HALL OF FAME CLASSIC INDUCTEE CEREMONY PROGRAM



# 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.

# 1. Steve Beine 2. Kathy Brainard 3. Dave Gummeson 4. Steve Murray 5. Jim Stevens

#### USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2016 ELECTORAL BOARD

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1.	Ken	Alwell	14.	Robert	Mares
2.	Steve	Beine	15.	Mary	Moore
3.	Mike	Bowers	16.	Terry	Moore
4.	Kathy	Brainard	17.	Tiffany	Moore
5.	Frederico	Collignon	18.	Gena	Murray
6.	Don	Chalifoux	19.	Steve	Murray
7.	Dave	Courington	20.	Link	Pendley
8.	Mark	Crowell	21.	Gregg	Perrie
9.	Karin	Gilliland	22.	Cal	Rogers
10.	Dave	Gummeson	23.	Steve	Simon
11.	Cindy	Head	24.	Jim	Stevens
12.	Todd	Loffredo	25.	Vicki	Swanson
13.	Tracy	McMillin			

#### **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:

- 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 2016 INDUCTEE

#### CATEGORY: PLAYER TOMMY ADKISSON

1993-current-- TOMMY ADKISSON – Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 8 World finals, 5 World titles, Tornado Pro-Master

Highlights:

2015: IFP \$60,000 Hall of Fame, 1st/MD 2014: IFP \$60,000 World Champ: 1st/MD

2008: \$25,000 Texas State: 1st/MD

\$35,000 IFP TKO 1st/MD, 2nd/OS, 3rd OD

2007: Tornado \$25,000 Texas State: 1st/MD

1999: Tornado \$130,000 World: 2nd/OS, 3rd/MD

\$15,000 Texas State: 1st/OS

Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OS, 2nd/MD

1998: IFP \$17,000 Kentucky State: st/MD

Tornado \$45,000 Nationals: 3rd/OD, 1st/OS, 3rd/MD

\$15,000 Texas State: 1st/OD, 2nd/OS

Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 1st OD

1997: Tornado \$125,000 World: 1st/OS, 2nd/OD

Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/OS, 3rd/OD IFP \$40,000 Car Playoffs: 3rd/OS, 1st/MD

Tornado \$13,000 Texas State: 1st/OD

IFP Kentucky State: 2nd/OD, 1st/OS, 3rd/MD

1996: Tornado \$11,000 Florida State: 2nd/OD, 1st/OS, 3rd/MD

Tornado Starbucks Halloween: 1st/OS, 1st/MD

Tornado \$100,000 World: 1st/OD

Tornado \$12,000 Texas State: 1st/OD, 2nd/MD Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 3rd/OD, 1st/MD

Striker \$40,000 Grand Slam: 1st/MD

1993: Tornado \$100,000 World: 1st/OD, 1st/OS, 2nd/MD









It was 1987 when 12-year-old Tommy Adkisson first touched a foosball table, and it wasn't long before he emerged as one of the top players in the game. Nicknamed "Two-Gun Tommy" for his ability to shoot a world-class pull shot and rollover, Tommy's fire-brand demeanor on the table is what he is known for.

Tommy said his rapid growth and skill as a foosball player is due in large part to Hall of Fame Promoter Link Pendley. According to Tommy, Link was such a great promoter that

Tommy was able to engage in plenty of local competition with tournaments being held every night of the week. Tommy attributes Link's promotional ability and the amount of competition and tournaments available that helped him get better in a much shorter amount of time.

In 1990, Tommy won Expert Mixed and Expert Doubles with Gena Murray at the National Championships. He also won Expert Singles, and the WTA draw. And in 1993, Tommy nearly tripled at the Tornado World Championships winning Open Doubles, Open Singles, and taking second in Open Mixed Doubles. From there, Tommy went on to become one of the top Pro-Masters in the game winning many national and regional titles over the course of over two decades. Tommy, having previously won open doubles and open singles at Worlds, finally won open mixed at Worlds with his wife, Kathy, in 2011. Tommy noted an interesting fact about the way they won open mixed is the impressive list of players they played against to win the title. In order, Tommy and Kathy defeated Tracy McMillin, Todd Loffredo, Frederico Collignon (at 1:30 AM), Tony Spredeman (lost for winner's bracket), Billy Pappas, and then Tony Spredeman to win the title.

Tommy and his wife, Kathy, live in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and have three beautiful children. Tommy and Kathy were recently blessed with becoming grandparents. Tommy credits Steve Murray, Ronnie Joyner and Kevin Reilly for being the huge influences that built the foundation of his game. Later, it was Evan Stachelek and Terry Moore in the early 90's that taught Tommy a lot about professional foosball. It was Evan that went deeper into the game with Tommy



teaching him about the intangibles of the game which included patterns, tells, tendencies and habits of other players. Tommy recalls some of his favorite memories were travelling to tournaments in Terry Moore's van in the 90's.

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#### CATEGORY: FEMALE PLAYER MOYA TIELENS

1994-current MOYA TIELENS (REGAN) – Canada 11 World finals, 9 World titles, Tornado Pro-Master, 6-time Female Forward of the Year, Multiple-time Canadian National Team member

#### Highlights

2007: Tornado World Champ, 1st/WD, 1st/WS Tornado \$35,000 U.S. Open, 1st/WS

2006: Tornado Female Forward of the Year IFP \$25,000 Kentucky State 1st/WS USTSA \$50,000 Kick-Off, 1st/WS

2005: Tornado Female Forward of the Year Tornado \$150,000 World Champ, 1st/MD, 1st/WD

2004: Tornado Female Forward of the Year Tornado \$135,000 World Champ, 1st/WD Tornado \$60,000 Nationals, 1st/WD, 1st/WS Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame, 1st/MD, 1st/WD

2003: Tornado Female Forward of the Year Tornado \$135,000 World Champ, 1st/WD, 2nd/WS Warrior \$200,000 Las Vegas, 1st/WS, 1st/WD Tornado \$55,000 Nationals, 1st/WS Tornado \$25,00 Texas State, 1st/WS Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame, 1st/WD

2002: Tornado Female Forward of the Year Tornado \$130,000 World Champ, 1st/WS, 1st/WD Tornado \$65,000 Nationals, 1st/WD, 1st/WS Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame, 1st/WD

2001: Female Forward of the Year Tornado \$60,000 Hall of Fame, 1st/WD Tornado \$130,000 World Champ, 2nd/WS

2000: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ, 2nd/WD 1997: Tornado \$125,000 World Champ, 1st/WD









Canadian Moya Tielens (Regan) had an amazing pro foosball career as perhaps the best woman forward to ever play the game. She played in 11 World finals and has won 9 World titles—second only to the great Cindy Head.

Moya started playing foosball at the age of 10 on a Dynamo table in her home. When she was 18, she met player and future husband, Peter Tielens. Soon she began to compete on the U.S. tour and Moya credited both Peter, Canadian pro Mitch Jang and other local Vancouver play-

ers in shaping her game. Moya was a student and teacher of the game and shared her thoughts about the game with whomever asked. Moya's 5-Bar was a thing of beauty and rivaled many top male Pros, combined with a true understanding of the game and its nuances Moya added a versatile pull shot that confounded most.

Moya was a professional hair stylist, you could say she literally burst onto the pro tour at the 1994 Kick-Off tournament in San Francisco with bright Purple hair! Out of a tough field of pro women, she scored her first big tour result by taking second in Singles. Despite this and future success in singles Moya always preferred doubles because of the team dynamics.

Moya's hair color and personality was vibrant, the precision and professionalism of her foosball skills were absolutely world-class. She has won 6 World titles in Women's Doubles, her first came in 1997 (3 month daughter in tow) playing with Laurette Gunther (now Barton) and then again in 2002. In these early years Moya championed the Women's Game by fighting hard for a special payout for highest Woman and Women's team in the Open Events to match the payout for mixed teams. Playing with Laurette in Open versus the Big Boys was always something Moya looked forward to, and for good reason – most notable was when she and Laurette placed 9th in a large Open Doubles field at the Worlds, defeating many great male doubles teams on the way including the 3rd seeded team of Beine and Swan. After Laurette retired from the game she insisted Moya not quit as well and that she go out there and "Kick some Butt!" She did by continuing her winning streak in that event for the next 3 years with Joy Steward and won again in 2007 with Gena Murray. In 2002 and 2007 Moya doubled by also winning Women's Singles.

Moya's personal highlights include; first woman to win an Open Mixed title playing only forward with Garrett Scherkenbach versus the great team of Frederico Collignon

and Cindy Head in 2004, playing for Canada at the World Cup of Foosball, winning a World Open Mixed title with Fernando Rosa in 2005, and first woman to win a World Semi-Pro Mixed title playing only forward with Peter Tielens in 1995. Add 5 National titles and numerous other tour titles, plus being named Female Forward of the Year six times. Being a Mom was her number one job and she continued to win tour events for years even though the only time she actually played was when she was on tour, a true talent.



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## CATEGORY: PLAYER ADRIAN ZAMORA

1985-current-- ADRIAN ZAMORA – Fremont, CA 6 World finals, 3 World titles, 1 ITSF World title 1993 Male Sportsmanship Award, 5-time Tornado Official of the Year, US & ITSF Official, 2006 & 2009 Team USA

#### Multi-decade, multi-table Master

- 2015: IFP Tornado \$60,000 Hall of Fame, Vegas: 1<sup>st</sup>/SD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD
- 2013: IFP Tornado \$60,000 Hall of Fame, Vegas: 1st/SD
- 2011: IFP Tornado \$100,000 World Champ. 1st/SS
- 2009: ITSF World Cup, France, Team USA, 1st
- 2006: ITSF World Champ., Italy, ITSF Official ITSF World Cup, Hamburg, Germany, Team USA
- 2005: Tornado \$60,000 Int. Champ. Vegas, 1<sup>st</sup> MD
  Tornado Official of the Year
- 2003: Tornado \$135,000 World Champ. 1st OD
  - Tornado \$55,000 Nationals, 1<sup>st</sup> OM
- 2002: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ. 2<sup>nd</sup>/MD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/
- OD
- Tornado \$65,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/OS
- 2001: Tornado Official of the Year
  - NATSA \$30,000 Western Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD
- 1996: Striker \$40,000 Grand Slam: 2<sup>nd</sup>/Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup>/
- OD2
- Tornado \$100,000 World Champ. 1st/MD, 3rd/OD
- 1995 Tornado Official of the Year
- 1994: Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD
  - Tornado Official of the Year
- 1993: Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1st/OS
  - Tornado Male Sportsmanship of the Year
- Tornado Official of the Year
- 1992: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ. 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 2<sup>nd</sup>/MD
  - Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD
- 1990: Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD
  - Tornado \$20,000 West Coast Open: 1st/OS
- 1985: Dynamo \$20,000 Super Doubles: 1st/MD



Adrian and Eddie Gartman, on their way to being 2003 World Champions!



Adrian and Caryn Matassa 1996 Open Mixed Doubles World Champions

Adrian was born in Oakland, California in 1964 and grew up in the nearby city of



Adrian & Beth at home with Newman & Lottie.

Fremont. In 1977, when he was only 12, Adrian played his first game of foosball at the well-known Galaxy Games arcade in Fremont. "I learned how to play from local players at Galaxy Games. There were several quality tour players there, including Dan Casey, Chuck Costello, Victor Fong and Roy Albert."

Adrian's first title win was at the 1985 Dynamo \$20,000 Super Doubles in St. Louis, where he took first place in Mixed Doubles with partner Laurette Gunther. Some of the tour players that he considers his mentors are Thor Donovan, Steve Mori

Some of the tour players that he considers his mentors are Thor Donovan, Steve Mori and Lou Salkind. He quickly developed a smooth five-bar and precision pull-shot,

establishing himself as a competitive forward on tour, not only in doubles but also in singles and mixed doubles

When asked about his most memorable wins, Adrian listed winning Open Doubles twice at the Tornado \$30,000 Nationals, first in 1990 with Karl Miller and again in1992 with Don Swan. Of course, his World titles are especially sweet memories. Adrian and frequent partner Caryn Matassa won Mixed Doubles at the 1996 Tornado \$100,000 World Championships. Then, in 2003, Adrian teamed with Eddie Gartman to win the World Open Doubles title.

Adrian has also had the honor of representing the U.S. on the 2006 and 2009 National Team in the ITSF World Cup competition. When asked if he could name one all-time favorite tournament, Adrian stated: "Picking a single favorite tournament is tough but the one that comes to mind is the first World Cup in Germany in 2006. Getting to meet so many players from all over the world was a lot of fun. The match we played against France was amazing. I believe that match was over 5 hours long and we lost in a very close tie breaker." Another international highlight for Adrian was when he got to play goalie for Tony Spredeman in the doubles match that secured the victory for Team USA in the 2009 ITSF World Cup.

Adrian has had a huge impact on both the national and international game through his contribution as an elite official. He has been named the Tornado Official of the Year an amazing five times! In addition, he has been selected several times by the ITSF to serve as an official at international events.

Adrian has become one of the top players in the Senior events on the pro tour. He won his third World title in Senior Singles in 2011. Today, Adrian and his wife Beth live in Newark, California. When asked if he plans on continuing to play competitive foosball, Adrian answered with an emphatic "Yes!"



A young Adrian & partner Chris Dube face Loffredo & Bowers at the 1983 Dynamo tournament in Reno.

### Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada March 9 - 13, 2016

<b>UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER</b>
HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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