

**HALL OF FAME CLASSIC
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UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

HISTORY

by *Kathy Brainard*

The United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame was founded in 1986 by Johnny Lott, a two-time World Champion, long-time promoter and now Hall of Fame member himself (2000 inductee). At the 1986 Reunion Tournament organized by Lott in Los Angeles, twelve charter members were inducted, based on their tremendous influence on the growth and development of the sport of table soccer in the U.S. during the 1960s and 1970s. (See full list of members on back cover.)

The Table Soccer Hall of Fame then lay dormant for ten years. In 1996, the Tornado table soccer company re-introduced the Hall of Fame ceremony as part of its national tour, changing the name of the annual Tour Kick-Off tournament to the Hall of Fame Classic. An induction committee was formed, comprised of veteran players and promoters, including several of the charter Hall of Fame members. It was chaired by player and “fooscaster” Jim Stevens (2006 inductee), who established the criteria and presided over the annual nomination and voting process by the committee members. From 1996 to 2010, 21 more deserving individuals were inducted.

In 2010, Kelye Stites, the new owner of Valley-Dynamo (the company that manufactures the Tornado foosball table), turned the management of Tornado tour events, including the Hall Of Fame induction process, over to Mary Moore of Independent Foosball Promotions. Under Mary’s leadership, a new induction process, including more specific criteria, has been put into place, beginning with the 2011 Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2013 COMMITTEE

1. **Kathy Brainard**
2. **Johnny Lott**
3. **Steve Beine**
4. **Mary Moore**

**USA TABLE SOCCER
HALL OF FAME
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1. Mike Belz
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9. Dave Gummeson
10. Todd Loffredo
11. Johnny Lott
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13. Terry Moore
14. Steve Murray
15. Link Pendley
16. Cal Rogers
17. Steve Simon
18. John Smith
19. Billy Sumption
20. Vicki Swanson
21. Tina Wyatt

THE INDUCTION PROCESS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the U.S. Table Soccer Hall of Fame is to recognize the contributions of those who have had a *significant positive impact* on the evolution, development and perpetuation of table soccer in the United States by inducting them into the Hall of Fame.

The following criteria are to be used as guidelines for eligibility. In addition to these minimum requirements, an inductee's record should reflect *an ethical and professional lifestyle while involved as a player on the U.S. national table soccer tour.*

CRITERIA

Induction into the United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame should be the crowning achievement in an individual's table soccer career. It should be reserved for recognizing only the very "best of the best."

Chronological order should be followed in the induction process.

CATEGORIES

There are four categories for induction in the U.S. Table Soccer Hall of Fame:

- 1) Player
- 2) Player/Promoter
- 3) Promoter
- 4) Honorary

1. PLAYER

Players become eligible for induction 15 years after earning pro status, or after winning their first championship title at a major tournament on the U.S. national tour

Criteria:

To be inducted, a player must meet **at least two of the following four criteria.**

1. Win at least one U.S. World Championship title in an open category of play. (Open categories include the following events: Open Doubles, Open Singles, Women's Doubles, Women's Singles, and Mixed Doubles.)
2. Win multiple regional and national titles over a five-year time period;
3. Maintain the highest level of ranking (Pro, Master, Pro-Master, depending on the decade) for at least five years;
4. Make a significant contribution to the development of playing techniques at the professional level. This could include the invention or development of a new shot, a new pass, a new defense, or any technique that has greatly contributed to the professional style of play in the United States.

2. PLAYER/PROMOTER

Many top regional and national players also become influential promoters of the sport of table soccer, bringing the unique perspective of a player to the promotional and marketing aspect of the sport. Being inducted as a Player/Promoter recognizes the inductee's contributions in both areas. Player/Promoters become eligible for induction 15 years after their first major impact on the sport as a regional or national promoter.

Criteria (must meet both):

1. Achieve regional or national pro status at some time during their career as a player;
2. Make a significant contribution to the promotional development of the sport of table soccer at the regional or national level for at least five years. This could include any of the following: the production of promotional media (newsletters, books, videos); promotional work as a staff member of a players' association or other promotional business; the running of major leagues, tournaments, or tours; development, promotions or sales at the manufacturing level of the sport.

3. PROMOTER

Promoters become eligible for induction 15 years after their first major impact on the sport as a regional or national promoter.

Criteria:

To be inducted, an individual or group of individuals must make a significant contribution to the promotional development of the sport of table soccer at the regional or national level for at least five years. This could include any of the following:

- the running of major leagues, tournaments, or tours;
- the production of promotional media (newsletters, books, videos);
- promotional work as a staff member of a players' association or other promotional business;
- research, development, promotions or sales at the manufacturing level of the sport.

4. HONORARY

Some players or promoters who are not U.S. citizens have had a significant impact on the evolution, development and perpetuation of table soccer in the United States. They may become Honorary Inductees of the U.S. Table Soccer Hall of Fame by meeting the above criteria for Player, Promoter or Player/Promoter.

PROCESS

NOMINATIONS

Individuals may be nominated in two ways:

1. Any U.S. citizen can email ifpprotourhof@gmail.com and submit the name of any player or promoter who meets the criteria. An individual may only nominate one person per year.
2. The Electoral Board, consisting of current members of the Hall of Fame, may also submit nominations.

ELECTION The Electoral Board will vote on the nominees to determine the Annual Inductees.

NOTIFICATION AND AWARDS

The Annual Inductees will be notified of their induction several weeks prior to the Hall of Fame Ceremony to give them reasonable planning time to attend the ceremony. Each Inductee will receive a tournament VIP pass for complimentary events for the weekend, HOF Plaque, and HOF Jacket.

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2013 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:
PLAYER
BEV FROOM**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1975-1981 Bev Froom, Portland, OR

- 2 World titles

Pioneer pro woman playing in both women's and open events

Multiple top 3 wins on Tournament

Soccer tour

Career Highlights:

1978-81: T. Soccer Master Status

1980: T. Soccer \$100,000 West W.C.:

1st/MD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Kickoff:

1st/MD, 1st/HWD

1979: T. Soccer Professionalism Award

T. Soccer Sportsmanship Award

T. Soccer \$250,000 W.C.: 3rd/MD

T. Soccer \$50,000 Reno Classic:

3rd/MD, 3rd/WS

1978: T. Soccer \$100,000 Chicago Classic:

2nd/MD

T. Soccer \$20,000 Portland Open:

2nd/WD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Open: 1st/MD,

3rd/WD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Time Zone:

3rd/WS

T. Soccer \$10,000 Eugene Pro-Am:

1st/WS

T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Kickoff:

1st/MD

1977: T. Soccer \$250,000 W.C.:

3rd/WD

T. Soccer \$25,000 Western States:

2nd/WD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Kickoff:

3rd/MD, 1st/WD

1976: T. Soccer \$125,000 International:

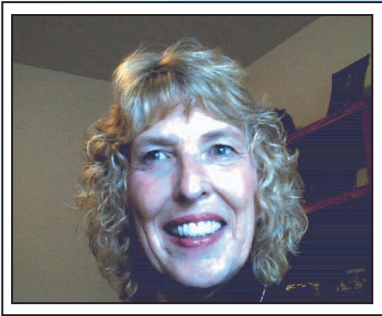
1st/MD



Bev Froom & Ken Alwell



Bev Froom & Rick "Redeye" Beberg



Bev was born in Coos Bay, Oregon and raised in Portland, Oregon. She received her degree in Respiratory Therapy from the University Medical Center in Savannah, GA. She worked as a Department Head for two hospitals in Portland until she got the “foosball bug.”

She started playing in 1975 and began touring in 1976. She quickly established herself as a top goalie on

tour, playing in both Women’s and Open events. She struck gold at her first World Championships, taking 1st in Mixed Doubles at the T.S. \$125,000 World Championships with her regular mixed partner, Rick Beberg from Chico, California. For 1976, Bev was the second highest women and 12th overall on the T.S. top money winners’ list, earning \$7,283! In 1978, she joined the Tournament Soccer crew in Seattle, and achieved Master Status on the TS tour.

She moved back to Portland in 1980 and in 1981 she married Rich “Orf” Orefice, one of Portland’s top forwards. Bev and Rich traveled as a “beat the pro team” in Oregon and southern Washington, and never lost a game! After a great career in foosball, Bev retired from the sport in 1981. That’s when she discovered her love of golf! Her favorite spots to golf are Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Palm Springs area. She also played competitive Slow-Pitch Softball for 15 years during the 1980s-1990s.

Bev worked as Buyer/Planner at Peco Manufacturing for 25 years, and also worked as a Master Planner for Suntron and Oracle until 2011. Last year Bev traveled to San Francisco to become a certified International Tour Director. She officially retired in February 2013.

Bev and Rich divorced in 2002. Bev has a daughter, Angie, who graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Biology. They are avid Oregon Duck fans!

Here are some of Bev’s favorite foosball memories:

--Winning a MD title in Minneapolis while using a cane for a broken tailbone that she received riding horses at the home of fooser Mike Hannah in Ashland, Oregon.

--Getting to be on the TV sports series “Games People Play” at Kings Island Amusement Park near Cincinnati, Ohio, in July 1980. Hosts were Johnny Bench and Donna Devarona. Bev was one of four women chosen to compete against four male pros. (The other contestants were Rochelle Creegan, Maggie Tolisano, Carrie Crowell, Mike Bowers, Johnny Lott, Jim Wiswell, and Doug Furry.)

-- Traveling to tourneys in a caravan of 3-5 vehicles. Meeting so many great people and staying with foosers all over the country. Bev traveled to all but 4 states in the US, as well as to the Bahamas and Canada for foosball!

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2013 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:
PLAYER/PROMOTER
KEN ALWELL**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1976-2002 Ken Alwell, Minneapolis, MN

– 2 World finals

Multi-decade, multi-table
Master player and promoter
Multiple top 3 wins on Tournament
Soccer tour;

Career Highlights:

1999-2002 Founder, Executive Director,
Tournament Director, NATSA
1994: Tornado \$100,000 W.C.: 2nd/MD
1979: T. Soccer \$100,000 Super Doubles:
2nd/SS, 1st/OD
T. Soccer \$250,000 W.C.: 3rd/MD
T. Soccer \$50,000 Reno Classic 3rd/OD,
3rd/MD
1978: T. Soccer \$25,000 St. Louis:
2nd/MD
T. Soccer \$100,000 Chicago: 2nd/OD,
2nd/MD
T Soccer \$50,000 Cleveland: 2nd/OD,
2nd/MD
T. Soccer \$10,000 Vail: 2nd/OD
T. Soccer \$25,000 Indianapolis: 1st/OS,
3rd/HMD
T. Soccer \$20,000 Portland Open:
1st/OD
T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Open:
1st/MD
T. Soccer \$25,000 Los Angeles:
2nd/MD
T. Soccer \$50,000 New York Open:
2nd/OD, 3rd/MD
T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Kickoff:
3rd/OD
1977-81: T. Soccer Master Status
1977: T. Soccer \$250,000 W.C.:
2nd/OD
T. Soccer \$10,000 Illinois State:
1st/OD



Ken Alwell & “Smiley” Scheuer



Alwell & Bowers
Cold Steel, Blue Flame



Ken Alwell is one of the elite superstars of the Tournament Soccer era. He was born in Iowa, but raised in Minnesota, and he became an illustrious member of that state's royal foosball dynasty.

There was lots of foosball in the Minneapolis area in the 70s and Ken was able to start playing the game at a local bowling alley at the young age of 13. "Once in high school," Ken recalls, "I had the opportunity to compete in the 'Nut Goodie' high school state championships—my first introduction to tournament style play."

Ken first heard about the pro tour when he worked at McDonalds with Mike Belz, who had recently traveled to the 1975 TS Worlds in Denver and took second place with Brent Bednar! Not long after that, Mike went to work at a local arcade, where he showed Ken how to shoot a pushkick.

Ken started touring in 1976, at the age of 19. He hit the road to Denver to follow the TS tour, traveling for 5 weeks with Guy Vogelbacher and Brent Bednar. In Denver, all of the top players stayed at Mike Bowers house. Bowers took me under his wing and we held the table at his house for hours.

Ken's first big win in OD was at a regional event when he partnered with Minnesota player, Mark "Smiley" Scheuer, for the first time. Ken and Smiley went on to win in many tour events until Smiley retired in 1978.

For Ken, his most memorable foosball event took place at the 1977 Tournament Soccer \$250,000 World Championships in St. Louis. "I'd spent the previous month living at Smiley's apartment practicing constantly. So we were prepared, but the spectacle of that event was amazing. The set up, the press, the competition—it was incredible. And then there was Todd and Gil. We lost to them twice, in nearly identical matches." Loffredo and Jackson split \$25,000 for first, with Alwell and Scheuer taking \$11,000 for second!

Ken credits Belz and Smiley as his most influential players. "Smiley really was a student of the game. He taught me to break things down, to strive to have a complete game—a high percentage game without unforced errors."

Ken took a long break from the game when TS folded in 1981. He returned in 1994 to win Doubles at two Tornado tour stops and take second in Mixed at the Tornado \$100,000 Worlds. In 1999, he once again returned to foosball, this time to promote the sport. He created a new players association, the North American Table Soccer Association, and quickly made some remarkable sponsorship deals by signing high tech corporations such as Dell Computers. NATSA staged some major tournaments, including the 2001 \$60,000 Super Doubles in Austin, Texas. NATSA also encouraged youth events by working with the Boys & Girls Clubs. Unfortunately, as the U.S economy and high tech sector faltered, the fortunes of NATSA did as well.

These days Ken is continuing his business career in sales, working in the hospitality field. Will he return to foosball promotions? Ken says: "Still nibbling at the edges of foosball and considering another run at bringing some of what I've learned outside of foosball back to the sport."

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2013 INDUCTEE

CATEGORY:
PLAYER
GREGG PERRIE

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1977- current Gregg Perrie, Los Angeles
— 3 World titles, Masters Singles title

Multi-decade, multi-table Master player
 Multiple top 3 wins on TS, Dynamo, Tornado, Warrior. Multiple Tornado Senior titles.

Career Highlights:

- 2010: ITSF W.C., France, Team USA, 3rd SrS, 1st/ World Cup
- 2009: Tornado W.C., Dallas, 1st SrS, 1st SrD
- 1999: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd/OD
- 1998: Tornado \$45,000 U.S. Open: 2nd/OD
- 1997: IFP \$13,000 Car Qual. 2nd MD, 2nd/OD
 Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 2nd/OD
 Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 2nd/OD
- 1996: Tornado \$100,000 W.C.: 3rd/OD
 Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st/OS
 Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/MD
 Striker \$40,000 Grand Slam: 3rd/ OS
- 1994: Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 3rd/OS
 Tornado \$35,000 Kickoff: 2nd/OD
- 1993: Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 3rd/OD
- 1992: Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 3rd/OS
 Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 3rd/OD
 Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st/MD
- 1991: Tornado \$15,000 West Coast: 2nd/OS
 Tornado \$75,000 WC: 3rd/OD, 3rd/OS
 Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1st/MS
 Tornado \$35,000 U.S. Open: 1st/OS
- 1988: Tornado \$35,000 WC: 1st/OS
- 1987: USTSA \$45,000 W.C.: 3rd/DOD
 Tornado \$12,000 W.C. II: 2nd/FS
- 1986: Dynamo \$15,000 Intercnt.: 3rd/OD, 3rd/OS
- 1985: Dynamo \$20,000 Nationals: 1st/OD
 Dynamo \$20,000 Super Doubles: 3rd/OS
- 1984: Dynamo \$12,000 U.S. Open: 3rd/OS
- 1983: Dynamo \$7,000 U.S.Open: 2nd/OD, 3rd/OS
- 1982: Coin Sports/Dyn. \$10,000 U.S.Open: 2nd/OD
- 1981: T. Soccer \$150,000 W.C.: 3rd/OD
- 1980: T. Soccer \$25,000 Los Angeles : 2nd/OS
 T. Soccer \$100,000 West W.C.: 1st/MD
 T. Soccer \$10,000 Seattle Kickoff: 3rd/MD
- 1979-1981: T. Soccer Master Status
- 1979: T. Soccer Sportsmanship Award
 T. Soccer \$50,000 Syracuse : 3rd/OS
 T. Soccer \$25,000 Los Angeles : 2nd/OS
 T. Soccer \$10,000 Phoenix: 2nd/OD, 1st/OS
 T. Soccer \$50,000 Super Singles II: 2nd/OD
- 1978: T. Soccer \$100,000 Chicago: 3rd/MD



Jeff & Bow providing commentary
 at the 1984 Dynamo Worlds.



Gregg Perrie, better known in the foosball world by his nickname “Jeep,” has competed on the U.S. pro tour more consistently during four decades than any other player!

A native Californian, Gregg has pursued an acting career in Los Angeles for most of his life, with many roles in television and film. He even had a speaking role in the 1981 foosball film, “Long Shot.” In the last ten years, he has

branched into the management side of the entertainment field.

Gregg first established himself on the T.S. tour by winning Pro Doubles at the 1978 \$10,000 Rochester event with Chicago goalie Jevat Meha. Gregg and Jevat became one of the top doubles team on the tour, with their next big win coming at the 1979 Super Singles II, where they took 2nd in Open Doubles, losing only to Wiswell and Furry.

Gregg also became one of the most successful players in Mixed Doubles, playing with many Hall of Fame women over the years, including Kathy Brainard, Bev Froom, Tina Wyatt, Vicki Chalgren and Lori Schranz. He also made history by playing with top women in Open Doubles, which he says are some of his best memories. He and Lori Schranz took 3rd in that event at the 1981 T.S. \$150,000 World Championships, and he won Open Doubles at the 1985 Dynamo \$20,000 Nationals with Tina Wyatt. He also won Open Doubles at a \$10,000 Wisconsin event with Vicki Chalgren.

Gregg is famous for his high percentage far-wall passing series on the five-bar, as well as his crafty use of his push kick series. He has played the game at its highest level and won some of the biggest titles offered over the years. Landmark victories include: 1st in Mixed Doubles at the 1980 T.S. \$100,000 World Championships West with Bev Froom; 1st in Open Singles at the 1988 Tornado World Championships; 1st in Open Singles at the 1991 Tornado U.S. Open and first in the Tornado Masters Singles that same year, joining a very elite group of Masters Singles winners. In 1996, he took 1st in Mixed at the U.S. Open and followed that with a 1st in Singles at the Tornado Nationals, adding to his list of National titles.

In 2009, Gregg doubled in Senior Singles and Senior Doubles at the Tornado World Championships, earning the right to represent the US at the ITSF World Cup in France. There he placed 3rd in the Senior Singles and played a big role in the US Senior World Cup team taking 1st, playing against the best European Seniors in the multi-table event.

Gregg’s favorite foosball memory is when he won Open Singles at that 1996 Tornado \$50,000 Nationals playing against Hall of Fame member Terry Moore. As Gregg recalls, “It was one of those moments that reminds you never to give up. I was winning 2 games to nothing 4 - 2, ball on my three row for the win, and Terry blocked me, came back to win that game and the next and then had me 4 -2 with the ball on his three row for the win. I blocked him, and came back and won the game and the title on my 38th birthday!”

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2013 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:
PLAYER / PROMOTER
DON CHALIFOUX**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**1978-1993 Don Chalifoux,
Chicago, Illinois**
— **4 World finals, 2 World titles**

Multi-decade, multi-table Master
player and promoter

Multiple top 3 wins on Tournament
Soccer, Dynamo and Tornado tours

Career Highlights:

1997: Tornado \$40,000 U.S. Open:
3rd/OD

1987: USTSA \$45,000 W.C.:
2nd/DOD
USTSA \$10,000 Windy City:
1st/OD

1985: Male Goalie of the Year
Dynamo \$40,000 W.C.:
2nd/OD
Dynamo \$15,000 U.S. Open:
2nd/OD

1984: Dynamo \$15,000 Pro-Am:
1st/OD
Dynamo \$40,000 W.C.: 1st/OD
1982: Dynamo \$25,000 W.C.: 1st/OD
Coin Sports/Dyn. \$10,000 U.S.
Open: 1st/OD
1979: T. Soccer \$25,000 Los Angeles:
2nd/OD
T. Soccer \$10,000 San Francisco
Goalie War: 1st/GW
1978: T. Soccer \$10,000 Rochester:
2nd/PD



1984 Open Doubles Final:
Chalifoux, & Bacon vs. Gibson & Lott





Two-time World Champion Don Chalifoux is one of the few current players who began playing foosball before the 1970s! Born in 1950, Don first played foos in 1969 in Viet Nam and really got hooked on the game when he served in Germany in 1970. His mom once said of him, "I sent my son off to war and he came back a foosball player!" After more than four decades, Don is still actively involved in the sport, playing, promoting and mentoring in his hometown, Chicago.

Don remembers promoting foosball in the early 70s with another Chicago legend, George Petrohelos.

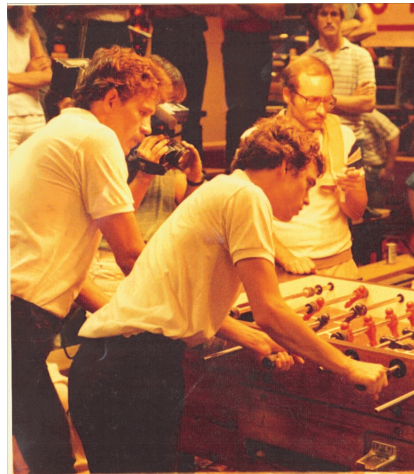
"Petro" joins other well-known names on Don's list of great partners that he has had the honor of playing with. Others include Rick Emmerick (2nd in Novice Doubles at the 1978 \$100,000 Super Doubles), Gregg Perrie (1st in OD, 1979 California State), Ben Rivera (2nd in OD, LA \$25,000, 1979), Ronnie Nevois (4th in OD, \$30,000 World Champions, 1983), Craig Legens, Steve Beine, Danny Casey, Mike Cody, Gerald Knowles, Chad Hanson (1st in OD, Minnesota State and Texas State), and, of course, Tony Bacon.

Don met Tony at a west coast tournament in 1979 and they decided to team up. This terrific partnership led to four Open Doubles finals at the World Championships. Don and Tony took 1st in 1982 and 1984, and 2nd in 1985 and 1987, plus many other OD titles at regional events around the nation.

Don's biggest solo win was when he took 1st place in the 1979 \$10,000 Goalie War tournament in San Francisco. He defeated Arizona's John Shotwell to claim the \$1000 prize money check.

Don is semi-retired now and enjoying life with Gail, his wife of 33 years, in the suburbs of Chicago. The Hall of Fame Electoral Board received a nomination for Don that was endorsed by over 50 of the Chicago area players. The letter states that Don "gives his time, money and home to players," that "he has always been a teacher of the game," and that "he is a true ambassador of the sport and so deserving to be in the Hall of Fame." Amen!

Don stated that he would personally like to thank Johnny Lott for keeping the tour alive in the early 1980s, and to Kathy Brainard, for running the tour in the mid-80s and for "always being there for me and Tony."



Don & Tony on their way to a World Championship title.

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CATEGORY:
PLAYER
RONNIE LEWIS

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1976-1980s Ronnie Lewis, TX
– 1 World title, 2 National titles

Multi-table pro

Multiple top 3 wins on Tornado
& Dynamo tours

Career Highlights:

1977 Dynamo \$19,000 W.C: 1st/OD
(won a Honda Civic)

Dynamo Pensacola: 1st/OD,
1st/MD

Dynamo \$10,000 Atlanta:
2nd/OS

Dynamo \$7500 Birmingham:
2nd/OD, 3rd/OS, 3rd/MD

Tornado Nationals: 1st/OD
(biggest 1977 Tornado event)

Tornado Oklahoma City:
2nd/OS

Tornado New Orleans: 1st/OD,
2nd/OS

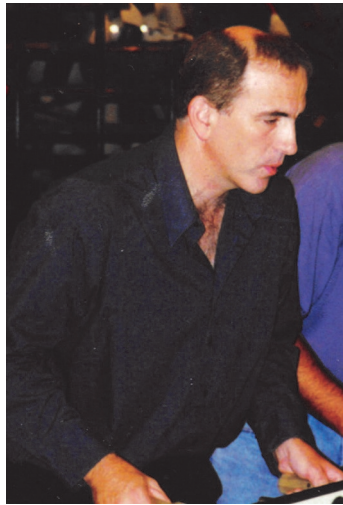
Tornado \$3000 Austin: 1st/OD
Tornado \$3000 Houston:

1st/OD, 2nd/OS

Tornado \$3000 Tulsa: 2nd/MD,
3rd/OS (January)

1976 Tornado \$20,000 Nationals:
1st/MD, 3rd/OD

(biggest 1976 Tornado event)
TS \$5000 Philadelphia, 1st/MD



1976 Tornado National Champions

Houston native Ronnie Lewis is a true Texan legend from the 1970s. He was one of the most dominant Texas-style players of that decade, playing almost exclusively on Texas tables. At the 1976 \$20,000 Tornado National Championships in Dallas, Ronnie won 1st place in Mixed Doubles with partner Kathy Black. He also took 3rd place in Open Doubles with Rett Hardin. That same year, he crossed over to compete in the Tournament Soccer \$5000 Philadelphia tournament and also took 1st place in Mixed, this time playing TS World Champion and HOF member, Karin Gililland.

In 1977, Ronnie won major titles on both the Tornado and Dynamo tours. When he and Rhett attended a tournament, the OD title was theirs! They teamed up to win Open Doubles at the Tornado \$3000 in Austin, the

Tornado \$3000 in Houston, and the Tornado \$3000 in New Orleans. Then, at the biggest Tornado event of 1977, the National Championships in Dallas, Ronnie switched it up and played with Leigh O'Quinn to win the Open Doubles title, defeating the Tournament Soccer power team of Jim Wiswell and Lori Schranz in the finals.

That same year, at the Dynamo event in Pensacola, Ronnie "doubled," winning first in Open Doubles with Dave Ferguson, and first in Mixed with Susan Muhlback. 1977 continued to be a magical year for Ronnie when he traveled to St. Louis for the Dynamo \$19,000 World

Championships. This time he partnered with another Texas legend, Joe Compean, to take first place in Open Doubles, winning a pair of Honda Civics!



1977 Tornado Nationals:
Lewis & O'Quinn vs Wiswell & Schranz



Dynamo \$30,000 Dallas Championships:
Lewis & O'Quinn vs Karin Gililland & Ron Granning

Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada March 20 - 24, 2013

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

1986 Mike Bowers
1986 Karin Gililland
1986 Lori Schranz
1986 Gary Pfeil
1986 Joe Snider
1986 Marcio Bonilla
1986 Billy Sumption
1986 Tom Hansen
1986 Larry Folk
1986 Lawrence Patterson
1986 Bob Hayes
1986 Lee Peppard
1996 Doug Furry
1997 Jim Wiswell
1997 Ed McCloud
1998 Dan Kaiser
1999 Carrie Walegir
1999 Dave Courington
2000 Johnny Lott
2001 Steve Simon
2002 Steve Murray
2003 Bob Furr
2003 Link Pendley

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2004 Brent Bednar
2005 Todd Loffredo
2005 Dieter Thiele
2006 Cindy Head
2006 Jim Stevens
2007 Tom Spear
2008 Terry Moore
2008 Gil Jackson
2009 Dave Gummesson
2010 Tina Rhoton
2011 Mike Belz
2011 John Smith
2011 Kathy Brainard
2012 Vicki Chalgren
2012 Cal Rogers
2012 Mark Crowell
2012 Tim Burns
2012 Rick Martin
2013 Bev Froom
2013 Ken Alwell
2013 Gregg Perrie
2013 Don Chalifoux
2013 Ronnie Lewis

Hall Of Fame Ceremony will be held Saturday at 8:00PM in the Sunset ballroom.