

**Folks Shout “Surprise!” as Sol Hits the Big Nine-O!  
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# Folks Shout



The camera captures the moment of surprise as Sol Lipkin, accompanied by party-throwers Bruce and Adrienne Lipkin, enters the La'faire Restaurant.

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merican International Shuffleboard’s “sales manager for life,” Sol Lipkin, is one of those industry celebrities who looks like he’s been around forever. Coming into the trade way back in 1934, that’s pretty close to the truth in his case. It’s also true that Sol’s one of the most beloved figures in the business, as well as in his community of Union, NJ.

So when his son Bruce called all hands to a May 25th surprise party to cel-



Nine candles (one for each decade) commemorate the moment and decorate a cake that Sol himself helped demolish.



RePlay publisher Eddie Adlum (r) presents certificate notifying Sol that he’s going into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

brate his famous pop’s 90th birthday, you knew a “night to remember” was brewing.

Bruce Lipkin actually spent a couple of months getting the guests together from around the state and the nation, and not one of them dropped a hint to the birthday boy. When he and his wife Adrienne escorted Sol into the La’faire Restaurant in Mountainside, NJ for a “quiet family birthday dinner” and the throng shout-



Friends from Florida, Al and Donna Kress (Benchmark), flew up for the party.



Melanie Krisza and Herb Perkins were among the trade folk at the Lipkin celebration.



American International's present owner Dick Delfino with his wife Theresa, are married 55 years...one year less than Nick spent with the company.



American International's present owner Dick Delfino with his wife Jeri flank the birthday boy. Sol works at their Hackensack, NJ office two, three days a week.



Al Kress presents Sol with a plaque sent up by Dave and Buster's honoring the birthday, while Bruce tries to explain what Dave & Buster's is to non-tradesters.



Lipkin family members take a photo with their Sol.



Time to mug it up to the "YMCA" Village People song.



Sol Lipkin, the dancing machine, whirling through some dance we assume is peculiar to New Jersey.

ed "surprise," the "shuffleboard kid" was genuinely stunned.

Someone who cautioned "you can't surprise a ninety year old man like that" didn't know Sol very well. Once the shock wore off, he table-hopped, greeting family members and other guests, danced like a maniac and ate up a storm.

Guests piled on the presents, which included fishing stuff in honor of Sol's other passion (his first passion being shuffleboard). In fact, the Shuffleboard Federation is inducting him into its Hall of Fame, and the announcement was made at the party.

So, once again, happy birthday Sol! And, congratulations Bruce! You're a good party-thrower and a great son!