

# HALL OF FAME CLASSIC INDUCTEE CEREMONY PROGRAM

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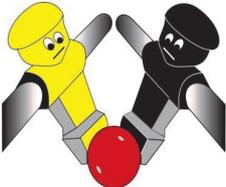
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# UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

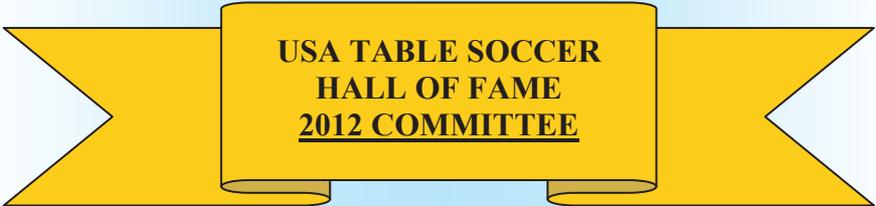
## HISTORY

*by Kathy Brainard*

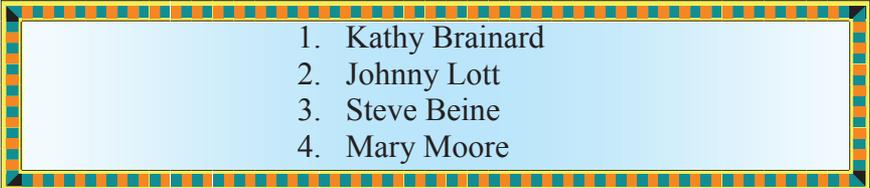
The United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame was founded in 1986 by Johnny Lott, a two-time World Champion, long-time promoter and now Hall of Fame member himself (2000 inductee). At the 1986 Reunion Tournament organized by Lott in Los Angeles, twelve charter members were inducted, based on their tremendous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

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

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



## USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2012 COMMITTEE

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HALL OF FAME  
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11. Johnny Lott
12. Terry Moore
13. Steve Murray
14. Lori Schranz Kercho
15. Steve Simon
16. Billy Sumption
17. Tina Wyatt

# THE INDUCTION PROCESS

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

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

## CRITERIA

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

**Chronological order should be followed in the induction process.**

## CATEGORIES

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

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

### **1. PLAYER**

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

#### **Criteria:**

To be inducted, a player must meet **at least two of the following four criteria.** Win at least one U.S. World Championship title in an open category of play. (Open categories include the following events: Open Doubles, Open Singles, Women's Doubles, Women's Singles, and Mixed Doubles.) Win multiple regional and national titles over a five-year time period; Maintain the highest level of ranking (Pro, Master, Pro-Master, depending on the decade) for at least five years; 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):** Achieve regional or national pro status at some time during the career as a player; Make a significant contribution to the promotional development of the sport of table soccer at the regional or national level for at least five years. This could include any of the following: the production of promotional media (newsletters, books, videos); promotional work as a staff member of a players' association or other promotional business; the running of major leagues, tournaments, or tours; development, promotions or sales at the manufacturing level of the sport.

### **3. PROMOTER**

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

#### **Criteria:**

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

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

### **4. HONORARY**

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

## **PROCESS**

### **NOMINATIONS**

Individuals may be nominated in two ways: Any U.S. citizen email ifprotourhof@gmail.com and submit the name of any player or promoter who meets the criteria. Any individual may only nominate one person per year.

**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 tournament VIP pass for complimentary events for the weekend, HOF Plaque, and HOF Jacket.

**USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME**  
**2011 INDUCTEE**

**CATEGORY:**  
**PLAYER/PROMOTER**  
***VICKI CHALGREN***

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**  
**1974-current**

**1974-1986 Vicki Chalgren Swanson, CO – 3 World titles**

Pioneer pro woman playing in both women's and open events; multiple top 3 wins on Tournament Soccer tour;

2009 W \$20,000 Missouri State, 1<sup>st</sup> OM

1977 TS \$250,000 World Champ., 1<sup>st</sup> WS

1976 TS \$25,000 Los Angeles, 1<sup>st</sup> WS

TS \$25,000 Salt Lake, 1<sup>st</sup> WS

TS \$125,000 World Champ., 1<sup>st</sup> WS

TS \$5000 Los Angeles, 1<sup>st</sup> OD

TS \$25,000 Columbus, 1<sup>st</sup> WS & WD

TS \$25,000 St. Louis, 1<sup>st</sup> WD

TS \$25,000 Florida, 1<sup>st</sup> WS

1974 TS \$50,000 International Champ., 1<sup>st</sup> WD

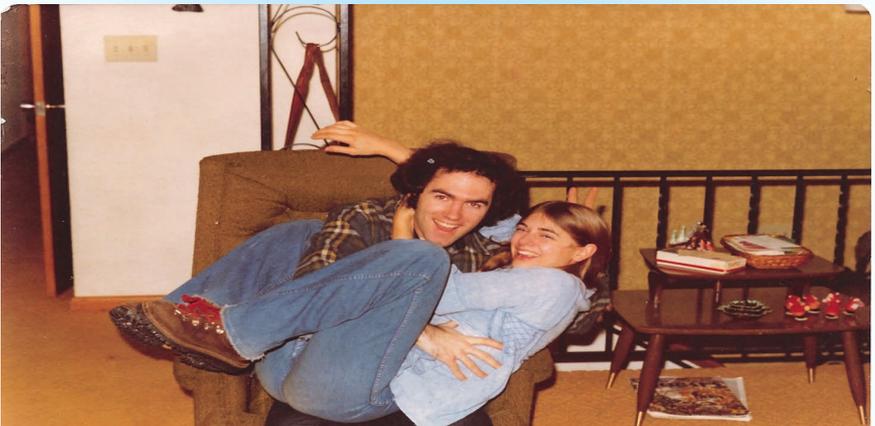
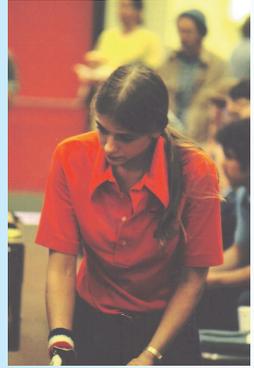
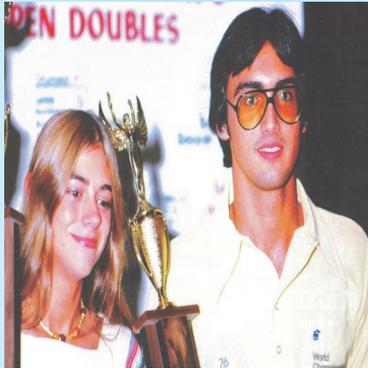
I have lived in Macon, MO, for 24 years, and am proud of it! My daughter Chelsea just had my first grandchild, Matthew Wyatt Miller, on 1/13/12 (Friday the 13th). I also have two sons, Donovan who is 18, and Jorian who is 17. I have been an RN for 20 years, and have spent the past 7 years working as a Work Comp Case Manager for Coventry Work Comp Services.

My foosball career began in Colorado. I started playing foosball when I was 16 years old, in Mike Bowers' basement on a Deutschermeister table. Mike Bowers was my mentor (and hundreds of other players' mentor also) for several years. I followed the big TS tour around the country and it not only gave me an opportunity to see many places in my travels, it gave me the opportunity to make lifelong friends.

One of the most memorable events of my time as a frequent player was traveling to Europe on the promo team with Doug Furry, Marcio Bonilla and Larry Folk, promoting our sport across England, Ireland and Germany. We spent nearly two months there and it was a fabulous experience. I was quite proud when I won Women's Singles at Worlds two years in a row. I was also very proud when Johnny Lott and I won Open Doubles in Los Angeles in one of the most grueling matches I have ever played. I am proud to have played with so many great players including Karin Gilliland, Faye McWilliams, Sonja Sunset, Johnny Lott, Mike Bowers, Gregg "Jeep" Perrier, just to name a few. There are so many great players in this sport.

The most important thing I learned in playing foosball is that it is not all about winning, although that is fun too! I feel blessed to have so many friends scattered across this great country, people I never would have known if it weren't for playing this game. I have foosball to thank for that! By Vicki

Vicki Chalgren, a world champion as far back as 1973, was one of the top three women players of the 70's, right along side with Karin and Lori. A great champion who could beat you by herself from goalie if you weren't careful. Vicki won literally hundreds of tour events/tournaments during a very competitive era. She was also one of three female players on TS to win open doubles on the pro tour. By Johnny Lott



**USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME**  
**2012 INDUCTEE**



**CATEGORY:  
PROMOTER  
CAL ROGERS**

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**  
**1972 - 1981**

1974-1980 Tournament Soccer, Executive Vice President

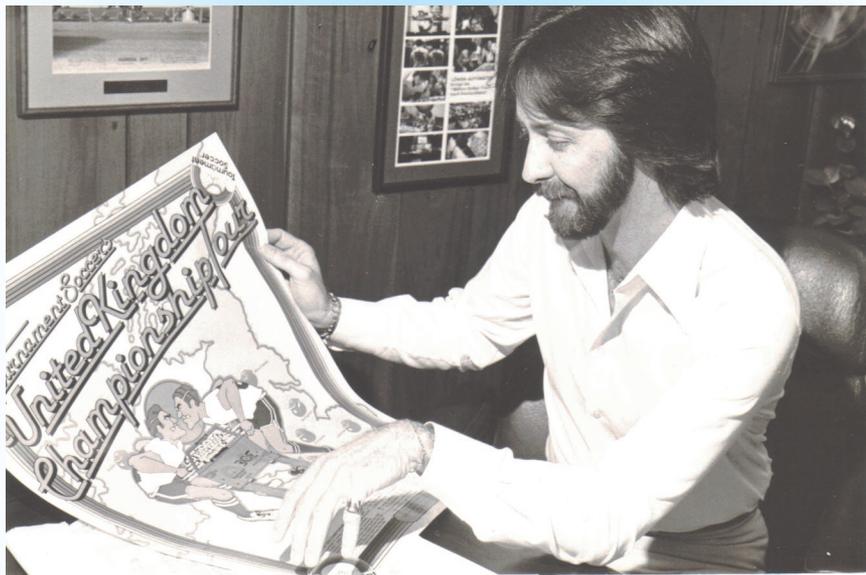
As Executive Vice President of Tournament Soccer, Cal Rogers was the creative genius behind the distinctive marketing style of TS promotions and posters, heading the marketing team that created the standards for professional tournament play: categories of play, match cards, recall procedures, officiating, dress codes, rating systems, and spectacular events such as Super Singles and Super Doubles.

1974 Founder, World Table Soccer Association, "Foos Noos" newspaper, and first comprehensive set of rules for tournament play

1973 Director, Tornado National Championships

1972-1974 Pioneer Tornado promoter in Dallas

Cal Rogers, was the very ARCHITECT OF THE PROFESSIONAL TOUR AS WE KNOW IT. As early as 1972 he began running and designing tournaments. His meeting of the minds with TS guru Lee Peppard at the Elitch Gardens/ Denver 50 grander in 1974 was a historic turning point for our game. Out of that conversation was born the idea for a national professional table soccer tour and our little game was grown into a pro sport. Even today most of the format, ideas, structure, and design of pro tournaments can be traced to "the man" Cal Rogers. As important a promoter and ambassador of our sport as it gets. He was arguably the first to envision the dream that the parlor game foosball could become a real sport. By Johnny Lott



**USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME**  
**2012 INDUCTEE**



**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
MARK CROWELL**

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

**1972 - 1981**

1974-1981 Mark Crowell, Salina, KS – 12 World title Multi-table pioneer.

1978-1981 Tournament Soccer Master status, multiple top 3 wins on Tournament Soccer tour;

1979 TS \$100,000 Super Doubles, 2nd OD

1977 Dynamo \$19,000 World Champ., 1st OS (Honda Civic)

1977 Dynamo \$7500 Birmingham. 1st OS, 1st OD, 1st MD

1977 Tornado \$3000 Tulsa, 1st OS

1976 Tornado \$20,000 Nationals, 1st OD (biggest Tornado event that year)

1975 Dynamo \$15,000 Texas State, 1st OD (biggest Dynamo event that year)

1975 Mirco \$3000 Missouri, 1st OD

Mark Crowell, of "Crow and Chase" one of the three most prolific Texas style table team of the 70's. Only Gary Pfeil and (anyone he played with) and Ronnie Lewis and Joe Compian were as consistent in majors on the Texas table. Mark was responsible for popularizing the squeeze or brush pass as he was the first to win and win big with it. Crowell was arguably the greatest Dynamo player of the 70's era. By Johnny Lott

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**CATEGORY:**  
**PLAYER**  
**TIM BURNS**

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**  
**1972 - 1981**

1976-1981 Tim Burns, Lakewood, CO – 2 World titles

1978-1981 Tournament Soccer Master status, multiple top 3 wins on Tournament Soccer tour;

1980 TS \$150,000 World Champ., 1st OD

1980 TS \$100,000 World Champ. East, 1st OD

1978 TS \$100,000 Super Doubles, 1st OS

TS \$25,000 Indianapolis, 1st OD

1977 TS \$25,000 Western States, 1st OD

1976 TS \$25,000 Portland, 1st OD

TS \$5000 Joe Snider Classic, 1st OD

TS \$5000 Oregon Rollerball, 1st OD

Tim "Zeek" Burns, protégé of the great Mike Bowers and his regular doubles partner (and 1980 TS world doubles partner/champion) had a deadly smooth dead man stroke on a pull shot but more importantly he revolutionized the game by being the first to popularize and win with a far side brush series. Later Bacon, Jeep and many others would make this deadly passing style commonplace. Tim Burns "The father of the far wall pass!" By Johnny Lott



**Tim first on the left side of picture.**

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**CATEGORY:**  
**PLAYER**  
**RICK MARTIN**

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**  
**1976 - Present**

Started playing foosball in 1976.

Won Open doubles in 19 NW tourneys ...9 with Tom Whalen 10 with Dan Kaiser.

1977 250,000 World Championship.....1st Open Singles...Blue Top  
1978 50,000 Rochester Open .....1st Open Doubles...Blue Top  
1978 50,000 Portland Expo Open.....1st Open Doubles...Blue Top  
1979 50,000 Reno Open .....1st Open Mixed.....Blue Top  
1980 100,000 World West Championship-Portland.....Brown Top  
1983 U.S. Open Championship-Reno.....Dynamo

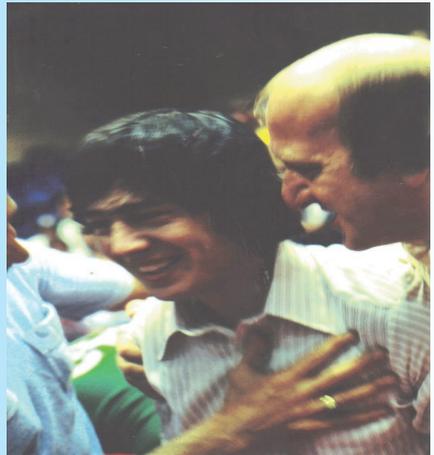
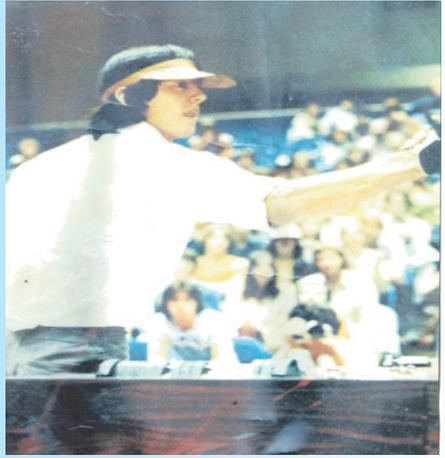
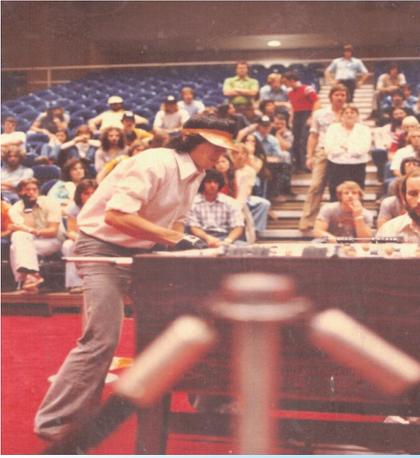
1979 Male Sportsman of the Year

Won World Singles Championship 16 months after starting his career.  
Won a 50,000 or higher championship in all 3 Open events ...Open Doubles...Open Singles...Open Mixed for a total purse of 500,000.

Won a major championship on TS Blue top...TS Brown top...and Dynamo...tables of his era.

One of the top 4 finalists in St Louis Masters Invitational Point Championship.

Rick Martin, aka rocket launcher, the very definition of a Hall of Famer! Rick changed the game when as a novice he impressed the world champion Dan Kaiser enough to not only become his open doubles partner but to play forward for Dan. His unique winning style, passing, shooting, competitiveness, professionalism and tournaments won, influenced many table soccer champions to follow. Rick was a great example of a foosball pro as crossover pro athlete. He was a pitcher in the minor leagues and I dare to imagine his fastball if it was anything like the speed on his push kick. By Johnny Lott



# Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada March 14 - 18, 2012

## USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

1986 Mike Bowers  
1986 Karin Gililand  
1986 Lori Schranz  
1986 Gary Pfeil  
1986 Joe Snider  
1986 Marcio Bonilla  
1986 Billy Sumption  
1986 Tom Hansen  
1986 Larry Folk  
1986 Lawrence Patterson  
1986 Bob Hayes  
1986 Lee Peppard  
1996 Doug Furry  
1997 Jim Wiswell  
1997 Ed McCloud  
1998 Dan Kaiser  
1999 Carrie Walegir  
1999 Dave Courington

## USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2000 Johnny Lott  
2001 Steve Simon  
2002 Steve Murray  
2003 Bob Furr  
2003 Link Pendley  
2004 Brent Bednar  
2005 Todd Loffredo  
2005 Dieter Thiele  
2006 Cindy Head  
2006 Jim Stevens  
2007 Tom Spear  
2008 Terry Moore  
2008 Gil Jackson  
2009 Dave Gummeson  
2010 Tina Rhoton  
2011 Mike Belz  
2011 John Smith  
2011 Kathy Brainard  
2012 Vicki Chalgren  
2012 Cal Rogers  
2012 Mark Crowell  
2012 Tim Burns  
2012 Rick Martin

Hall Of Fame Ceremony will be held Sunday at 7:00PM in the main ballroom.