

Andy Mitchell and Andy Kasalo

Inducted 2013



Andy Mitchell and Andy Kasalo at the Kalamazoo 2013 Pig Roast after being recognized for their induction earlier that year into the National Paddleball Association's Hall of Fame. Photo taken by Lorri Brigham

The choice for first to be inducted was an easy one: Andy Kasalo and Andy Mitchell. It is hard to imagine any doubles team ever matching the record amassed by this dynamic team from Kalamazoo, Michigan, "the Andys". They dominated the Open Doubles Division for 22 years.

They earned twenty National Open Doubles titles from 1981 to 2003. Fifteen of those titles were captured in consecutive years.

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Kasalo was hampered by several injuries, if not for that, “the Andys” could very well have claimed more doubles titles.

In addition to this impressive doubles record, Kasalo earned Open Singles National Championships in 1988 and 1992.

At the date of induction, Mitchell had earned eighteen additional national titles: three Open Singles, one Seniors Singles, two Seniors Doubles, five Masters Singles, five Masters Doubles, one Golden Singles, and one Golden Doubles. That is **thirty-eight** national titles.

Both of the Andys have served on the NPA Board of Managers. Both have been awarded NPA’s highest award for contributions to the sport, The Earl Risky: Kasalo in 1981 and Mitchell in 1997.

NATIONAL SINGLES DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kasalo (2)

1988 Men’s Open

1992 Men’s Open

Mitchell (10)

1999 Men’s Open

2009 Master’s

2000 Men’s Open

2010 Master’s

2001 Men’s Open

2011 Master’s

1993 Senior’s

2012 Master’s

2001 Master’s

2010 Golden

NATIONAL DOUBLES DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mitchell with someone other than Kasalo (8)

1993 Senior’s with Pepper Powers

2008 Master’s with Ed Maher

2006 Senior’s with Don Kirkconnell

2011 Master’s with Steve Trent

2004 Master’s with Mike Carlson

2012 Master’s with Ed Maher

2005 Master’s with Steve Trent

2009 Golden with Dan McLaughlin

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NATIONAL DOUBLES DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a team

1981 Men's Open
1983 Men's Open
1984 Men's Open
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