

American Legion Post #424  
202 S. Main Street  
Bourbon, Indiana, 46504

Induction Ceremony  
For  
**Buddy King Broka**  
Into the  
Indiana Shuffleboard  
Hall of Fame



2018 Fall Tournament  
American Legion Post #424  
Bourbon, Indiana  
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## Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame

The Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame was started in May 1998 with the induction of Emmett Wilcox.

The requirement for nomination in the Hall of Fame is a petition with twenty or more signatures recognizing individuals who have played and/or promoted shuffleboard in Indiana.

The American Legion Post #424 in Bourbon Indiana has a showcase highlighting the Indiana Shuffleboard Hall of Fame inductees located upstairs in their facility.

This display board was made by Bill Niswonger and Dick Baney with framing done by Robin (Weissert) Racolta.

Bud over his career had twenty-one (21) firsts, three (3) seconds, seven (7) 3rds and two (2) fourths.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

2005 Bourbon/Etna Green League AB Draw with Bob Reyes  
1987 Open Singles in Lakeside Lounge  
1987 Open Doubles with Bill Bauer  
1985 Kimmell Inn Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1985 Syds Bar Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1985 Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1985 Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1985 Mixed Doubles with Gail Crane (Lakeside Lounge)  
1985 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Walt's Bar)  
1984 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Dublin House)  
1984 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Chit Chat)  
1984 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Syds Bar)  
1984 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Androffs Bar)  
1984 4 Person with John McDermott, Greg Broka, Lou Herfi and Bud (Art's Bar)  
1984 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Sportsman)  
1983 Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1983 Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1983 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Bourbon)  
1982 Open Doubles with John McDermott  
1982 Open Doubles with John McDermott (Bourbon Spring)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

2002 Open Doubles with Mike Johnson (Gary Anglin's Garage)  
2002 Mixed Doubles with Fritzi Broka (Boardtalk Reunion)  
1987 Open Doubles with Chris Passariello (Wagon Wheel)

I first met Bud in the late 1970's, and was immediately in awe of the way he played the game. Over the next few years, I came to realize that he also thought the game on a different level than anyone I had ever met.

In 1984, he finally agreed to play with me in a tournament, after a couple of years of me hounding him to do so. This happened at about 3:00 in the morning, in the parking lot of the Wintergarten Cafe, in Detroit, at the urging of his brothers, Greg and Terry.

I had had quite a bit of success in the previous couple of years, and thought I was pretty good. I also drank quite a bit back then. I still remember our conversation that night quite clearly, and this is an exact quote from Bud to me. "You have the talent to be the best player in the world, but you party like a chump."

He went on to tell me that he would play with me, under the condition that I would no longer drink when at a tournament. I was hungry and eager to learn, and agreed immediately. That transition to not drinking was admittedly tough on me at first, but he was patient enough to stick with me, and it paid off for me in a big way.

We went on to have a tremendous amount of success and, as he told me he would, he helped me to become one of the top players in the game over the next couple of years.

This led to Phil Skover offering to back me in any/all of the national tournaments that I wanted to play in, and I won quite a few tournaments in over a dozen states in the late 80's and early 90's. It also led to the founding of The Shuffleboard Federation, with Phil, in 1987.

So, literally there would be no Shuffleboard Federation, or North American Shuffleboard Championships, or Pro Series Weights, etc., had it not been for Bud.

I'm so happy that he is being inducted into the Indiana Table Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, an honor that he so richly deserves.

~John McDermott

## Buddy King Broka

Buddy King Broka was born April 9, 1943 in Toledo, Ohio. His parents were Howard & Delores Broka.

Bud passed away February 11, 2010 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Buddy started playing shuffleboard when he was 12 yrs old. The Duville in Toledo was his dad's daily place to hang out after work. Buddy would go there after school, do his homework and then he got to play shuffleboard. When he could hit 100 weights in a row he got to play his first money game for a nickel. He spent the next 6 years developing quite a game for himself. After graduating high school in 1961, he enlisted on the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1965. Buddy returned to Toledo and became a Journeyman Piledriver for Local 1393. His shuffleboard career picked back up again also. During the late 60's and 70's many a road player came through Ohio and Michigan. One was Billy Mays, and Buddy went on the road with him traveling across the US. That is a whole other story. He also went on the road for a little while with Glen Davidson. He met Leonard "Peewee" Ramos while in CA and they became the best of friends along with Billy Chiles. He played so many of the world's greats during those times on the road, one could listen to his stories of those times for hours. Buddy also was a shuffleboard mentor to anyone that showed interest in the game. One of those was John McDermott back in the early 80's. Buddy met his wife Fritzi at the 1985 Fall Tournament in Bourbon. He and John McDermott had won it that day. Buddy won or placed in many tournaments during his long shuffleboard career. Buddy and Fritzi have a son, Wolf who was born in 1987.

## **Agenda**

### **Welcome**

Joyce Roberts – Tournament Director

### **Invocation**

Chet Seybert (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Hall of Fame Update**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Presentation**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

Chet Seybert (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Acceptance**

Buddy King Broka (posthumous)

### **Closing**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

## **IN Hall of Fame Inductees**

Emmett Wilcox - 1998

Jim Long -1999, 2005 TSA HOF

Larry Creakbaum -1999, 2005 TSA HOF

Steve Hart – 1999

Larry Paxton – 2000

Charlie Thompson - 2000

Dale “Skip” Jackson - 2000

George “Doc” Slabaugh - 2000

Jim DeWitt - 2002

Bobby Voorhis – 2003, 2007 TSA HOF

Les “Whitey” White - 2003

Glen Ingram - 2004

Terry Dowell - 2005

Larry Brown - 2005

Deb Voorhis - 2006

Mary Brown – 2006

Mike Koontz – 2015

William “Bill” Niswonger 2017