

**THE TEXAS STATE
SHUFFLEBOARD
HALL OF FAME**



KELLY CAMERON



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KELLY'S STORY

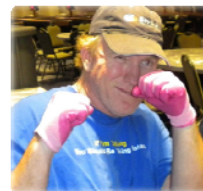
BORN: August 9, 1960

HOME: Texas (In the Liberty-Dayton Area)



Kelly Cameron was born on August 9, 1960 in Kermit, Texas to Florence "Tre" and Rod Cameron. He was one of three children, all boys. When Kelly was very young, the family moved to Tulsa. Actually, his first memories of shuffleboard were in Tulsa. He remembers his parents taking him to a bar there when he was between 5-7 years old. As a young boy, he was drawn to watching his Father play table shuffleboard. We all know that Kelly's Father, Rod Cameron, was one of the greatest players in table shuffleboard history, earning his own titles for both, the Texas State and the TSA National Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Around 1973, the Cameron Family moved back to Texas to La Porte. In the La Porte school system, Kelly was an avid football player and boxer. He boxed for about 6-years. When he was 16-years-old, he won the State AAU Junior Olympics as a Region-9 Champion which covered the areas of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Also during that time, he earned the spot to compete in Green Bay, Wisconsin to Fight for National Championship at 16-years old. Kelly was talented enough in amateur boxing skills to earn the title of Golden Gloves, as well as Silver Gloves, in tournament competition. As Kelly moved on in life, he ended up at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas where he played college football.



When Kelly grew bored with boxing and football, his interests then shifted to Table Shuffleboard. About the 1983 timeframe, he remembers his Father taking him to a local bar in Dallas called the Honeycomb ... where his passion for the game began to blossom. In July 1987, Kelly succeeded in tournament play at the Corporate Image (DFW area) accomplishing a 1st place trophy for the Texas Amateur Open Doubles.



In late 1998, his Father (Rod) was Formally Inducted into both the Texas State Shuffleboard and the TSA National Hall of Fame. Four short years later, in 2002, the best player he knew,

Rod, passed away. Kelly kept moving forward with his game. In 2002, he was rated 0.11. In a little over decade, Kelly became *THE* highest-rated player in North America (tied with Mike Taylor in 2013) using the Bower's Rating System.

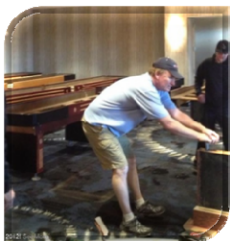


He attributes his love for the game to his Dad, mostly because of Rod's own burning passion for table shuffleboard.



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Amongst an entire field of excellent Pros, he does have a few Pros that he admires the most ranging from Bill Melton, to Bobby Voorhis, to Darrol Nelson. He appreciates their professionalism, calm demeanor, and the fact that they grew up in the “old days” with Rod. *These* were the guys he had to beat to climb up that proverbial ladder.



Another interesting facet in Kelly's shuffleboard history is his willingness and knowledge of doing setup, teardown, and adjustments to shuffleboard tables, not only at tournaments, but private installs. There are very few people who have ever picked up a wrench to tweak a board. Kelly is amongst one of the best at understanding the nuances of this very unique skill set.

He is best known for his table work in Reno at the NASC™ being the main lift operator to get those heavy boards up to the 2nd floor through a tiny window opening from outside ground level... and back down again. The evidence of his hard work has been demonstrated at multiple tournaments ranging from NASC™, Houston Holiday Open, Danny's, Volcano's, Golden Nugget, etc. It is estimated he has done 30-40 private installs, if not more, through the Shuffleboard Federation, Hudson Shuffleboards and Venture Shuffleboard. He believes that helping out with the boards on all levels is his way of “giving back” to the shuffleboard community for all they have done for him.



Furthermore, his love for the game has taken him across country and back to play in places like California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Two outliers of shuffleboard travel include St. Croix and Indonesia. Interestingly enough, his Father had to send a shuffleboard on a ship to Indonesia. After it arrived, they went over together to set it up.



Kelly realizes the importance of sharing his skills in an effort to harvest the next generation of shuffleboard players. It is estimated that he has taught over 100-people to play this crazy game. He believes in the “paying forward” theory with sharing shuffleboard knowledge.

Saving the best for last—the topic of Mrs. Rod Cameron herself. Warmly regarded by most shuffleboard players as “Tre” Cameron, she is the biggest fan of Kelly. She (Kelly's Mother) has sat on the sidelines many a night praying that her son excels at every tournament. Her many decades of watching top players grind out match after match pretty much makes her an expert at picking out the crème de la crème... and her eyes are most certainly set on her pride and joy, Kelly! She adores him on all levels.



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*Let's take a deeper look into Kelly's journey
as we read what others have experienced having Kelly in their life...
and how he has forever touched their hearts.*



FLORENCE "TRE" CAMERON (Texas)

I love shuffleboard. I was playing up and back at age 16. To remember the old days are good. Back then, I would walk in a bar, such as Corporate Image, and watch my husband play shuffleboard with David, Sr. As long as you won, you kept the board. The shuffleboard family has always been so nice to me and my family. I thank them for that... and thanks for Kelly. He outgrew his rowdy ways and certainly does deserve this honor. I know a fine player when I see one and Kelly has all the qualities. He loves the game. I am very proud of you, Kelly.

Congratulations, Son! ~Love, Mom



BILL MELTON (Oklahoma)

(Audio Testimonial)

Well, I've known Kelly since he was a little red-headed boy in Tulsa. Of course I knew his Momma and Daddy before he was born. I knew Rod ever since I was a teenager. He (Kelly) is kind of like family to me. I mean I've just known him so long. To me, he is still like an 18-year-old kid, but I know he's getting up in his years now. I think Kelly is one of the finest shuffleboard players who has ever played the game, in my opinion, especially a tournament player. He plays well. He's just as consistent as they get. I think you can ask any player in the game. Rod would be very proud of him. Nobody I hate to play worse than him. (With a light-hearted chuckle)...I don't like him.

He's beat me several times in the finals. He beats me worse than anyone else does, probably. ~Bill Melton



BOBBY VOORHIS (Indiana)

I first met Kelly in the early 80's at PT's Tournament of Winners in Houston. We've both come a long way since then regarding our game. I actually was on two winning 4-man teams with his Father, Rod, before we ever played together. I finally got tired of losing to Kelly and we won a Doubles at the Southwest Open. Kelly is long overdue for this honor and the National Hall should be next.

~Congrats, Bobby and Debbie V.



DARROL NELSON (Oregon)

Kelly Cameron is a wonderful player and a super gentleman. I have known Kelly for many years and have always loved him. Congratulations, Kelly.

~Darrol Nelson



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MIKE TAYLOR (Texas)



One of Kelly Cameron's nicknames is "The General." He defends his territory by addressing the board with a wide stance, hunched over with elbows flared to say, "Be prepared for war!" He places weights with strategic accuracy, like soldiers getting in position to force you to fight hard each battle. Kelly makes offense from defense by controlling a frame better than anyone in the game today. Win or lose the war, he fights each battle more strategically

and with more effort than his opponent. "The General" Yeah... that works for me! Kelly and I have played countless days against each other and just as many teamed up. I admire the high standard to which he holds his game. I appreciate the clean, hard fought matches that we play. Most of all, I enjoy the time that Kelly and I spend talking the game between matches, on road trips, and after a long day of play. Kelly has devoted an enormous part of his life to shuffleboard and has built an impressive resume of accomplishments! He is a big part of the history of our game, making his mark on every tournament that I can think of. I'm proud of Kelly and welcome him as my Texas Hall of Fame Brother. Well deserved, Red!



~Your Friend, Mike Taylor



JOHN McDERMOTT (Michigan)

I first met Kelly in 1986, and have watched and played against him many times over the ensuing 29 years. During that time, I have watched his game continue to improve and evolve to the point that he eventually reached the top of the Bowers Ratings in 2013. I consider Kelly to be one of the top players in the history of Texas shuffleboard, as well as one of the top players in the history of the game. He is a winner of multiple major Singles titles, including the

Pro Singles at the North American Shuffleboard Championships. He is one of only twelve players to accomplish that, and is also among the four players to win that event more than once, along with Bill Melton, Darrol Nelson and Dan Hitt. In addition to his long list of accomplishments as a player, Kelly has also set up tables for many tournaments, including the game's most prestigious events. I have had a chance to see his dedication up close and personal at the NASC™, where he has been one of my right hand people for more than a decade. I congratulate him on being the newest member of the Texas Shuffleboard Hall Of Fame, an award that I think he richly deserves, and one that I must say is long overdue.

I am very happy for you and proud to call you my friend.

~John McDermott (The Shuffleboard Federation)



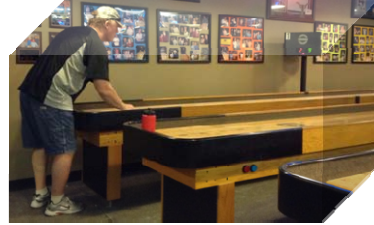
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DAVID WILLIAMS, JR. (Texas)



This is a very well deserved honor for Kelly Cameron. Kelly has always been one of the hardest players for me to face in major tournaments, as his game is tailor made for them. He is the definition of a "grinder."

He is never out of a game no matter the score, and he never gets careless or throws a weight without purpose. He takes his time and gives his full attention



and focus to every shot and it drives fast players, like me, crazy. But he plays the game as it's supposed to be played, often turning the game into a chess match with his ability to stick and move virtually any weight he chooses. In all my years of playing, I have never seen anyone come close to making as many combo sticks. It is the most dangerous weapon in his arsenal, in my opinion, and many times makes it pointless to try and bury a weight on him. His mastery of the finger shot is unparalleled in the sport. Another aspect of Kelly's shuffleboard career, which I have never shared even with him, is when he decided to make certain lifestyle changes, and almost instantly shot to the top of the sport. As someone who needed to do the same, Kelly was a great inspiration for me in making the decision myself. I have learned alot from Kelly, had some crazy road trips, hustled all over the country with him, had several fights with him (lol), and at the end of the day, I know Kelly is the type of friend that would do anything to help if you are in need. He has dedicated his life to this sport, just as his Father did, and no doubt has made both Rod and Tre proud. Congratulations Kelly, you are now among very distinguished company in our sport...As you should be. ~David Jr.



MARK GRAY (Missouri)

Kelly Kelly KELLY: I am so honored I was asked to write something on your behalf. I can't think of one single person who is more deserving of this great award than you. Your playing ability is spectacular. I don't think I've ever seen a player that



controls a board the way you do. Hitting weights and placing them where you want them is an art form and you make it look easy. Your shot and release is unique to only you and I'm sure it took years to develop. I consider you to be, not just a co-worker, companion, mentor... but most of all a great friend of mine. I have enjoyed working with you in Reno for the past 8 or so years. You are our workhorse. When there is something that needs to be done you're always there to help out...and that's what makes us a great team.



Congratulations on your big day!
~Mark Gray (TSA President)

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MAHLON NOBLES (Texas)



Like Father, Like Son. Kelly has not only demonstrated his skills as a professional player, but has collected numerous accomplishments. Most of his accomplishments were done single-handedly as one of the best Singles players in the World.



Kelly has become a mentor for many young players and some of us old fogies, as well. I believe Rod & Kelly Cameron will be the first Father-Son Inductees in the Texas Hall of Fame! Congratulations, Kelly, I'm sure you've made your Father very proud. ~Mahlon



DIANA HAGEN (Texas)

Congratulations.

~Diana



DAVE RAMOLD (Texas)

I met Kelly about 18 years ago when I started playing. He was a good player then, but not even close to the player he is today. Mike Taylor and Kelly were always just ahead of me in the game and those are the two players are who I always played with and learned from. Both are great players! If you had to compare Mike and Kelly, it is hard to say that one was better than the other...and I really mean that. I had to ask what the qualifications

for being named to the HOF was, and from what I understand it is about playing great shuffleboard. If that is the case, Kelly needs to be in the HOF because he is one of the Top-5 players in the world and his record speaks for that without a doubt! I believe that this Induction is better late than never. There is not a player today that can move weights around and grind out games like Mr. Cameron. In our early years of playing doubles together, I had a blast competing with Kelly, even though we did not always agree with one another (lol).



I know your Dad is smiling above. I just want to wish you the best of luck going forward in the game!

~Super Dave



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HARVEY KIDD (Texas)



I have known Kelly for over 50 years. Thirty years his Dad taught him the finger shot and told him it was not to be used on every shot... but with it, he has become one of the best players in the world or anywhere else. He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.



~Harvey Kidd (TSA Director)



TONY APPELL (California)

Where do I start with my good friend Kelly? I've had the opportunity to play with Kelly several times and against him many, many times. I can unequivocally state, it is always interesting.

As we all know, Kelly has a 'strong' presence and most assuredly is not timid about stating his opinion whether you are playing with

him or against him. Frankly, he can be a pain in the posterior when you are playing with him. However, he will make you look at your game, look at all the options available and then 'allow' you to take your shot. And, you are only an ignoramus if you miss. If you make the shot, you get a Kelly smirk and head shake. If it's a *real* good shot, the "uh-oh" sound he then emits. (You know the sound/expression I'm talking about.) Playing against him...just as fun (said sarcastically)...that is, if you like a fight to the death. He is a fierce, relentless competitor that plays rock solid, traditional shuffleboard. If you somehow get a lead, you best not rest on it. His clever little mind and eons of experience will find a way to get him back in the game. Not to mention, he is pretty adequate at lagging (quite good, actually). I have always,



always considered Kelly one of the finest players in the game (bar none). And, needless to say, his lifelong record reflects just that. Personally, I consider him a good friend. We've shared many stories, many meals, and many good times. A man of character...A person that would be there to help wherever and whenever he could, if called upon. Unbeknownst to most on the outside, he has a great sense of humor and loves telling stories that make me smile and laugh.

~Sincerely, Tony Appell



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DAVID WILLIAMS, SR. (Texas)



I played against Kelly for over thirty years. His ability in table shuffleboard is unquestioned, as was his Father's. He, without a doubt, is one of the top ten players in the world and has been for many years.

Congratulations on your Induction into the HOF.

~David, Sr.

DANIEL CHAPMAN (Texas)



Way to go, Cuz!

~Daniel



SAM "BJ" JONES (Texas)



First of all, I consider myself privileged and honored to even be in a position to speak my mind about the biggest proverbial giant to stand behind a board and throw a weight. First time I met Kelly was also my first ever shuffleboard event...The Holiday Open 2010. I was a beginner and was completely shocked with the view of a room full of boards and the amount of people from different parts of the country. I even saw few minorities which really shocked me! My

very first event to play in was an event called 6-Person Draft. I had zero intentions of playing this very foreign game, but nonetheless I did so. Once the teams were set, I was told by one person, then three, then a few more that I was playing with Kelly Cameron. I asked, "Who's Kelly?" Well not in the exact words, but everyone said "He's the biggest vocalizer in the game. Don't miss a weight, otherwise he's going to talk crazy to you and scream at you from the other end of the board. He's just not a fun guy to play with. He's one the best! But still a vocalizer." So I said "show him to me." As someone pointed him out, all I could think was (Big red-haired guy, heavy handed, dip-spitting, country speaking, aggressive looking dude). So we play together and I remember that weight I missed. Well, I don't remember *the* weight, but I do remember an aggressive country voice scream, "HEY MAN...YOU GOTTA HIT THAT WEIGHT MAN...COME ON MAN. THROW THAT WEIGHT."

With those words, I started to get the sense of how important it was to hit a weight in this game. He was yelling at me, but to me he was teaching Tough Love! He was like my country grandfather. From then on, Kelly was always a mentor and Sensei of the game for me. Show me a better mentor and I'll show you a falsehood. I'm speaking of a man who plays this game the right way and is the best grinder I have ever witnessed to step behind a board and throw a weight.

Tough Love and Coaching and Beatings are what Kelly has

9 given us. We should all be honored we have such a
standout amongst the Titans of the game! ~Sam Jones



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JAMES CUMMINGS (Texas)

When I first met Kelly 15 years ago, he was known for his bad temper and outbursts. I have seen Kelly mellow over the last few years and, though not perfect, he has greatly improved. Kelly has many wins in Pro Tournaments, specifically the Houston Holiday Open and Memorial Open. He has also been a key individual helping Jack Scott and me for near 20 years with our tournaments, equipment setup, adjustment and maintenance. I believe he has done this for Reno, also. Kelly has always been a fierce competitor and is never out of any match. I believe he has been one of the top 5 players in the US for the last 5 years. Kelly is a dominant Singles Player. I always knew we had a chance to be in the money if I was his partner

or on his team. Yes, I think he ranks with the Great Texans presently in the Texas Hall of Fame. ~James Cummings



JAMES O'BRIEN (California)

I first met Kelly Cameron in 2012 when John McDermott asked me to join the staff of the NASC™ as an installer. Kelly had come in the night before and gotten a head start on the giant project by bringing up the cradles and legs with the help of the Sands



crew. The next day he proceeded to personally operate the scissor lift and bring in all 28-tables through the second story window. After that, he and Mark Gray leveled each table and got them all playing in top shape. Needless to say, I was impressed with his leadership skills and his ability to setup shuffleboard tables. I had heard that he was a pretty good player and challenged him and Mark Gray to a friendly \$10 game. They were kind enough to take my money as I walked the board (a "2" walking against two -1's). We ended up pairing up in a round robin among the staff before anyone else showed up. I had the hammer and wasn't lagging very well. When I finally put a 3 up. He filled the ballroom with his voice and said.... "Well, \$h!t. Welcome to the ballgame, Son!" I found out that day that when you play partners with a great player, it's important to try to raise the level of your game to meet their expectations. As the week went on, Kelly was doing everything from cleaning out the gutters and picking bits of garbage off the floor to winning the 2012 Pro Singles. I've learned a lot about the game of shuffleboard from watching Kelly play. And I've learned a lot about being a professional shuffleboard installer by watching him work. Most importantly, I've learned from Kelly that no matter how good you get, no matter how great you perform, you still try to be humble enough to do whatever it takes to make a tournament run smoothly. Congratulations Kelly! ~James O'Brien



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JACK DAVIS (Texas)



I honestly don't remember when I first met Kelly (I used to drink a little). I had occasionally seen his Dad, Rod, and didn't even make the connection until maybe a year or so later. I do, however, remember being impressed with his unique finger shot, and overall play. As time passed, and seeing him more regularly, I became more and more impressed with his talented weight placement, sticking, rolling

weights to his desired placement, and lagging abilities. I've always admired his ability, and no one who's ever played against him has ever doubted his competitiveness and desire to win. I've heard people, who have not had the pleasure that I have to get to know him, say that he's a big bully, and too hard on his partner. Simply not true! He cares deeply about improving his play, and the play of anyone who claims to want to be competitive in our sport. He pushes himself and everyone around him to be better. Away from the tournament environment, I've witnessed a kind hearted, caring friend. If Kelly has beat you for a singles championship, as he has so many of the country's top players, you know you've faced a player that was dead on, determined, and deserved that win. Those players, and knowledgeable spectators, have probably seen Kelly play the perfect, or near perfect game on one or more occasions. We should all appreciate and admire players who are committed to excellence in our sport. Kelly Cameron is, without a doubt, one of those players, and he has my utmost admiration, respect and friendship.

His Induction to the Texas Hall of Fame is more than deserved, and, in my humble opinion, the National HOF should be in his future. Go Big Red!

~Jack Davis



EDDIE BRAYMAN (California)

Kelly Cameron has picked me as his B-player for the 6-person Draft in Reno for 2-years in a row. Both years, we had great teams with high potential. Both years, we did not place in the money. Both years, it was mostly Kelly's fault.

Over the years, I have watched Kelly play toe-to-toe with the best players in the game. His intensity, drive, and consistency make him amongst the best who has ever played. He has been an inspiration ever since the first time I saw him play. Besides his amazing performance on the boards, "The General" is the sweetest guy in shuffleboard. I am very proud to call him my friend and am quite pleased that he finally has received the recognition he so much deserves.

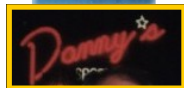
I'll try to come up with more to say when his turn comes up for the National Induction.

~Eddie Brayman



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DANNY NORRIS (Texas)



Kelly was a mainstay at Danny's through the years. He was there almost every weekend arriving early and staying late. He almost always brought his Mother Tre, Father Rod, cousin Daniel Chapman and friend, Charles Peltier with him for the long journey from Dayton, close to an hour each way. Kelly was one of the main reasons Billy Melton, Mike Taylor, Johnny Ballard, Diana Hagen, Mahlon Nobles, Howard Mouton, Dave Ramold, Harvey Kidd and many other Pros would show up early and play



side games all day long. They would break for my 8 pm Draws and always participate. Once the draws concluded, he would be right back playing the side games, many times until closing or even later. We had to tell him it was time to go on many occasions. Kelly liked to bring wrenches with him and anytime I had a board that needed tweaked he would take care of it. He also had me buy a buffer and would take the time to clean wax and buff the boards to make sure we had good clean boards to play on. These were all things he took upon himself to do. Running a bar, as you know, is a 7-day a week job with countless hours. So, the help in the shuffleboard area was greatly appreciated. Danny's was the place to go to play shuffleboard for many years and it was directly because of the players we had going there, like Kelly Cameron. I could go on with other things Kelly did to help the game, but I think you get the picture. I am glad to hear that Kelly is getting the recognition he deserves, he is a great player and a great ambassador for the game. ~Danny Norris (Former Owner of Danny's Sports Bar)

DANNY'S Sports Bar

ROB KERN (Michigan)



When I think of Kelly Cameron, three words come to mind: BIG BAD BULLY...but, maybe not for the reasons you think.

"BIG" represents his stature and work ethic, which I have seen over the years at the NASC™.

"BAD" represents his playing ability, as in Bad-to-the-Bone.

"BULLY" represents my cheers for Kelly. Bully for you my friend, Bully for you.



Congratulations, Kelly!

~Rob Kern

"Thebracketman"



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ROGER HOLLOWAY (Texas)

I met Kelly Cameron at Triple Crown in February of 2008. Was just starting out and I thought I was good. I could beat most of the league players on my team so I was looking for a challenge. Most of the time he played down at Danny's Sports Bar, they used to say "That's where the Pros play." One night he came into Triple Crown and everyone told me who he was. Instantly, I went and challenged him for a \$10 game. I am so glad I did. He played me 2 games and he made it seem close. He was setting up on my weights and all I could think was "This guy is a Pro?" He won both games, but he made them close. At the time I was a bartender, somehow I formed this illusion that I could drink everything..Man, was I wrong. After the second game, of course, I wanted to play again. I really thought I was in these games because he would let me get to 12 or 13. It was late and when I asked him to play again he told me, "Man, you are too drunk ." I got so upset with myself that someone told me I was too drunk to play a bar game that I quit drinking for 2 years. I changed jobs and was off work early, usually worked 5:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. almost every day. Kelly and Dave Ramold were roommates and they lived right across the street from Danny's. I got to know Kelly very well over the next year. When I got off work every weekday, I would go pick Kelly up and we would either go to Danny's Sports Bar or Triple Crown. I learned so much that 1st year it was amazing. I learned from one of the best defensive frame controllers to ever play the game in my opinion. We would play for \$5 a game and after every frame (never during a frame), I would make him tell me what I should've done and what my other options were. My strategy shot through the roof, I'm so grateful to have learned from Kelly. Kelly never tried to rob me or cheat me, he was always like a big brother to me. So proud of him.

This is well deserved. Love you, Man. ~Roger



BRENDA MOORE (Texas)

(Audio Testimonial)

Kelly's love of shuffleboard is probably genetic coming from his Father, Rod. Kelly understood more about shuffleboard at a young age than almost anyone, having played his whole life. Congratulations, Kelly! You've played the game everywhere. Anywhere there was a game to be played, that's where I could look forward to seeing you. I've always considered you a very nice person and a friend. Congratulations, again, on your Induction into the Hall of Fame. ~Brenda



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BILLY MELTON (Texas)



Kelly is a no-brainer
first time Hall of Famer.
~Billy



KYLE WHITE (Texas)

I played my first doubles tournament with Kelly in the 2008 Texas State Championship in Cedar Park, TX. I didn't know "Big Red" very well at the time and when I told everyone who I was playing with, I remember being told how hard he was to play with and that I was going to get my posterior chewed out if I didn't play well. The very first match, I hopped a deuce shooting too soft, and Kelly is growling at me... to which I snapped back at him a little bit. I think it was the little comment back to him that made him realize I wasn't there to have him chew me out all tourney. He never once said anything negative to me again (at least for that match). We ended up taking 1st place in the tournament over David Williams Sr. and Jack Davis. "The General" made some of the most amazing shots with his patented finger shot that I had ever seen. The fact that anyone could shoot that consistent with that ugly finger shot completely blew my mind back then... and still does to this day. It is really since that point forward that Kelly and I have grown a great friendship. Kelly has taught me so much about the strategy of shuffleboard and how to "grind" out matches. I truly enjoy talking about the game with him and bouncing off ideas and scenarios as they come along. Other than maybe Craig and Mike, I don't know that there is any one person who has been more instrumental in the game to me.



Congrats, Kelly.
This honor is very
long overdue.
~Kyle



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CASEY ABLES (Texas)



I started playing shuffleboard in August of 2009 in a league at Triple Crown. My first major tournament was the Holiday Open that December. My Dad asked me and my sister Angie if we would like to help set up the boards for the tournament. Without any clue as to how much work this really entailed, we happily agreed. It was during these couple of days that I learned about Kelly Cameron. If you have ever assembled boards at a major tournament you understand what a tremendous undertaking this is. To put it

simply, Kelly was the ringleader. He was able to get a group of 10 or so volunteers to expediently and efficiently assemble 24 boards in just a few hours. I was just amazed. From a gigantic, empty hotel ballroom to a shuffleboard paradise, under his direction. He made a few jokes here and there about girls and their inability to do manual labor. He got quiet after realizing we could hold our own and weren't just there to get in the way. "Alright girl! Go ahead then!" followed by a smirk and a chuckle I would soon learn to identify easily. Over the years, I've grown to love and admire Kelly. Sure, his reputation preceded him and we've had our fair share of disagreements. These times were few and far between and there are only a handful of people in the game that have taught me as much as Kelly. If I've ever had a question he's never hesitated to answer. He would critique certain frames and games without me even knowing he was watching and always offer constructive criticism about how I could improve.

There were many nights we stayed up super late with Roger Holloway, talking strategy until the wee hours of the morning. His defensive style and ability to make hitting combos look easily is unparalleled. We recently won a doubles tournament together a few months ago.

It was really amazing to watch him from the other end of the board as he was able to control frames, set traps and get his opponents to play to his strengths, instead of their own.



Kelly, your accomplishments and accolades as a player and competitor speak for themselves. Thank you for all of your hard work and tireless dedication to setting up, constantly adjusting, and breaking down boards at numerous major tournaments across the country. You have been a backbone to many of these crews and have single handedly contributed to the continued success of our sport. Congratulations for receiving this tremendous honor, as it is long overdue.

Love you, Kelly!

~Casey Aables



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MARCUS ZEPEDA (Texas)



Kelly Cameron has been and continues to be a positive influence on my shuffleboard development. I was first introduced to Kelly in early 2013 as a 3. Kyle White had taken me under his wing and wanted to put together a 4-man team for the NASC™. I actually drove out to Liberty, TX to meet with Kelly, probably only the second or third time I had ever really met him, in order to explain to him that I was serious about the game and I wanted to improve. I could tell he viewed me as a city boy, but after getting to know me I think he and I have a lot more in common than he first expected. That night on his home board we played a handful of games, I lost every one, but I did score 10 one game, he was slightly impressed by that. He believed me that I was serious about the game and he added me to the 4-man team. While many people think Kelly gets upset about mistakes, in my opinion as someone that has made my fair share of mistakes as his partner, he never really has gotten upset about a mistake that was made due to human error. Now if you waved him off and did your own shot, yes he may have gotten mad if it did not go so well. But in my opinion his tough love with shuffleboard is meant to create a memory that helps a true competitor to grow and learn something. Additionally, I would have to say he has one of the best humors in the game. I think people often mistake his humor for anger, I think he enjoys that a bit too. He is an easy going guy that, quite literally, takes life one frame at a time, never gets impatient, never loses sight or hope, no matter how many points he is down. Maybe he likes to talk to me about strategy because I will listen, but he will walk up to me after a game that he is not even in and start analyzing a frame to help me understand where I went wrong. Outside of Kyle White, I would have to say Kelly has spent the most time helping me on my game. I have developed a decent little left hand finger shot and a solid right hand finger shot out of emulating him. Kelly's iconic finger shot and ultra consistent set up are something that will be remembered in the long run. I don't know anyone that has a better finger shot or finger span, than Kelly. His technique, while it may not be the same as many of the top pros in the nation, he has proven that shuffleboard is a diverse game with many avenues to success. That finger shot is his hallmark shot and there may not ever be anyone that can reproduce it at such a high level. All in all, I would not be the player that I am, even though I have a long way to go and a lot to learn, without the mentorship of one of the greatest players that I have ever had the pleasure to compete with and against. I am sure his winning of the 2012 NASC™ singles tournament is his crowning achievement, as he beat the best in the game one on one, on the biggest stage in the game. He obviously has a talent that maybe is in the genes, or maybe is in his perfectionist



approach to the game, but there is no doubt in my mind that he is one of the greatest players to have played the game in Texas, the United States, and beyond. KFC!!! ~Marcus



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ROBERT HOFFMAN (Texas)



Kelly Cameron is extremely deserving of membership in the Texas Hall of Fame. He is the third best rated player in the world. He has been one of the very top players for many years. I cannot think of a major tournament in which he has not been a winner. His strategy and shot making ability are unsurpassed. Congratulations to Kelly for this honor. ~Best regards, Robert

LOUISE WILLIAMS (Pennsylvania)



As an avid reader of The Board Talk and The TSA Newsletter and eShuffleboard.com, I had been familiar with the name "Kelly Cameron" for a very long time. As one of the founding members of the NSHF, I was also familiar with his Father, Rod Cameron (Inducted into the NSHF in 1999). Unfortunately, I had never met either one... just admired both their abilities from afar. I finally got a chance to watch Kelly play in person at the North American Shuffleboard Championships in 2007. It was my first trip back to the national championships in about 7 years and I wasn't

as prepared as I should have been – very rusty in fact – and it seemed like the deck was stacked against me throughout the events. Regardless, watching players play is always worth the trip and in that Kelly did not disappoint. I recall him playing extremely tough in the Pro Singles, although he had to settle for 2nd place in that event and again in the Pro Doubles, where he and his partner Al Salazar finished in the top spot. After a lackluster finish in the A/B Draw event, I was hanging around watching the events and noticed that Kelly was not playing. Now's my chance! I went over to him, introduced myself, and sincerely complemented his playing. I asked him if he wasn't busy would he play me a \$20 game in the hopes to pick up some pointers. He graciously agreed and proceeded to do just that. He didn't know me from "Adam" but was kindness itself. I'm sure Kelly doesn't remember that game, but I sure do! Congratulations Kelly Cameron on your well-deserved recognition and Induction into the Texas State Hall of Fame. Cheers to you from an admirer from Pennsylvania!

~Best regards, Louise Williams (TSA Director)

TYLER TYRRELL (Texas)



Kelly Cameron is one the best people I've met on and off the table, who ended up becoming someone I consider to be a close friend. Every time he came through town he would work with me, among others, with certain techniques on certain shots and with strategy. A man whose personality and friendship shown towards me is as big as his stature, I am happy to congratulate him on his Induction and proud to call Kelly my friend.

~Tyler Tyrrell



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DOUG MORGAN (Texas)



Wow! Long overdue on this Induction.

Kelly has brought so much to our sport. He has spent hours upon hours working with players to better their games with execution and strategies. I am sure that most players in the Houston area can attest to this. The BIG RED Ambassador has always made me feel at home when I'm in Houston. Kelly's dedication to the game is unsurpassed by none. He consistently attends tournaments across the country as a strong competitor, helps with board setup and recruits his bring teams with a passion creating a bond with those players for a lifetime. Kelly is the guy that I always look forward to seeing when I attend a tournament. He brings energy to the game that is contagious. I'm proud of you Kelly. Your accomplishments are astounding and you are well deserving of this Induction and career milestone. Congratulations Big Red! "You looking at me?"

~Doug

JOSH ADUDELL (Oklahoma)



Since I entered the shuffleboard family a few years ago, it would be tough for me to name a player I genuinely like more than Big Red. Whether it be his dry sense of humor, his intensity while playing, or his ability to out think pretty much any player he goes up against. I respect and admire the way he plays the game and goes about his business at the highest level.

This honor is certainly well deserved and I'm sure over the upcoming years he'll add even more accomplishments to an already incredible resume. Congrats, Kelly.

~Josh

RICHARD "DICK" SMEDBERG (Florida)



Although I don't know Kelly real well, he has always been extremely friendly in making me feel welcome wherever our paths have crossed, like at Triple Crown, The Post or Reno. Being a lowly 1, I appreciated a player of his stature acknowledging me. I've watched many of his matches and was always impressed with his skills and sportsmanship with a little humor mixed in.

~Dick

LEIGH WILLIAMS (Texas)

Kelly has always been so nice to me. He was even kind enough to take my car when I was at the woman's tournament and fix my headlight for me.

Congratulations on your Induction to the Hall of Fame.

~Leigh



TESTIMONIALS

RON McMAHAN, JR. (Texas)



I met Kelly Cameron when I started playing shuffleboard in 2001. I was introduced to him by my Dad (Ronnie McMahan Sr.) at the Houston Holiday Open as the son of his friend, the late, great Rod Cameron. When I learned that Kelly grew up, and still lives, very close to where I went to high school, I felt an immediate connection to him. My Dad starting talking to Kelly about the game, my Dad's game in particular. I was new and clueless, but I wanted to learn so I listened intently to the advice of what this "up and coming, soon to be Pro player with royal bloodlines"

would give my Dad. He said, "Ronnie, don't practice anything else until you can hit a weight anywhere on the board. When you can complete a game without missing a weight, then you can practice your lag." To this day, I still remember that advice. I used it develop my game back then, I use it to measure my game now, and I preach it to new players. So simple, yet so profound. If you can hit weights, you can play with anybody in the world. I watched Kelly quickly progress in the Pro ranks from that day. I remember seeing his first cash, third place, in a Pro singles event and then I saw him win three world championships. As far as the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame goes, I think Kelly's shuffleboard accomplishments speaks for itself. His inclusion in the HOF exemplifies the term "no brainer". But, for the record, let it be known also what an affect he has had on me, my game, and many other shuffleboard players across the country.

~Ron McMahan Jr.

TOM & LYNDA FRENCH (Oklahoma)



We have known Kelly since we first started playing shuffleboard. We were also very fortunate to know his Dad (Rod) well too before he died. Rod was a great player and Kelly is definitely following the lead of his Dad. We played with both Kelly and his Dad back while in Navy Reserves. We played at least monthly in

Houston and the Clearlake area at Frank's Club, Danny's Sports Bar, and Triple Crown, etc. Of course, in Austin at Texas Mist, Taz Country, and The Post we played. Kelly and many of the Houston players were our mentors, as new players. Kelly was also on our board setup staff at the Board Talk Open held in Garland, Texas after that tournament moved from Las Vegas to Garland. Kelly continues to play and work on staff helping at various other tournaments, including NASC™ in Reno. So, to Kelly we say to continue following your Dad's footsteps to being another one of the 'greats' of the game. You are most deserving of receiving the Texas Hall of Fame honors.

~Tom & Lynda French, Wynnewood, OK (previously of Austin, TX)



(Lynda French, TSA CFO/Treasurer)



TESTIMONIALS

TRAVIS WARD (Texas)



It is my pleasure to congratulate to Kelly Cameron on his Induction into the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. I've known Kelly over 7 years and in that time he has won virtually every major Pro-Level event at least once. His unique shooting style, intense focus and unabashed competitive spirit have made him a giant in this game. Kelly is not only one of the top Pro's playing the game, he is frequently working behind the scenes setting up and adjusting shuffleboard tables. Without his tireless efforts and attention to detail, many tournaments would not be as successful as they are today. His distinctive accomplishments reflect great credit on himself and the entire shuffleboard community.

~Travis Ward



BOB PERRY (Colorado)

(Audio Testimonial)



I met Kelly at some of the shuffleboard tournaments. And because of knowing his Mother, Tre, playing partners with his Father, Rod, around the country starting in the early 60's, that gave us plenty to talk about and a reason to get friendly and discuss all the trips his Dad and I made around the country. From watching and playing against Kelly, I have the utmost respect for him and his game. When talking shuffleboard, and talking stories about the best players in the country, Kelly's name would always be one of them that was brought up... And we'd talk about him and have stories about him. He is one person I look forward to seeing in Reno as a player, friend, and as one of the people who works hard and keeps the boards in such great shape.

You sure deserve this Induction into the Texas Hall of Fame.

You have my vote. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Your friend,
~Bob Perry



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MIKE BOULANGER (Texas)



Well, remembering back years ago...one of my fears back in the day is "I'm on Kelly Cameron's team." It almost scared me to death, you know, because he's a big guy and his reputation back then...back in the day was daunting. But he's really mellowed out in his older age. He has calmed down from those days and now he's pretty cool.

Recently back in Reno 2015, playing on his 4-Person Team, I was honored to even be picked to play on



the team. All I can say is that if it wasn't for him, there is no way we would have won a 1st place. He is, in my eyes, probably the most dominate players that I know with his style of play. Every shot is like his last shot. He just bears down and concentrates. He's got a wide-span shot that is second to nobody that plays shuffleboard. He deserves it because, in my opinion, there are not many people that can come close to him. He's definitely in the top three or four of the best shuffleboard players ever. My analysis of him is that he's as good as they get. Hats off for that. He's made it to the pinnacle of shuffleboard players. This is like the icing on the cake for him. It is well deserved.



~Mike Boulanger [\(Audio Testimonial\)](#)

JIM MARTIN (California)



I only see Kelly when I go to Reno. So I don't know a lot about Kelly. But what I do know is I can honestly say he is a very nice person. He's always treated me with the utmost respect. I can say he's one of my favorite people in the Reno crowd.

I have watched and videoed him in action while moving all the boards and he is The Master. I have also observed him playing the game and he is definitely a Master at that, too. I look

forward to seeing Kelly for many years to come. I take this opportunity to pass along my congratulations for being Inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.



~Jim Martin
(TSA Director)

DON BAXTER (Oregon)

Nice job, Kelly!

~Don



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RAMINDER RAI (Texas)



I have known Kelly Cameron for almost a decade. In that time, I have been blessed and fortunate enough to watch Kelly play, both from the sidelines, as well as, with and against him in countless games and tournaments. In my humble opinion, Kelly is one of the greatest, and most talented players I have ever seen play this game. Additionally, Kelly has always promoted the game, and always been a teacher of the game. I believe Kelly's Induction has been long overdue and certainly well deserved. I never got a chance to see his Father Rod play. However, I truly believe Kelly is following in his Father, Rod Cameron's footsteps. By Inducting Kelly Cameron into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, we are honoring a great player from Texas, one who will represent our great sport of shuffleboard and our great state of Texas proudly!

~Thank you, Raminder Rai

HAL PERRY (California)



I was first a fan of your Father's. Now, I'm a fan of yours. Rod was a great player and as it happens, you are following in his big steps quite well. I'm certain he would be so proud of the man you have become. In life, nothing comes easy. It takes a lot of hard work to get to the top of any endeavor that one may choose. You have chosen well and have come a long way. Enjoy the honor and honor the game. It has blessed a few of us with a lifetime of memories and great joy. Continue on this path and I'm sure I will see you down the road in the National Hall of Fame. Congrats!



~A fan & friend, Hal Perry
(TSA Director)

TONY HOWARD (Texas)



Despite some of his old reputation for being a real mean spirited hot head, he was ALWAYS a big-hearted fellow. He saved me from gambling sharks when I had first met him in 1984. He didn't owe me that. He was just protecting an innocent from getting robbed.

~Tony Howard

ANGIE SNYDER & GEORGE BEST (Texas)

An outstanding shuffle board player, Kelly deserves this great honor. He has come a long way to be where he is today.



Congratulations, Kelly!

~Angie and George from San Antonio



TESTIMONIALS

RICK JENSEN (Texas)



Kelly Cameron has always been one of the top Pro players, since I started 6-years ago. Actually, he won one of the biggest Singles events in Reno a few years back against the top Pro's in the world. Always been nice to me. Once he saw I had a true interest in the game, he offered me

help and advice on how to improve and get to the next level. Now, if you mess up, Kelly isn't shy about letting you know. But he does it to try to help you. If he messes up, he'll admit it. Kelly is a tireless worker on setting up tables as well, as many of the major events.

I think Induction to the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor.



~Great job, my friend. Rick

TY BAYNE (California)



I had the pleasure of meeting Kelly Cameron in Reno at the NASC™ at Sands Regency. I have witnessed his great play and hard work for the last 12 years at this wonderful tournament that John McDermott showcases. Not only is he always one of the favorites to win events, he is also well relied on for us to play our exciting matches. Thank you, Kelly, for your full support of shuffleboard. I am a big fan of yours!

~Ty Bayne

FRANK BLADE (Michigan)



Congratulations, Kelly Cameron. It's well deserved, your Induction into the Hall of Fame. We go back a long way and I have a lot of memories... especially when you got the gun pulled on us in the middle of Oklahoma in the middle of nowhere and I didn't think we would make it out!

Congratulations! Well deserved!

~Frank Blade



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PRO SINGLES: 1ST PLACE IN YELLOW

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DATE	WHERE	CITY	EVENT	PLACE
1987	TEXAS AMATEUR OPEN (CORPORATE IMAGE)	FT. WORTH, TX	DOUBLES	1 ST
2001	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2001	THANKSGIVING SHOOT	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2002	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	AB DRAW	1 ST
2003	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2003	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO AM DRAW	1 ST
2003	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO AM DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	ARLINGTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2004	BOARD TALK OPEN	GARLAND, TX	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2004	TEXAS OPEN	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	4-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2004	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	4-PERSON TEAM	2 ND
2004	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2005	TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	3 RD
2005	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2005	TEXAS OPEN	PFLUGERVILLE, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2005	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2006	CHAMPION OPEN	GARLAND, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2006	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2006	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2006	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	1 ST
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	AB DRAW	2 ND
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	4-PERSON TEAM	2 ND
2007	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2007	TEXAS OPEN	CEDAR PARK, TX	4-PERSON DRAFT	3 RD
2007	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2007	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST



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2008	SOUTHWEST OPEN	DEL CITY, OK	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2008	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	ABC DRAFT	2 ND
2008	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2008	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2008	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2009	HEARTLAND WINTER HANDICAP	DEL CITY, OK	DOUBLES	2 ND
2009	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO DOUBLES	3 RD
2009	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	OPEN SINGLES	2 ND
2010	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	ABC DRAFT	1 ST
2010	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST
2010	NASC™	RENO, NV	6-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2010	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2010	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	2 ND
2010	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	6-PERSON DRAFT	2 ND
2011	TEXAS OPEN	CEDAR PARK, TX	PRO SINGLES	2 ND
2011	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	3 RD
2011	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2012	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2012	HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2013	PRESIDENT'S DAY	HURST, TX	OPEN DRAW	3 RD
2013	PRESIDENT'S DAY	HURST, TX	PRO DOUBLES	2 ND
2014	NASC™	RENO, NV	PRO SINGLES	3 RD
2014	HURST HOLIDAY OPEN	HURST, TX	PRO SINGLES	1 ST
2015	MEMORIAL OPEN	HOUSTON, TX	AB DRAW	1 ST
2015	NASC™	RENO, NV	4-PERSON TEAM	1 ST
2015	THANKSGIVING SHOOT	HOUSTON, TX	PRO DOUBLES	1 ST



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TESTIMONIALS

GARY & KAY NELSON (Texas)



Congratulations, Kelly, on being Inducted into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, an honor well deserved. Kay and I meet Kelly's Dad, Rod Cameron, back in the late 90's and he was always talking about how proud he was of Kelly and how he was going to be one of The Greats in the game. He was proud to introduce his son. I think he did that every year when we showed up for the Houston Holiday Open. Kelly would just laugh and say, "Nice to

meet you." In looking back over the years, you see event after event where Kelly placed in the top three consistently. From Texas to Oklahoma the wins just keep coming. If you're like us, and look back at all those old Board Talk's and month after month, there was Kelly. Whether it was a singles match or a doubles, bring or draft, there was Kelly. If you have ever had the pleasure of playing against Kelly you know you have your work cut out for you. Kay and I have watched Kelly's ranking improve over the years as he rose to Pro status and became one of the top players in this sport we all love. Kelly is all too well deserving of this honor and we are proud of all his achievements in table shuffleboard. ~Gary & Kay Nelson



DAVID KEITHAHN (Texas)

(Audio Testimonial)

I played Kelly a few years back in Reno, the first time I ever met him. And I am watching this little finger-span shot. And I turned around to my buddy and said, "If that's all he's got, I can beat anybody that's got a shot like that." And Kelly ended up beating me. I was just totally blown away that anybody with one shot can win a game. Congratulations, Kelly. ~David



GYWN ORSI (Colorado)

Congratulations, Kelly!! Wish I could be there with you and your many friends to celebrate a truly deserved award. I have to let you know that through the many years of our shuffleboard tourneys, I spent most of them by observing time watching YOU!!! I desperately wanted to develop and execute your weight release style. I never quite accomplished that task, however.

Better than that, I did find a super nice buddy.
Enjoy! ~Gwynette



TESTIMONIALS

BOBBY DEAN (Texas)



Kelly Cameron, welcome to the Hall Of Fame. Your accomplishments in this game are well known throughout the world of shuffleboard from Singles wins in NASC™ to HHO. It is always an honor to play with or against you when you come to play a tournament...or just a side game when I come to the establishment. Congratulations, Kelly.

~Bob Dean

BRIAN PETERSON (Oregon)



There's one man that deserves everything he can get. Great asset to the game! ~Brian



MARK "SPARKY" DOWD (Texas)



Kelly, congrats on your Induction to the Texas Shuffleboard HOF. It is a well-deserved honor for you. We have played many of the same tournaments throughout the years and at each one you would always be a great promoter of our beloved game encouraging folks who have never played to learn the basics by start throwing weights, giving helpful advice as they learn. You have even worked with some of the newer players helping them take their game to a new level.

You have always been a great asset to the game and will be an even greater asset to the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

~Great job! Sparky



TESTIMONIALS

RYAN PEARSON (Texas)



To a great friend, opponent, and shuffleboard family member! I can't express enough how insanely excited and happy I am for you! I've always idolized you, Sir, and I feel honored to say I've gotten my rear handed to me countless times in shuffleboard by you! You have so many names like "KFC" and "Big Red" etc. And now the coolest name of them all,

"Hall Of Famer Kelly Cameron!"

Congrats, Big Dawg! ~Ryan Pearson

AL DI BELLA (Pennsylvania)



I really like Kelly and am all for this! He is a great guy if you can get to know him. I can remember my early tournaments, in the 90's, learning from all the Greats and watching Kelly Cameron. His game was very hard and physical. He reminded me of the East Coast players. In late 2000's, John McDermott asked me to draw some players faces who had passed, I contacted Kelly who gave me a lot of info and

photo's of his Pop, Rod, and our friendship began.

When I moved to Texas, I made it a point to play with and against Kelly and I got to know The Man. When my Momma came to visit, Kelly was a perfect gentleman and an excellent Shuffleboard player. My Momma always talks about him. I have studied his game and am not surprised that he is always at the very top of his field.



I am proud to call Kelly Cameron my Friend. I totally agree with his Induction and am only sad that

I won't be in attendance for this special event. I miss you my friend. A lot of people only see you win, I see you helping a tournament run smoothly and handling things like the Pro you are.

Congratulations, Kelly Cameron on a well-deserved honor!

~Al Di Bella



TESTIMONIALS



THOMAS "TJ" SCHWENK (Texas)

Kelly Cameron is one of the toughest competitors in shuffleboard. I look forward to a great challenge every time I get matched up against him. I know I'm going to be looking at different angles from his unique finger shot and that Kelly is going to fight to the finish. I remember President's Day Tournament a couple of years ago. Kelly found a shot I was struggling with and he, in turn, just wore me out with the same shot over and over again. Congrats to Kelly, a heck of a player to who this Induction is well deserved.

~TJ



MICHAELINE DI BELLA (Pennsylvania)

When I traveled to Texas and went to Maribelles to see my Albert play. I was so fortunate to meet Shuffleboard Pro, Kelly Cameron. He welcomed me with open arms and remains my friend. The kindness he showed to me will never be forgotten.

It was my first time meeting a Texas Pro and he made me feel very special. God Bless you and your wonderful Mother, as I pray for you both daily. Congratulations on a very special and well-deserved award, Kelly.

~Michaeline Di Bella



GARY MAHAFFEY (Texas)

I've heard Kelly's Dad was a great shuffleboard player. From his Dad and years of playing, Kelly has acquired unending knowledge of the game of shuffleboard. He is often seen with a wrench in his hand or back pocket working behind the scene. I don't have funny stories to tell. I have always liked Kelly (and his Mom, Tre). He is very deserving of this honor. Congratulations Kelly.

~Gary



TINA BOLING (Texas)

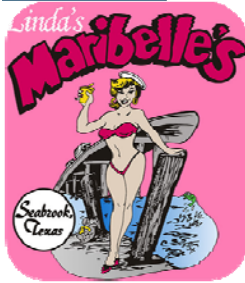
I know Kelly from watching him play, knowing that he is an awesome player. Kelly is very nice and will explain shuffleboard. I have known him for years. He is a good friend. People really enjoy watching him play. He is one of the best!

~Tina



TESTIMONIALS

FRIENDS AT MARIBELLE'S (Texas)



It is with pleasure to be able pay tribute to a good friend and fellow shuffleboard player. The shuffleboard community consists of a wide variety of people of all ages and backgrounds, but we all have that one thing in common: Our love of the game. Kelly Cameron is an accomplished veteran of the game and most certainly deserves this level of recognition from his peers and friends.

Kelly's devotion to the game is evidenced by his commitment and willingness to travel wherever he is needed, to assist in the thankless, back-breaking, behind-the-scenes setup and takedown of the boards, prior to and after the tournaments that we all love so much. Sure, Kelly's airfare and hotel expenses are sometimes paid for by the sponsors, but it is hardly enough for his hard work and time. I wouldn't do it. Would you? If you've ever been part of the process, you know it takes nothing less than "true grit."

Kelly follows in his Father's footsteps as a "Hall of Famer" and displays the same passion for the game as Rod did. Even though his passion might have seemed to erupt at times when situations got a bit challenging (he is red-headed after all), he remained a team player. Out of the utmost respect for Kelly and his Mother, Tre, I won't disclose any specifics of those memorable occasions. I did, however, reach out to his fellow colleagues, Howard Mouton and Dale Williams, and they both respectfully declined to share on the grounds those stories might incriminate themselves.

When it is all said and done, Kelly is a gentle giant with a boyish grin and a heart as big as Texas. He is most definitely a champion of the game. So on behalf of everyone here, let's salute Kelly for everything he has done and continues to do for the game of shuffleboard.

Thank you Kelly from all your friends at Maribelle's!!!

*(Respectfully submitted
by Debbie Williams)*



TESTIMONIALS

SHEILA GANDY (Texas)



I first met Kelly at Danny's Sports Bar in Houston. He was always playing competitively and always serious about the game. At first, Kelly seemed not really sociable, but after a few sarcastic remarks, between the two of us and some challenging moments of shuffleboard games, we came to an understanding of our personalities. He is a Pro at the game, and I was eager to learn and play just as well. Over the years, Kelly has become a cherished friend in my life. We have had great times of laughter and have played some intense rounds of the game we both love. I have a deep consideration for Kelly, as not only a friend, but as part of my family. Kelly, I am so proud of you for reaching this milestone in shuffleboard. I know the game is a huge part of your life and you have worked hard for this achievement.

Congratulations on this much deserved award. ~Sheila

DALE & MARY KOTERAS (Texas)



We have known the Cameron family for over 30 years and watched Kelly's shuffleboard skills develop into him being one of the best at the game. We know that Rod would have been so proud. Congratulations, Kelly!

~From Dale & Mary Koteras

BILL POLLOCK (Pennsylvania)



I admire Kelly's dedication, hard work, and competitiveness. He is, without question, one of the game's elite players. I look forward to seeing and chatting with him when I travel to tournaments. Congratulations, Kelly, on being Inducted to the Texas Hall of Fame. It is well deserved. ~Bill

KATHY YINGST (Oklahoma)



Kelly, even though sometimes I want to pull your red hair out, since I've found out we have that Tulsa connection, we have become great friends. We have worked together in Reno for several years now and I have watched you become one of the great players in shuffleboard. Congratulations on a long overdue, deserving honor!!!! Love ya, Kathy Yingst



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THERESA RODRIGUEZ (Texas)



My first tournament that I attended out of town was a benefit in Cedar Park, TX. I was so excited to get out there and have a good time with my friends. The first event was an A/B Draw. Everybody came running up to me to tell me how awesome it was that I had drew Kelly as my A-player. My excitement quickly turned to fear. I had driven all that way to draw Kelly?

Shuffleboard for Kelly is business and shuffleboard for me is fun... and usually those two don't mix. This was going to be tough. Somehow Kelly managed to help me through game by game. I credit him for first teaching me to



throw my first weight off. (He was tired of me giving everyone go-arounds). At that time, I didn't understand it, of course. We had to come back the next morning to play. My hand was shaking so bad I dumped a weight in the trough. This is where we saw Kelly's signature move of taking his hat off and throwing it on the floor. (I still have friends that do this to me as a joke when I miss a weight.) When it was all said and done Kelly and I won the A/B Draw. As I sat back to try to rest, they got the 4-Person Draft underway. Everyone quickly informed me that I could bet Kelly was going to try to draft me. I told them they were crazy. I was pretty sure Kelly had had enough of me at that point. But they were right. Kelly drafted me on his team and guess what... we won that, too! I will always remember that first awesome weekend of winning. I am pretty sure it is what got me hooked. After that, it was history for me and shuffleboard. Kelly, thanks for helping me get my first win and not giving up on me that weekend.

Congratulations on your Induction!

~Theresa

APRIL SEALE (Texas)



I have known Kelly for awhile now. It hasn't always been sunshine and rainbows, but I finally came to understand who Kelly is. Kelly is a strict stickler when it comes to shuffleboard. He is a great player who expects nothing but a "DO YOUR BEST" attitude in himself and in others. He pushes us newbies to be better by not allowing excuses and negativity overpower our game. I have enjoyed learning from the best and having Kelly as a friend. Now, he is like part of my family, truly loved and admired. Thanks for everything Kelly! You are a great man and one

hell of a shuffleboard player. Congrats on your award and recognition! ~April



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EDDIE VILLARREAL (Texas)



When I first came into this game Mike Taylor gave me a few names of players that I needed to watch and at the top of that list was "The General." I remember initially watching him play and thinking to myself this guy can't be that good, he only throws two shots! Man was I wrong, I don't know if there is one shot in shuffleboard more closely tied to a player than the "Kelly Cameron Finger Shot." It really is phenomenal to watch him shoot the same shot time and time again to every inch of the board. The other thing he does as well, if not better than anyone in the game, is his ability to control frames by double sticking combos or by simply sticking smart weights all over the board... which in my opinion is one of the most underrated strategies in shuffleboard. We have not spent a whole lot of time off the shuffleboard table, but the few times we have has always been entertaining. And maybe my favorite thing about "KFC" is that I know if I ever run out of chalk or Copenhagen he is the man I look for and vice versa. Congrats "Big Red" on an extraordinary career up to this point and best of luck the rest of the way.

~Eddie Villarreal

BUTCH THOMAS (Indiana)



Well, back in the early 2000's when I first went out to Del City, OK for the Southwest Open, everyone said that Kelly was a hard man to get to know and he was a mean man! Not with me...

He and I became friends that first day (not the best of friends) but human friends!! What a great person to talk with!!! He is a great person and should be in the Texas Hall of Fame.

~Butch



JEFF DELPHIA (California)



From the first time I met Kelly, he has been one of the best men that I have ever known, and is well deserving of this award.

Congratulations, Kelly... very proud to know you and work with you!

~Jeff Delphia



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JIM "MAC" MACNAK (Texas)



I have had the great privilege to play with and against Kelly many times. I have come to the conclusion that it is much better to play with him!!! He is one of the nice Pro's and a great player. Always takes the time to say "Hello" and never shy about taking me as a partner in the side games. Kelly, you have been



a Hall of Famer in my eyes for a long time... and glad everyone else finally agrees.

~Mac



LORRAINE OLSON (Oregon)

Kelly Cameron is well deserved of this honor and is a long time overdue as far as I am concerned. My husband and I loved Kelly as soon as we first met him at the Southwest Open in Del City, OK many years ago. I have gotten to know him well over the years and I feel it is an honor to call him my friend. He is a hard worker and always helps with tournaments when asked. I have loved

working with him at the NASC™ every year and he was great at the Wondering Women's Tournament this last year in Texas. He is such a gentleman... and if he sees me carrying buckets of wax, he always has to grab them and carry them himself. He will help with anything if you ask him. On top of that, he is one of the best players in shuffleboard and I always enjoy watching him play, temper and all.

This is a well-deserved award, so Congratulations, Kelly, on your Induction into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

~Love, Lorraine Olson



SHAUN HAGGARD (Texas)

The first time I met Kelly was at The Post. It was a Friday night tournament and he made a comment about how we did things there. I decided to pop off and ask him where he was from, anyway. Moving ahead a few years, I won my first big Singles event as a two. I had lost my second game and had to battle back and play 6 or 7 better-rated players. I was fortunate enough to win 1st Place. Kelly came up and gave me a high five and told me to be *proud...* that No one could ever take that win away! He was the only Pro to acknowledge me that day and that will always stick in my head. Congratulations on your Induction as it is well deserved!!!

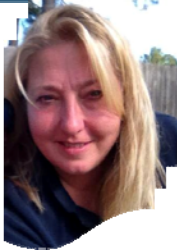
Where the hell are you from, anyway?

~Shaun



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RENE' ROBERTS (Texas)



Kelly F. Cameron, a tall, built-like-a-brick-house, redhead who was a professional fighter, who is strong as an ox, and is a professional at the finesse game of shuffleboard. From one extreme to another: Power to Finesse. Kelly is an intimidating stature to be feared -on and -off the shuffleboard table... More on than off. He is a gentle giant with a fierce competitive attitude and ranks in the Top 10 of world players. Congratulations, Kelly, on being Inducted into the Hall of Fame. Your Dad, Rod, would be proud. As your partner in two tournaments playing in the Pro Division getting 2nd then 1st, I'd be your partner anytime and honored. ~Rene'

CARL KELM (California)



It is an honor and a great pleasure to be able to offer a few words in a testimonial for Kelly Cameron as the 2016 Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame Inductee. I find Kelly to be very pleasant and friendly. He is a member of a long-time shuffleboard family, highly skilled, a competitive table shuffleboard player, a fine shuffleboard mechanic and board adjuster, and a shuffleboard tournament set-up project leader.

I am proud to say that I count him among my best shuffleboard friends! He has always been very approachable to me. We have joined each other's dinners in progress, on numerous occasions. He has invited me to join in with him and other players for a cold drink and a little shuffleboard camaraderie, in Reno, as well. He has always been very complimentary of me on my shuffleboard play and on my former career as a Mechanical Engineer. He keeps me entertained and interested in the fact that Houston is such a great shuffleboard town, has great players, plenty of Engineering work and lots of good ole home cookin', like chicken fried steaks, biscuits and gravy. It is a very proud day for Kelly, for the Cameron Family and all of his friends in or out of the shuffleboard family! Well done, my friend and thank you so much, for your contributions to the game and tournaments that we all so dearly love and enjoy!



~Your friend always, Carl Kelm

JEFF COTTRELL (Michigan)



Kelly Cameron is an awesome person. Also, he puts a lot of hard work into the World of Shuffleboard to keep us moving. Congratulations to you, Kelly Cameron, as you well deserve the Texas Hall of Fame. As a part of the shuffleboard family, as a player and promoter, keep up with the good work! ~Jeff



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JATON LINER (Texas)



Kelly Cameron and Jatton Liner, WOW... talk about a friendship with a rough start. I'm so glad you decided to see things my way Kelly! (lol) Thank you for all the lessons and butt chewing's for bad shots. Underneath the tough exterior is an awesome man who loves game, is one of the best competitors, and really enjoys teaching others to be their best at it.

Congratulations Kelly! ~Jatton Liner, San Leon, Texas

PAUL HAVEY (Pennsylvania)



Obviously, Kelly is a great shooter and competitor. His skills were on full display at the Pro-Singles in Reno in 2012, where he won. He maintained excellent composure and focus during the entire event. These are essential qualities to succeed at anything. The results are evident, as we induct Kelly into the Texas HOF. A little known fact about Kelly is that he actually has sense of humor. He can make you laugh with his acerbic comments, because it is done for the sake of laughter. Congrats Big Guy!

P.S. Kelly, acerbic means sarcastic. You don't have to look it up. ~Paul

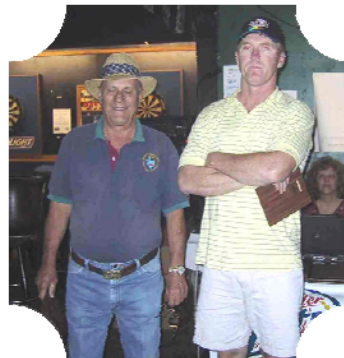
JOE PARISH (Texas)



I remember playing shuffleboard with many people back at the Fannin Totem (called the "Ice House" later). When I first started playing, it was just to waste some time, to let the traffic die down and have a beer or two. But then, it grew into a little more. Back then, all of the "Pros" would come down there for some table action. Some of the regular players who'd stop in were: Rod Cameron, Glen Davidson, Johnny "B", Johnny Wayne, Flynt Preston (& Kathy), as well as Danny Green. When there was a tournament in town, we'd get some other big names like Dan Hitt, Darrol Nelson, Billy Melton, Diana Hagen and a host of others. Kelly and his buddy Howard Mouton were there quite frequently. My friendship with Kelly began to grow back in those days. Great memories were made there. I had a lot of good times over the years playing shuffleboard with him. In my opinion,

Kelly deserves to be in the Hall of Fame!

~Congratulations! Joe Parish



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WILLIAM "SHERIFF" HALLBERG (Texas)



I have played with Kelly Cameron over the last 25-years in many different shuffleboard venues. He has always been a fierce competitor. I started out with many of the top Pros as my teachers, among them were Kelly and his Dad, Rod. I can say that the Pro ranks have always produced great players. I continue to see those types of players emerging from the up and coming younger generation. Your Induction is worthy of your intense play. ~Sheriff

SAM SWEATT (Louisiana)



I have had the pleasure of knowing KC for a long time... I am so thrilled that the Texas Hall of Fame is recognizing Kelly for all his has done for the game of shuffleboard. If I was ever in a money game and I needed a defensive warrior/partner, KC is the best in the game in my opinion. He gives countless time and effort supporting and doing the grunt work of moving boards, adjusting them, and can play days and days of high level determined

shuffleboard. He sticks weights as well as anyone in the game, his finger shot is the game's best. He always tells everyone exactly how it is, and should be. He is a fine credit to our game and I congratulate Texas for recognizing his talent, heart, desire, grit, perseverance, and grinding ability. If you know you are going to battle, you sure want The General on the other end of the board.

Congratulations, Kelly C. , you've done the "Cameron" name proud. I am smiling large today for your achievement.

Enjoy your day and I wish I could have been with you today to celebrate.

~God Bless You and Best Wishes always, Sam Sweatt

JAMES DREWEL (Missouri)



First, let me say congratulations, Kelly, for this well deserved and huge honor to be Inducted in the Texas State Hall of Fame. National Hall of Fame is sure to follow. I remember the first time that I met Kelly was at Del City three years ago, I had not met him before that because I hadn't traveled much to play before then. Anyway, this big, goofy, red-headed roughneck comes up and talks with me. He treats me like a long lost friend, kidding and

joking, mostly about my ears. He was just hanging out and having a good time.

When we got done I turned around and had to ask the buddy that was with me, "Who the (edit) was that?" That's the kind of person Kelly is. If you are here, you are his friend and part of the family.

Again, Congratulations, Kelly. I look forward to more good times with you for a long time to come. ~Jim



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BECKY FOSTER (Texas)



I love Kelly! Enjoyed time, conversations, and lessons learned from him. One of my most memorable games was when I was asked to play on his 4-man when I was a 2. It was Kelly, Chris Smith, Alfred Suarez and myself. We did great playing together. Then we ran into Bill Melton's team! Alfred and I lined up against Bill and Jeff Womble as the A-Team and Kelly lost his game. We were down 12 to 3. Oh no! I was a bit stressed when Alfred said "Just throw that left hand and go in there like you did earlier." Me being a 2, was searching my brain's index for when I had done that, but trusted my partner and did it. Whew, it worked...and Jeff missed it! Woohoo! Covered...and he missed both, then I lagged a 2. Alfred threw a deep one and Bill missed it, Woohoo! Anyway somehow or other we pulled it out. Our captain, Kelly, and Alfred went on to win our rubber match in the finals! What excitement! After it was all over I asked Alfred about that left hand shot because I still did not recall it. He said, "You never threw it. I just knew if I told you that you wouldn't be nervous!" Oh, the tricks they play to get us to shoot well. That was my lesson to never, never, never think a game is over until it's over. Kelly was very supportive. I've enjoyed his friendship for a long time.

Congratulations Kelly, you deserve it!

~Becky

RYAN REED (Texas)



Let's see... What can I say about Kelly Cameron??? He's a great guy to lose money to. (lol) Once I started playing at a competitive level, I paid close attention to the different strategies that Kelly applied into different situations of every game. It helped me understand the game better. I also love playing with or against Kelly. No matter the situation, you're going to have some drinks, have a fantastic time, and depending on the situation you might have a puck thrown at you. (lol)

All joking aside... Congratulations to a great shuffleboard player and an even better friend.

Welcome to the Hall of Fame, Kelly!

~Ryan Reed



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HOLLY KOFOD (Texas)



Ah Big Red! Memories of you abound in my shuffling experiences, albeit a mixture of positive and negative ones. I have grown to respect and admire you. My first memory of you is at Taz Country at Texas Open in the 90's. There you had boldly captained your 4-man draft team through the dreaded loser's bracket to reach the finals against my team composed of myself, Lynda French, Robert Hurst, Jr., and Captain Mike Taylor.

It was only my 2nd tournament I was a green 4. I was amazed at how well you were guiding your team, as if a General in a battle to the very end! Your playing ability was superb and your barking of orders as a General made me eager to play on a team with you!

Finally I got my chance in 2010 at the North American Championship in Reno, NV! It was my very first time to attend that prestigious event and I went with no planned partner or team. I went with very high hopes of getting on a "Dream Team" and I did when I was asked to be on your team with Alex B, and Roger Holloway! What a ride!! It was such an incredible experience! I was so excited and scared and fascinated with watching and trying to learn the strategies you were using throughout the event! Never forget when Roger and I ran into a couple of buzz saws and lost our match 15-1 in a matter of seconds and you and Alex were only 2-2. You, of course, asked us what had happened in very colorful language...then just shook your head at us and went to work in true Champion style and lead us on to Victory- 1st place 4-Person Bring Team Division I of the North American Shuffleboard Championship!



Thank you for your trust and belief in my playing ability and for all the awesome coaching! Kelly in your own unique way, you have taught me so much over the years – more than you know and I am so appreciative of all the knowledge. I am so thankful that I can be a part of this wonderful moment in the history of this sport as you are a True Champion and this honor is long overdue!

Congratulations, Redbird!
~Holly



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JAY NORMAN (Texas)



I met Kelly a few years back in 2012 when he won the Singles in Reno. I was a 4. We got to spend some time together in Reno. I am very lucky to have him as one of my mentors. I've heard so many stories about Kelly's shuffleboard career. Kelly has been nothing but a Hall of Fame Shuffleboard player to me. Teaching me everything from shot selection to how to adjust a shuffleboard. Kelly has been like a son to me. In fact, I get an occasional "OK, Dad " from him. I can't wait to move up the ranks and be Kelly's partner in a major tournament someday.

I'm happy to say "Hall-of-Fame Kelly Cameron."

You are my friend and mentor!!! ~Jay



OBIE PIERCE (Indiana)

I met Kelly in 2006 at Danny's Sports Bar in Houston. I caught the Shuffleboard fever watching him when he was among 4-6 Top "Pros" that would show up for Friday and Saturday night draws. Kelly is one of my favorite players for several reasons. One of which is seeing him losing his first match in Pro Singles at the Southwest Open, and then coming through the losers bracket. The final match was against the number two player, at that time, Mike Taylor. Kelly double dipped Mike Taylor, and cemented himself in my mind, as a top notch Pro. As I watched Kelly patiently, and persistently chip away the games, I was impressed and convinced. I've watched him bear down and just flat out get things done. Kelly also has a very humorous side to him and is more caring than he may let you believe. He is someone that I consider a special and uniquely gifted player.

I have watched him work behind the scenes in Reno (NASC™), Houston Holiday Open, and Southwest Open, doing set up and maintenance. He helps players improve their game when he challenges players with potential. He will occasionally do what I've deemed the "KellyTest" - He walks up with a little grin, starts to talk, pauses, watches you shoot, and then says something like, "Your gettin' pretty good, you ready for a real game to see how good you are?"

I am proud of Kelly Cameron for receiving this honorable award. I've known Kelly for over a decade. In that time, I've watched him play hard, teach beginners, work hard at tournaments and win! My belief in his abilities was solidified one year in Del City.

I wish him all the best and am happy he is being Inducted.

Great job Kelly!

~Obie Pierce



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NEIL RODRIGUE (Texas)



Talk about a trial by fire...

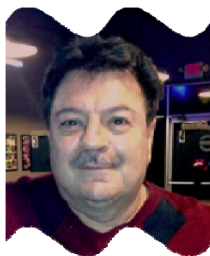
I was lucky (or unlucky) enough to draw Kelly as my partner in my first ever tournament. It was an A/B Draw one Saturday night at Triple Crown in September of 2005. Of course, everyone in the bar told me I couldn't have drawn a better partner and that he was the Top Pro in the Houston area. I could tell as soon as the tournament began that this guy was a fierce competitor and had a deep passion for the game. Being a 5 at the time, I of course, was missing weights and shooting... well... like a 5. He was persistent in coaching me strategy and telling me how to shoot, so I would miss as few weights as possible.

I had a particularly bad frame, and I remembered him grabbing the weights and slamming them down to the end of the board in frustration. He persisted and turned that frustration into game focus and dominated his opponent each game. We ended up getting second in the tournament, and I was ecstatic to win about \$50 in my first ever tournament. Afterwards, he congratulated me, shook my hand, and said if I kept it up, I'd be "pretty good someday." I knew then and there that if I were to be "pretty good someday," I had to bring that same passion and determination to win to be successful in this game. Since then Kelly has given me more than a few lessons both during games and just practicing on the side. He gave me some great pointers on lagging that I still use to this day, and pay forward to players I teach. When we run across each other nowadays, he always greets me with a "SHAKE 'N BAKE!" or "GET CRICKED!" and a big ol' smile. I always enjoy playing with him or against him, and I always try to watch his singles matches in major tournaments, because win or lose, his games are always compelling.



Congratulations on your Induction into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, Kelly! This is an honor that was well-earned, and is well-deserved!

~Neil Rodrigue



LEE BOYAJIAN (Texas)

I have known Kelly Cameron for almost as long as I have been playing shuffleboard and consider him one of the most likable people in the game. I have only seen Kelly annually at the most during the past five years, but that same familiar grin reminds me that it's been too long. I would have to say if neither one of us had ever played shuffleboard and met in some other walk of life, we would still be the same friends that we are now.

Congratulations Kelly!

~Lee B.



TESTIMONIALS

GEORGE AUSTIN (Texas)



I was surprised when invited to send a testimonial about Kelly. After all, I am not one of the more well-known players and certainly do not play at anywhere near the same level as Mr. Cameron. I thought about it for a while and decided what the heck. I have known Kelly for more than 15 years and I should share some experiences and observations.

Guess I should start with the first time I got to play as Kelly's partner in a Saturday night draw at Triple Crown Sports Bar in Houston, Texas. If I remember it correctly, it was March or April 2001. I had been playing in the Fun Hangers Shuffleboard League for 3 years and had been a team captain in division 4 for 2 of those years. Even though I was just a 3, in my mind, I knew just about everything there was to know about shuffleboard and was excited to show Kelly what I could do. After the 4th frame we were ahead 7 to 3 and I was feeling good. I shot a shallow 2 just to the left of the center and my opponent came back and stuck my weight. I thought now is the time for me to show Kelly just how good a player I was by throwing a go around. My execution was not perfect, but I did throw a deep 3. I was happy until my opponent stuck my weight and rolled it in behind his shallow weight. Well the frame went downhill from there, and at the end of the frame they had 8 points.

Kelly approached the end of the board and I could swear he had smoke coming out of his ears. He lit into me and I didn't know whether to pee, cry or crawl under the table. Initially, I was embarrassed and mad at Kelly for berating me in front of everyone. However, after several days of reflection and talking to my mentor, James Cummings, I came to the realization that I deserved all of that criticism and more. Over the years, I have noticed that Kelly is very focused and I am pretty sure that is why he is and has been one of the top players to ever play the game. He is not one to sugar coat his opinion of how his partner plays. I consider myself very fortunate to have been afforded the opportunity over the years to watch Kelly play and try to learn how the game should be played. I was having trouble executing a Jersey Shot and after watching Kelly, I have adopted that two finger shot he uses. I call it my "Kelly shot." Kelly has not only been an exemplary example of how to play shuffleboard the right way, but has been a constant and valuable volunteer to tournament promoters in moving and setting up boards.

I am honored to congratulate my friend, Kelly Cameron, for being Inducted into the Hall of Fame.

It is well deserved and in my opinion an overdue honor.

~George Austin



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JACKIE TROTTER (Texas)



Years ago (probably 2003), I got Kelly as a partner in an A/B Extravaganza Tournament. I was a 4 and would not play with my left hand. (Billy Mays showed me how to play left handed with the right hand. Oh yes, ugh). I was fussing with Flynt and overheard Flynt tell Kelly that he got the worse player in the house. (Of course, I was). Well, the first two matches went pretty well, but the third game, (I was playing against Larry Ables) I was horrible. Kelly would not say a word, just look at me, roll his eyes back in his head, and walk off. Well I called him to the middle of the table, poked him in his chest (you know how men hate to be poked in the chest) and told him he was a Pro, I was a 4 and he had to tell me what to do on every shot. He did from then on, was a perfect gentlemen, and a great coach. We were 7 points in the hole, then we won that game and continued to win the tournament. Kelly and I pocketed a grand each that night. Thanks Kelly! ~Jackie

RIC WARE (Texas)



I played shuffleboard with Kelly for about six months in Seabrook, TX at Maribelle's. He always seemed happy to have me for a partner. He liked to cut up with me. And he loved playing against Dale Williams and Howard Mouton. I was always excited anytime I got to be his partner! I hope I get to do it again. Kelly has always made me feel good about playing even though I'm only rated a 3. I thank him for that!

Kudos, Kelly, on your Induction into the Texas State Shuffleboard HOF!

~Ric

CLIFF VISEL (Texas)



I met Kelly probably around 2000 at Danny's Sports Bar. I consider Kelly a good friend. He stayed at my house many times in the Taz Era. Kelly was also our Designated Driver from The Post. Kelly is always welcome in my home.

I truly believe that Kelly deserves the honor of being in the Texas Hall of Fame.

~Clifford Visel



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KEN "DOC" STRONG (Texas)



I first met Kelly in 1988 at the Horseshoe Lounge in Austin, TX. I had just started to play the game. He and Rick Boyer were passing through. Kelly was always complaining about Rick losing all the money they won. I was transferred back to Houston a couple years later and for the next 10 years or so, I ran into Kelly (and his Mom and Dad) in just about every shuffleboard bar in Houston and Dallas. We played many a good game. I'm glad to see he has curbed his temper. He reminded me of me when I was young. I guess that's why I

took a liking to him. One thing for certain, I have always known Kelly to play the game the way it is supposed to be played. I recall our conversation several years ago about becoming a Pro. I told him it wouldn't be long before he would be playing as a Pro. Like Father, like son.

Congratulations, Kelly Cameron, you certainly deserve to be in the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame! ~Doc Strong



RICK BOYER (Oregon)

"CAMERON." When you hear the name you immediately think of Shuffleboard. Kelly's Father, Rod, was one of the three original road players, tough as they come, and always a pleasure to see at tournaments as well as Mother Tre. Kelly's abilities are well documented and he is always there to help run tournaments.

Congratulations Kelly, well deserved! ~Rick Boyer

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Well, we thought we knew Kelly...

We are grateful for getting to know him a whole lot better based on the overwhelming response and wonderful comments shared by all of you.

It is amazing just how many people Kelly has influenced in life through his love for this game.

Thanks, again, to everyone for the Testimonials!

WE NOW KNOW there is SO much more to this man, Kelly Cameron, than meets the eye!!!



WHO IS HE? WE NOW KNOW!



FINAL TESTIMONIAL

MISSY VAN HECKE (Texas)



Looking back to my very first tournament, the year was 2003, at Taz Country in Pflugerville, Texas at the 5th Annual Texas State Shuffleboard Championship, I observed a 6'3" tower of a man having a meltdown at the opposite end of the board next to mine. He was quite vocal, quite passionate, and quite determined to set the etiquette straight on the shuffleboard with an alleged offender who was tossing too much wax up on the opposite end of his board, nearly creating a true snowplow effect. After the dust literally settled, I made a mental note to find out who that guy was before the end of that tournament. The details I will spare you... but Kelly Cameron was his name... and he most certainly left an impression on my mind on that first day.

Since then, I have had the privilege of watching Kelly sculpt into a wise and humble pillar amongst a sea of Pros. Kelly stands apart from them when considering gestures, focus and passion. He actually reminds me of a lighthouse. When comparing the two, the symbol of the lighthouse brings strength, guidance, and a safe harbor, yet it is cool, remote and guarded. While the lighthouse stands as a strong structure built upon the highest point of land, so stands Kelly Cameron... usually the tallest and most sound structure in the room. His presence is usually aloof, yet approachable... if you dare to tread through those turbulent waters to get to the safe harbor. The circular structure of the lighthouse makes it incapable of being influenced by the strong, bitter gales which time and nature often uses to test its strength. This analogy carries over to Mr. Cameron in that he stands the test of time on the shuffleboard tables, grinding out shot after shot with strategic and calculated excellence as the strong forces hit him. He usually withstands the powerful forces of his refined competitors, then conquers, and then basks in the sunshine when the storm has passed. His mental and emotional steadfastness is like a beacon shining the light that guides him to his success.



"Many people spend too much time trying to be the captain of someone else's boat. Learn to be a lighthouse and the boats will find their way."

(Author Unknown)

At times, that wind may roar and that sea may roll, but that tower of a lighthouse will deliver strength and continue to be a beacon for others...



**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE ON,
KELLY CAMERON!**

WHY NOMINATED?

WHY DID I NOMINATE KELLY?



Regarding Kelly's Induction into the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, he exceeds all expectations. His victories and tournament play are profound. He is one of the best Pro Singles players in the history of the game of table shuffleboard, not only statewide, but nationally, too.

In Reno, Nevada at the NASC™ where there is the greatest and largest mix of tournament players in North America, Kelly is one of only four Pros to have won the Pro Singles event more than

once. In 2002, Kelly was rated a +0.11. In a little over a decade in 2013, Kelly's determination set him as the highest rated player in North America, tied with Mr. Taylor. His pedigree is shuffleboard. He lives it and breathes it. His humble and aloof nature disguises just how good he really is at times. His deep passion for the game drives him to dedicate many long, tedious hours, setting up, adjusting and tearing down these heavy shuffleboard tables that we take for granted, and even have the audacity to complain about at times. When, in reality, a vast majority of us are clueless as to the effort, commitment, and detailed tweaking it takes to make them playable for the crowd. So the next time you are on a shuffleboard that is not to "your" liking, instead of opening your mouth, try opening your mind to understand just what it takes to make a playfield playable... then remember to thank those who set them up. ~~Thank you, Kelly, for sharing your shuffleboard words of wisdom and valuable time with so many people, for promoting the game with such high expectations and profound passion that is recognized by all who have shared a "moment" with you.~~

To you, Kelly Cameron, I admire your desire, your dream, your vision. You have the skill and you have the will... and as Muhammad Ali says,

"The will *must be* stronger than the skill."

You are *THE MAN!!!*

Your little buddy,
~Missy Van Hecke
(TSA Secretary)



CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY!

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"REDBIRD"

"THE GENERAL"

"THE MAN"

*Let's go ahead and
add this to his list...*

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