

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

Induction Ceremony  
For  
**Mike Koontz**  
Into the  
Indiana Shuffleboard  
Hall of Fame



2015 Fall Tournament  
American Legion Post #424  
Bourbon, Indiana  
October 3, 2015



## **Mike Koontz**

Mike Koontz's passion for shuffleboard started when he was just twenty three years old. He picked up his first shuffleboard weight here in Bourbon at the bar up town (now called Journey's End). Mike has been playing shuffleboard now for thirty five plus years.

Over the course of the last thirty five years Mike has been president of the Milford/Logansport league, started and helped organize the league in Bourbon/Etna Green. According to Mike, when he started the Bourbon/Etna Green league they started with five teams and built from there.

In June of 2003 Mike purchased Journey's End and started promoting shuffleboard out of his bar with his six boards. Mike has been captain of league teams at both the Bourbon American Legion as well as Journey's End.

Though out Mike's shuffleboard career he has had one very consistent doubles partner to help him win four Indiana State Doubles titles and numerous wins throughout Indiana and Michigan. Mike and Dennis' state title wins came in 1990, 2001, 2004 & 2008 with a second place finish in 2014.

Mike and Dennis traveled one weekend to Michigan and came away with three wins (one in the Open doubles, Dennis getting first place in the singles and Mike getting second place in the doubles).

Mike has also experienced the rewards of winning in the mixed doubles area as well. Mike placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Indiana State Shuffleboard Tournament in the Mixed Doubles with Kristie Redman and has had numerous wins with both Kristie Redman and Jody Berry

Along with owning the bar here in Bourbon (Journey's End) Mike owns and operates his own excavating company as well.

Mike in his spare time enjoys spending time with his daughter Natalie and his three grandsons.

## 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.



Mike Koontz & Dennis Kinsey (Doubles Partners)

## **Agenda**

### **Welcome**

Joyce Roberts – Tournament Director

### **Invocation**

Deb Gottschalk – Chaplin Auxiliary American  
Legion Post 424

### **Hall of Fame Update**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Presentation**

Jackie Imus (IN HOF Bd Member)

Chet Seybert (IN HOF Bd Member)

### **Acceptance**

Mike Koontz

### **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