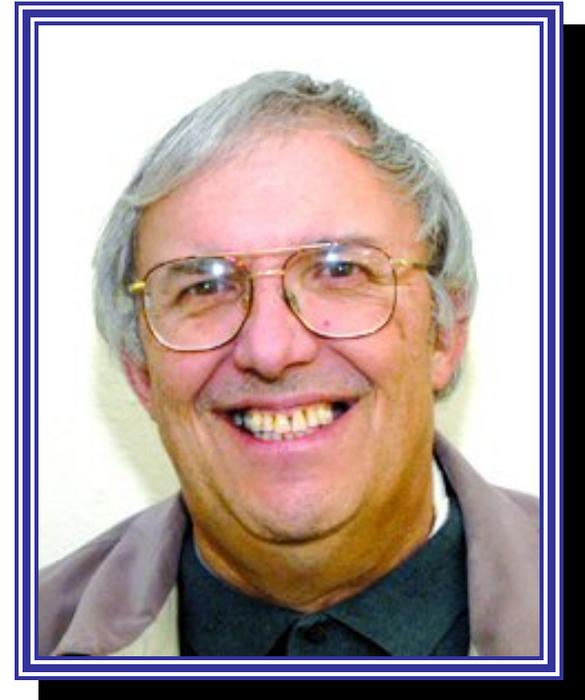


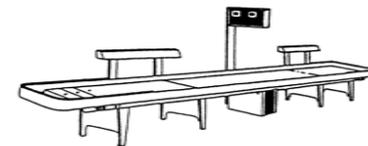
# JIM MANDERS

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Jim Manders, A Promotor & Organizer



Jim Manders, The Player



## JIM MANDERS

Although he grew up a deep lag from some of the Pacific Northwest's best shuffleboard houses in White Center and West Seattle- J&W, Smitty's, Pick Wick and Andy's, it had nothing to do with Jim Mander's shuffleboard ability or his desire to play the game. In fact, he didn't know anything about the game or play it until after he'd graduated from high school in 1964. Living in Sequim in 1967 and working for the Peninsula Daily News, Jim was roaming around with his mom on his birthday—hers too—when they stopped in at the Keyhole Tavern just outside of Sequim for a "legal" beer. Running right down the middle of this little tavern was regulation shuffleboard. Jim asked his mom what the device was. "Shuffleboard, you'll like it," she answered. He never knew she played a little on the amateur level in White Center and West Seattle. He fired the first weight with his right and the second with his left. Even so Jim didn't have a shuffleboard career. In fact it was about three years before he played again after he returned to Sequim from a sports writing job in Lewiston, Idaho.

He started out playing in the local league and whatever draws he could get into on Saturday afternoons. He didn't win very often in fact. There were some very good local players who taught him some lessons. A friend, John Mahan, plays week nights with Jim. They throw weights back and forth and never keep score. Jim finishes second in scoring in a 10-frame league he plays in and wins a \$300 game during a match with a team from Victoria. He's hooked! Other people in his league start telling him about tournament shuffleboard in other places. They have a team in the regional tournament in Longview. He doesn't get to play.

In 1979 the owner of the tavern where he's working buys a brand new board and Jim talks him and another owner into having a tournament. In late August 27 teams show up to play in the biggest tournament Sequim ever saw. Jim's notch as a promoter is carved.

But Jim stays out of shuffleboard until the late 1980s when he goes to the Blue Goose in Port Orchard.

Jim Manders is beyond deserving of this induction. He has done so much for shuffleboard as far as organizing and promoting. He started the ESA. He wrote Board Bits and he did the ESA newsletter and now Lagging 4s. He organized a big tournament in Sequim that ignited shuffleboard there for many years. He ran tournaments up in the Bow- Edison area and he helped Jim Foran with the Whistling Oyster tournament for many years. He has many good ideas in regards to shuffleboard and is not afraid to voice those ideas even if they are controversial. This is a good thing. Jim is always willing to help if he can. He helped us so much with Jim Foran's induction into the National Hall of Fame. And we will never forget that.

Jim has been a hard worker not only for shuffleboard but also in his vocation. Working as much as he did kept him from playing as much shuffleboard as we know he would have liked to.

Jim is a pro-active kind of guy who sticks up for what he believes in but always in a diplomatic way.

Jim and I have a lot of respect for JIM MANDERS

Congratulations Friend,  
**Jim and Michelle Foran**

I met Jim in 1979 in Sequim, WA at the Old Town Tavern and the Sundowner Saloon, at a shuffleboard tournament. After that Jim moved to Tacoma and stayed at Bob Freeman's apartment across the street from the 43rd Street Tavern. I got to know him a little better then. We played shuffleboard almost on a daily basis for 6 to 8 months. After that we saw each other about a half a dozen times until we purchased the Whistling Oyster in 1989. Not long after that we got involved in the shuffleboard league that Jim had been involved in for 5 or 6 years. We saw him quite often then and got to know him even better. When Jim started the ESA, Sandee was the treasurer for 3 years so we connected on a regular basis. Jim Manders has been so helpful to Sandee and I in so many ways. He used to help Jim Foran with our tournament and he has been especially helpful with the Hall of Fame inductions that have been held at the Whistling Oyster.

I am sure that Sandee and I have made a true friend in Jim and he will always be in our prayers.

Sincerely  
**Bill Bailey and Sandee VanWagenen**

*lagging 4s*

## In Remembrance of Jim Manders

Jim is a player's player. I'd never even seen a shuffleboard until Jim introduced me to the game back in 1992 at the Town Tavern in Sequim. He knew he had the greenest rookie on his hands, but he took me under his wing and took me on as his partner and the newest member of the Sequim team in the Olympic Shuffleboard League. (I can't mention our team without mentioning teammate Buddy Lindh. Jim and Buddy were the hottest partnership in Sequim. They won 70 straight matches hands down. This was before my arrival on the scene, but their partnership was legendary on our local circuit.)

Jim and I practiced almost every day on many different boards and Jim was a very patient teacher and partner. I began to see how cerebral the game really is, and with Jim's guidance, I began to learn the subtleties of shuffleboard.

Jim and I started having success. We took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Olympic Shuffleboard League in 1993 and 1994. We took 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Sweetheart Tournament in 1994 which was probably our top finish in full tournament competition. We won a number of meat shoots at the Blue Goose and at The Edison. For 3 years, Jim took me everywhere. We played on boards all over the Pacific Northwest; from Sequim to Spokane, from Vancouver, B.C. to Portland, OR. We played in Reno, Las Vegas and the Bay Area. It was a ton of fun, especially when we played well.

One thing that stands out in my mind is that Jim didn't want a perpetual student in me. It was more important to him that I become a player in my own right rather than follow an agenda of his. Jim wanted me to develop my own love and appreciation for the game, and that's exactly what happened. Jim's induction into the Hall of Fame is very special to me. Seeing my old partner and teacher receive such an honor lets me relive the wonderful times I had. I think of all the wonderful people I met. Many, many fond memories.

I'd also like to say that I'm blown away by Lagging 4's, Jim's shuffleboard e-zine. It is a symbol of Jim's reverence and love for the game.

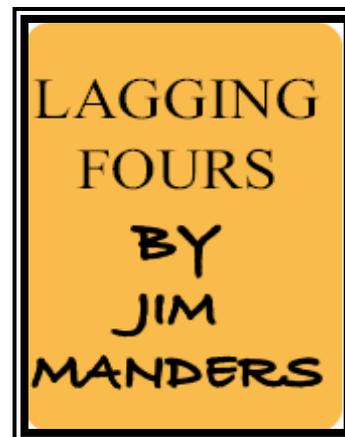
Arnold Palmer once said "What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive." I can almost hear Jim finish that phrase with "...I find in the motion of a good lag." Truly a player's player.

**Kathrin Manders-Sumpter**

In the early 1990s he takes over a tournament started by Sherm Anderson and runs it for 10 years. He meets s more and more players and in 1992 answers the call to start an association of shuffleboard players and owners in order to protect tournament dates. For several years, he acts as the group's only officer with the help from Hall of Famers Russ "Colonel" Miller and Mike Waters.

Combining his love for writing and shuffleboard, Jim starts "Board Bits," a newsletter about Northwest Shuffleboard in the early 1990s and then starts a newsletter for the shuffleboard association. In 2004 Jim first publishes "Lagging 4s," shuffleboard e-mail magazine. The publication celebrated its first anniversary in May

Jim has had a certain amount of success in his career. He finished second four straight years in the Sequim tournament before finally winning it. He also won the Sequim event one year when it was a singles tournament. He also won a draw partner at the Edison Tavern and the A/B Bring Partner at BZ's in 2004. He and Mike Waters also had a third place finish in the state tournament in Longview in 1997. Jim says he is proud of his shuffleboard accomplishments, especially in the area of promoting the game, but adds: "I'd rather be in the Hall of Fame for Lagging 4s"



Hi Jim,  
Hope this finds you feeling a little better. First I want to congratulate you and say I think it's great your peers are inducting you into the Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You probably deserve it solely on your proficiency and longevity on the boards but there is no question you need to be recognized for your efforts with Lagging 4's. You have broken new ground with your format and you really deserve this national recognition as shufflers around the country have benefited from your efforts. Thanks for all you do!

Dick Smedberg

Jim Manders you are one of the nicest shuffleboard players I know... I respect you as a player and as a friend....you have always supported the game of shuffleboard and did your best to keep the integrity of the game in play at all times.... I really miss not being at your induction Jim and above all seeing you... thanks for all your support over the years and your hard work in producing a great newsletter each week, I always look forward to receiving it. Congratulations Jim,

Your friend Linda Steffensen

I consider myself a Jim Manders/Mike Waters prodigy. When I first started playing shuffleboard, Jim played with me in my first Masters Tournament and A/B Bring Your Partner. Jim always gave me advice and was always kind to me even when I missed some big shots. Yet my favorite memory with Jim is when we talked about life other than shuffleboard while we were driving down to Reno with Mike Waters. Thanks for the advice in life you have given me. You are a gentleman, promoter, and friend.

Justin Kasa

I can't remember when I first met Jim, I just know it was many years ago. He has always been pleasant & friendly to me, even when we disagreed on the best course for us to take to increase participation and enjoyment of shuffleboard. when I was in leadership of the ESA and Jim had an idea, or disapproved of some action I was taking, he would call me and discuss the issue, always courteously and professionally. We agreed on far more things than we disagreed. I have always felt Jim was a consistent leader in promoting the game of shuffleboard. Jim has definitely earned his induction into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and deserves the honor.

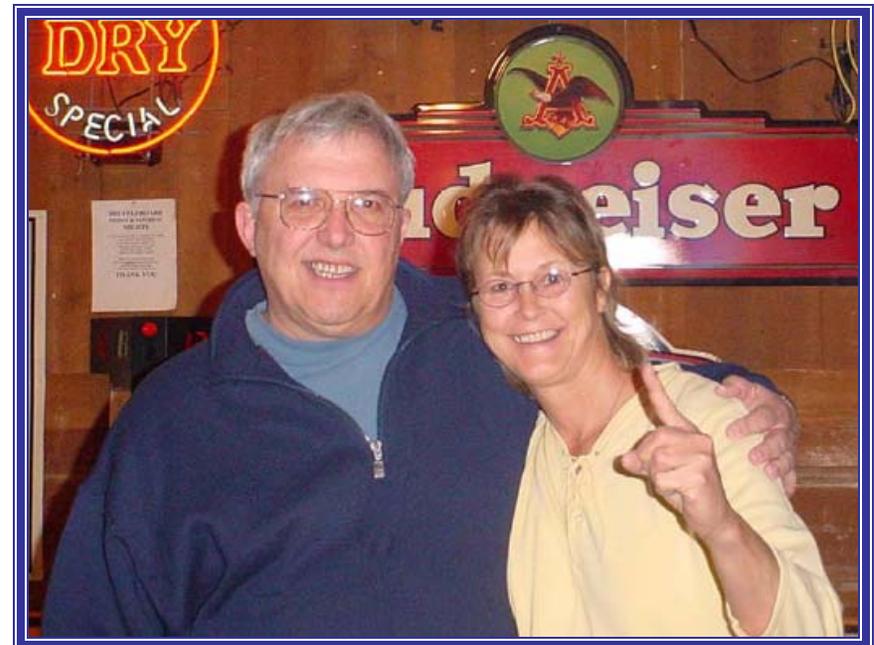
John C. Martin

One of the first years I went to Reno, I was on the hometown amateur team Jim was on the team as well. During play I had the privilege of teaming up for a match with Jim. Remember Jim? You said throw the weight off the board! So I thought I should practice a shot while I did this. What a time to lag a 3. The other team hit and stuck for the win. Lesson #1 when they say "throw it off" they mean Throw It Off!! Thanks for the memories Jim!!

Linda Walker

Thank you Jim, for your dedication and hard work in the game of shuffleboard, for the years of keeping shuffleboard league going in Sequim, and for coming to tournaments you are not playing in too take pictures and get results for your newsletter. Most of all thank you for being a friend and partner. I have had the pleasure of playing with Jim in a few tournaments; and we won the A/B Bring Your Own at BZ's in 2004. Thank you for the memories.

Paulette



Jim Manders is a special kind of guy. He has the love for the game of shuffleboard in his best interest. Even though sometimes he would get raked over the coals for speaking up for what he felt was right. That didn't stop him. When he started Lagging 4's so many didn't want anything to do with the newsletter; they felt like he was stepping on the Board Talk's toes. When at that time you could tell the Board Talk was on it's way out. He just kept writing the news as people reported to him. Now he has a mega amount of people reading his newsletter. Way to go JIM!! It is so nice to be able to know the tournament results the following Wednesday instead of waiting for 3 or 4 months.

Jim played in our Tuesday night shuffleboard league for a long time. Each week he came all the way from Sequim. Not only that but he would come to our meat shoots on Friday nights. That is what I call dedication to the game of shuffleboard.

When his team took first place with Larry Hudson, Susie Geisler, and Patty Armstrong he wrote an article called "Thoughts for a Championship Team" The first paragraph went like this. "Savor these moments, for they are fleeting. Our championship season never lasts long enough. Eternities pass in a losing season". Then he went on to list the good points in each of his team mates. He framed it and we have it sitting in our living room. It was quite moving to read. We all know that Jim has quite a way with words. Jim, it is a pleasure to have you as a friend for so many years.

Love Ya,  
Dee Hudson

Jim Congratulations, you deserve this honor. Your time, effort, and honesty have kept shuffleboard alive and growing; you're behind the scenes contributions go unknown but to a few of us. You are a player, mentor, promoter, and above all a true friend.

Mike Waters

Jim~  
Everything I know about shuffleboard, I've learned from you. A great deal of what I know about integrity, courage and heart came from you as well. Thank you for sharing.  
Congratulations. Enjoy.  
love from, Sharon

Since my first trip to the Great Northwest, there is no place else I'd rather be, The overwhelming beauty coupled with the charm and humanity of the people like Jim Manders make it the only place to really BE. Jim made me feel like I was his lifetime friend upon our first meeting. How cool is that ? Wish I was there to celebrate with you !!! Congratulations Jim,

Gwynette Orsi

Jim- thanks to you and Mr. Waters there's still one shuffleboard player that really does think I'm the Mayor of Shelton...thanks alot.....all kidding aside, just want to congratulate you on a very well deserved honor and thank you so much for all your time and dedication to the world of shuffleboard...you are exceptional....love you....

Vickie

I can remember the look on Jim's face when he found out who he drew for a meat shoot at the Fir Cone Tavern. It was me and he didn't look very excited since he came all the way from Sequim. As it turned out, that was my 1st win ( Thanks to Jim ) in what I considered a lot of pressure play! My how times have changed. He is always willing to except a challenge which is why he started the Lagging4s Magazine. Jim, you are a good friend, a good father, and most of all, a very loved man in our Shuffleboard family.....

Vern



I would like to take this opportunity to expound on Jim Manders and his induction into the Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Jim has been many things to me, not the least of which has been a friend and mentor. His subtle suggestions, not necessarily about the mechanics of the game; but rather how to conduct yourself and enjoy the competition and comradery of the competition come to mind first.

Jim, through the years, has been a keen competitor and has always made you bring your game to the forefront if you expected to beat him.

But more important, he has always brought a love for the game and the people who play it.

He has been a strong player, but more important, he has been a promoter, having for many years been the force and fortune behind the annual tournament held at the Town Tavern in Sequim, WA. , providing boards, sponsor fees, and prize money.

When there was a problem with sponsors competing with each other, Jim saw a need for regulation, and was instrumental in the formation of the Evergreen Shuffleboard Assoc. whose primary function was to preserve tournament dates for the sponsors through regulation of its members, serving distinctly as the Association's first president.

Later when various problems arose within a national publication that catered to the sport, due to his background in the field of journalism, and the availability of new electronic opportunities (the World Wide Web via the internet) took it upon himself to get the word out weekly to in excess of 600 subscribers, filling a large void in communication. This publication, Lagging 4's, is provided free as an attachment to E-mail. Yes it does charge for advertisement; however the intent is to return that money to the subscribers as added money to tournaments around the country quarterly selected by random draw.

He has brought up issues for discussion that sometimes cause bad feelings among some of us since we may agree or disagree with what he has published. However in this land the Constitution of the United States provides us the opportunity to speak our convictions without repercussion, and I applaud Jim for standing up and speaking out. In his words, the way to solve problems is through transmitting ideas through communication.

Yes Jim has worked incessantly toward promoting our sport and Linda and I wish to thank him for his efforts to it , congratulate him for this honor which has been bestowed upon him by his peers, but most importantly, for having been our friend through the years.

**Bill & Linda Walker**

Jim Congratulations on this honor that your peers have bestowed on you. Your efforts on promoting and organizing the game of shuffleboard are beyond reproach. You started ESA when you saw a need to help the tavern owners many years ago; you have brought shuffleboard to a new level around the country with your introduction of your e-magazine, Lagging 4's. Jim you deserve this award for all you have done in support of this game of shuffleboard. Congratulations Jim,

**Sharon & Tim**

Jim has always been a good friend of ours through the years. We have always respected him for all his efforts in the game of shuffleboard.

Congratulations,

**Patti & Gordie**

We are proud to have you as our friend. You're a remarkable man.

We love you.

**Clark and Clara Kenney**

"The measure of a man lies in his ability to speak his mind, and act on his thoughts."

Jim Manders has always struck me as someone with the intelligence to make himself clearly understood among a crowd of people vying to be acknowledged. And he does this without employing a grand voice or flailing about like a scarecrow in a hurricane. He just applies his intelligence and wit to be understood. That makes him memorable to me.

Don't completely misunderstand my above statement. Jim can rise to the occasion of cajoling and belittling opponents when the time is just right! I have been there and bare witness for all! Who am I kidding - you all have seen him in action. HE'S GOOD!

Jim Manders is most deserving of induction into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for his consistent and unwavering support. I salute him and all those who he now shares this honor with. I will always remember him.

**Randy Ables**

