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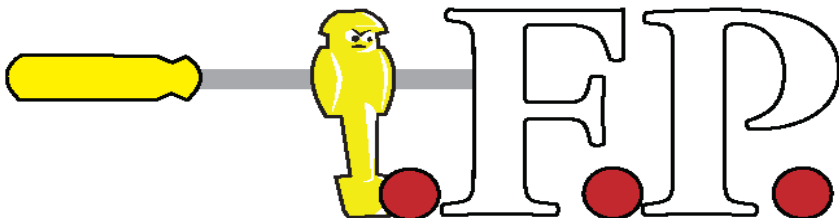
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International Foosball Promotions

# 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 2015 COMMITTEE

1. Steve Beine
2. Johnny Lott
3. Jim Stevens
4. Steve Murray

**USA TABLE SOCCER  
HALL OF FAME  
2015 ELECTORAL BOARD**

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| 1. Ken Alwell       | 17. Cindy Head          |
| 2. Tony Bacon       | 18. Ronnie Lewis        |
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| 4. Marcio Bonilla   | 20. Johnny Lott         |
| 5. Mike Bowers      | 21. Rick Martin         |
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|                     | 35. Carrie Walegir      |

# 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](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 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, HOF Jacket and Dinner/Party.

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2015 INDUCTEE

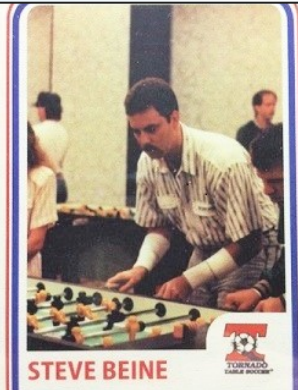
**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
STEVE BEINE**

**1977-current: Steve Beine; Columbus, Ohio**  
**6 World finals, 3 World titles**

Multi-decade, multi-table, Pro-Master player.  
Forward/Goalie, Multiple top 3 wins on TS,  
Dynamo, Hurricane, Tornado and Warrior tables.  
Still ranked among the top 15 players in the  
world.

Career Highlights:

- 2014: Tornado \$60,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD
- 2012: Tornado \$45,000 Hall of Fame: 1st SrD  
Tornado \$70,000 National Champ: 1st SrD  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st SrD
- 2009: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd OD
- 2008: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd OD
- 2004: Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd OM
- 2003: Warrior \$205,000 Championships: 2nd OD
- 1998: Tornado \$30,000 Kentucky State: 1st OD  
Tornado \$45,000 U.S. Open: 3rd OD
- 1996: Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 1st OD  
Tornado \$25,000 Grand Classic: 1st OD  
Tornado \$40,000 Masters: 1st SrD
- 1995: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st SrD  
Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st OD  
Tornado \$25,000 East. US Champ: 1st OM  
Tornado Ohio State Champ: 1st OD  
Tornado Indiana State Champ: 1st OD  
Tornado Super Bowl of Foosball: 1st OD
- 1994: Tornado East Coast Classic: 1st OS  
Tornado \$40,000 National Champ: 1st OM  
Tornado Northeast Super Doubles: 1st OD  
Tornado Ohio State Champ: 1st OD, 1st OS  
Tornado \$12,000 Ky State: 1st OS, 1st OM
- 1993: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd OD  
Tornado \$10,000 Kentucky State: 1st OM
- 1992: Tornado Ohio State Champ: 1st OD  
Tornado \$25,000 U.S. Open: 1st OM  
Tornado \$20,000 Atl. Coast Champ: 1st OD  
Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 2nd OD
- 1980: T.S. World Champ Pro Doubles: 1st OD
- 1979: T.S. \$10,000 Portland Open: 1st OD
- 1978: Hurricane N.Y. State Champ: 1st OS  
T.S. \$25,000 St. Louis Classic: 1st OD  
T.S. \$10,000 Niagara Open: 1st OD, 3rd OS  
T.S. \$10,000 Eugene Pro-Am: 1st OD



Steve Beine and Rick Lucas in an  
Open Doubles match



Steve Beine and Craig Legens win  
Open Doubles at the 1978 \$25,000



Steve Beine and Johnny Horton take 2nd  
in OD at the 2014 World Championships

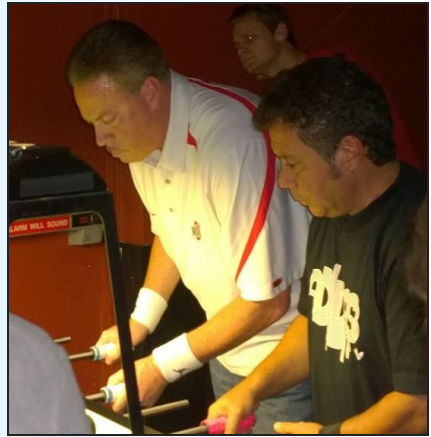


Steve Beine resides in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife and two children. Steve has been a law enforcement officer for 30 years and is currently commanding a multi-jurisdictional federal, state, and local Task Force.

Steve started his foosball career in high school with his best friends; Perry Case and Matt Albert. They played every chance they had, and before long they were traveling the region playing in as many tournaments as they could find. In the blizzard of '78, Steve and his partner, Steve Parker, boarded a bus for the Tour Kickoff in Seattle. Although they didn't win that one, they won the \$10,000 Pro-Am event the following weekend in Eugene, Oregon, and Steve went on that year to finish among the top 15 players on the 1978 Tournament Soccer Million Dollar Tour.

Steve's favorite memories of his TS days are traveling the country winning multiple national, regional and state events with Perry Case, Matt Albert, Ron Parker, Mark Vennitti, Paul Reynolds, Steve Parker, and winning the St. Louis \$25,000 tournament with Craig Legens. Steve recalls the excitement of attending huge Tournament Soccer tournaments as well as watching and modeling his game and demeanor after TS World Champion Mike Belz.

Steve, well-known for his pounding long pull shot, looks back over his career and says the people he met, the lifelong friendships he made, and the comradery of his "foosball family" are what means the most to him. Steve said he was fortunate to play with the best players from each era and would personally like to thank partners Tiffany Moore, Christina Fuchs, Perry Case, Matt Albert, Ron Parker, Steve Parker, Tom Kondas, Paul Reynolds, Rick Miller, Craig Legens, Johnny Lott, Doug Furry, Ronnie Nevois, Lou Salkind, Steve Cobian, Don Chalifoux, Tom Yore, Matt Steward, Adrian Zamora, Terry Moore, Todd Loffredo, Dave Gummesson, Mark Vennitti, Chris Buck, and, of course, Johnny Horton and the great Don Swan for their friendship and contributions to his success on the table. Steve experienced a unique career by winning hundreds of tournaments as both a forward and goalie as well as a forward in mixed doubles. Steve appeared in multiple world championship finals as both a forward and goalie, most recently finishing 2nd in OD at the 2014 World Championships with partner, Johnny Horton.



Steve Beine and Mark Vennitti win Open Doubles in Columbus, Ohio

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2015 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:**  
**PLAYER**  
**JOHNNY HORTON**

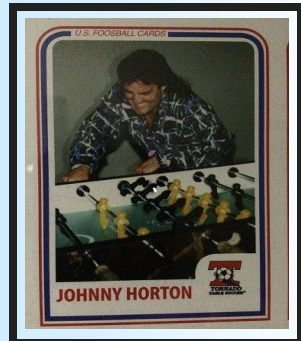
**1979-current, Johnny Horton, Tampa, Florida, 8 World finals, 6 World titles**

Multi-decade, multi-table, Pro-Master player  
Career Highlights:

- 2014: Tornado \$60,000 World Champ: 2nd/OD  
2001: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 1st/OS  
1996: Tornado Kentucky State: 1st/OS  
Tornado \$15,000 Ky Super Bowl: 1st/  
OS 3rd OD  
1995: Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/OD, 1st/  
OS  
1994: Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/OS  
Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st/OD,  
1st/OS  
1993: Striker \$25,000 Las Vegas: 1st/OD, 2nd/  
OS  
1990: Tornado \$70,000 World Champ: 1st/OS  
1988: Tornado \$35,000 World Champ: 3rd/OD  
Tornado \$15,000 Masters: 2nd/OD,  
3rd/OS, 1st/OM  
1987: Tornado \$15,000 Nationals: 1st/OD  
1986: Tornado \$40,000 World Champ: 1st/OD  
Dynamo/Tornado \$30,000 World Series:  
1st/DOS, 2nd/TOS  
1985: Dynamo \$40,000 World Champ: 1st/OD,  
1st/OM, 2nd/OS  
Dynamo \$15,000 U.S. Open: 1st/OS,  
1st/OM  
1984: Dynamo \$15,000 Pro-Am: 1st/OS  
1981: TS \$150,000 World Champ: 1st/OS  
1980: TS \$100,000 West World Champ: 3rd/  
OD  
1979: TS \$250,000 World Champ: 3rd/OS



Johnny Horton on Pit Table #1 at the 2014  
Tornado World Championships







Steve Beine and Johnny Horton team up to finish 2nd in Open Doubles at the 2014 Tornado World Championships

Johnny Horton, never at a loss for words, took a different stance when he originally offered an unusually short Hall of Fame bio. Johnny stated, “I started playing foosball when I was 14. I didn’t have a Mom and Dad, so I turned on the TV one day...I guess I was looking for a role model...and here’s Muhammad Ali going, ‘I’m pretty. I’m a bad man. Howard, Howard, is that a toupee you’re wearing, Howard?’ Back then...my dream was to be a world champion as a teenager, and the greatest singles player of all time. I won the world title when I was 19, and I became the greatest of all time. And that’s all I can tell you. That’s my bio.”

When pressed for more Johnny stated, “Ricky Benitez introduced me to foosball at

the skating rink in 1976. Ricky told me they were giving away cars and cash, so I started playing a lot of foosball.” Johnny said his greatest victory was winning open singles at the 1981 \$150,000 Tournament Soccer World Championships.

Johnny explained that Tournament Soccer folded shortly after the 1981 World Championships. With Tournament Soccer out of the way, the Dynamo foosball table and tour took center stage. It was during the Dynamo days that Johnny said he met some players that unfortunately influenced his life in a negative manner leading to his battle with chronic drug abuse from 1982 to 1985. In 1985, Johnny focused on cleaning up his life and began to concentrate on foosball again, winning open doubles and open mixed at the 1985 Dynamo World Championships.

In 1986, Johnny continued his winning ways by winning open doubles at the \$40,000 Tornado World Championships playing goalie for Todd Loffredo. In 1987, Johnny kept a hot hand as he teamed with Steve Cobian to win open doubles at the \$15,000 Tornado National Championships. Then, in 1990, Johnny defeated Steve Murray in open singles to capture the \$70,000 Tornado World Championships.

Johnny said his favorite player, and the one he tried to model his game and ball control after, was Tournament Soccer World Champion Dan Kaiser. Johnny also credits Paul Reynolds for the huge influence Paul had on Johnny’s physical and mental preparation for tournaments. Johnny said he and Paul practiced long hours each day and elevated their singles game before hitting the road traveling to multiple tournaments. Johnny says it was playing and traveling with Reynolds that helped him understand the mental and physical toughness and preparation needed for playing on the road.

Johnny resides in Minnesota with his beautiful 8-year-old daughter, Joyce. Johnny operates his own business in the gold, silver, precious metals and rare coin industry, and remains successful in that endeavor. Johnny is active again on the tour and looks to compete for major titles in 2015.

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## 2015 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
ROBERT MARES**

**1993-current, Robert Mares, Colorado, 13 World finals, 2 World titles, 3 Master Singles titles, 5 ITSF World titles.**

Forward/goalie, Multiple top 3 wins, Pro-Master player. Ranked USTSA #1 from 4/16/00 to 4/15/04. Career Highlights:

- 2014: Tornado \$30,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st OD
- 2013: Tornado \$65,000 World Champ: 1st OD  
Warrior Colorado State: 1st OD, 2nd OM  
Tornado \$20,000 Kickoff: 1st OD
- 2012: Tornado \$45,000 HOF Classic: 1st OD
- 2011: Tornado \$50,000 HOF Classic: 1st OD  
Tornado \$25,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st OD
- 2010: Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st OD/OM  
Tornado Japan Open: 1st OS, 1st OD
- 2008: Tornado World Champ: 1st OD
- 2007: Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 1st OD
- 2006: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd OS
- 2005: Tornado International Champ: 1st OD  
Tornado National Champ: 1st MS
- 2004: Tornado \$135,000 World Champ: 2nd OS
- 2003: Tornado \$55,000 Nationals, 1st OS
- 2002: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2nd OD  
Tornado \$55,000 Nationals: 1st MD
- 2001: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2nd OS  
Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st OD/1st MS  
Tornado Male Sportsman of the Year
- 2000: Tornado Player of the Year  
Tornado \$50,000 HOF Classic: 1st OS
- 1999: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2nd OD  
Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1st OD
- 1998: Tornado \$40,000 HOF Classic: 1st OS
- 1997: Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 2nd OD  
Tornado \$40,000 U.S. Open: 1st OD
- 1996: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st OD
- 1995: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd OS  
Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st OD/3rd OS  
Tornado Male Sportsman of the Year
- 1994: Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st MS  
Tornado Male Sportsman of the Year



Robert Mares, 5-time Team  
USA Captain



Robert Mares on Pit Table #1;  
another day at the office

If there was ever someone who was meant to play foosball, it's Robert Mares. He had never even played before when, at the impressionable age of 13, he won a table in a drawing at an arcade in Southern Arizona. He took to it like a fish to water and spent the next few years dominating game rooms throughout Southern Arizona. That all changed when he met Ditto Hobbs, a tournament player from Tucson. Ditto got Rob to go to his 1st tournament where he met 1988 World Champion Randy Stark, also from Tucson. Randy had a huge influence on Rob and is considered his first mentor.

Rob's first major was the 1990 West Coast Open. Seeing players like Loffredo, Spear, Zamora, Swan and Rudnicki for the first time was a real eye-opener for Rob. But something that would have even a bigger impact on him also occurred that weekend. Rob won the DYP with an up-and-coming amateur with a crazy new shot. That guy's name; Terry Moore. Rob spent the next couple of years playing as much as he could and earned the Pro ranking by Spring 1992. In 193 he spent 10 months living on the road with Terry Moore, who by then was a multiple World Champ and the world's number one ranked player. This was at a time when the tour had 5 majors within a 6 1/2 month period. They travelled in Terry's van and played 30 tournaments in 45 weeks, covering over 35,000 miles in 32 states! By the end of 193 Rob was ranked in the top 10.

Rob moved to Denver in early 194 and joined a highly competitive scene that included many of the nation's top players. In May of 1994 he finally earned a major title by winning his first of three Masters Singles championships. He continued this trend by winning at least one major each year for the next 10 years.

Rob reached the top in 1996 by winning the World Championship with partner Tommy Adkisson. In fact, at the World Championships, Rob has placed at least 5th or better in an open event every year since 1994. He earned the #1 ranking in 2000 and held that position for an impressive 4 straight years.

2013 was a banner year for Rob, as he and partner Tony Spredeman won Open Doubles at the Tornado Worlds and finished 1st and 2nd in Open Singles; a first for any team at a Worlds. They backed that up by winning the ITSF Multi-table World Championships in France.



Above: A victorious Robert Mares lifts the ITSF Championship Cup.

Below: Robert Mares and his beautiful wife, Victoria.



Representing the USA in every World Cup Team ever assembled is a crowning achievement for Rob. He is considered an ambassador for American foosball by his USA teammates and international colleagues alike and has played tournaments in Italy, Germany, France and Japan.

Rob and his wife, Victoria, live in Colorado where they have been happily married for over 18 years.

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## 2015 INDUCTEE

### CATEGORY: FEMALE PLAYER GENA MURRAY

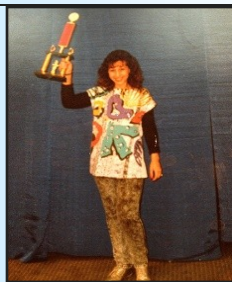
**1977-current, Gena Murray, Dallas, Texas, 10 World finals, 7 World titles.**

Career Highlights:

- 2014: Tornado \$60,000 World Champ: 1st WD  
ITSF World Champ: 2nd WD
- 2013: Tornado World Champ: 2nd WD
- 2012: Tornado World Champ: 2nd WD  
Texas State Champ: 1st OM, 2nd WD
- 2010: N. Amer. Cup Texas Women's Team: 1st  
Nationals Super Doubles: 1st SrD, 2nd WD
- 2009: Tornado U.S. Open: 1st WD  
ITSF World Champ, France, Team USA
- 2007: ITSF World Champ, Italy, Team USA  
Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st WD  
Tornado \$35,000 U.S. Open: 1st WD
- 2006: Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 1st WD  
Tornado \$25,000 Kentucky State: 1st WD
- 2000: Tornado \$50,000 National Champ: 1st WD  
Tornado Texas State: 1st WD
- 1999: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2nd WD  
Tornado Oklahoma State Champ: 1st WD
- 1998: Tornado \$15,000 Texas State: 1st WS/WD
- 1997: Tornado \$13,000 Texas State: 1st WS/WD
- 1995: Tornado \$35,000 HOF Classic: 1st WD
- 1994: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2nd WD  
Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 1st OM/WD/S  
Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st WD
- 1993: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st OM
- 1992: Tornado Tour Kickoff: 1st ND, 2nd WD
- 1991: Tornado \$30,000 Tour Kickoff: 1st WS/LD  
Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado Female Sportsmanship of the Year
- 1990: Tornado \$70,000 World Champ: 1st OM  
Tornado Female Goalie of the Year  
Tornado Female Sportsmanship of the Year
- 1988: Tornado \$12,000 U.S. Open: 1st WS
- 1987: USTSA \$45,000 World Champ: 1st OM



Gena and her beautiful daughters,  
"Christina and Jenny"



Gena in 1988 winning Women's  
Singles at the U.S. Open



Gena and Steve, partner and husband,  
3rd place Open Doubles at  
Texas State





Gena began playing foosball at the age of 14 in Dallas, Texas, at the “Gamery,” one of Texas’ first true foosball-only “fooshalls.” She would literally save her lunch money so she could play foosball after school, and she learned very quickly that the only way to make that money last was to beat all the guys and hold the table all night. The countless hours she put in during those early years “holding the table” at area fooshalls served her well as it took Gena only a few years to become a pro player and create a career that most players only dream about.

Gena’s impressive record includes multiple major and world titles in the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and 2010s. Her most recent title came last September as she and partner Cindy Head won the 2014 Women’s Doubles World title

in Dallas. Today, she is without question, one of the best all-around female players in the history of the game.

Gena won her first tournament in 1979 at Tornado Shelter. During the early years, she was lucky enough to have an opportunity to compete against some of the best “Texas-style” players in the south. She grew up playing on Tornado and Dynamo tables, and she was fearless when it came time to step up to the table and play against the best players of the era. Gena loved competition and was always up for a good challenge and, to this day, that fierce desire to compete hasn’t changed a bit.

It didn’t take her long to establish herself as one of the games premier goalies. Although a talented forward with many singles titles to her credit, she made her mark on the tour from the goalie position. Tournament after tournament she proved she was one of the sports all-time clutch performers, especially when it mattered most. She is well known for getting that “big block” when the game is on the line, and her partner needs it most, and for scoring her trademark long push shot in key 4-4 situations to win a game or match.

In the early 80s Gena stepped away from the tour for a few years to focus on her career in retail management. In a short period of time she became manager and Chief Purchaser at one of Dallas’ leading jewelry stores. After a few years of retail, she shifted careers to the mortgage industry and, to this day, she works in the field as a Loan Officer & Doc Specialist. She returned to the tour in 1987 and wasted no time in reaching the top of the mountain as she won the 1987 World & U.S. Open Mixed Doubles titles and several regional titles, to name just a few.

In the 90s Gena’s foosball career slowed down again as she got married and started a family with long time partner Steve Murray. Steve and Gena have been married for 23 years and have two beautiful daughters, Christina and Jennifer, and currently reside in Ft. Worth, Texas. Gena is a devoted mother and is affectionately known within her inner circle of family and friends as the “dance mom.” Her daughters have always been her top priority, and she is very involved in younger daughter Jennifer’s dance career as they actively participate in dance competitions and recitals all over the southwest. Anyone who is Facebook friends with Gena can easily see how proud she is of her daughters.

Despite her commitment to family, limited tour schedule and little time to practice, 2015 Inductee Gena Murray has managed to rack up countless regional, state & national tour titles during her 30-year career. Her accomplishments include multiple National and U.S. Open titles, and 7 World titles. Gena was a member of Team USA 2007, voted Female Sportswoman of the Year in 1990 and 1991, and Female Goalie of the Year five different times. Gena’s career accomplishments are equal to what only a small, elite group of pro female foosball players have been able to achieve on tour. After winning another world title last year it would appear that this accomplished mom, wife, career woman, and Hall of Fame foosball player is not quite done yet. 13



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## 2015 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:  
CONTRIBUTOR  
GARY PAULAK**

**1975-1980, Gary Paulak, Minnesota, was one of the first touring pros during the TS Golden Era of foosball from 1975-1980.**

Gary enters the 2015 USA Table Soccer Hall of Fame in the Contributor category for his years of promoting professional foosball through his music. Gary was among the first foosball pros from the old school “Tom Hansen and Billy Sumption” era in Minnesota foosball; one of the most influential of all eras of American Professional Foosball. He learned his pull shot following in the footsteps of his close friend, the great Minnesotan Tom Hansen, who was one of the prestigious Charter Members of the Foosball Hall of Fame in 1986.

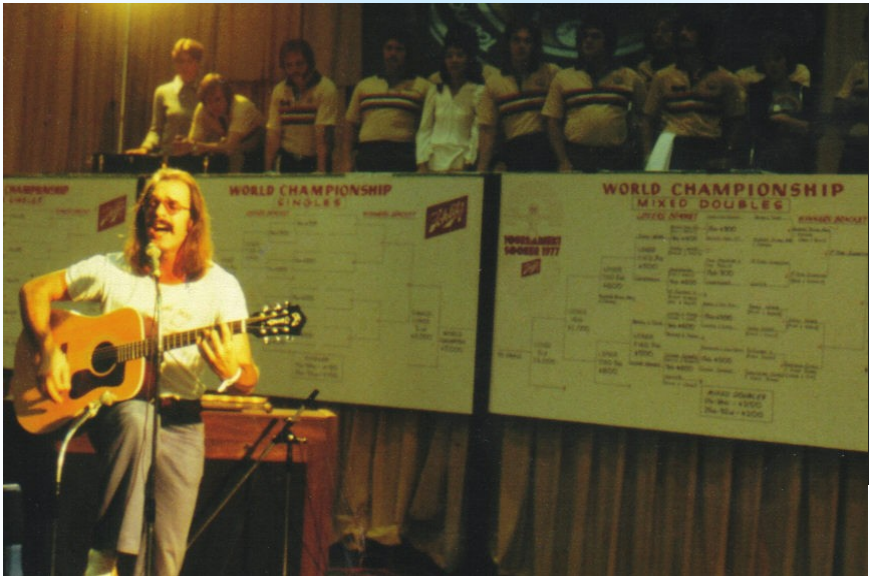


Gary, a talented musician and an inductee into the Midwest Music Hall of Fame, immortalized Hansen in his landmark song, “Listen to the Gun,” the first of many songs Gary wrote about the Tournament Soccer era of Professional Foosball; an era which has yet to be eclipsed to this day in prize money, class, or pure excitement!

### LISTEN TO THE GUN

He plays the game for a price,  
He may lose once, but never twice,  
He’s a respected man, and I guess you’d say,  
That if you made a mistake,  
He’d blow you away.  
Look at that madman five,  
Show him a standard “D,”  
He’ll drill it easily,  
He’s a Tournament Soccer player,  
And all I can say is he taught me all I know...

Gary began writing songs for the important Tournament Soccer events with “Go For The Sky” in 1976, which he performed for the opening ceremonies of the 1976 TS World Championships. According to Gary, “I received the biggest round of applause I ever had in all my years of playing with a band!”



### GO FOR THE SKY

There's something showing in our minds,  
 A love is growing I feel inclined,  
 To quit my job and go for it all.  
 I hear the kick plate, the Nationals call,  
 Partner, the tournaments here,  
 Oh, yeah, it's time to make something clear...

Gary would go on to write and perform songs at many of the first early professional tournaments. Tournament Soccer sponsored a full album of his many songs covering the sport. Here's one of his most popular ones, "Porsche 911-S." Written about the largest prize in the history of professional foosball, a 1976 Porsche 911-S Targa, won by Doug Furry, this song was conceived and completed with only a day's notice and performed before the finals!

### PORSCHE 911-S

Well the time has come,  
 When we all get down and play hard,  
 There's no effort wasted and no time to fool around.  
 So put your best gloves on,  
 Pull your hat down low, get ready,  
 Who's gonna get it? Who's gonna win the car?

Could be Bowers, he could pull it through,  
 Could be Karin, She's got something new,  
 Could be Kaiser, Yeah, he's one of the best,  
 Could be Pfeil, or any of the rest,  
 Oh, oh, who's gonna win that car?

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

**Hall Of Fame Ceremony will be held  
Saturday at 10:00PM in the Sunset ballroom.**