

## **HISTORY OF THE CSA TEAM TOURNAMENT**

1959 – 2003

(renamed) **THE CSA CLASSIC TEAM TOURNAMENT** 2003 – 2007

(renamed) **THE CSA SOBOBA CLASSIC TEAM TOURNAMENT** 2007 – 2019

The California Shuffleboard Association had always held The CSA Team Tournament since its inception in 1959. The tournament was open to only those active districts in the state Of California and was funded by the CSA association and player entrance fee. In 2003 the decision was made to open the tournament up other states that would like to participate with the main emphasis being on the Arizona snowbird players returning to their northern states or Canada at the end of March. Because Hemet, CA was on their route home to Canada the Arizona snowbirds began fielding several teams for this event. The CSA now began asking local businesses and the City of Hemet to support this event with grant support money. The tournament name was changed to the CSA Classic Team Tournament which enabled other state district players to participate beginning in 2003. A larger classic committee was established to oversee the event, make decisions about awards, programs, and all things now associated with a larger group of players. Marty Boyajian and Ray Patterson, both members of Hemet Municipal Shuffleboard Club were in charge of this volunteer committee. This classic committee still exists today with many volunteers who devote their time and energy and ideas each year to the event success. This committee begins working on the upcoming tournament eight to nine months in advanced.

In 2007, the committee still headed by Marty Boyajian put forth a request to the Soboba Tribal Council to become the main sponsor of the CSA Classic Team Tournament. The Council agreed to the grant request and the tournament was renamed THE CSA SOBOBA CLASSIC TEAM TOURNAMENT. Some of the smaller local businesses remained as supporters. Until 2016, all grant requests were made directly to the tribal council.

### **THE SOBOBA FOUNDATION HISTORY**

The Soboba Foundation was established in 2010 and receives its funding to the foundation from the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Beginning in 2015 the CSA Association submitted a request for grant support of the team event to the foundation instead of the Tribal Council. The vision of the Soboba Foundation can be seen through the mission statement which is to provide financial assistance for educational and charitable activities that preserve the culture heritage of the Soboba Bank of Luiseno Indians and support Native American and local community programs. By striving to achieve this mission statement and overall vision of the Tribe, the Foundation is able to provide much-needed assistance and funding to organizations and charities that are in need of support. Specifically the Foundation aims to support education, health, economic development and special projects within Southern California.

In addition to sponsoring the CSA SOBOBA CLASSIC TEAM TOURNAMENT the Foundation supports the NATIONAL ANY DOUBLES tournament that takes place before or after the Classic tournament.

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