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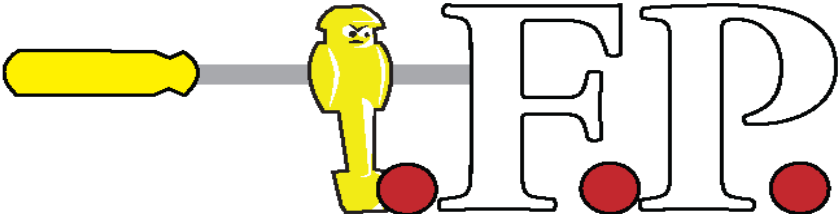
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# UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## HISTORY

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. “fooscaster” Jim Stevens (2006 inductee), who established the criteria and presided over the annual nomination. 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 (2014 inductee) beginning with the 2011 Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Under Mary’s leadership, a new committee oversees the nomination and induction process. Current Hall of Fame members now vote from an eligible list of nominees. Starting in 2020, the nomination process will be revised in reference to minimum age and number of years required for eligibility. More details forthcoming.

## USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2020 COMMITTEE

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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 was used as guidelines for eligibility. Some of these are changing for 2020:

## 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 10 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 two 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 Open Mixed Doubles.);
2. Win multiple regional and national titles over a fifteen-year time period;
3. Maintain the highest level of ranking (Pro, Pro-Master, Master, depending on the decade) for at least fifteen 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. This category does not allow anyone that has tarnished the sport in anyway and must have an outstanding record of sportsmanship and great integrity. Any violations or being banned from the tour or suspended from the tour will not be accepted for nomination.

### **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 Fifteen-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 Fifteen 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 fifteen-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 twenty-years after earning pro status, or after winning their first championship title at a major tournament on the U.S. national tour.

#### **Criteria:**

Refer to player criteria on page 4.

## **PROCESS:**

### **NOMINATIONS**

Individuals may be nominated in two ways:

1. Any U.S. citizen can email [ifpprotourhof@gmail.com](mailto: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

## 2020 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
Christina Fuchs**

1993-current - Christina Fuchs, California  
7 World finals, 3 World titles, Multi-decade,  
multi-table Master, 4-time Tornado Female  
Goalie of the Year, 2002 Female Sportsman-  
ship Award

### Highlights:

- 2016: Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 1st /WD
- 2015: Tornado \$60,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/MD
- 2014: Tornado \$60,000 World Champ: 1st/MD, 2nd/WD  
Warrior Int. Series Palm Springs: 1st/MD,  
1st/WD, 2nd/WS  
Tornado \$20,000 Texas State: 1st/WD
- 2013: Tornado World Champ: 1st/WD  
Warrior \$30,000 Rocky Mountain: 1st/WS, 2nd/WD
- 2012: Tornado World Champ: 1st/WD, 3rd/WS 2005: Tor-  
nado \$60,000 International: 1st/MD
- 2004: Tornado Female Goalie of the Year
- 2003: Tornado \$135,000 World Champ: 2nd/WD  
Tornado \$55,000 Nationals: 1st/MD
- 2002: Tornado Female Sportsmanship of the Year 2001: NATSA \$30,000 Western Open: 1st/ MD, 1st/WD, 3rd/WS
- 2000: Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st/MD, 2nd/WD 1999: Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st/WD
- 1998: Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 2nd/MD 1997: Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/WD  
Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 2nd/WD, 1st/MD
- 1996: Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado N. Carolina State: 2nd/MD, 1st/WS, 2nd/WD  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/WD Tornado \$40,000 Masters: 1st/MD, 2nd /WD  
Tornado \$12,000 Texas State: 2nd/MD, 2nd/WS, 1st /WD  
Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 2nd/MD, 2nd/WD, 1st/WS
- 1995: Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/WD  
Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1st/WD  
Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/WD
- 1994: Striker \$25,000 Las Vegas:





As a teenager up until she was 21, Christina Fuchs played volleyball almost every day. She played whether it was on the hardwood or sand and whether it was indoor or outdoor. Christina was good at volleyball, just as she was with any other sport or game she played, and she coupled her physical skill with a strong desire to win. And while she wanted to be good at whatever she did, Christina desired to be great. Things however took a turn when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, and in the snap of a finger and in the blink of an eye, everything changed. She was unable to swing a bat, run a dash, tackle an opponent, or dive for a ball. She simply could not do the things she was always able to do; it was physically not possible. In fact, Christina had trouble performing the everyday routine things like brushing her hair or getting out of

the bathtub, let alone run around a court or throw her body to the floor to keep a rally going. Christina was devastated, very sad, and her arthritis changed her life.

Christina realized she needed something to fill the void in her life. She had always been successful and competitive in any sport she participated in, and suddenly there was nothing in her life to challenge her in that aspect anymore. But things were about to change for Christina and drastically alter the course of her life.

At 21 years old, Christina and her friends went to Sports Harbour bar, a local bar in Marina Del Rey, California. The plan was for Christina and her friends to enjoy a few cocktails and watch some sporting events. She did not know it at the time, but a few of her friends participated in a local Striker foosball league. Christina did not know there were foosball tables at Sports Harbour bar and does not recall ever seeing a foosball table prior to the ones in the bar that day. If she had seen a foosball table in the past, she probably walked right past it on her way to play a video game. While her friends played foosball, Christina sat and watched but never played. Then one day as she was watching, a friend introduced her to a local top player. This is the person that taught Christina how to play. And knowing Christina had arthritis, he showed Christina how she could generate speed and power without it being too painful. Christina quickly learned to shoot and pass the ball or as her mentor would say, "clear the ball with different options." She wasn't expected to score, just clear the ball.

As Christina continued to play, she started to learn some defense, some mental game, and with new medications from her doctor she realized she found a new sport she could compete in. She found something to fill the void of competitiveness that she had since she was a child. Christina said she and her mentor played foosball four to five times per week.

It was then that Christina and her mentor began publishing a local foosball newsletter that was about four pages long. She added a couple more pages here and there and they called it, "Inside Foos." They expanded their coverage by adding a couple of cameras, a microphone, some on-air talent, and they changed the name to, "Inside Foos Productions." Tornado caught wind of the talented Jim Stevens and, well, you know the rest of the story!

In 1994, they got a new foosball table, a sign-on bonus from Tornado, and had five major tournaments as well as numerous local, state, and regional tournaments to attend and cover. Christina says she would not be the player she became, and would not be standing here today being inducted into the National Foosball Hall of Fame amongst the pioneers and legends of the game, without Jim Stevens's influence at the start of and throughout her career. Christina did a lot of foosball work in those 17 years or so, but says without Jim Stevens's talent she does not believe she could have attended the amount of tournaments she did or picked up the partners she was able to play with, many of whom are members of the National Foosball Hall of Fame.

Christina's first partners were local players from the southern California area; Sunny Jiwani and Tess Logan. Christina became friends with Kelly Masuda, the top female player in the area, so she felt like she had to become at least as good if not better than Kelly. That was Christina's competitive nature, and she used it to fuel her desire to be good at foosball, if not great.

If she had to pick a "favorite partner," Christina says that beyond a shadow of a doubt it would be her women's doubles partner, Liz Hill Moore. Christina said she and Liz have experienced many titles and losses, but more than that she found a lifelong friend in Liz. Christina affectionately describes Liz as her, "foosball wife for life."

If she had to pick a favorite memory, Christina says it would be winning her first World Championship with Liz or any of her matches partnering with Liz while competing on Team USA. Those are very special memories for Christina and Liz.

In more recent days, Christina moved from Orange County back to Venice where she grew up. She works, plays foosball, and spends lots of time with her family. Christina says she does whatever needs to be done and lets God direct her life. And while she has had many ups and downs in life, she is at this point "exactly where I'm supposed to be." As far as future plans, Christina says she's going to continue doing what she's doing and keep gratitude at the forefront of her life. Christina thanks the foosball players and partners she's become lifelong friends with and credits all of them for their contribution in helping her achieve her competitive goals and ultimately being inducted into the National Foosball Hall of Fame.

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2020 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:**  
**PLAYER/PROMOTER**  
**Charles Mackintosh**

1982-current - Charles Mackintosh, North Carolina Tornado pro player, promoter, and sponsor of long-running N.C. State Championships. Tornado distributor, and the number one seller of Tornado foosball tables.

Player Highlights:

2 World finals, 1 World title,

2013: ITSF World Cup, USA Senior Team, Silver medal

2012: ITSF World Cup, France, USA Senior Team, Silver medal

2011: ITSF World Cup, France, USA Senior Team Captain, Silver medal

2009: Tornado Hall of Fame: 1st/SrD

1988: Tornado \$35,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD, 1st 3500 Limited Doubles

Tornado Tennessee State: 1st/OD

Tornado Georgia State: 1st/OD

1985: N.C. State Open Doubles champion w/Steve Murray

Contributor Highlights:

1980: Started a Tornado foosball route and weekly tournaments in San Antonio, Texas.

1982: Moved to N. Carolina and began vending and promoting local tournaments.

1983: Promoted the first of 32 consecutive N.C. State Championships

1985: Worked the World Championships and officiated the Open Doubles finals.

1986: Named "Tornado Tour Head Official"

1987: Approved the tournament use of the "wrist rocket," later known as the "snake" or "rollover."

1986-87: Independently ran the Tornado National Championships in N.C., both \$10,000 events, and invented the "Forward Shoot-Out" event, which debuted at the 1986 Nationals.

1987: Formed "Tornado Promotions Inc.," a foosball promo company with partners Ed McCloud, Dave Courington, Lou Salkind, and Mike and Cathy Warman. Restarted the Tornado Pro tour featuring five "Major" events; the Tour Kickoff, U.S. Open, Masters, Nationals, and World Championships.

Voted "Best Official" at the World Championships and founded the "Official Certification" program to certify judges and pro judges based on criteria that included passing a certification test. Pioneered the "package deal" and the \$20-weekend registration fee, instead of quarter play.

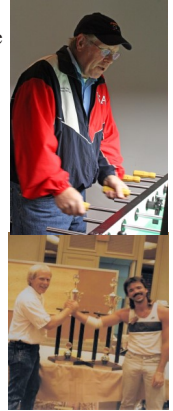
1989-90: Named "Operations Manager" at Tornado Table Soccer Inc.

1983-2020: Worked with, ran, and/or provided tournament tables for promoters across the country to run their events in 20 different states. In all, promoted and ran thousands of events from local DYP's to State and National Tour events while never cutting a tournament payout he was Tournament Director.

2001: Founded "TornadoFoosball.com.," Valley's largest foosball customer for over 20 years. In all, Charles has been a "Tornado foosball only" Dealer/Distributor/Promoter/Route operator for 39 plus years. Ran the Bart O' Memorial tournament for 3 years and provided tables for the event for 8 years.

2002: Inducted into N.C. Foosball Hall of Fame

2017: Inducted as a "Texas Legend."



1988 Charlie and Russ King







Charles Mackintosh was born an only child in High Point, NC, in 1955. He grew up playing baseball and golf competitively and had little motivation for anything other than sports. He began playing pool and foosball in 1971 as a high school junior in local game rooms, and soon it was foosball only.

After finishing high school, Charles joined the USAF and was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. While attending San Antonio College, Charles met Chip Lambert who taught him the pro style of play. Chip and Charles became partners, honing their skills by playing the local bar circuit. After winning the 1979 UTSA college foosball championship, Charles and Chip bought six Tornado tables to operate on location and run tournaments in San Antonio. In 1980, Charles moved back to NC with life plans other than foosball. Ironically, about a year later, he began to put foosball tables in bars and game room locations. He also ran local weekly tournaments. By year two, he had three locations and was running two tournaments a week. It was then that Charles decided to make foosball his full-time business and passion and place Tornado tables on a vending route. Charles said playing foosball would be his recreation, and his dream was to make a living in the sport he loved to play and maybe one day be a world champion.

In 1983, Charles ran his first NC State Championship held in High Point, NC, with a total guaranteed prize money of \$500. That first NC State tourney was successful, drawing players from as far away as Georgia. Things were happening fast! And 1983 was the same year as the first Tornado World Championships in Texas. Charles was there, and took fifth in Expert doubles. The hook was set!

The next five years were a whirlwind. Charles was named Tornado Head Official in early 1986 when Dynamo and Tornado players associations merged and agreed on dual world championships for years 1986-87. In 1987, at the World's II, \$10,000 Houston tournament, the rollover debuted for the first time outside of North Carolina. As head official, Charles ruled it a legal shot, thus changing foosball's offensive game forever. Charles began to expand by helping other promoters in VA, MD, NY, and GA with their events, while also helping organize and start a Tornado pro tour with the Tornado factory. Charles ran the Nationals with no factory support in 86-87 and then handed it over to the tour in 1988. It was at the 1987 Nationals in Charlotte that he unveiled "Forward Shootout" and the "Official Certification Program." One was a new event, the other an attempt to standardize officiating in foosball, with training and testing. Both continue to this day.

As a player, Charles did very well from 1987-89. Playing with regular partner Rick Macias was for Charles the "dream team." They finished in the top 5 in World Championship Open Doubles for three years straight, including a 2nd in 1988. Charles also won his coveted world title in 1988 with Russ King in 3500 Limited Doubles. Another big win was Open Doubles with Cindy Head at the Georgia State Championships the same year.

The 80s ended with Charles and his new wife, Diana, working at the Tornado factory in Fort Worth, Texas; returning to North Carolina in less than a year. Through the 90s, Charles continued to work with promoters in other states while continuing NC route operations and promotions. Kentucky and Texas tournaments became strong during the 90s and continue today. These associations, plus the growth of the internet, set the stage for the next major turning point for Charles. In 2001, TornadoFoosball.Com, Inc. was born. Sales of tables and parts increased exponentially with internet exposure. Out-of-state promotion opportunities increased with Florida, Bart-O, Colorado, Nebraska, and California coming on board. The local tournaments continued, and the NC State Championships continued, too. Foosball was Rockin'!

Charles' playing career saw a resurgence between 2007-14. He won Oklahoma State Expert Doubles with Dan Barber in 2009. Senior division events were especially good for Charles, as he won the inaugural KY State Senior Doubles title in '07 w/Michael Smith, and the "Hall of Fame" Senior Doubles in 2009 with Bruce Nardoci. But it's the ITSF World Cup teams that are the capstone of Charles' playing career. Three trips (2011-2104) to the World Cup tournament produced two silver medals.

The Hall of Fame induction is the capstone of his entire working life and foosball career. Charles' love for foosball and foosball players has stood the test of time. His combination of success as a player, promoter, and foosball innovator is unmatched. Hard work, product knowledge, the best prices, all while treating his friends and customers right, have always been the hallmarks of Charles and Tornadofoosball.com. However, there are two more keys to his success; one is his relationship with God through Jesus Christ. "I always knew God had a plan for my life, and looking back, I see clearly that He has been with me all along the way." As Charles has been an evangelist for Tornado foosball tables for the past 40 years, he is also an evangelist for the Lord Jesus. If you don't believe it, just ask him, as many have thru the years. The other key to his success is his loving wife Diana, who is the love of his life! Charles and Diana were married five days after the '88 Worlds; now 33 years and counting. She has always been - as one foosser so aptly put it - "the brains behind the operation."

A personal note from Charles: Special thanks to all players, customers, location owners, promoters, tournament staff workers, and tournament partners that I played with. Thanks to all who are my friends. Thanks to Diana, daughter Jessica, and son Noah for their help at tournaments. Thank you to the HOF committee, the person that nominated me, and those that voted for me. Foosball...the game that became a sport, that became a part-time job, and finally a career. It has been quite a ride, and a great adventure.

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2020 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
Tom Yore**

1991-current - Tom Yore, Tampa, Florida  
4 World finals, 1 World title, 6 ITSF Men's titles Multi-decade, multi-table Master ,Tornado Head Official, ITSF President; Rules Commission  
**Highlights:**

- 2019: Tornado \$7,500 Florida State: 1st/OD  
Tornado \$24,000 Maryland State: 2nd/OD,  
Tornado \$20,000 Texas State: 3rd/OS  
ITSF World Cup Men's Team USA: 1st  
Tornado \$20,000 Colorado State: 3rd/OD
- 2018: Tornado \$20,000 Texas State: 2nd/OD
- 2017: ITSF Intercontinental Cup Men's Team: 1st
- 2016: Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 2nd/OS  
\$20,000 Maryland State: 3rd/OD
- 2014: ITSF World Cup Men's Team USA: 1st
- 2012: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD  
Tornado \$70,000 Nationals: 2nd/OM  
Tornado \$20,000 U.S. Open: 2nd/OM
- 2011: ITSF World Cup Men's Team USA: 1st  
Tornado \$45,000 Nationals: 2nd/OD
- 2010: ITSF World Cup Men's Team USA: 1st
- 2009: ITSF World Cup Men's Team USA: 1st/OD  
Tornado \$25,000 National Singles: 2nd/OD, 2nd/OS  
Tornado \$25,000 National Doubles: 1st/OM
- 2008: Tornado \$40,000 U.S. Open, Atlanta: 1st/OD  
Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd/OD
- 2007: Tornado \$35,000 Kentucky State: 1st/OM  
Tornado \$35,000 U.S. Open: 2nd/OS
- 2006: Tornado \$50,000 Kick Off: 1st/MD  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd/OM
- 2005: Tornado \$150,000 World Champ: 1st/OD, 2nd/CD
- 2004: Tornado \$7,500 Florida State: 1st/OD
- 2003: Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 1st/MD  
Tornado \$7,500 Florida State: 1st/OD  
Warrior \$205,000 Las Vegas: 2nd/OM
- 2001: Tornado \$60,000 Hall of Fame: 2nd/OM  
Tornado Texas State: 1st/OD
- 1998: Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 2nd/OM  
Tornado \$45,000 Nationals: 2nd/OD  
Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 2nd/OM
- 1997: Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/MD  
Tornado \$40,000 U.S. Open: 1st/OS  
Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 3rd/OM
- 1996: Tornado \$40,000 Masters: 1st/MD, 3rd/OS
- 1994: Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/OD
- 1992: Tornado \$35,000 Master Singles: 2nd/MS



Tom Yore & Louis Cartwright  
2005 World Champs



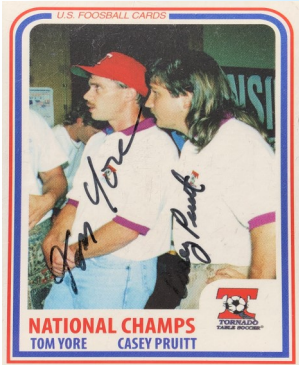
Tom Yore Christina Fuchs



Team USA 2019 World Cup



2013 World Cup



Tom Yore was born in 1966 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, but raised in Tampa, Florida, since the age of 4. As a kid, Tom played foosball at the local recreation center and later at the skating rink as a teenager. Tom remembers posters on his older brother's bedroom wall about the TS Million Dollar Tour, and Corvettes for first place, but wasn't aware of a professional foosball tour until 1988 at the age of 22. While visiting his brother, Mike, in college in 1986 and 1987, Tom attended some local foosball tournaments run by Doug "The Weasel" Casteel, who demonstrated practice drills for pull shots and brush passes. Tom said Dynamo was the table everyone was playing on at the time, but a few locations brought in Tornado tables that Tom felt were better quality and more fun to play.

Tom practiced daily in the summer of 1986 and saved enough money to rent a Tornado table from local player, Ricky Benitez, who was running tournaments in the area. After months of practice, Tom became good enough to compete in local BYPs. Tom refused to take point spots and played everyone even-up to accurately measure his ability.

Tom credits the many great players in the Tampa, Florida, area such as Horton, Starczewski, Benitez, Scott Rogers, Green, Diaz, Pruitt, Karl Miller, and others with helping him raise his level of play but said he was most inspired by Horton and Starczewski emulating Horton's tic-tac passing and Starczewski's defensive fight and intensity. Tom often challenged Horton and Starczewski to money matches to get a more serious game and evaluate his progress.

In 1988, Tom attended his first tour event; the Tornado World Championships in Dallas, Texas. Being new to the tour, Tom was an unrated Rookie but ended up winning Rookie Singles despite losing his very first match! Tom also finished 4th in Amateur Doubles and made it to 9th in the winner's of Open Doubles before losing to eventual champs, Randy Stark and Tampa's Karl Miller. Over the next couple of years, Tom's game continued to improve and he achieved Pro ranking after several high finishes including the Novice Doubles title at the 1990 National Championships with Bobby Diaz and 3500 Limited Doubles title with Steve Cobian.

By 1992, Tom was coming into his own finishing 2nd to Charles Britt in Master's Singles and later that year taking 1st in Open Singles defeating Tommy Adkisson at the Georgia State Championships. The 1992 Florida State Championships proved to be the best tournament ever, as Tom won 3500 Limited Doubles and Forward Shootout before losing Mixed Doubles to Evan Stachelek and Leslie Misch, which turned out to be a life-changing event for Tom and Leslie. Tom and Leslie hit it off from the beginning, dated for a year, got engaged, and were married in November of 1994.

After a few special wins and top finishes in regional events between 1993 and 1994, Tom partnered with the late-great Casey Pruitt to win the 1994 National Championships in St. Louis, MO, defeating Terry Moore and Gus Trevino in the finals. Over the years, Tom won a number of major Open Mixed Doubles titles partnering with fellow Hall of Famer Christina Fuchs, and future Hall of Famer, Dusty Bambenek. In 1997, Tom headed back to St. Louis, MO, for the U.S. Open Championships and defeated Terry Moore in the loser's bracket final before defeating Dave Gummeson in the finals.

Tom took a break from foosball in 1998 and returned in 2001 to reach the finals of Open Mixed at the Hall of Fame Classic and later won Open Doubles at Texas State with Tracy McMillin. And in 2005, Tom partnered with Louis Cartwright to win Open Doubles at the Tornado World Championships and 2nd in the Championship Doubles event. Tom also made the finals of Open Doubles at the 2012 Tornado World Championships with Terry Rue.

Reflecting on his career, Tom said his most exciting foosball experience was playing as a member of the 2006 USA ITSF World Cup Team against France in Hamburg, Germany. And Tom has been a proud member of every ITSF USA World Cup Team from 2006 to 2019, winning 6 Team USA titles and a Men's multi-table World Championship doubles title with Brandon Moreland.

In addition to being a top player, Tom has been one of the top officials in the sport. After becoming a US TSA Pro Official in 1991, Tom served as US TSA/IFP Head Official from 2001-2012 and reffed many big matches and finals over the years. This led to Tom being invited to St. Vincent, Italy, in 2005 for the ITSF General Assembly to work with other countries to harmonize several rule books into one global rulebook. Tom became the inaugural President of the ITSF Rules Commission at that time and served as ITSF Head Official for most of that term.

One of Tom's proudest moments in his foosball career was watching his 20-year-old son, Tommy, win Open Doubles at the 2019 Tornado World Championships. Tom and Tommy hold the distinct honor of being the only father-son duo to hold Tornado World Open Doubles titles. For now, Tom says he'll continue working on his game and hopes to once again participate as a member of the USA Men's ITSF World Cup Team. Tom gives special credit to his lovely wife, Leslie, for her encouragement and support throughout his foosball career.

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1986	Mike Bowers	2012	Vicki Chalgren Swanson
1986	Karin Gilliland	2012	Cal Rogers
1986	Lori Schranz	2012	Mark Crowell
1986	Gary Pfeil	2012	Tim Burns
1986	Joe Snider	2012	Rick Martin
1986	Marcio Bonilla	2013	Bev Froom
1986	Billy Sumption	2013	Ken Alwell
1986	Tom Hansen	2013	Gregg Perrie
1986	Larry Folk	2013	Don Chalifoux
1986	Lawrence Patterson	2013	Ronnie Lewis
1986	Bob Hayes	2014	Tony Bacon
1986	Lee Peppard	2014	Frederic Collignon
1996	Doug Furry	2014	Tracy McMillin
1997	Jim Wiswell	2014	Mary Moore
1997	Ed McCloud	2014	Tiffany Moore
1998	Dan Kaiser	2015	Steve Beine
1999	Carrie Walegir	2015	Johnny Horton
1999	Dave Courington	2015	Robert Mares
2000	Johnny Lott	2015	Gena Murray
2001	Steve Simon	2015	Gary Paulak
2002	Steve Murray	2016	Tommy Adkisson
2003	Bob Furr	2016	Moya Tielens
2003	Link Pendley	2016	Adrian Zamora
2004	Brent Bednar	2017	Bobby Diaz
2005	Todd Loffredo	2017	Liz Hill Moore
2005	Dieter Thiele	2017	Kenny Rivera
2006	Cindy Head	2018	Lotus Chesbrough
2006	Jim Stevens	2018	Don Swan
2007	Tom Spear	2018	Gary Tinder
2008	Terry Moore	2019	Louis Cartwright
2008	Gil Jackson	2019	Marty Chase
2009	Dave Gummesson	2019	Kevin Keeter
2010	Tina Rhoton	2020	Christina Fuchs
2011	Mike Belz	2020	Charles Mackintosh
2011	John Smith	2020	Tom Yore
2011	Kathy Brainard		

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