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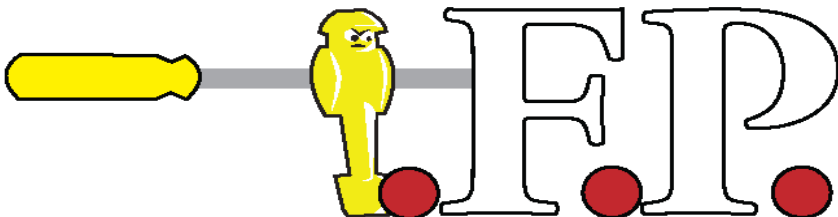


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International Foosball Promotions

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, twenty one 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 International 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 2017 COMMITTEE

1. Steve Beine
2. Kathy Brainard
3. Jim Stevens
4. Mary Moore

**USA TABLE SOCCER
HALL OF FAME
2017 ELECTORAL BOARD**

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Mark Crowell	Mary Moore
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Dave Gummeson	Tiffany Moore
Cindy Head	Gena Murray
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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:

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."

CATEGORIES

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

- 1) Player
- 2) Contributor (Must receive at least 7 votes).
- 3) Female Player
- 4) Player at Large

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 or World Tour.

Criteria:

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

1. Win at least one 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, Pro-Master, 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. FEMALE PLAYER

Female 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.

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 that meets the criteria. Any individual may only nominate one person per year. The individual nominating the player or promoter should provide documentation supporting their nomination for the player or promoter.
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 months 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, HOF Jacket and Dinner/Party.

USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2017 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:
PLAYER
Bobby Diaz**

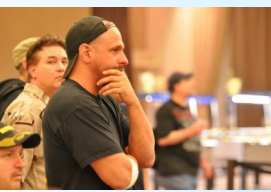
1989-current Bobby Diaz, Florida – 7 World finals, 2 World titles, 7-time Male Goalie of the Year,

- Multi-decade, Tornado Pro-Master player
- 2016: IFP \$65,000 World Champ: 3rd/OD
IFP \$65,000 World Champ: 2nd/SrD
- 2014: Tornado \$15,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
IFP \$60,000 World Champ: 1st/OD
- 2010: Tornado \$80,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
- 2009: Tornado \$8,000 Foosball Master Tour 1st/OD
- 2008: U.S. Open, Atlanta, 1st/OD
- 2004: Tornado \$135,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
- 2002: NATSA \$60,000 Super Doubles: 1st/SD, 1st/OD
Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
- 2001: NATSA \$60,000 Super Doubles: 1st/SD, 1st/OD, 2nd/MD
- 2000: Tornado Male Goalie of the Year
Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
- 1999: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
- 1998: Tornado Male Goalie Award
Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
Tornado \$45,000 Nationals: 1st/OD
Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
- 1997: Tornado Male Goalie of the Year
Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 1st/OD
IFP \$40,000 Car Playoffs: 1st/OD, 3rd/OS, 1st/Playoffs
Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 1st/OD
IFP Car Qualifier: 1st/OD
IFP Kentucky State: 1st/OD
Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OD
- 1996: Tornado Male Goalie of the Year
Tornado \$11,000 Florida State: 1st/OD
Tornado N. Carolina State: 1st/OD, 1st/MD
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st/OD
Tornado \$40,000 Masters: 1st/OD, 2nd/MD
Tornado \$30,000 U. S. Open: 1st/OD, 2nd/MD
IFP \$15,000 Superbowl: 2nd/OD, 1st/MD
- 1995: Tornado N. Carolina State: 1st/OD, 1st/MD
Tornado \$11,000 Florida State: 1st/OS, 3rd/MD
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st/MD, 2nd/OD
- 1994: Tornado Male Goalie of the Year
Tornado \$15,000 N. Carolina State: 1st/OD
Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st/OD
Striker \$25,000 Baltimore: 1st/OD, 2nd/MD
- 1993: Tornado Male Goalie of the Year
Striker \$25,000 Las Vegas: 1st/OD
- 1992: Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 2nd/OD
- 1991: Tornado \$15,000 East Coast: 1st/OD



Bobby Diaz, 7-time goalie of the year, began his foosball career at the age of 12 playing at the Treasure Island Fun Center with Scott Marshall, Casey Pruitt and Robbie Burton. Bobby reminisced about playing his first major tournament with Robbie Burton, taking 3rd place in Novice Doubles at the 1986 World Championships.

Throughout the years, Bobby was fortunate to have a strong local player base playing with and against players like Chris Starczewski, Johnny Horton, Scott Rogers, Scott Sine, Karl Miller and Tom Yore in both Tournament Soccer and Dynamo tournaments. Bobby credits Starczewski and Horton as having the greatest early impact on his game with Horton being “the smoothest” and Starczewski being the “ridiculously aggressive digger” he modeled his game after. Bobby recalls Starczewski as being the partner he never had to worry about because “Starczewski always played harder than his partner.”



Bobby has lived on his own since the age of 13 and because of foosball started his own business which lead to foosball and his vending business encompassing his whole life. At 16, Bobby

bought his first coin-op table and put it on location which lead to him buying a second table and placing it at another location. From there, Bobby made the decision at 17 to expand his business by selling his car to purchase a stuffed animal crane to place on location and purchased a CD jukebox to place at another location. To do this, Bobby drove the most rusted out, no A/C, 3-speed on the column, fan on the dashboard, piece of junk you could imagine. But Bobby kept his goal in sight to get into fulltime vending with business partner Casey Pruitt, and become a millionaire by the time he was 30-years-old, which he accomplished! Bobby is now the largest vendor in Pinellas County, and it all started with one foosball table.



Few foosball careers are as successful and decorated as Bobby’s. Bobby is widely



considered one of the greatest goalies to ever play the game and credits his partners, most notably Terry Moore and Ryan Moore, as instrumental to his success. Bobby credits Terry Moore as starting the winning part of his career with their partnership being so dominate in the 90’s and commends Ryan Moore for his incredible skill level with Ryan being the “best” player he’s had the opportunity to partner with.

Bobby and his wife, Jessica, reside in Seminole, Florida, and have four children; Dakota, Shay, Jamisen, and Jackson. Bobby will continue playing the game as long as he plays at a high level and enjoys the competition. Bobby enjoys the time spent with his foosball family on and off the table, which gives him time away from the burden and stress of running a successful business. Congratulations, Bobby, on your induction into the foosball Hall of Fame.



USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

2017 INDUCTEE

CATEGORY:
FEMALE PLAYER
Liz Hill Moore

1991-current Liz Hill, Oklahoma – 11 World finals, 4 World titles, 3-time Tornado Female Forward of the Year, 2-time member of Team USA

Multi-decade, Tornado Pro-Master player



- 2016: \$25,000 Texas State: 1st/WD
 \$20,000 Maryland State: 2nd/WD, 4th/MD
- 2015: ITSF World Champ., Italy, Team USA member
 IFP \$60,000 World Champ: 3rd/WD
- 2014: IFP \$60,000 World Champ: 2nd/WD, 2nd/MD
 Tornado \$20,000 Texas State: 1st/WD, 3rd/MD
 IFP \$20,000 Maryland State: 1st/WD, 2nd/WD
 ITSF World Champ., France, Team USA member
- 2013: IFP Tornado World Champ: 1st/WD, 2nd/WS
 Tornado Texas State: 1st/WD, 2nd/WS, 3rd/MD
- 2012: IFP Tornado World Champ: 1st/WD
- 2011: IFP Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/WS, 2nd/WD
- 2010: \$19,000 Craig Legens Open: 1st/WD, 1st/WS, 2nd/MD
- 2009: Tornado World Champ, Dallas, 1st/WS
- 2000: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 1st/MD, 3rd/WD, 3rd/WS
- 1999: Tornado \$50,000 National: 1st/WD
- 2000: Tornado \$15,000 Texas State: 1st/WS, 1st/WD, 3rd/MD, 3rd/OD
- 1998: Tornado \$45,000 Nationals: 1st/WS, 3rd/WD
 Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 1st/MD
- 1997: Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 2nd/WS, 1st/WD
- 1996: Tornado Starbucks Halloween: 3rd/OD, 1st/MD, 3rd/WD
 Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/MD, 1st/WD, 1st/WS
- 1995: Tornado Female Forward of the Year
 Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st/WD, 1st/WS
 Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/WD, 1st/WS
 Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 2nd/WD, 1st/WS
- 1994: Tornado \$15,000 N. Carolina: 1st/MD, 1st/WS, 1st/WD
 Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 3rd/WD, 1st/WS
- 1993: Tornado Female Forward of the Year
 Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/WD, 1st/WS
 Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/WD, 2nd/WS
 Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 2nd/WD, 1st/WS
- 1992: Tornado Female Forward of the Year
 Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 1st/WD, 2nd/WS
 Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st/WD, 1st/WS
 Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st/MD, 1st/WD, 1st/WS
- 1991: Tornado \$15,000 East Coast: 2nd/MD, 1st/WS, 1st/WD
 Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 1st/WD, 1st/WS



Liz currently resides in Edmond, OK, with her husband, Eric, and their three beautiful children; Eli 15, Cherith 13, and Killian 5. Liz and Eric have a very active family and are heavily involved with their children's activities and church. After nearly 15 years of being a stay at home mom, Liz is excited to begin a new career in Real Estate. Liz has played professional foosball on and off for 28 years and continues to play 5 to 8 tour stops a year including international travel for World Cup.

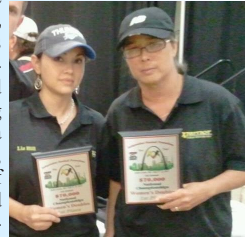


Liz discovered foosball at the age of 14 in Tampa, FL. There were foosball tables at the pool hall near her high school, and one evening Liz discovered a tournament was going on and was intrigued. She began to play the game, and the first time she heard the ball hit the back of the goal she was hooked. That first year Liz went from local tournaments to playing Florida State and her very first tour stop, the 1989 Nationals, where she won novice mixed doubles with partner Rick Ino. Liz attributes much of her early success to being fortunate enough



to play in Tampa with players like Johnny Horton, Ricky Benitez, Mike Green, Bobby Diaz, Tom Yore, Karl Miller, Casey Pruitt, Chris Starzewski...just to name a few. Liz remembers renting a table from Tom Yore, and she practiced day and night.

In the early 90's, at age 18, Liz moved to Tulsa, OK, for more foosball and moved in with her foosball partner, Melanee Tosh. Foosball was just as big in Oklahoma as it was in Tampa, and Link Pendley was running great tournaments at Starbucks. This is where Liz attributes her game evolving into something "beast like,



for a girl." It was here that Liz learned to channel the aggressiveness she learned in Tampa and pair it with the skill needed to win matches. Liz learned early on that physical talent was not enough to win and that it took more to win like learning about your opponent and playing to their weaknesses and tells, saving certain executions for closing a match, when to use or not use a time out to change game momentum, when to get vocal or keep quiet, when to take risks, taking care of possessions and utilizing the time available on each rod. Liz learned this from the steady stream of pros coming through the large tournaments in OK. The technical foundation from the Tampa players, and the style of the Oklahoma pros, was the perfect marriage for her all-around game. While Liz was mostly known as a forward it was at this time she gained recognition for her goalie game as well.



Liz is a big believer in sticking with partnerships that work and believes that having a solid relationship with her partner off the table is something that contributed to her success in doubles. Liz related that Melanee Tosh and Christina Fuchs have

been her two main partners over her career, and made her look good, and that she has also had great success with partners Stephanie Dean and Kathy Adkisson. Liz considers all four partners to be her lifelong friends.



Liz recalled some of her favorite memories and growth in the game came from touring with Terry Moore and players like Evan Stachelek, Rob Mares, and Don Swan. Liz also spent a year touring with Tommy Adkisson, a fellow Oklahoman and foosball Hall of Famer. During this time, Liz often played Open Doubles events, often as Tommy's goalie, where they enjoyed success winning a few and often placing in the top 3. One of Liz's most memorable

moments was coming back to the World Championships in 2009 to win Women's Singles after being away since 2000. She missed foosball so much and was looking forward to playing again and seeing her "foosball family." She was there to enjoy foosball again and was surprised when she won Women's Singles. She couldn't believe she pulled it off after being gone so long! Welcome back, Liz. And congratulations on your Hall of Fame induction!



USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2017 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:
PLAYER
Kenny Rivera**

1972–1981 Kenny Rivera, Portland, Oregon - 1 World title

Highlights: 1975-81: T. Soccer Master Status

2014: Northwest Hall of Legends Inductee

1979: T. Soccer \$250,000 World Champ: 3rd/OD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Vancouver Open: 2nd/OD

T. Soccer \$5,000 Spokane: 1st/OD

T. Soccer \$50,000 Cleveland: 3rd/OD

1978: T. Soccer \$20,000 Portland Open: 2nd/OD

T. Soccer \$10,000 Salt Lake: 1st/OD

1976: T. Soccer \$5,000 Rollerball, Bend OR: 1st/OD

1975: T. Soccer \$100,000 International Champ: 1st/OD





As a goalie, Kenny Rivera is truly legendary. When he and Dan Kaiser defeated the toughest doubles teams from all over the U.S. at the 1975 Denver Tournament Soccer \$100,000 Championships, it was more than just a win. They became the first superstars of foosball, winning a stunning \$10,000 each! AND Ken solidified the reputation of the Northwest goalie play as the *winning* style. Washington goalie Joe Purcell had banked his way to first place in Open Doubles one year before at Elich Gardens. In the new-born world of professional foosball, the score was: Northwest Goalies - 2, the rest of the country - 0.

Kenny started playing foosball in 1972 at the Ram Pub in Lakewood, Washington, developing the game along with other early Northwest greats like Jamie Armitage, Jack Graham, Dave Cardwell, & Doug Gilmer. “My first real tournament was the 1974 \$50,000 tournament at Elich Gardens won by Gordy and Joe. Later that year I moved to Portland and started playing with the likes of Sergio, Milos, banking Joe Snyder, Steve Foss, Bev Froom, Norm Redbird and Tom Whalen.”

Dan Kaiser, originally from Minnesota, was staying in Portland then and he and Kenny partnered up for the big Denver tournament—the equivalent of today’s World Championships...only with more prize money! It was Kenny’s first big win and remains his biggest career highlight. Kenny says that his most fun match was beating Johnny Lott and Paul Daltas at the 1975 championships for winner of the loser’s bracket. He and Kaiser were down 4 to nothing in the 5th game, entering overtime. They came back to win in “sudden death” and went on to defeat Belz and Bednar to win the championship match worth a total of \$32,000!

1979 was another big year for Kenny on the TS Tour. Highlights included placing 3rd with Paul Reynolds at the 1979 \$250,000 World Championships. That winner of the loser’s bracket match was worth a total of \$25,000, with Kenny and Paul winning \$10,000, and Kaiser and Spear ending up with \$15,000 for 2nd. Kenny also won 1st in the \$20,000 Bend Rollerball tournament with Tim “Zeek” Burns. He also took 1st place in open doubles at the \$5000 Spokane Open, teaming with Mark Crowell to defeat just about every big-name team on tour that year, including Martin & Kaiser, Burns & Shotwell, and Spear & Loffredo. That was also the year that he finally achieved his dream of beating Gil Jackson in goalie war, taking first in the \$40,000 Bay Area tourney.



“Just being able to be there and participate in the early years of the tour was the true highlight time of my life. Playing against Hanson, Sumption, Pfeil, Bowers, Lott, Simon, Hunnicutt, Vicki Chalgren, Strand, Belz and Bednar. Touring around the country with these players was the most fun that anyone could ask for. They were foosball royalty. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

Kenny retired from his job in Seattle and has moved back home to Portland. He says, “I have one beautiful son and two beautiful grandsons!” After being retired from foosball for 30 years, he is now playing again and plans to rejoin the tour and see where it takes him. “I plan on resuming my foosball career now! So, to all you new foosball players, I’ll be back!”

Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada March 8 - 12, 2017

UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

1986	Mike Bowers	2009	Dave Gummesson
1986	Karin Gilliland	2010	Tina Rhoton
1986	Lori Schranz	2011	Mike Belz
1986	Gary Pfeil	2011	John Smith
1986	Joe Snider	2011	Kathy Brainard
1986	Marcio Bonilla	2012	Vicki Chalgren Swanson
1986	Billy Sumption	2012	Cal Rogers
1986	Tom Hansen	2012	Mark Crowell
1986	Larry Folk	2012	Tim Burns
1986	Lawrence Patterson	2012	Rick Martin
1986	Bob Hayes	2013	Bev Froom
1986	Lee Peppard	2013	Ken Alwell
1996	Doug Furry	2013	Gregg Perrie
1997	Jim Wiswell	2013	Don Chalifoux
1997	Ed McCloud	2013	Ronnie Lewis
1998	Dan Kaiser	2014	Tony Bacon
1999	Carrie Walegir	2014	Frederico Collignon
1999	Dave Courington	2014	Tracy McMillin
2000	Johnny Lott	2014	Mary Moore
2001	Steve Simon	2014	Tiffany Moore
2002	Steve Murray	2015	Steve Beine
2003	Bob Furr	2015	Johnny Horton
2003	Link Pendley	2015	Robert Mares
2004	Brent Bednar	2015	Gena Murray
2005	Todd Loffredo	2015	Gary Paulak
2005	Dieter Thiele	2016	Tommy Adkisson
2006	Cindy Head	2016	Moya Tielens
2006	Jim Stevens	2016	Adrian Zamora
2007	Tom Spear	2017	Bobby Diaz
2008	Terry Moore	2017	Liz Hill Moore
2008	Gil Jackson	2017	Kenny Rivera

**Hall Of Fame Ceremony will be held
Saturday at 11:00PM in the Sunset ballroom.**