

MIKE TAYLOR

INDUCTION INTO THE TEXAS STATE SHUFFLEBOARD HALL OF FAME

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Michael Taylor was born in Houston Texas on May 27th 1970. A native Houstonian that has lived in Texas his entire life. His mother and stepfather live in Wharton Texas and his father and stepmother live in Oklahoma. He has 3 brothers, 1 stepsister and a son, Matthew, age 10.

Mike's first memories of shuffleboard go back to elementary school age. His parents frequented an open walled ice house close to his home. The Pour Man's Country Club. His family was acquainted with several of the patrons and the bartender Eileen. He and his brother rode their bikes up to the Club and Eileen would let the boys play shuffleboard. Mike says they were just tossing weights like kids usually do then go back to playing and riding bikes.

Mike attended College at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos Texas. His roommate, Brian White and friend Chris Busceme started playing at the Devil's Backbone close to Wimberley. Other places they played in the area were Riley's Tavern and Draft Choice Tap Room. They played league at Devil's Backbone on Tuesdays then at the Draft Choice Tap Room on Thursdays.

Mike graduated from College in 1993 and moved back to Houston. He left college not knowing there was such a thing as organized shuffleboard. He stumbled into 2K Sports Bar and met Harvey Kidd. *"Harvey made the game fun. Harvey taught me a lot about the game and about gambling."*

2K was owned by Dan Dickson. They had a league and back then most of the wives and girlfriends didn't participate in league. Beverly Lindquist wanted to start a team and she approached Mike. The other ladies, Lilly Kidd, Andrea Dickson and others, put napkins to their mouths and waved them back and forth. Beverly asked Mike if he would join their team and be their Sheik because they wanted to call the team Harem Scarem.

Harem Scarem won 1st place!! *"There wasn't a dry eye in the place. Every one of those ladies cried they were so happy."*

When asked what his most memorable moments are so far, it was hard for Mike to answer because he has so many. He says he remembers the early losses the most. He always wanted to play the best in room. He wasn't afraid to play with them or gamble with them.

His favorite shuffleboard tournament was the 1st Texas State Championship. Mike had just earned his 1 rating. He entered into the Pro Singles event. There were 18 -1's in the event. He ended up playing David Williams Sr. in the finals. *"I got second but I learned a lot."*



"The Pros I looked up to the most are David Williams Sr., Diana Hagan and Harvey Kidd."

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!

Michael Taylor's Hall of Fame Induction

Today is the day we pay tribute to Michael Taylor for all that he has accomplished in the sport of shuffleboard. He is being honored with the highest achievement possible - induction into the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Over the course of his career he has taken his abilities and honed them into a top-flight skill set. Through love of the game and a champion's desire, he has consistently performed at a level for which he is being recognized today.

The thing that is most admirable to me about Michael, is how he has conducted himself along the way. In victory or defeat, he has been friendly, generous and considerate - the very definition of kindness. He has never seemed to want to diminish anyone in pursuit of victory. I think he has always gotten his greatest joy in focusing on raising his game to the highest level in any moment. He plays the game as a creative art rather than a win/lose competition. Kindness is who he is, and his greatest gift to us all. Well done, Michael.

With love and admiration,
Michael Sr. and Vicki Taylor

Just in case none of y'all knew my dad is the number one player at this game. I might not know a lot about shuffleboard but I know nobody can beat you as being a father. You are one of the funniest people I know and your presence brightens up a room. I get so excited when you walk in the house with a big smile and yet another plaque. My dad has so many great qualities that I can't fit them all on this page, but I just wanted to say that you are the most magnificent father in the world. There is no doubt in my mind that my father fully deserves to be in the Texas Hall of Fame for shuffleboard as well as for being my dad.

Congratulations dad, I Love You!
Matthew Tavior



PB,
You caught my eye in shuffleboard, but won my heart as a man. Thank u for making me laugh every day. Congratulations baby, I'm so proud and I love u!!!!
Amanda Williams



Mike's Achievements

Texas Open

1998	2 nd	Div II Doubles	Craig White
1999	2 nd	Open Singles	
1999	1 st	Bring Team	David Sr, Steve Walker, Randy Rogers
1999	1 st	Draft	Harvey K, Linda F, Pat G, Linda N, Leon
Black			
2000	2 nd	Six Person Draft	Johnny B, Danny N, Tom F, Carol A,
Danny G			
2001	1 st	Singles	
2002	1 st	Singles	
2002	1 st	Six Person Draft	Jim Payne, David Sexton, Pat G, George
B, Coach Baize			
2003	1 st	Draw	Sally Goff
2003	3 rd	Singles	
2003	3 rd	Four Person Draft	David Veasey, David Jr, Mike Coons
2004	2 nd	Singles	
2004	2 nd	A/B	David Williams Jr.
2004	1 st	Four Person Draft	Holly K, Lynda F, Robert Hurst Jr.
2005	2 nd	Singles	
2005	1 st	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2006	2 nd	Singles	
2006	2 nd	Four Person Draft	Wayne Hammond, Bill Harman, Deanna
Quiroz			
2007	1 st	Singles	
2007	1 st	Bring Partner	Craig White
2008	1 st	Four Person Draft	Missy V, Ron Jr, Roy Denney
2008	1 st	Bring Partner	Craig White
2009	3 rd	Singles	
2010	1 st	Singles	
2010	3 rd	A/B	Raminder Rai
2010	1 st	Four Person Draft	Holly K, Sherry M, Missy V
2011	1 st	Singles	
2011	2 nd	Four Person Draft	Amanda W, Jean R, David Baxia
2011	3 rd	A/B	David Sexton
2012	1 st	Singles	
2012	1 st	A/B	Doug Morgan
2012	3 rd	Six Person Draft	Doug M, Sharon C, Pat G, Brian C, Jackie
2013	1 st	Singles	
2013	2 nd	A/B	Holly Kofod

Texas State

1999	2 nd	Singles	
1999	2 nd	Doubles	Johnny Wayne Crawford
2001	1 st	Singles	
2001	1 st	Doubles	Tony Howard
2003	1 st	Doubles	Doug Paben
2004	1 st	Singles	
2004	1 st	Draw	David Veasey
2004	3 rd	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2005	1 st	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2005	1 st	A/B	Bill Rice
2006	1 st	Singles	
2006	1 st	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2007	1 st	Bring Partner	Craig White
2008	2 nd	Singles	
2009	2 nd	A/B	Roger Holloway
2010	2 nd	A/B	Doug Morgan
2011	3 rd	Bring Partner	Doug Morgan
2011	3 rd	Singles	
2012	1 st	Singles	
2014	1 st	A/B	Wayne Steinfels
2014	1 st	Singles	
2014	1 st	4 person bring team	Marcus Zepeda, Sam "BJ" Jones, Eddie Villarreal



Mike and Doug Paben 2003
1st Place Pro Doubles
Texas State Championship

Houston Holiday Open

2000	3 rd	A/B	Flynt Preston
2000	2 nd	Six Person Draft	Flynt P, Sammy S, Doug P, Tom F, Morris
Moss			
2001	3 rd	Bring Partner	Harvey Kidd
2001	2 nd	A/B	Billy Mays
2001	3 rd	Bring Team	Harvey K, Doug P, Jim Payne
2002	2 nd	A/B	Jim Payne
2002	3 rd	Singles	
2003	1 st	Six Person Draft	David S, Bob L, Jim Nicoll, John Williamson, Mollie C
C2003	1 st	Bring Team	Kelly Cameron, Jim Payne, Jim Nicoll
2004	3 rd	Singles	
2004	2 nd	A/B	
2004	2 nd	Bring Team	Kelly Cameron, Jim Payne, Mickey Moy
2007	1 st	Singles	
2007	2 nd	Bring Partner	
2008	1 st	Bring Team	Doug Morgan, Holly Kofod, Connie Sitton
2008	1 st	A/B	Daniel Chapman
2009	2 nd	A/B	James Cummings
2009	1 st	Six Person Draft	Steve S, Larry A, Stan A, Anita B, Lavern
2009	1 st	Bring Team	Debbie S, Travis W, Holly K
2009	1 st	Bring Partner	Kyle White
2009	1 st	Singles	
2010	1 st	Singles	
2011	2 nd	Bring Partner	Steve Soltis
2012	2 nd	Singles	



Mike and Dennis Bird
HHO PARTY!!

Southwest Open

2001	2 nd	Draft	Mahlon, Marshall Partlow, David S,
			David Wms Sr ,David Wms
2001	4 th	Bring Team	David Williams Sr
			Tony Pelton
2001	4 th	Bring Partner	Cheryl Cockerill
2001	3 rd	Singles	Jeff Womble
2004	2 nd	Bring Partner	Dave Ramold
2005		Bring Team	James C, Vicki L, Larry L
2007	1 st	A/B	
2007	2 nd	Bring Partner	Tony Appel
2008	2 nd	Singles	
2008	1 st	Bring Partner	Bob Perry
2008	1 st	Bring Team	Roger H, Dave R, Stan A
2009	1 st	Singles	Roger Holloway
2009	1 st	Bring Partner	
2010	1 st	Singles	
2010	2 nd	Bring Partner	
2011	1 st	Bring Team	
2011	1 st	Bring Partner	
2013	1 st	Singles	
2013	1 st	Bring Team	Larry L, Vicki L, Amanda W

*Michael,
Congrats, I remember when you came to
Danny's & played me for hours. You were
so eager to learn and get better. You didn't
give me any rest, not even when I went to
the bathroom (I now lock my stall)
You had that funny little release, you sure
have come a long way. You passed me way
up, and you have every shot known to the
game. In just a few years you were telling
me , "Princess, you're gonna LOVE this",
and you made shots I didn't see & thought,
"no way"! But you made them and you still
do...."Way to go!" You are one of the
Greats! Very well deserved!*

Love ya, Princess

Memorial Day Tournament

2000	1 st	A/B	Harvey Kidd
2000	4 th	Draw	Danny Norris
2001	2 nd	A/B	Harvey Kidd
2001	3 rd	Singles	
2002	2 nd	A/B	Del Ammermann
2003	1 st	Singles	
2004	3 rd	A/B	Del Ammermann
2005	1 st	Singles	
2005	1 st	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2006	1 st	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2007	1 st	A/B	Jimmy Britt
2008	1 st	Bring Partner	Charles Peltier
2009	1 st	A/B	Kyle White
2013	1 st	Four Person Draft	E.T. J, John Moore, Jim Hammerick



Mike and Kyle White 2009
Pro A/B Draw 2009
Danny's Sports Bar & Grill

KC Shootout

2008	1 st	Singles
2009	2 nd	Singles
2012	3 rd	Singles



Mike and Kelly
Cameron

NORTH AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPION

2005	2 nd	Bring Partner	Dave Ramold
2005	5 th	Bring Team	Dave R, Doug P, Alfred S
2006	2 nd	Bring Team	Alfred S, Cliff V, Chuck King
2007	4 th	Six Man Draft	Alex B, Tom Parr, Glen T, William
Renskers, Larry Degraffenreid			
2007	3 rd	Singles	
2008	3 rd	Singles	
2009	4 th	Singles	
2009	4 th	Bring Partner	Doug Paben
2010	2 nd	Singles	
2011	2 nd	Bring Team	Craig W, Dave R, Stan A
2011	3 rd	Singles	
2012	1 st	Doubles	Mike Kinney
2012	3 rd	ingles	
2013	2 nd	Singles	
2013	2 nd	A/B	Louise Williams

President's Day

2011	1 st	Bring Partner	Steve Soltis
2012	2 ⁿ	Bring Partner	Steve Soltis
2014	2 ⁿ	Singles	

Marlin Open

2013	2 nd	Singles	
2013	1 st	Bring Partner	David Williams Jr.
2014	1 st	Singles	

Williams Thanksgiving Classic

2002	1 st	Bring Partner	Kyle White
2002	3 rd	Singles	
2003	1 st	Bring Partner	Harvey Walden

Champion Shuffleboard Open

2006	1 st	Bring Team	Dave Ramold, Doug Paben, James
Cummings			
2006	1 st	Singles	
2011	2 ⁿ	Singles	
2011	2 ⁿ	Four Man Draft	Dwayne Maxwell, Gary Mahaffey,
Robert Price			

Houston Thanksgiving Tourney

2006	1 st	Singles	
2007	1 st	Bring Partner	Phil Railsback



Taz Country MDA Benefit Tourney

2001 1st A/B Sean Sutton
2001 1st ABC Glenn Bennight, Gene Criminger
2001 1st A/B Debbie Sexton



Mike, Rick Jenzen and Josh Aduddell

Taz Country "Mardi Gras" Tourney

2005 1st Singles

Board Talk Open

2002 1st Six Person Draft Doug P, Danny N, Debbie S, Jerry Wms, Carol B
2004 3rd Four Person Draft Doug Paben, Tony Pelton, Jeri Williams

5th Annual Spring Fling

2001 2nd Four Person Draft Don Scruggs, Trevor Wade, Tony F
2001 1st Singles

WWW XIII Mens Events

2011 2nd A/B Josh Aduddell
2011 1st Bring Partner Bobby Golightly

Texas Grand Slam

1999 2nd Bring Partner Craig white



Mike and Craig White
Texas Open 2008
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Post Open Singles

1st Singles

French Connection Benefit

2007 3rd A/B Holly Kofod
2007 4th Four Person Draft Connie Sitton, Phil Railsback, Danny Green

Triple Crown

2001 1st Draw Partner Frank Huffman

Wynnewood Memorial Day

2014 1st Singles
2014 3rd Doubles Eddie Villareal
2014 3rd 4 person draw Nancy Tice, Kenny Brewer, Ricky Cook

Mike and Bobby Golightly



TESTIMONIALS

T.S.A. President : Mark Gray

I can't think of a more deserving person for this award than you Mike! What you brought to the game of shuffleboard is unmatched by any standard. You brought a different game and by that I mean I would look over at your board and every weight would be up. Not that this is so unusual, but in the opening frame? Your board play is the best. I am proud to have known you and to call you my friend. Congratulations on your Induction into the Texas Hall Of fame.

Jim Payne

Congratulations Mike!! Ever since I started playing I have always considered you one of the top players in the game. Without a doubt you are the best 'board' man. I learned early on that leaving weights on the board is the quickest way to give up points to you and your outstanding shot making ability. By the way all of us pro's are still trying to locate your old weights so you can start lagging with them again! lol

Ron Bowers

Mike Taylor is truly one of table shuffleboards greatest ambassadors . He has never denied anyone who has very asked him for help. He is the perfect example of what a great shuffleboard player should be. His honesty and sportsmanship are above reproach. His shuffleboard work and practice ethics are untouched by anyone that I know. Beginning players should strive to follow in Mike's footsteps.

As a member of the Rating Committee, Mike has been a big help over the years with advice and guidance in mine and Debbie's efforts to improve the Bowers Rating System.

I am very honored and proud to say he is one of my best friends.

Don Valk

I have known Mike Taylor since he was in his early 20's. From the very first, he demonstrated a superior aptitude and drive to learn and play our game. The words quit or slow down are not in his vocabulary. With his love for the game, there was no doubt in my mind that he would become a pro player. Mike takes time to share his skills and advice with new players and promotes the game wherever he goes. Mike has integrity, is honest and respects the game. He is a class person and player. In my opinion, his induction into the Texas State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame is well deserved.

Mike, in the future, I hope to see you inducted into the TSA Hall of Fame.



Eddie Villarreal , Don Valk
and Mike Taylor

Congratulations Mike,

I started playing shuffleboard competitively in 2008. I met Mike at the Houston Holiday Open that year. His play intrigued me. It was different than what I was learning at Volcano's. He seemed to want MORE weights on the board instead of lagging on an open board.

I started watching him play everywhere I traveled. I watched him move his weights, and sometimes his opponent's weights, to better places on the board for him to score. He is able to get the most conservative player to play his game. His ability to score without relying on his hammer is unmatched.

We have played together and against each other many times. He has taught me there are many ways to win a game and that game strategy should be fluid. He never loses his cool, calm demeanor. Mike is certainly deserving of this award.

Again, congratulations to a great friend,

Stan Atteberry

Mike

Before I ever met you, I had heard stories from Beverly Lindquist. I had retired and I had just started getting serious about shuffleboard and I was practicing every day at Triple Crown. Bev said I reminded her of someone named Mike Taylor that had moved to Austin. He was younger, but practiced and played constantly and had become a Pro. He formed a Fun Hangers League team with all women (imagine that) named the King and His Harem. You were one of her Favorites.

Well that was in 2000, and we became friends over the years, played in many tournaments and enjoyed shuffleboard together. Ok some memories. First of all Mike I will always remember you as one of the nicest and most courteous Pro's in the game and I will always respect you for that. You were always willing to take a new player and improve their game and I don't ever remember you saying that they had to earn(\$\$) their way to becoming a better player. While I was running the Houston Holiday Open, you seemed to be unbeatable. Singles, Bring Partner, 6 Person, you seemed to always win it or be in the money. You had a hell of a streak. Your ability to come from behind and make those miraculous shots to win were legendary. Actually, I think you used to get behind just to show you could come back for a miraculous win. How many times did I see you have to spot 3 to 5 points just to get other Pros to play against you. I remember playing you for \$\$, at TC one night after you had been on the famous "Board 3" for about 10 hours. I was playing well, but you were rapping 3s and 4s around my deep 2s. Needless to say you got the better of me. I will never forget our Four Person Team in Garland somewhere around 2005. It was you, Ramold, Paben and myself. We marched thru some really tough competition and met

Jeri and Di's team in the finals. With magic shots from yourself and the final miracle shot from Ramold, we won the event. That was probably one of the most memorable matches I've played in and I was proud to be on your team. Remember the 2003 "Don't Sing It Bring It" tourney at TC. \$1000 entry for Singles and I think you were the first to give me your money, you were ready. I have included your picture and a group picture from that memorable event. Let's do it again!

So now all of your hard work, tourney wins and courteous behavior have earned you a spot with other Texas Immortals. Mike, I couldn't agree more. Congratulations on having a great career, being a great ambassador for the game and your much deserved induction into the prestigious Texas Hall of Fame.

James Cummings



There are some players you just really enjoy playing. Through the years I've enjoyed playing 1000's of games but the most fun I have is when I'm playing Granvil Humphries, Billy Mays, Darrol Nelson or Mike Taylor. They can make shots that make you step up your game if you want to have any chance to beat them. Mike has the best hands in the game today. It's a pleasure to play him and it's been a pleasure to watch his game mature over the years. This is a well deserved honor. Congratulations!

Bill Melton

I played Mike in the finals of the Singles and Doubles in the 1st Texas State Championships in Houston 16 years ago. He was a kid at the time but didn't lack confidence. He told me he was going to win and be the state champion. Well I won both events, but I've never meet a more determined player seeking to be the best. We traded championship title over the next several years, but now I'm sure he has surpassed me. He's worked very hard and had become the #1 rated player for the last 3 years. Mike s very deserving of this honor. He's never seen a match game that he didn't like no matter the spot or odds.

David Williams Sr.

I first met Mike in Del City many years ago. He came up to me stating that he wanted to play a game for \$20. Was somewhat taken aback, was he an unknown hustler? Not matter I was in my hay day and felt I could play anyone. Poor Mike was not very good but he insisted we play more games to improve his game. After that tournament he would badger me and David – insisting on walking the board on us. He didn't fare any better that year but his persistence has paid off. He is an excellent player, probably the best player in the sport. He is for sure the best guy on guy French kisser in the sport! Congratulations on this honor.

Your friend,

Bobby Williams

Mike Taylor is one if the first and also one of the closest friends I have made in the Shuffleboard world in my 14 years of playing. When I started playing Mike was on his way to becoming a great and I always admired his willingness to play anybody, even before he was at the highest level. I can remember my father telling me that Mike was going to be one of the best, and compliment how talented he was. For the first few years of my career Mike and I spent countless nights gambling with whoever we could get a game with, even if overmatched we didn't care. Whether it was being licked in the Gold Nugget until morning or just staying up through the night playing at ask the big tournaments, we were always playing. I loved how he would allow me to go around anything unlike most the better players that just wanted me to hit weights. I think that playing with and learning from him so much is a major reason I have reached the highest level myself. He has become no doubt the best player in the world and has been for a number of years in my opinion. His accomplishments in shuffleboard speak for themselves. I don't think there will ever be a more talented shot maker than Mike. He seems to have an eye that finds shots most don't even see much less are willing to attempt. he loves to be in the spotlight in big games and I usually cringe when a big crowd is watching because 9 times out if 10 he is going to make an unbelievable shot to beat me. We have had a lot of great times both in and outside shuffleboard, along with more than a few crazy stories that I cant share. He is an unmatched talent, and great father & one of my best friends. There isn't a player around more deserving of this great honor.

Congratulations Mike!

David Williams Jr

What can I possibly say that so many others have not already said about Mike?

First off, when I think of what a shuffleboard player should look like, feel like and smell like, a vision of Mike comes to mind. He is the modern representation of what true shuffleboard players have evolved into. Donning appealing smiles to embrace the room with positive energy but yet inflicting one after another of deadly accurate weight shots devastating his opponent and keeping him continuously in the winner's circle. Now that's my kind of shuffleboard player.

My FIRST ENCOUNTER of the BOARD BEAST was in 2004 at Taz Country in Pflugerville. Ronnie McMellon, Rick McFarland and I would go over there and play in the Friday night draws. Mike always made us feel welcome when we walked in the door. He wasn't worried about drawing one of us 4.00s because he knew he could make up the difference on his end. At that time we didn't have to reach too far in the pocket because it was just a ten dollar draw. It wasn't until later that it started to get expensive, if you know what I mean.

From there our friendship started and it grew over the years. Believe it or not playing 30+ games of shuffleboard in one day can get a little boring, especially if you are Mike and always on the winning side of those games. Well, to spice things up a bit it wasn't uncommon for Mike to challenge me to an all out wrestling match, usually resulting in ME ending up on the floor. It was truly a brotherly experience and we always kissed and made up.

Talents, Mike has so many talents on and off the board, too many to mention. However, one NOT being his blueprint to a good driving pattern. Let's just say his finesse play on the board is NOT similar to his driving style. I will never forget one of our trips to Oklahoma for the Southwest Open Tournament. It was Mike, Craig, Ron Bowers and I. The trip was going well. We were all having good conversation and were making great time due to Mike's persistence in keeping his speed up over, let's just say 90 for the faint of heart. Well, the sky darkened, the rain set in and the road was brimming with water. Most people would slow it down just a bit, but not Mike. This went on for several miles and then Ron and I began to look at each other with pure terror as Mike and Craig thought nothing of it and continued to carry on a normal conversation. I wonder to this day whose knuckles were the whitest from holding on for dear life, Ron's or mine. This story ends well as most do when you run with Taylor. He goes on to win singles and we all get home safely.

Mike's knowledge of the game and his dedication to the game is unsurpassed by none. His desire to be the best at the game, his competitiveness, and his

sportsmanship, are all second to none. Mike has an over abundance of these attributes and it shows with every weight he throws, every game he plays and every match that he wins. He has taught us ALL a little bit about the game but most importantly he has taught me what it means to be a true friend. I know no one, who is directly involved in my life, any more deserving of this award than Mike.

Congratulations to you my other BROTHER, my FRIEND

and my board PARTNER. ***Doug Morgan***

Mike Taylor was the first Pro-level player I met when I first started playing tournament shuffleboard. He was always kind, respectful, and willing to help me learn the basics of the game even though it didn't appear I would ever grasp any of it. He is a great ambassador for the game of shuffleboard; always willing to help players improve and sharing his love of the game.

In the six years I have known him, Mike has always been one of the top-rated players in the country and a favorite to win in any event his playing. He is one of the most feared shuffleboard players in the game with his ability to create chaos out of order and order out of chaos. He has an uncanny ability to read a board and find shots that don't appear to be possible. He is consistently able to bring out the best in his partners while also seeming to befuddle his opponents. Players of all skill levels enjoy watching him perform his magic on the board.

I am proud of Mike's accomplishments and contributions as a player, mentor and promoter of this game we all love. I can think of no one more deserving of induction into the Texas Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. My shuffleboard experiences, from my nervous beginnings through my successes, have been greatly enhanced because of the person and the player—Mike Taylor.

Travis Ward

I met Mike Taylor 5 years ago at my dad's inaugural "Fall Fandango" in Friendswood. I had been playing league for a solid 6 weeks at the time. My dad came over to me, points to Mike and says, "Do you know who that is? That's Mike Taylor; he's the best player in the world!" I remember thinking to myself, "So what the heck is he doing here?" But I think I retorted with something along the lines of, "That guy that's been playing Quarters and shooting Cuervo with us back here for the last 30 minutes?" Yeah, that was him alright. I don't think much has changed since. Of course I could speak of his accolades, but those speak

for themselves. I instead want to thank Mike for what his friendship has done for me.

Taylor, thank you for the countless hours of talk-- the late night game play-by-play of scenarios and strategy. Your knowledge has helped to provide a solid foundation upon which to improve my game. Thank you for your continued support as both a friend and mentor. Thank you for opening up your house to me and my family. I know I can always count on you to make me smile with some goofy dance or that ridiculously contagious laugh. Your passion for this game and life in general leaves a mark on everyone that crosses your path. I wouldn't be the person nor the player I am today if it weren't for all of these things and more.

Congratulations T. You are completely deserving.

Love,

Casey Ables



Mike and Casey Ables

Congratulations Mike! This is a well-deserved honor and certainly one of many to come. You are one of the kindest hearts I know and you are a top notch Ambassador for the game. Your leadership through the boundless support and respect you show all players; new, experienced, young or old; makes us a better community. It's an honor to know you and to play with you.

Debbie Sexton



Congratulations Mike from the Texas State Shuffleboard Board of Directors.