	1st
2018	Div I Doubles	Ozark Winter Blast	1st / Dave Dickerson Jr
2018	Div I Singles	Missouri State	1st
2019	Doubles	Missouri State	2nd
2019	Div I Bring Partner	Missouri HOF	2nd / Willy Walker
2019	Pro Singles	KC Shootout	2nd
2019	Div I Singles	Missouri State	1st
2020	Div I Bring Partner	Texas County Championship	1st / Willy Walker
2020	Div I Bring Partner	Thanksgiving Houston	1st / Conner McNew
2020	Div I Doubles	Missouri State	1st
2020	Div I Doubles	Stockton Winter Blast	1st
2020	Div I Doubles	Stockton Summer Blast	1st
2021	Div I Doubles	Texas County Championship	1st
2022	Div I A/B Draw	Stockton Winter Blast	1st
2022	Pro Singles	KC Shootout (see pg 10)	2nd
2022	Div I Doubles	Missouri State	2nd
2022	Div I Doubles	Missouri HOF (see pg 8 pic)	1st / Jerry Romay
2023	Pro Singles	KC Shootout (see cover pic)	1st
2023	Div I Doubles	Stockton Summer Blast (See p8)	1st / Colton Bock

Testimonials/Memories

◆ (Bill Loos - con't. from Page 13) I'm thinking Jim certainly is deserving to be honored by Missouri shuffleboard and inducting him into the hall of fame, perfect. I think shuffleboard is certainly lucky to have an honorable, and knowledgeable person so willing to help. A great player for a long long time, bracket man, organizer, rules, ratings, and more. Thank you for all of that, and congratulations Jim on your well-deserved induction. I for certainly have noticed the continued growth of Missouri shuffleboard. Doing something right for sure in Missouri, it's easy to see that you're part of the reason why. Hey I still have a little dirt on my face crawling out of that hole in Del City. I credit Jim, for me being able to play another end. We won that four-person bring with SoSo and Casey Brown. Thank you again and congratulations on your well-deserved induction. Congratulations Jimmy, Well Done -- Bill Loos

◆ Jim, There is obviously no one more deserving of this induction than you are. So Congratulations of your induction. I met you at Harold's Bar in Omaha, NE back in 2002. Everyone told me "That is the best player in the state"! The moment I saw you play I wanted to play against you and alongside you as much as I possibly could. I wanted to soak up all of your knowledge and strategy of the game. Jim... I can't tell you what it means to me that you saw something in me to take me under your wing and teach me this game. When anyone asks me who I learned the game from, I am very proud to say Jim Payne! I appreciate all of our car rides that we took to countless tournaments all around the country. The conversations about shuffleboard and just life are some of my best memories with you. Winning the Reno Pro Doubles after not being able to play doubles with you for almost 10 years, was one of my most special moments in my entire career. You are undoubtedly one of the all time greats! Few people have piled up the tournament wins and had the success that you have had in this sport. In my opinion you are one of the most consistent players I have ever seen play. You are patient, super smart, an elite weight hitter, and an all time great lagger.

If I could start all over and learn from anyone in this game, I wouldn't change a thing. Proud to call you a Mentor and a Friend. Congrats again Jim. Well deserved Mr. Payne! — Davey Dickerson

◆ Hey Jim-Congratulations on your induction into Missouri Hall of Fame.... Well deserved. Thanks for all the HOF lessons over the years....lol.
— Troy Crowe

History/Memories (Con't. from 2)

Jim Payne who agreed to play. During the tournament, Jim did not have any weights and had to borrow a set to get through. Jim and Harold were the low Calcutta and pulled the high Calcutta, which included Rickie Boyer out of Colorado, for their first game. Jim ended up lagging a couple 3s during that game and finally stuck for 3 points to win. He and Harold finished in the money. Before Jim started playing shuffleboard competitively, he would occasionally play in a few bars in Lincoln Nebraska that had a couple boards. While there playing one day he met Bill Loos before he even knew who he was in the shuffleboard community.

A few months after playing with Harold, Jim traveled to Del City to play in the Southwest Open, where he was asked by Linda Ritter to play on her 4 man bring team. There were 30 boards, with around 350 competitors. Jim saw this was a large enough tournament especially seeing the \$300,000 dollars that paid out in 13 events and thought he better quit playing pool and take up shuffleboard instead. That year was 1999. Over the next few years, Jim began travelling more and more. Making it to some of the other larger tournaments around the country, he caught the attention early on of several great players, a couple of which became great mentors and playing partners. One of which was the great Bill Melton. They played together the most and in many events. Bill was sure to draft the younger Jim Payne whenever he had the chance. Another mentor and partner was Diana Hagen.

In 2002 Jim traveled to Missouri for the first time to play. He attended the 4th annual Missouri Hall of Fame tournament where he played with hall of famer Charlie Riley. Jim and Charlie won the open doubles. A few years later in 2005 Jim was rated for the first time to a -1. At first, Jim found it very difficult to win in the pro-division and questioned whether it was something he wanted to continue doing. In 2007, Jim relocated to Stockton, Missouri to a property he had owned for a few years. He lived there for 3 years before moving to Springfield to be closer to his family. He thought for a longtime what he wanted to do, but never ended up moving. He never expected to be living in Missouri and still playing shuffleboard over 15 years later. While playing in Missouri Jim had noticed the lowest rated player at the time was a 1. He began helping to develop more consistent strategies and pointing out bad habits and taught them what many now know as the vanilla flavored game of Jim Payne. Many of his protégées and previous partners have gone on to themselves become pro-rated players of the game. Vanilla though it may be, his game has been tested and tried for nearly 25 years. *History Continued Page 4...*

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Throughout the years, Jim has had many memorable moments. A couple highlights stand out in particular. His first win was during his first Southwest Open tournament when he was drafted by Bobby Williams for the 6 man. They ended up winning first place in that event and Jim received that year's division 3 MVP. Later on, when he was a negative 0, he attended the North American Shuffleboard Championship, Jim had the privilege of partnering with Darrol Nelson in the pro doubles. That year Billy Mayes was in attendance as well, and had worked out a conn in order to be moved back to a -0. He pretended to of had a stroke recently, which rendered his right arm unusable. Billy Mayes partnered with Bill Melton. The finals came down the two teams being scheduled to play against each other at 8 am. All morning Jim was unable to find his partner, Darrol, and when the time came to play, he and Jim were put on the clock. Eventually security opened Darrol's room and found him passed out still from the previous night's events. He and Jim were 13 points down by the time he staggered in for the match. They lost the first game. Darrol informed Jim something to the effect of "Jim you have the lagging end." And true to his word he kept Payne with the hammer throughout. Jim and Darrol ended up winning the match which brought them the doubles championship. In the final match, Jim realized he was playing with the three best there was and wondered to himself what on earth he was doing there.

Another time, playing a pro-singles in 2012, Jim was playing the KC Shootout. That year the tournament was sponsored by Hudson Shuffleboard and had an added four thousand dollars and paid out twelve thousand to the first-place winner. The event had 32 strong competitors, he had to beat the likes of Bobby Williams and Mike Taylor to secure 1st place.

In both Nebraska and Missouri, Jim has ran tournaments at Harold's Bar, the Southwest open for a couple years, Musette's, Stockton, and helped with the President's Day tournament in Texas, as well as many throughout Missouri. Jim received runner up MVP two separate years in Reno at the North American Shuffleboard Championship. The first time was as a rated 3 and runner up to Darrol Nelson. Throughout the last 21 years, Jim Payne has won 53 first and second places in the state of Missouri, as well as, over 120 first and second places all over the rest of the country. Jim's contribution to improving the skill and competitiveness of Missouri Table Shuffleboard players is evident and his impact on those who have partnered with him and been taught by him is appreciated by many and a true testament to his ability. His want is to give back to the game and help anyone willing to learn has become a goal of his to help.

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♦ I've known Jim since the early 80's. I have more than a several stories about Jim, so when he was being honored by Missouri Shuffleboard, I thought this was the best one because it epitomized what Jim has been to the game and how he has helped so many of us grow in the sport. I think you'll see why. Through the years Jim and I have usually been opponents. I don't really remember being partners until Del City a few years ago, four persons bring with SoSo and Casey Brown. Our first match went to a rubber so Jim and I were partners. He got us to eleven all and his hammer coming with a single opponent's weight on the board. Jim's weight just slipped off and now my first hammer down 12 to 11. On an open board needing to get on 12 for sure and hoping for a little more, I let the puck go. Well, how or why it came out close to the edge is still blurry, but it proceeded to dump in the gutter just past the scoreboard. I could only bring myself to look at Jim sneaking a peek over the top of my glasses. I saw a grimace on his face as the weight fell in the gutter. Then I watched him walk to the middle of the board and retrieve my ill-fated poor attempt at a lag. I didn't see an expression on his face or hear anything that I totally deserved and expected. Must of really caught him off guard? Maybe. Still no body motions, fist shaking, finger pointing, just picked up the puck and walked back to his end. By now I had dug a six-foot hole, crawled into it and was starting to cover myself up. Tried to make myself invisible, hiding behind my glasses just peeking over the top. In retrospect, I think I was expecting something a few of have possibly heard at some point in time, a really high-pitched voice, muttering, something explicit. Well, the end played out and Jim's last weight. Still down 12 to 11, without the hammer, decided to offer a deuce to stick and that's just what happened. Now down 14 to 11 looking at Jim still not detecting what had to be indescribable feelings towards me. Like the movie Kill Bill. Without him saying a word I could hear him in my head. Just like I have heard him before with other partners. Just do what you can and maybe he might be able to steal a hammer or something. I'm just saying because who he is and who he has been for so many years, I was able to crawl out of my hole and really nervous now and shaking, and where's the vodka. Make a decent enough few strokes to get mind blowingly lucky. I think Jim and I are pretty good friends but there is, I'm thinking, a limit to any friendship and more than one scoreboard gutter ball on 11 on an open board for sure would be pushing that pretty hard. Yep. So that's the kind of person I've known Jim to be as long as I've known him. For sure. (-- Bill Loos, con't 14)

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Testimonials/Memories



◆ Congratulations on a well-deserved honor. You have always been a fierce competitor and you have helped many players improve their game including myself throughout the years. You have demonstrated this by winning a lot of tournaments with many different partners over the years.

You have also ran and promoted many tournaments during your shuffle career which is still going strong btw (you are a lagging machine). Once again congrats on your induction into the Missouri Hall of Fame. — Jerry Romay

◆ Very deserving honor Jim. You have been the model of constancy in playing winning shuffleboard for many years. Your help and support at the Old Shuffle Inn was greatly appreciated. Your knowledge and strategy of the game has helped me become a better player. Many players from Stockton have benefited from your teaching them the game. I have enjoyed playing with you in numerous tournaments as well as competing against you throughout the years. You must bring your “A” game if you hope to be in the game when playing you. Congratulation on being inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame. — Doc Bendickson

◆ Congratulations Jim for being inducted to The Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I think I first met you in 2002 or 2003 when you were a zero-rated player then and a very tough competitor as you certainly are today. Winning with you in major bring partner and 4 person bring events are some of the most memorable times in my shuffleboard career. I have played against you when you were at your best and your ability to keep yourself in the game and finding a way to win shows both your focus and perseverance. You are a very patient player, hardly ever taking unnecessary chances which is what earned you the nickname “Plain White Vanilla”. Hey whatever works right! It has been said by a great MLB “Hall of Famer Jim Palmer “The difference between a great player and a hall of fame player is someone who can win even when they don’t have their best stuff” and i believe you fit the bill. So, enjoy your day and again congratulations. — MSPA Pres: Mark Gray and Barby

◆ Jim - What you have done for the game of shuffleboard is amazing! You have worked so hard to get where you are in this game which makes this award so well deserved! We are so glad to be able to call you our friend! Congratulations! — Kathy, Terry & Haylee Yingst

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◆ Congratulations Jim on your induction into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You have taught me a lot throughout the years of do’s and don’ts of shuffleboard strategy, especially at the beginning of my shuffleboard journey at Doc’s Shuffle Inn. I had the honor of playing many times with you but the one that stands out in my mind the most is the 2016 Kansas City Shuffleboard Olympics Bring Partner where we placed 1st. I always have a good time playing with and against you. This is a well-deserved honor. Congratulation again on your induction into the Hall of Fame. — Brandon Bock

◆ Congratulations Jim on your induction into the Missouri shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You are well deserving of this accomplishment, you are a great player, mentor, teacher, and a friend. You taught me so much over the last 15 years, I would not be the player I am today without you, you taught me so much strategy of the game it is unreal, and you also taught me how to run brackets, you still are teaching me today. You brought me to my first out of town tournament which was in Houston for the thanksgiving tournament, which got me more motivated to play. You have done a lot for shuffleboard in Missouri and we all appreciate that. You and Doc are the reason I love this game. We played in a lot of tournaments together, we won some and we lost some, my favorite tournament win was with you at the hall of fame tournament in 2014. I’m hoping one day I will be good as you and be on that wall with you and so many other great players. We haven’t always gotten along but I have always respected you.

You have one of the greatest shuffleboard minds it’s unreal, it’s like your 3 shots ahead in the frame. Congratulations again #16. By the way red wins more than blue. lol — Raymond Wadsack

◆ Congratulations Jim on making in in the Hall of Fame. I’ve known you for at least a decade and always knew you were a great and talented player. You are a great ambassador to the Missouri Shuffleboard. I’m glad to know you and be able to have some great stories with you. Congratulations again. — Cody Bock

◆ I remember the fist time Jim Payne came to Houston, he was a two and he beat our house pro, which was John Stinger at the time. I thought wow, this grumpy guy can play. I was right on both parts; he could play and he is definitely grumpy. Congratulations Jim. Very well deserved. — Tony McNew

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◆ Congratulations, Jim, on your induction into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. The impact that you have had on the game of shuffleboard is extensive and undeniable. You have quietly influenced the progression of dozens of players to the point that they become so good that you cannot play with them anymore. Your list of accolades is impressive to say the least. We can only hope to one day have as many wins as you have. You have personally always supported our games and are never shy to let us know when you feel that we need to make a different play! You are truly deserving of this honor and we are honored to be a part of your day.

— Matt and Tammi Coonts

◆ Congratulations, Jim, on being inducted into the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I've known Jim for well over 20 years, most of those years as a pro-rated player. Always a fierce competitor, teacher, promotor, etc. Even once in a while he would let me sneak in a win, (maybe a couple in 20+ years). All kidding aside, it is a well-deserved honor. I can see this happening on a national scale in the near future. Welcome to the Missouri Shuffleboard Hall of Fame! Good luck my friend, see you on a board soon.

— Rick Pittman-007 Class of '03 M.S.HOF

◆ Congratulations, Jim! You have established yourself to be one of the best in the county, so I know this day means a lot to you. It has always been a pleasure trying to beat you in a game because I know it's going to be an uphill battle. Hope you enjoy your day and Congrats again "Welcome to the Club!"

— Charles Muehlhauser

◆ Jim is one of my favorite people. He's grumpy, dry humored, and a hell of a shuffleboard player. Jim is also a great friend that cares about our sport and is willing to jump in to help or organize. I remember the first time I met him. He came to Del City as a 3. Bobby drafted him and they won. Jim was probably a 1, but hadn't been playing even a year. He's just that talented. From then on Jim has been one of the family. He's helped us as a tournament director at the Prez Day tournament for the last 15 years and is so well respected. His shuffleboard skills speak for themselves. He's won every thing there is to win. Congratulations on this milestone and I expect we will see your name in flashing lights again soon — Jeri Williams McIntyre

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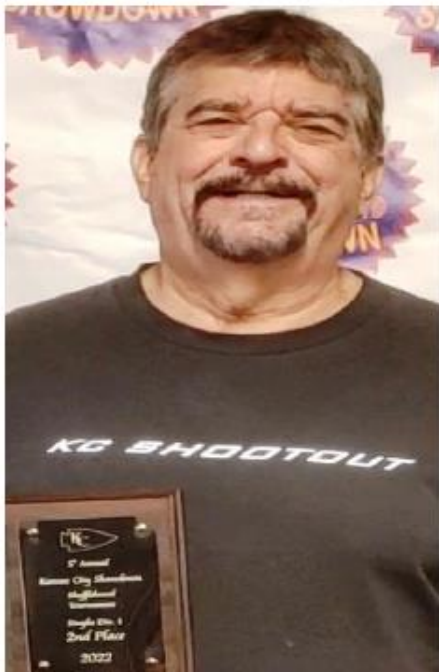
◆ Jim, I just want to start off by saying thank you. You have taught me how to play this game, and have had the utmost patience with me. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving for this award. Congratulations! — Connor McNew

◆ Jim, I could tell from the first time I saw you shoot a weight that you were no question one of the most elite players in the game. Not only are you one of the best to play, you are an even better mentor for the game. I have learned so many different aspects of this difficult game from you and how to handle tough situations and scenarios. Jim, I have enjoyed every tournament, match, and game I've played with you and will forever appreciate your presence in the shuffleboard community. I want to say thank you for all you've done not just for me but for all the other players that have interacted within the shuffleboard world. Thank you, Jim! — DJ McNew

◆ Jim was a major contributor in the growth of many players in Missouri and Nebraska. Earlier this year, one of those players he had a role in game improvement received the honor of being inducted into Nebraska Hall of Fame. He has taken many players under his wing throughout his years of playing. He tried like hell to help my game until he realized there may be no helping it. Jim has run many tournaments and assisted in more tournaments than most can imagine. He has also won countless plaques. I mean countless, quite literally, as he has kept so few through the years, despite all attempts to force them on him. Jim Payne's achievements in shuffleboard undoubtedly earned him this honor. However, my greatest respect for Jim doesn't come from him as a shuffleboard player, promoter, or anything of the sorts. Rather, it comes from his friendship. He has been there in my times of need and for that I will be forever grateful. We have also shared a lot of fun times, which would surprise many that he is capable of such. I'm sure the majority of people reading this would struggle with the vision of Jim Payne swing dancing. But I can assure you, he is one hell of a swing dancer. He and I have shared many great times watching bands or going out on the boat. Because of Jim, cattle call has a whole new meaning to me as well. Jim has certainly earned this honor as a shuffler. I am proud of him and proud to call him my friend. Congratulations Jim! — Bethany Rohr

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2022
KC Showdown
Pro Singles Div.1
2nd Place
Jim Payne

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