



The  
**Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame**

PRESENTS  
THE INDUCTION CEREMONY OF

*Alice Arredondo*



FOR EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION AS A  
PROMOTER OF THE SPORT OF AMERICAN  
TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD WITH YOUR  
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AND ORGANIZATIONS, THE ARIZONA  
SHUFFLEBOARD COMMUNITY  
PROUDLY HONORS

*Alice Arredondo*

AS A MEMBER OF THE  
**ARIZONA SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

at the

**Tony Appell Memorial Tournament**

**Stingers Sports Bar**

# Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

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# The Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

## Proudly Honors The Following Members

**Bob Lewis**

April 24, 1999

**Al Salazar**

April 29, 2000

**Bob Jacobsen**

April 26, 2003

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September 25, 2004

**Alice Arredondo**

February 15, 2020

**Wendell Herbison**

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Alice, O sweet Alice! How I miss having you in my life two or three times a week; playing shuffleboard, usually taking money, taking names. You were organized; keeping the money in your "boobie bank". A real competitive fire and a love for the game.

Congrats on you're induction into the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Well-deserved.

**Mike Parrish**

My Fondest memory of Alice was the very first NASC tournament played in Las Vegas. Alice was one of my teammates. I'm not sure how comfortable she felt about my playing abilities over the 2-day event, as I was rarely sober and had a lot to say, but she was always there to share some kind words of encouragement. When the last weight was thrown in the tournament and I knocked off the weight to win it all, I got a great big hug and kiss from her. Alice, you were a wonderful teammate and a great person. Thanks for being my friend and I wish you all the best.

**Mark Rutkowski, Captain Marvel**

Congratulations to you, Alice! Very well-deserved and I especially thank you for your support and participation as a founding member of The AZ Shuffleboard HOF.

**Mickey Lewis**

**Founder, AZ HOF**

Alice, being a newer player I only get to hear and read of the great things that you have done for the game. I am sure I would have been a fan. I appreciate your dedication and congratulate you on this honor!

**Tim Manley,**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF, Secretary**

# Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

Honoring

*Alice Arredondo*

Nominated by Linda Meyer & Cindy Clark

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Lary Tafoya

## INDUCTION VIDEO

By Jim Martin

## GUEST SPEAKERS

## PRESENTATION of AWARD

By Al Salazar

## ACCEPTANCE

by

**ALICE ARREDONDO**

## CLOSING

## **ALICE ARREDONDO'S STORY**

A native of our beautiful Valley of the Sun, Alice Arredondo was born on December 17, 1939 in Mesa, AZ. Her large family included 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

If you are a native of the Valley, you might remember her family's vegetable farms on University Rd. The Nakatsu family also had a store where they sold their produce: The Nakatsu Ranch Market. As did all of her brothers and sisters, she worked on and off at the store. I assume they never had to hire outside the family!

Alice has 3 children; Jill, Jeff and Mark (OJ), who have given her 7 grandchildren and most recently, Alice became a great grandmother. I can attest, she is very proud of each and every one of them.

Alice attended ASU in Tempe, AZ. (Go Devils.) Her career included banking, bar ownership and management and working for the state in the Department of Economic Security.

Alice has owned 3 bars that had a successful shuffleboard contingency. They were the Oxbow, The Mill Inn and Tiny's Tavern. In addition she managed the CBS, The Purple Turtle and MVP'S at which there were always leagues and tournaments. I remember she thought "outside the box" with respect to promotion and the types of events she would put on! Leagues, draws, Crazy Eights and one day or weekend tourneys. You name it, she did it. The Purple Turtle had a well-attended Saturday night horse collar tournament, for example. Haven't seen it done since! PS-There was always food to be had at these events. We never went hungry!

It was during this time starting in 1981, when she owned the Oxbow, that she began playing. "Not to blame Al Salazar, but he is the one who taught me to play!" In fact, Al taught everyone in her bar to play.

My first introduction to Alice was at the Legion. Gordy and I went down to try our hand at shuffleboard with the big shots! I can remember Gordy and I were talking at a table when we saw Alice and Linda Meyer coming toward us and without a word, they set their purses, drinks and pucks on our table. Without pause, we immediately removed ourselves from the table. As we walked away one of us said to the other that we must have been in the Queen's spot. Little did we know Alice ran everything! Next the pen and paper came out and she's requesting money, a little shocked we promptly gave it to her not even knowing why! Wow! We were officially in our first pea game. Yahoo!!! It went to disaster quickly, but to our surprise we heard Alice say, "we'll see you boys next week." Thanks to her, we kept showing up and Alice became a friend and we had a lot of fun playing shuffleboard with the Queen. Alice loved hanging out with the boys and we loved hanging out with her!!! Alice has a true love for the game and is a big supporter to all of us. Alice is a real fun person and I miss her being out to play. She is a true ambassador to the game and I love you for that Alice.

**Doug Hynes,  
AZ Shuffleboard HOF  
President**

You are a true ambassador of the game of shuffleboard. Congratulations on your very deserving induction into The Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

**Dan Mourgos  
Member, CA Shuffleboard HOF  
Jane Mourgos  
Director CA Shuffleboard HOF  
Co-Founder WWW Women's Tournament**

I first met Alice in the early 2000's at one of the Huntington Beach, CA Moose Lodge tournaments. It was one of those tournaments that I'll never forget and it was partly because of Alice. It was also one of the first times that I had met the fun crowd from Phoenix area. Alice was quite the entertainer and the life of the parties that surrounded the tournament. I enjoyed her and the Phoenix crowd and will always remember that tournament because of Alice. You might ask why that tournament was so memorable: well, it was because I got to see Alice's pet mouse.

My congratulations to you, Alice, for your induction into the AZ Hall of Fame. This is an award that is well-deserved and long time coming.

**Jim Martin**

**Member, CA Shuffleboard HOF**

**TSA, Director**

I met Alice in 1983 at The Oxbow, then Mill Inn, boy those years have flown by. Then there were the Bill Gibbs tournament years. How appropriate, over the last 35 years and I recall great memories. One thing I remember most is that you were always there!

Congratulations Alice, for your induction into the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

**Wendell Herbison**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF, Inductee 2020**

**AZ HOF Founder & Nominating Committee**

It has been a long time coming and a very well-deserved honor. I've known Alice over 30 years. I have competed with her as a player and her support of the game is unparalleled. Congratulations! You have earned this.

**Marilyn Roberts**

Even given all that she has done behind the scenes, she tells me her fondest memories are her first tournament win at Jay's Cocktail Bar a in mixed doubles draw with that pompous asshole, Bill Gibbs and the first ever 6 person bring amateur team win at NASC back in 1990 with teammates Bill Thomas, Ted Behrens, Willie Monahan, Mark Rutkowski and myself. (Those are some names for the old-timers.)

Always the Matriarch, I hear stories that she would drive her team members to the bars in the traveling leagues, back in the day.

In the 80's and 90's, along with Peggy Richards and Marilyn Roberts: Alice was a fierce competitor in a field that was dominated by men. And, in fact, she remembers the sign that read: "no women allowed" for the Friday night draws! HA! I can attest to being slightly afraid of all 3 of them, but especially Alice with that stoic face.

She also held the positions of President and Vice President of the Valley Shuffleboard League for several years in the 80's.

In 1993 she was founder and director of the Bill Gibbs' Memorial tourney. I found in my research that many people do not know this. She surrounded herself with the best directors and helpers, but this was her baby! This was the largest non-Holiday weekend tournament in the country for 17 years. The only one that Arizona produced in that era! She did this out of a love for Arizona Shuffleboard and of a fondness for Mr. Bill Gibbs; that pompous asshole, Her words, not mine.

She was a founding member of the AZ Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in 1998. Along with Mickey Lewis, Al Salazar, Wendell Herbison and myself. She helped to develop by-laws, forms, the process and the organization. For 10 years served as treasurer, vice-president, president and chairman of the board of directors.

Since 1998 to present, Alice is a lifetime appointee of the Nominating Committee for the AZ Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Alice also traveled in the 80's, 90's and early 2000's to Reno, California and Las Vegas tournaments. She has some very funny stories about a trip or two with Robert Price and Sharon Chandler. Pretty sure she used the phrase STFU several times on that one!!

I enjoyed all the memories that my research brought to light over these past couple of months. I am so very happy to have been part of it! There is a lot of love out there for you and we wish you were still out playing with us. A long time coming and so well deserved, congratulations on being enshrined into The Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Thank you for the decades of tireless devotion to our Arizona Shuffleboard family. Your love came through. And I personally thank you for everything you did for me!

**Cindy Clark**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF**

**Founding Member**

**Treasurer**

**Nomination Committee Member**

### **ALICE ARREDONDO'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- **1981-1998 Owned or Managed 6 bars where she promoted shuffleboard play**
- **1981-1987 President or Vice-President Valley Shuffleboard League**
- **1993-2010 Founder and Director of The Bill Gibbs' Memorial Tournament**
- **1998-Present AZ Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Founder, Board Member for 10 years, Lifetime Nominating Committee Member**

Alice has been a leader and a top player in our Shuffleboard community since the early 80's. She has been involved with Shuffleboard in every form. She has been president of the Valley Shuffleboard League multiple times. She was a director of the Bill Gibbs Memorial for 17 years. She participated in every local and many national events, including team wins in Reno and Las Vegas. A friend to all, she is known and respected nationally. I wholeheartedly endorse her election to the Arizona Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Congratulations on a well deserved and earned honor.

**Al Salazar**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF Founder, Chairman of the Board**

**Nominating Committee**

**AZ HOF Member, Inducted 2000**

**TSA, Director**

Need a team for a league? Ask Alice. Need someone to run the registration desk? Ask Alice. Need a solid player on your team for an event? Ask Alice. Need someone to organize the Friday night draws? Ask Alice. Need someone to pump up raffle ticket sales? Ask Alice. And I guess I borrowed too many quarters, because Alice gave me a Mason Jar full of quarters for my 50th birthday! Always there. Always involved. Always thoughtful. And guess what? She still puts up with me! Thank you, Alice and Congrats!

**Dwayne Maxwell**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF Nominating Committee**

**Tony Appell Memorial, Founder & Director**

Please tell Alice, Congratulations! Where would our game be, without the promoters and their work behind the scenes?

**Diana Hagen**

**National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Member**

When I think of Arizona shuffleboard, Alice certainly comes to mind. She was always so hard at work with registration and calcuttas. If not there, then bringing food and organizing the buffet table. Then she'd get ready to play-and she did all of that well! Her tireless dedication speaks volumes to her love of the game and why she's so deserving of this induction. Congrats, Alice. Thank you for being so kind and friendly to Bob and I.

**Vickie Hunt**

**Bob Hunt, Member CA Shuffleboard HOF**

Alice is a treasure in our shuffleboard family. We first heard of Alice when she had a shuffleboard put in a little place she owned in Tempe. Bob Lewis and I went there and asked her if she could field a team for traveling league we had in Phoenix. She did and it quickly became our favorite place to go, because she had the best wings in town. In the early 90's Bob and I discussed putting on a big tournament. He said, "I'll supply the tables and you run it." I knew I needed someone dependable and able to handle money and put in some long days. Alice was my first choice and she agreed. The first year we paid out \$21,400; the last year was \$58,300. Not a dime was ever misplaced. I couldn't have done it without her. We miss her, but we were very fortunate to have her. She helped grow the game for all of us.

**Lary Tafoya,**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF**

**Nominating Committee Member**

I would like to congratulate my friend Alice Arredondo on her induction to the AZ HOF. I met Alice when she would come to the bring team events in Reno. Always look forward to seeing her and watching her play. Well-deserved. "Miss me some Alice."

**Rob Kern,**

**The Bracketmaster**

## **TESTIMONIALS:**

I've known Alice for 35 or 40 years. Back then she was one of the most dedicated members of the shuffleboard community. Hard working organizer and good friend. She began our plunge into an expanded shuffleboard experience with the Bill Gibbs tournament and continued for years and now continues under another name. She was one of several of us who would sit around after leagues and tournaments whether it was traveling leagues or trips to Huntington Beach and trade stories. Great memories. She was also responsible for years of New Years Eve shuffleboard parties that gave us all somewhere to go. It is a shame we don't have those anymore! I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor than my good friend Alice. I miss her being around.

**Paul Obermiller,**

**AZ Shuffleboard HOF**

**Vice President**

**Nomination Committee**

I want to congratulate you on your achievement of being inducted into the AZ Hall of Fame. I also want to share with you what Bob would say to you: "Dear Alice. You are by far one of my favorite people on the planet. Thank you for the great times and the laughs we shared, the pranks we pulled, the joy you brought into my life and all you have done to bring shuffleboard players together. I miss you my dear friend and I want you to continue in sharing your love and laughter with those you love and those who love you!" Alice, I would say. "Ditto" to everything Bob would say, you've made me laugh throughout the years. I / we love you.

God bless you darlin'

**Suzi Charboneau life companion of**

**Bob Jacobsen, AZ Shuffleboard HOF**

**Inducted 2003**

Alice Arredondo! What fun we had back in the old days of shuffleboard in Phoenix. I remember when we first started that women were just barely being allowed to play. We worked hard so that women could play in league games: not just be on the team, but actually playing during league play. We spent so many hours and had lots of fun at tournaments, both local and then larger tournaments here, culminating in a National Tournament at the Howard Johnson's on I-10. Besides our good times and our friendship, I will always remember your intractable stoic face! Nobody messed with Alice! Dear friend, I am so thrilled that you are being inducted into the AZ Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and being the first female inductee! Well earned, Alice, and much deserved. Much congratulations and love to you!

**Your friend,  
Peggie Richards Skaggs**

Alice has always been my role model when it comes to the game of shuffleboard. One of Arizona's best, she has dedicated many hours, days, months and years to all of us in the shuffleboard world. She was able to run leagues, tournaments and prepare the foods; but above all she's a tough steady player. I always looked forward to have her as my partner in a pea game. Congratulations, Alice, this award is well deserved. Thank you for everything you have done for us.

**Linda Aragon**

I met Alice in Las Vegas back in the late 1980's when they had the PCSA Shuffleboard Tournaments. Alice was such a kind person and played a great game back in the day! Alice has supported shuffleboard for many years as a player and organizer in Arizona. Congratulations, Alice, on your induction into the AZ Shuffleboard HOF.

**Joanie Healey  
Director, CA Shuffleboard HOF**

Growing up. Alice's family had acreage and a fruit/vegetable stand about ½ mile from my home. She and my sisters were friends. I didn't know Alice until I was in my twenties when she bought a bar in Tempe called the Oxbow. She put in a shuffleboard and our friendship started there and has continued over the past 50+ years we have been partners. However, the one I remember the most was in Las Vegas, playing against Gwen, owner of the Balloon Inn, and Kenny Hawkes. The game was getting critical and she called "time out" and said, "Gil, what should I do?" I said to shoot the rail shot. Her answer was, "I can't shoot a rail shot." I laughed, because she was one of the best rail shooters, ever. Needless to say, that shot put us in a position to win, which we did a couple frames later. Alice, I am very proud to call you my friend and partner over the years. Your contributions to shuffleboard have been enormous and I am happy you are receiving this award.

**Gil Aragon  
AZ Shuffleboard HOF  
Nominating Committee Member**

My Dearest Friend, Alice. I am so proud that you are being inducted into the AZ HOF. You deserve it and it's about time. You and I have been together at many shuffleboard pea games, tournaments and sat many a Friday night with Al, waiting for the rest to show up. More than once we played a threesome with Al. You know, a game of shuffleboard with you and me against him, LOL! We made many trips to California to play in tournaments. We always had a lot of fun; talking and laughing all the way there and back home again. You have so many great stories. I loved them all! I miss you, Alice. I wish and pray that you would get better and come back to play shuffleboard and sit with me. I could listen to your stories again and again. You should write them down, so we can remember them. I think you could write a book. I love you, big sister!

**Linda Meyer**