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Paul Webber

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Acceptance of Award.....Paul Weber

PAUL WEBER

Considered by many as one of the co-founders of the modern shuffleboard mega-tournament, Paul Weber has been a strong supporter of west coast shuffleboard for the past 20 years.

EARLY YEARS

Paul was born on December 11, 1939 in Pittsburgh, PA. His father was the City Circulation Manager for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette until he enlisted in the Merchant Marines during WWII. Unfortunately, he was killed when his boat blew up near Anzio. Paul's mother worked as a secretary until she retired. Paul moved her to California in 1972. She passed away in 1989. Paul didn't have any brothers or sisters. According to Paul, his parents said, "This guy's goofy enough. We don't want any more like him."

Paul went to Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and graduated in 1958. He worked for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette for three years and then moved to California for the 1st time in 1961. This is when Paul first played the game of shuffleboard at a place called The Stein. For the next six years he moved back and forth between Pennsylvania and California, working various jobs such as pipe inspector, car salesman and bar tender.

Paul came back to California permanently in 1967 and worked for Farmer John's in Vernon, California. From 1969-1983 he worked in the freight business until there was a mass layoff. "Haven't turned a lick since," says Paul. "Around this time I got into 'sports speculation' which has paid my way ever since."

SHUFFLEBOARD BEGINNINGS

After Paul's brief introduction to shuffleboard in 1961, he didn't have any more to do with the game until he moved to Bellflower, Ca in 1973. He began playing at the Edgewood and met Billy Chiles. He went on the road, backing Billy for six years. Paul says, "This is where I really began to learn how to play the game. When you watch a player like Billy, you learn a lot." Later, he began backing and taking road trips with Jimmy Allis. He started to improve his own game in 1987. He was living in Downey, California and began playing Jimmy Anderson four practice games every day at the Dixie Belle. "Then I'd stay and play about 20 more games. I got to where I was half decent."

PCSA

Joe Muniz attended a tournament in Las Vegas that had been run by Billy Mays. He came back and told Paul that he thought they could do a better job. Joe asked Paul if he would be the "money man." They, along with Lou Lucero and Karl Spickelmier ran the first PCSA Las Vegas Tournament in 1989. They had 12 new boards, 6 American and 6 Play Fair. "We had no more idea of what we were doing than the Man in the Moon," Paul remembers. Paul helped to negotiate room rates with the Showboat, and figured out the logistics of the calcuttas, money handling, events and rankings.

"It was a nightmare. We managed to get through it to the doubles semi-finals, when the Showboat screwed us out of a day. Three teams were left, Eric Waldeman/Al Pease and Chuck Norris/A.Z. Turnbo in the losers' bracket and Billy Chiles/Bobby Voorhis on the winner's side. We had to start getting the boards moved out. By the time Chuck and A.Z. won the semis, the hotel was already putting up banquet tables around them for another function. There was only time for one more match."

Fortunately, Billy and Bobby won the first match, although it took all three games. The electricity to the boards had been shut off and Carol Bunch kept score on a bar napkin. If it had gone to a second match, the finalists would have been given the option of splitting the money and lagging one weight for bragging rights, or going down the street to Duffy's, challenging the board there, then playing off the finals.

"Louie, being Louie, quit, but the following year went as smooth as silk. We had a good nine-year run with the help of Bob Brunskill, Freddie Thuman, Bubba Warren, Billy Chiles, Kevin Larkin and Jimmy Anderson. Al Stewart was instrumental in setting up the boards."

When asked if the PCSA set the format for the current mega tournaments, Paul modestly defers the credit to Joe Muniz. "Joe organized everything, he just brought me along to negotiate the room rates. Karl is a great bracketeer. He understands when you should be playing, and also why you're not playing."

"I wish we could do it again. A few years ago, I started talking to a couple of hotels in Laughlin for a West Coast tournament, but the logistics for moving in the boards wouldn't work. "

THE CRAPS GAME

“What a lot of fun that was. Joe Muniz started it during the second year of the Las Vegas tournament. He was one of the better crapshooters I’ve ever seen. I would collect \$500 shares. If someone only had \$100, I told him to go in with friends and bring me \$500. Joe would begin at Midnight on Saturday night. The 2nd year, we ended up making \$40,000 and everyone got more than double their money back. Soon, that was the first thing people wanted to do when they saw me was to give me \$500 for the craps game. We won four or five years in a row. The last year that we won, each \$500 share won \$1,170. The last year or two we lost money.”

THE BEST AND THE WORST GAMES

Paul claims that the worst game he ever played was when he gave up 8 points in one frame to Jimmy Martin. “I’m still mad about that,” Paul says.

“I never beat anybody, but the best I ever did was with Joe Nino at the Dixie Belle. It was a huge tournament with the ‘Who’s Who’ of shuffleboard there. “ Paul and Joe lost their first match against Larry and Mary Brown from Indiana. After that, they drew Paul’s favorite boards 3 and 4 (The Equalizer) from then on. They went on to beat Gordy Smith and Russ Miller, and then Jimmy Allis and Hal Perry in two straight, 15 to 7 and 15 to 8. Paul says, “I got Hal talking to himself on my end.” They then beat Bob Lewis and Marilyn Roberts in two straight and then Jim Foran and Dave Arndt in two straight.

“The next morning we were up against Steve Perry and Paul Elliot. I was pumped up and ready to play, but couldn’t get enough Scotch into Joe quick enough. We lost two straight, but ended up in the money.”

TRAVELS

“The trips to Bourbon were lots of fun. Once, we took 18 people out there on an airplane. We rented three or four cars to get everyone around.

“I went to Quilcine (Washington) several times, Bill and Sandy always treated me very well. The Marysville (California) trips were always fun. Once Joe Muniz and I flew to Seattle for a tournament at B.Z.’s. Joe played with John Fischer and Jimmy Allis played with Steve Wilson. We

stayed at a hotel that was about 17 miles away and John Fisher came to pick us up in his van. The only thing in the back to sit on was a beer cooler, filled with ice and soda. John saw some girls and gunned the van to show off. I flew off the cooler and it turned over and soaked me. Joe and John went through the losers’ bracket and Jimmy and Steve the winner’s bracket. The finals came to a 2nd match, which meant I had to change the airline tickets. It meant being rerouted through Reno. Joe came in 2nd and ended up losing money because of the extra plane fare. “

PRESENT AND FUTURE

“I ran the last two Dixie Belle tournaments, including the big Board Talk Reunion. After Wes and Eileen sold the Dixie Belle, things changed. They had always let me use the office and the Whiskey Room for the money and paperwork, but the new owners didn’t want me in there. “

When the Las Vegas tournaments ended, Paul sold three of the boards to Oskars’ and helped startup a league there.

Paul had a leg removed a few years ago but still enjoys the game. “I just like to play. Since I lost my leg, it upsets me that I’ve gained so much weight and I have no stamina for playing singles. “



Paul and his wife Hope, have three children between them; Bruce, who lives in Switzerland, Paula, living in Bellflower, CA and Michelle, who lives in Atlantic City. Michelle lost a home in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina. There are five grandchildren, Isaiah, Nicole, Catherine, Gracie and Libby.

A FEW WORDS FROM CSHOF PRESIDENT JIM MARTIN

When I first meet Paul I thought he was either a doctor or a lawyer. He had that smooth, debonair look about him. It didn't take me long to find out that my first impression was very wrong. Paul is quite the sportsman. He is very knowledgeable in football and that's what makes him the player he is in the game of shuffleboard. He knows when to go short or long, stick'em and slide off the opponent. I have seen him on occasion, make a field goal and hang it over the end for a four. Running one up the sidelines is not one of Paul's expertises; he prefers down the middle or wrapping his opponent.

I also came to find out that Paul is a darn good auctioneer. That man can bring in more money on a sick horse or crippled cow than the best of barkers. He can empty your wallet with such ease that you would swear he is a lawyer or doctor. He was so good they named a good cold drink after him, Smoothie.

Then I learned, he isn't only a sportsman and auctioneer, he is also a promoter. Paul has promoted more events in the world of shuffleboard than you can shake a stick at. Why, he could give Mr. Don King a run for his money. Along with Joe Muniz and Karl Spickelmier, Paul helped promote and organize the Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association and brought us the mega tournaments in Las Vegas that we knew as, Extravaganza. I could not believe my eyes when I went to my first Extravaganza. Paul had assembled more talent into one arena than I had ever seen before. I remember how it felt like a gladiator in a den of lions. I had never seen, ever before, so many big cats with their claws sharpened, protruding, and ready to pounce. My whole body was shaking like I had drunk way too much tequila the night before.

Sportsman, auctioneer, promoter are just some of Paul's many tributes. Aside from being a good friend and one of the most congenial people I have ever meet, he is also a good father, husband and most positive when things can sometimes seem to be so negative. As we all know, Paul lost a part of himself several years back. This loss did not stop Paul from continuing his great love for shuffleboard. He over came his loss by learning to play from a wheelchair and soon after with the aid of crutches. It makes me personally, very humble, as I look back

over the many years and recall how many of us would not have been able to reach down and turn such a negative into a positive. I know it's very hard for Paul to continue to play as much as he would surely like to. He is a person with much pride. And even though he may not play as much as he once had, he has continued to support the sport of shuffleboard. Paul continues to work with several players, helping them to achieve a higher level of play, transferring to each of them all his knowledge and love he has for the game. He has continued to promote several tournaments around the Bellflower, CA area. Paul is a big reason why the Fourth of July tournament in Exeter, CA is such a great success. Paul has not let pride get in his way.

I personally take this opportunity to congratulate you Paul and to welcome you into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It's because of you, that many of us have come to share many great times together and cherish the wonderful memories. I am looking forward to sharing many more with you.

Your Friend Always,

Jim Martin



Paul and Hope with Jimmy Martin

TESTAMONIALS

I have known Paul for about 15 years and I think he is one of the best "Gentlemen of Shuffleboard". He is always ready to help someone when they ask for help and one of the best players I've seen. Well done Paul and very well deserved.

Connie Zavala

I do not know Paul all that well but have known him a long time in regards to tournaments. He is always ready to help with auctions, bracketing or whatever else needs to be done and is a superb shuffleboard player. Good going Paul, very well deserved. We will be there to see you in November.

Frank Zavala

Las Vegas, NV

Paul Weber was one of the first followers of shuffleboard I dealt with when I began to travel nationally to shuffleboard tournaments and I really respect his knowledge of the game and the players who participate.

Larry Creakbaum



Paul and Bob Brunskill

Quite often he has been the quiet man behind the scenes. He does speak up when he is running the auctions though.

One of the partners in the PCSA, many people were not aware that he was one of the tournament officials. It was a lot of fun telling the winners that Paul had their money. The first question was, "Who is Paul?" After describing him, the next question was "Where is he?" The answer, of course, was "He's downstairs in the casino doubling your money."

Congratulations Paul, welcome to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.
Bob and Anna Brunskill

Congratulations, Paul. Despite all your trials and tribulations you've remained an active supporter, promoter and player in the game that we all love. You deserve much credit and induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is a perfect way to compliment your achievements and dedication. We're proud of you.

Bob & Vickie Hunt



Paul and Dixie Debbie

Paul Weber very much deserves his place in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I have known Paul for several years now and consider him to be one of the most honorable men I have ever met. I am not alone in sharing this opinion as Paul has many friends that are celebrating with him today.

Paul's lengthy service to the California shuffleboard community has earned him this honor. Paul's contributions are many. He is without question one of the very best auctioneers in shuffleboard. He adds humor and entertainment at each tournament by auctioning off teams and players from all over the western part of our country. Because of his unique style many of his tournament Calcutta's have been record-breaking money events. Paul is also a tournament director having run many annual events in southern and central California. I think his favorite is the annual Eagles Fourth of July tournament held in Exeter. He and Bob Brunskill have run that successful tournament for several years.

He is an organizer and supporter of shuffleboard and it is here where he deserves the most attention. Paul is the president of the Southern California Shuffleboard league and is the one most responsible for the league's solid reputation. In addition he organizes round robin play twice a week at a Bellflower bar. He invites one and all to play and encourages new players. His knowledge of the game has benefited so many.

In addition, Paul is the secretary and a founding member of the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, is the former publisher of the *Pacific Coast Shuffleboard News*, was one of the founders of the very successful Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association and its tournaments held in Las Vegas in the 1990s and of course he is a winning tournament and league shuffleboard player.

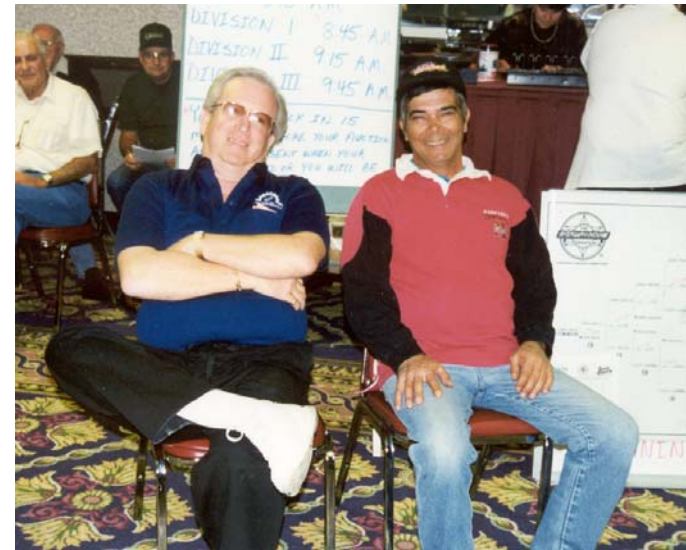
Through the years he has remained dedicated to his sport. Never complaining when most people do, always giving encouragement. He richly deserves this tremendous honor. I know it means a lot to Paul. I know it means a lot to his many friends. Congratulations Paul!

Robert Davidson, Bellflower, CA.

Paul Weber jumped into the table shuffleboard action with both feet – that was pre-amputation of one of his legs. Losing a leg didn't stop Paul, he continued to play and promote the game with as much spirit as he always had. I personally take this opportunity to "thank you Paul" for being the best M.C. ever at our California Hall of Fame ceremonies and doing the auction for my tournaments.

Congratulations on your deserved induction!

Much love,
Jolene Lembke



Paul and Bob Ruiz

Larry and I first had the pleasure of meeting Paul when he ran the Vegas tournaments along with Karl and Joe, and then again at the Dixie Belle. What a great time he made it for us! He is very deserving and a Great guy!

Mary & Larry Brown

Paul Weber, player, promoter, master of ceremonies! Congratulations for the honor well deserved to the California Hall of Fame!

There aren't enough proper words to say about this great person. If you need help running a tournament, Call Paul anytime. He will get involved and you can be sure of success and a well-managed tournament. When you have a shuffleboard problem, the great person to call is Paul, the problem solver. Paul is, and will always be our pleased friend and supervisor. We

are very proud to know you are finally getting the honor you very well deserve.

Also, our special thanks to our great lady, Hope for supporting and sharing Paul in his endeavor in supporting our shuffleboard family in so many ways.

Our love and blessing,
Marion and Jackie Bailey

Congratulations Paul, on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Without your efforts the last 17+ years, shuffleboard in California, and particularly So. Calif., wouldn't be as strong as it is today. Your continuing organization of league play, helping organize and run the PCSA tournaments from 1989 - 1997, many local events and the July 4 tournaments in Visalia, are well documented. Paul has also been known to enjoy performing auctioneer duties (sponsor sales) whenever asked.

Paul has represented California by attending many out of state shuffleboard tournaments including "hard to get to" events in Bourbon, Indiana and Quilcine, Washington.

Best of luck good friend. You have truly earned this award.

Karl Spick

P.S. - Paul also plays very competitive shuffleboard. We placed 1st at the Dixie Belle in Jan 96.

Paul has always been a great organizer of shuffleboard events. Whether a large tournament or a small session, if Paul was involved, you could count on things to run smoothly.

We count Paul among our best friends in the shuffleboard community. He's a great addition to the California Hall of Fame. We love you, man!

Linda Wright and John McGinnis

Paul, congratulations on your well deserved induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

You are amazing. On our recent trip to Downey, we had a chance to gab for a while. I was astounded in the way you remembered some of the games we played, the scores (good or bad) and who won, even those we played 10-14 years ago. Thanks for your friendship and the good times in Vegas, the Dixie Bell and everywhere else. You are a class act my friend, and most deserved of this induction and honor.

***We all love you Paul,
Rick and Kathy Thomas***

P.s. I did pick up a few things from you regarding auctions, etc. However, it's pretty difficult to compare to the man with the golden tongue, although as Larry the Cable Guy says, "We get 'er done!"



Paul and Bubba Warren

Paul Weber's induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is well deserved. He has played and supported the game for many years.

Congratulations Paul!
Rich "Bubba" Warren

We've known Paul Weber for over 16 years. He's made shuffleboard fun during play and while waiting for your game to come up in major tournaments. Some of our fondest memories are when we had a true round robin at Amato's in Huntington Beach. My sister Alanna and myself partnered up. We were definitely the underdogs in the game and he made our calcutta go high. To everyone's surprise we came in 3rd place. He must have seen something no one else did.

Another time was at The Best Little Where House in Temecula. He would take us over to Ted Z's brother's place for 'adult' beverages during our 'waiting' time. He

made ordinary tournaments extraordinary with his love for shuffleboard and bigger love for partying in between. But the time of all times must have been a tournament in Phoenix, AZ when the hotel was run down and they didn't have enough people to staff the place, especially the bar areas. Jim Allis, Darrol Nelson and himself made sure the drinks were still coming and the bar didn't get 'ripped off'. The manager was taken back at our honesty for paying for drinks when the bar was unstaffed. All these guys were men of class! Paul also had me call a limo to go out to dinner; we squeezed about 10 or more people in a 6-8 seater. We had a great time. I think I have a picture of Darrol Nelson smiling! I have pictures of this event it was myself (Shazoom, Alanna, Chris Danke, Paul, Jim Allis, Darrol Nelson, Tim Lockhart, and some other people I can't recall the names of at the moment) these were great times to remember. As a matter of fact, I don't even know if we ever made it to dinner. I think we stopped at some watering holes on our way! Oh, how time flies! Paul you have brought us some great fun and memories in our shuffleboard adventures! It's people like you that make shuffleboard so enjoyable!

We love you and wish you all the best!

Congratulations!
Shazoom and Alanna
(From the Coulter Clan)

My friend Paul,

Congratulations, you are worthy of this honor!

I remember when I first met you. It was back in the 80's at the Showboat Tournament. You, for the game of shuffleboard, in one way or the other, have always given me respect and I've always had great respect for you.

Congratulations again!

GIL ARAGON & LINDA [AZ.]

I first saw Paul Weber at the Labor Day Tournament at the Huntington Beach Moose Lodge. I could tell he loves and has great passion for the game of shuffleboard. Congratulations Paul, Paramount's best!

Your friend,
H.L. Lee

Paul and I go way back, and I mean when Paul didn't even know how to hold a weight. Paul did back me once in awhile. I don't know if we

made any money or not, maybe a few bucks. Eventually, Paul could hold his own.

I consider Paul a real good friend. Paul, I wish you all the luck in the world.

Your friend always,
Ted Z.



Paul and Vern Booth

Paul, we all remember the great times everyone had in Vegas at the tournaments that you, Joe and Karl put on. Many present day tournaments owe their success to you and your partners' efforts.

Your induction into the CSHOF is everyone's way of expressing their appreciation for your continuing promotion of the game of shuffleboard.

Congratulations!
Vern Booth

To Paul,

Having the chance to get to know Paul has been a great time for me. I love to sit and listen to the stories he has about shuffleboard. Paul's laugh is unmistakable, and his dedication to this game is unmatched.

The most important thing that I want to say to Paul is thank you. Thank you for the encouragement, thank you for the confidence and thank you for being a friend. Without your support I may well have left the game a long time ago. Maybe some

may like that, but I have a feeling I will be around for a while and having you talk to me and believe in me is the best thing I can have.

Thank you Paul and congratulations,

Jeff Posthumus

I met Paul for the first time at Blinky's in the late 90's, where I immediately nicknamed him White Boy. Thankfully Paul has a sense of humor, is a pretty cool guy, and has been vital to California shuffleboard for years. Thanks for all your hard work and congratulations on your much-deserved induction into the CSHOF.

-Eddie Brayman

He is a very nice man and we have enjoyed knowing him through out the years and he loves shuffleboard.

Love
Bev & Bob Lukens

I meet Paul Weber over 10 years ago at the Dixie Belle. A few months later I joined the league and of course I was on Paul's team. He has always taken the newcomers under his wing to help them learn the game. While under Paul's wing, I recall he once yelled at me, telling me to throw the weight, it won't break. I remember the time I missed a weight and he said, "oh f---, now you're an official shuffleboard player."

Thanks Paul for all the encouragement you gave to me and all the others. You have done a lot for shuffleboard and people like you is why I keep playing the game. Congratulations Paul.

Jan Manes

I consider Paul a real gentleman and friend. Paul has worked hard at promoting this game of Shuffleboard. The great tournaments he has put on in Las Vegas, Nevada for years with Joe and Karl were some I attended and really appreciated.

With his hard work the game has progressed and I want to thank him. I want to congratulate him on his induction and would love to be out there to personally shake his hand and say, " Well deserved!"

**Good wishes,
Jim "Cop" Kumpula
Detroit, MI**

We have not known Paul for a long time, but Paul has always supported us and the Board Talk when we were still publishing. Paul has continued to support us and the sport and we do appreciate his support. Congratulations on your induction.

Tom and Lynda French



Paul and Carl Martin

Paul, you have been an inspiration to us. You are a great shuffleboard player and friend to all. Congratulations on this honor.

Don Stallsworth
Georganna Brand
Oregon shuffleboard players

I don't have any stories about Paul Weber. I have had the opportunity to know him for about 20 years, but he was California and I was in Las Vegas. So we didn't get to play together on a regular basis! That is my loss. I met him at the Las Vegas tournaments and he was such a gentleman, I was new and inexperienced, but he was always very cordial to me. As years went on we saw each other in Las Vegas and every once and a while in California, if I got to a tournament down there.

Of most recent, Paul and I had the opportunity to sit and talk about our up and coming Las Vegas Open, (July 27-30). His insight, knowledge, and helpful suggestions were invaluable to me in trying to put together my first tournament. Paul has been a tremendous influence on the shuffleboard sport. THANKS Paul, for everything and congratulations on your well deserved induction into the Hall of Fame. You have lit the shuffleboard torch, and carried it so handsomely, I only hope we can continue to carry it half as well as you have.

Your friends,
Jim and DeVonna Golden

Congratulations to another well deserved induction to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Paul has been involved with shuffleboard for many years. In the early days, he was known as the financial backer for a few players, one player that comes to mind was Billy Chiles. As the years went on, Paul played a little shuffleboard most in the local traveling leagues, which he played out of the Edgewood. When the P.C.S.A. was formed, Paul became more instrumental to the game as a player, supporter, and promoter.

Today, Paul has become one of the best promoters of shuffleboard here in Southern California. One of my favorite memories with Paul was playing against him at a tournament out in Orange County. Paul had a couple of bad frames, and his last frame against me, after he made his last shot and missed my weight he turned to me and said "Stick a fork in me I think I'm done" we both had a good laugh.

Well Paul, many years have passed since then and we've had many good times and great memories. Thanks to you, shuffleboard is better than ever here in Southern California. Thanks for all that you have done, you have truly become a great ambassador for the game of shuffleboard. Again, Congratulations and Thank You.

Your Friends, Allan and Joanie Healey

Health challenges prevent Donna and me from personally witnessing the induction of Paul Weber into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. However, we will be there in spirit because our admiration of Paul goes back a long time.

Over the years of covering the PCSA tournaments in Vegas as publishers of The Board Talk, we were impressed with how professional he was while promoting and staging these events. It was his choice to stay in the background while his partners took the spotlight, but his contributions were vitally important. His dedication to the

promotion of shuffleboard continued long after PCSA was just a memory. Multiple events in California were successful because of his efforts and influence.

On a strictly personal level, I called Paul after he lost his leg to offer some encouragement. I lost mine when I was 13 so a prosthesis has been a part of me for 65 years. We talked about the phantom pains and how you want to itch your foot but there's no foot there to itch. It was a good talk and we agreed that probably a couple of one-legged guys should not team up to challenge the champions. But that doesn't mean we can't team up to promote the sport we both love.

Congratulations, Paul, on your well-deserved induction!
George & Donna Wilber, Publishers
The Board Talk, 1984-2000



Paul and Mina