



THE CALIFORNIA SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony Honoring

Wes Martin

Presented at
Exeter Eagles Lodge
Exeter, California

April 26, 2025

Wes Martin

Wes Martin was born in Farmersville, CA and grew up in Exeter, where he still lives. During his first year at COS (College of the Sequoias), he was offered a part-time job at Westinghouse and ended up working there for over 18 years! Wes is married to Kathy and has 2 children, Ryan and Lauren, who are both avid shuffleboard players.



Wes was more of a pool player back when he met Leslie Goldsmith who introduced him to shuffleboard. They played at Mr. G's and he began to learn the game quickly and assist with local tournaments. Later, the action moved to the Exeter Eagles Lodge where he continued to learn, play, and grow the game locally, with his good buddy, Sal Reynoso.

Wes' first big tournament was at Blinkys (in Santa Clara) but would then go to tournaments held at the Peanut House in Southern California. In the late 1980's, he traveled to Las Vegas and participated in John McDermott's tournament at the Sahara. During this time, he continued learning the game and was influenced by other CSHOF greats such as Karl Spickelmeier, Jim McDonald, Steve Floyd, and Marion Bailey.



Sal Reynoso & Wes, 2002

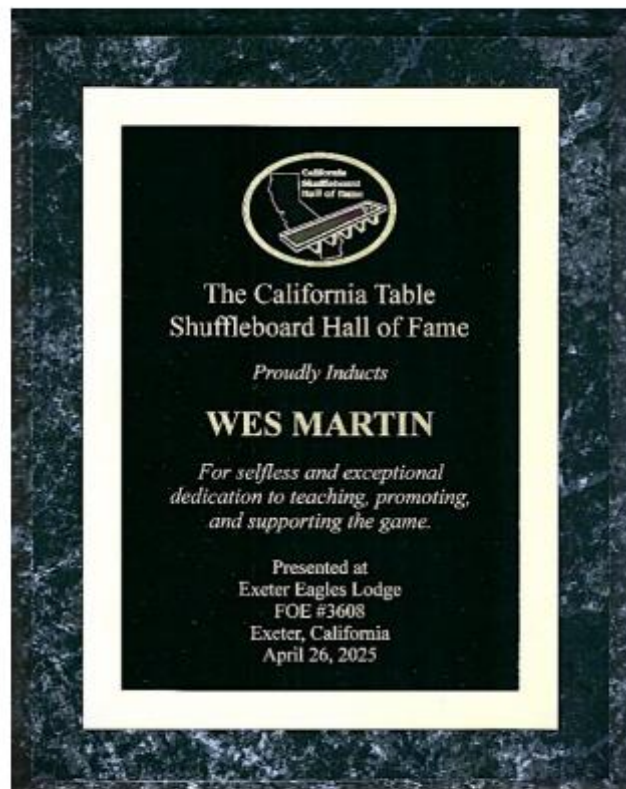
Over the years, Wes has teamed up and has won many doubles events at the Exeter Eagles Lodge, with partners including "Danger" (JR Noel), Marion Bailey, Sal Reynoso, Ryan Martin, and many others.

One of Wes' goals is to promote and help shuffleboard grow in the Exeter area. Not only does Wes help and run local tournaments, he provides lessons for beginners to try to "hook" them so they will continue to play and enjoy the game. Wes sponsors an annual ladies' tournament (*"Jodi Parks Annual Ladies Shuffleboard Tournament"*) which allows him to bring women together from all rating classes to experience the fun and competition of shuffleboard. At the most recent tournament, Wes was presented with the 1st *"Jodi Parks Award"* for his contributions to promote and support the game of shuffleboard. He was recognized for his commitment to advance women's participation in shuffleboard and for his tireless efforts to create opportunities and inspire a new generation of shuffleboard players. Wes' vision and leadership, along with his unwavering support, help build the Exeter shuffleboard community.

Wes has been a member of the Eagles Lodge for about 35 years – being an officer for about 30 of those years. Because of his long-standing Eagle's affiliation, his influence is significant and valued greatly. Wes is a California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Director and is a member of the Exeter Eagles Shuffleboard Committee.

It is an honor for the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame to name Wes Martin as its 41st inductee. **Congratulations!**





Josh England's induction letter:

I am writing this letter for consideration of inducting Wesley Martin into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a promoter:

Wes started playing shuffleboard in 1980 at Mr. G's in Visalia, CA. He and Sal Reynoso ran the tournaments there for years. When Mr. G's closed, he brought the tournament to the Exeter Eagles lodge in 2000, where he and others continued to grow the sport.

Presently, he is the heart and soul behind the Annual Jody Parks tournament. He gives free lessons to new players, is part of the Exeter Eagles shuffleboard committee and part of the Exeter tournament setup crew. He is also an active rater.

California shuffleboard holds a special place in his heart, and he is active in the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame committee. Some of his favorite stories are of him playing in southern California at the Dixie Belle where he and Marian Bailey took 1st place in an AB draw, as well as his multiple wins in Exeter tournaments with Sal Reynoso, Marion Bailey, Steve Floyed, Danger Noel, and his son, Ryan Martin.



Wes with the ladies of Exeter



TRIBUTES

Doug and I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you for your induction to the California Hall of Fame as “promoter”! Our experiences with you over the years convince us that this award is so very deserved. WE NEED MORE WES MARTINS, for sure. Keep on teaching, promoting and playing. Enjoy your day.

Doug Hynes
Cindy Clark

Wes,

It is a pleasure to be able to congratulate you on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. All of your enthusiasm and work in bringing new players keeps shuffleboard alive in Exeter.



Thanks for all of your efforts... and congratulations!

Jane Mourgos

Wes is one of the OGs of the Central Valley Shuffleboard community. From the days of Mr. G's to the Exeter Eagles, Wes has always been involved in one way or another, whether it be as a player or ambassador and California Shuffleboard is better because of his efforts. Wes, Congratulations on your induction to the CSHOF!!



Dave and Marlene Brennan



I first met Wes Martin when he was coming to the tournaments in the Temecula area years ago. I got to know more about Wes as I retired and ventured out more than I had when I was working. I learned just how helpful he was when it came to

helping others learn the game. I also found out how much of a competitor he was when he mounted the plank. He is a wonderful person to get to know and to sit down and chat with. I've always admired Wes and the family. The game needs more people like Wes.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Wes on being inducted into the California Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I am happy to call him a friend and wish him the very best in his future years of playing.

Congratulations Wes!

Sincerely,
Jim Martin

Welcome and congratulations on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Your support of the game and its players has been wonderful over the years. You have been a solid player and good role model for shuffleboard players. Your calm demeanor hides a talent that has bitten many an opponent.

Bob Brunskill

I have known Wes for a long time and I'm happy to hear you are being inducted to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations Wes!

Jeff Delphia

Wes,



To our lifelong friend, such a well-deserved induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

You have done a wonderful job promoting the game, but most of all, the time you've given of yourself teaching the game to others is invaluable.

Thank you for caring and your love of the game.
With all our love,
Leslie and Russ Lankton
Ranch Shuffleboard

Congratulation Wes, on your induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. You have been a huge supporter of the game and a great promoter for many years. With the weekly lessons you give for



shuffleboard, there are many new players that are now involved in the game. It is great to see the game growing again in Exeter.

Thank you for all you do and congratulations again on your induction.

Joanie Healey



Thank you, Wesley, for all your support and encouragement to want to be a better Shuffleboard player. Your Monday night lessons, and your cool demeanor always is welcoming when we needed your advice for shuffleboard and life. Your induction is so well deserved. We love you and Congratulations!

Michelle Garcia and Lisa Morphis

Over the years Wes has devoted much time to shuffleboard. Not just playing the game, but teaching and encouraging others to play the game; instilling in them the same love of the game that he has.

Those of us who play and enjoy the game are indebted to Wes and others like him for promoting the game and growing the game to perpetuate it.

Thank you, Wes! And welcome to the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, an honor you well deserve.

Dan Mourgos
President, CA Shuffleboard Hall of Fame



Wes is truly a great guy. He is a Rock in our Foundation here in Exeter. He has shared his knowledge of the game with so many and has helped grow the game we love. I'm proud to call him a friend. Wes is very deserving of this great honor.

Congratulations!
Eric Jones

Such a well-deserved honor. Wesley Martin represents what this game stands for. Friendship through Competition! Great player, amazing teacher, true friend. Congratulations Wesley Boy!

Grant Watson



This induction is well deserved. Wesley's love of the game has shown throughout his years of playing, teaching, and sportsmanship. He is a true example of a Hall of Famer. Congrats Uncle, you did it.

Josh England

Congratulations, Wes Martin!! Thank you for all you've given to our sport! See you next month Sir.

Mike Taylor



I've known Wes for over 20 years. He's one of the greats in California, a great person and I'm proud to call my friend. We've played many shuffleboard tournaments together and I hope we play in many more. He's one of the coolest cats I know, proud to be his friend!

Jody Jones

So glad Josh England wrote Wesley's induction letter. It was long overdue. David Keithahn told me long ago that Wesley needs to be in. Wes is a great ambassador for our game. He's been putting tournaments together since the Mr. G's days. And he's always willing to teach new players the game. I've learned a lot about teaching just watching and listening to him do his thing. Congratulations Wes on your well-deserved induction to The California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame!

Richie Eshilian

I'd like to congratulate Wes on his induction into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Wes has gone above and beyond with his devotion to the game and the development of new players. Thank you, Wes, for taking the time to bring new players into our game and giving them the help that they need. Well done, Wes.

Lance Lohr

Nothing is more important to the future of our game than passing along knowledge to new and less experienced players. Your willingness to take on that responsibility makes you one of our sport's MVP's. Not only do you share your knowledge and experience, you set a great example in how players should conduct themselves.

Thank you for your efforts and leadership, which help the Exeter Shuffleboard Family to continue to be one of the greatest shuffleboard communities in the country. Congratulations on your well-deserved induction into the California HOF.

John McDermott
Founder/President
The Shuffleboard Federation



Dad, thanks for introducing shuffleboard into mine and my brother's life at such a young age. I used to roll my eyes and think "this is such an old man sport." Well...call me an old man because now I'm as addicted as everyone else. This is more than just a good time, it's a family. And I can't picture my life any other way. Thank you for all that you do for promoting shuffleboard to beginners and making it comfortable for them to learn the basics. If it wasn't for you, my brother and I

wouldn't be invested in this wonderful game and wouldn't have met all the fabulous people throughout the years. Keep giving lessons, we all need them.

Your favorite daughter, Lauren

When I first started playing shuffleboard in the early 1990's, most California tournaments were being held in the Bay Area and Southern California. Visalia/Exeter was the mysterious Central California place where the Pros went on the weekends for session play. I heard countless stories from Hal Perry and others about those brutal high stakes' marathons.

Wes Martin has been a big part of bringing the rest of us players to Exeter. I started attending 4th of July tournaments there in the mid-2000's. The tournaments were much smaller then, but I fell in love with the people there who were so welcoming. As the tournaments grew, I noticed how many of the local players became top contenders. I understand a great deal of that is thanks to Wes Martin's care and training of the new players.

Wes and company have built a great yearly Pro/Am that draws amateurs from all over the West Coast and some of the best pro players in the country. And he is a very good player and a really nice guy!
Congratulations Wes!

Kathy Thomas Smallshire



An award well deserved and overdue to one of the most influential individuals in shuffleboard. For me personally, not just knowing him most of my life and a brother to me, he has been the reason for me to learn the game of shuffleboard and keep playing the game through

the years. Very unselfish and patient to teach many players here and has definitely put in his time for this prestigious award. Congratulations Wesley Martin! Love you, brother, and thank you for all you do.

Ty Bayne

I first met Wes at Mr. G's in the 1970's. I didn't play shuffleboard then, my job at that time was to take bets on Hal's matches. Years later, Wes had helped create a wonderful shuffleboard family in the Exeter area where I could feel comfortable playing shuffleboard myself. It was so fun and comfortable, in my first event, I was on the winning ABC team with Lance Lohr! And speaking of family, I really appreciate how well Wes's son Ryan took care of Hal when we came to Exeter in the past few years. Great events and wonderful memories.

Thank you, Wes, and congratulations!

Shirley Perry

Despite his lack in judgement (NOT being a SF Giant's fan), Dad still found it in his heart to appreciate this Dodger fan, competitive player, family first, joy for life & laughter, and love of Shuffleboard man named Wes Martin.

Congratulations Wes! I know Hal would have completely endorsed this induction.

Gwen Perry Krantz

Congratulations Wesley Arnold!! Thanks for all the help you give everyone and trying to get newbies up to speed so they will enjoy the game too. Keep up the good work.

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Leslie and Wes 2021



Paul Weber and Wes at Paul's induction 2006





Wes Martin family



Greetings from Facebook

-  **Obie Pierce**
Congratulations!
1d Like Reply 1
-  **Kathy 'White' Yingst**
Congratulations!
1d Like Reply 1
-  **Lorraine Olson**

19h Like Reply
-  **Michele Lamo**
Congratulations Wes!
19h Like Reply 1
-  **Donnie Lucio**
Looking forward to seeing it.
19h Like Reply 1
-  **Heather Gardiner**
Awe love this!!!
Congratulations!!!
1d Like Reply 1
-  **Shannon Anderson**
Congratulations [Wesley Martin](#)
you deserve it.
19h Like Reply 1
-  **John McDermott**
Sweet! Great choice!
23h Like Reply 2
-  **Karen M Barnett**
Congratulations Wes 🎉🎊
1d Like Reply 1
-  **April Poolos**
Woohoo so excited for you!!

-  **Tina Reser Martin**
Congratulations!! Well
deserved!
1d Like Reply 1
-  **Georjean Parrish**
Congratulations Wes! Well
deserved
1d Like Reply 1
-  **Joe Scott**
Congrats Wes on your much
deserved induction.
-  **Sandy Lynch**
Yea, congratulations Wes, you
truly deserve this. Your love for
the game and selfless time you
spend trying to teach and keep
it alive, has not gone
unnoticed.
5w Like Reply 1
-  **Roberta Bailey**
Congratulations! You certainly
deserve this recognition.
5w Like Reply 1
-  **Bob Ausherman Sr**
A great guy with a heart of
gold !!
6w Like Reply 1
-  **Rosalie Nelson**
Congratulations Wes from the
Nelsons. It couldn't happen to
a nicer guy. Wonderful news.
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