

HALL OF FAME CLASSIC  
INDUCTEE CEREMONY PROGRAM

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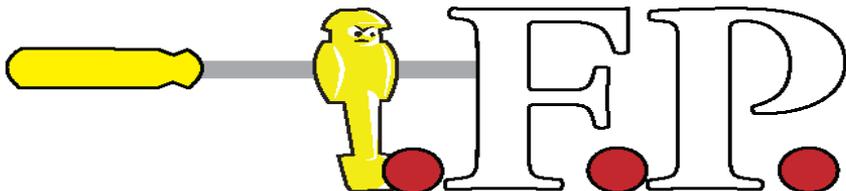
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# UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## **HISTORY**

*by Kathy Brainard*

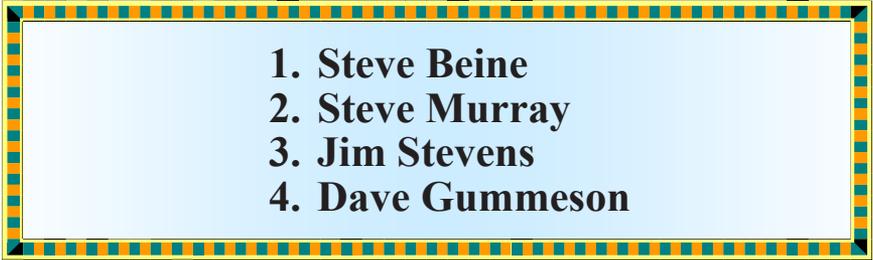
The United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame was founded in 1986 by Johnny Lott, a two-time World Champion, long-time promoter and now Hall of Fame member himself (2000 inductee). At the 1986 Reunion Tournament organized by Lott in Los Angeles, twelve charter members were inducted based on their tremendous influence on the growth and development of the sport of table soccer in the U.S. during the 1960s and 1970s. (See 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 2018 COMMITTEE

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1. Steve Beine
  2. Steve Murray
  3. Jim Stevens
  4. Dave Gummeson

**USA TABLE SOCCER  
HALL OF FAME  
2018 ELECTORAL BOARD**

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<b>Ken</b>	<b>Alwell</b>	<b>Robert Mares</b>
<b>Tony</b>	<b>Bacon</b>	<b>Rick Martin</b>
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<b>Liz</b>	<b>Hill-Moore</b>	<b>Carrie Walegir</b>
<b>Todd</b>	<b>Loffredo</b>	<b>Adrian Zamora</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Mares</b>	

# 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 9 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 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

## 2018 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:**  
**FEMALE PLAYER**  
**Lotus Leong Chesbrough**

1979-current - Lotus Chesbrough, Spokane, WA  
 7 World finals, 2 World titles, Multi-decade,  
 multi-table Master

**Highlights:**

- 2009 ITSF World Champ., France, Team USA
- 2008 Tornado \$100,000 Worlds: 3<sup>rd</sup>/WD
- 2006 Tornado \$100,000 Worlds: 1<sup>st</sup>/WD  
 ITSF World Champ., Italy, Team USA  
 ITSF World Cup, Germany, Team USA
- 2005 Tornado \$150,000 Worlds: 2<sup>nd</sup>/MD
- 2003 Tornado \$135,000 Worlds: 2<sup>nd</sup>/WD
- 2002 Tornado \$130,000 Worlds: 2<sup>nd</sup>/WD
- 2001 Tornado Female Sportsmanship award  
 Tornado \$130,000 Worlds: 3<sup>rd</sup>/MD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/WS
- 1999 Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1st/MD
- 1997 Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/MD,  
 3rd/WD
- 1994 Striker \$25,000 Baltimore: 2nd/WD,1st/MD  
 Tornado \$100,000 World: 3rd/MD  
 Tornado \$40,000 Nationals: 1st/WD  
 Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1st/MD
- 1993 Striker \$35,000 Los Angeles: 1st/WD,  
 2nd/WS, 2nd/MD  
 Tornado \$100,000 World: 3rd/WD
- 1992 Tornado \$100,000 World: 1st/WD
- 1991 Tornado \$15,000 West Coast: 3rd/MD,  
 1st/WD
- 1990 Tornado \$70,000 World: 2nd/WD
- 1989 Tornado \$45,000 World: 2nd/MD
- 1988 Tornado \$35,000 World: 2nd/MD, 2nd/WD  
 Tornado \$12,000 U.S. Open: 1st/WD
- 1987 USTSA \$45,000 World: 2nd/TMD,  
 3rd/TWD  
 Tornado \$10,000 U.S. Open: 1st/WD
- 1986 USTSA \$40,000 World: 3rd/DWD
- 1982 Coin Sports/Dynamo \$10,000 U.S. Open:  
 1st/WD
- 1979 T. Soccer \$10,000 Vancouver: 3rd/WD



"Lotus & Larry  
 Chesbrough with  
 daughter Sara"



"Lotus & Adrian  
 Zamora"



"Lotus & Kathy"

Lotus Leong Chesbrough is a native of Spokane and still lives there today. She started playing foosball at the age of 13, playing on Tournament Soccer tables at Bumpers arcade in Spokane. At 14, she went to her first major tournament - the Mug Root Beer Seattle \$10,000 and followed that with the \$10,000 Vancouver BC Open, where she earned her first tour trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Women's Doubles.

Lotus really started to make a name for herself on the Dynamo table in the early 1980s, taking first in Women's Doubles at the 1982 \$10,000 U.S. Open with Sonja Bowers. She followed that with several top three places on tour over the next few years. With the switch to Tornado tables in 1986, Lotus racked up several 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in Women's Doubles, winning the event two years in a row ('87 & '88) at the U.S. Open with partner Laurette Gunther.

Lotus has made it to the finals of the World Championships an amazing seven times – 3 times in Mixed and 4 times in Women's Doubles. She has won the title 2 of those times, both in Women's Doubles: first in 1992 and 14 years later in 2006, both times with partner Tiffany Moore. She has also earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place 7 times at the Worlds, clearly showing how dominant she has been in Women's events over more than three decades of play!

Lotus has represented our nation by playing on Team USA three times, traveling to Germany and Italy in 2006, and to France in 2009.

In 1986 Lotus married Northwest Legend and pro-master player Larry Chesbrough. Today they live in Spokane with their 22-year-old daughter, Sara. Lotus is semi-retired from the sport, but watch out—she still has her quick reflexes and fast-paced playing style when she does come out to play!



"Team USA members (L to R) Christina Fuchs, Tiffany Moore & Lotus Chesbrough"



"Lotus & Phyllis Cochran Crenshaw after winning Open Women's Doubles at the 1990 US Open."

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2018 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:  
PLAYER  
Don Swan**

1985-2014 Don Swan, Chicago, USA – 4 World finals, 1 World title, Masters Singles title, 5-time National Champion and 1997 Tornado Player of the Year.  
Multi-decade, multi-table, Pro-Master player

### Highlights:

- 2014: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 3<sup>rd</sup> Elite Doubles
- 2013: Tornado \$50,000 Hall of Fame: 1<sup>st</sup> Elite Doubles
- 2000: Tornado \$50,000 National Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD
- 1999: IFP \$15,000 Grand Classic: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS
- 1998: Tornado \$125,000 World Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD  
Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$40,000 Hall of Fame: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$45,000 U.S. Open: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OM  
IFP \$15,000 Ky. State: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD, 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS, 2<sup>nd</sup>/OM  
Tornado \$15,000 Texas State: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS  
IFP \$15,000 Grand Classic: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS
- 1997: Tornado Player of the Year  
Tornado \$50,000 National Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup>/MD  
Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/MS, 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$20,000 Kentucky: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD
- 1996: Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$21,000 Kentucky State: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS
- 1995: Tornado \$11,000 Florida State: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$50,000 Nationals: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$35,000 Hall of Fame: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS
- 1994: Striker \$25,000 Baltimore: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD  
Tornado Ohio State Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$45,000 Masters: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD
- 1993: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD
- 1992: Tornado \$30,000 Nationals: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$20,000 Atlantic Coast Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kick Off: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OM  
Tornado \$35,000 Master's: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS  
Tornado Northeast Super Doubles: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD  
Tornado Ohio State Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup>/OS
- 1991: Tornado \$30,000 National Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD, 2<sup>nd</sup>/OM  
Tornado Midwest Championships: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup>/OS  
Tornado Twin Cities Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS  
Tornado \$15,000 East Coast Open: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS
- 1990: Tornado \$70,000 World Champ: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD  
Tornado \$30,000 National Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS
- 1989: Tornado \$20,000 National Champ: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD
- 1988: Dynamo \$15,000 Master's Open: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD
- 1987: Dynamo \$10,000 Windy City Classic: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD
- 1986: Dynamo \$40,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS



"Don with partner and best friend Steve Beine"

It seems like Don Swan was born to play foosball. Lightning fast from rod to rod, he had a natural instinct for the game and could score from any rod at any time. Many believe his rod to rod and singles transition was among the fastest of any player to ever play the game.

"Swan" as he is commonly known, was born in Chicago, Illinois, and started playing foosball at the age of 14 with players like Tiffany Moore, Chad Hanson, Frank Kronkowski and Don Chalifoux. Several of the players Swan started out with are now National and State Foosball Hall of Famers themselves. Swan currently resides in Surprise, Arizona, where he plays professional poker and recently started playing local foosball tournaments again.



"Don Swan and Dave Gummesson."

When Swan began his foosball career, he quickly improved by spending hours and hours playing singles and doubles against anyone willing to play. It was not uncommon for Swan and his friends to play all night. Often times there was money on the game which helped make Swan one of the better "pressure players" known for playing high stakes foosball matches.

Swan has always been known as one of the most flamboyant and exciting players in the game, and a player guaranteed to draw large crowds. Tommy Adkisson recently said Swan was one of the few players he always made a point to watch because he never knew what Swan would do during a match, which made it entertaining. Many of the top players today comment that the absence of Swan at major tournaments has had a negative effect on the overall tournament experience and excitement. Swan has always been known as a high energy and exciting player that played with more "heart" than most other players. Not known for a single outstanding feature of his game, other than speed, Swan won with an intense desire, strong drive, and the heart of a lion. He often "willed" himself to victory.

Reflecting on his career, Swan recounted some of his favorite memories; traveling, hanging out, and competing with and against his best friends and highly ranked competitors. Swan has played in so many high-profile matches, and with so many good friends and partners, that picking a few favorites is not easy to do. He stated one of his greatest memories is his "14-minute-masterpiece" defeating Terry Moore in the finals of the 1997 Masters Singles Championships to win the Masters Singles title and green jacket. Another was coming from the loser's bracket to double dip Todd Loffredo in two exciting match ball victories in 1995 to win the National Open Singles title. Swan also recalled his first National Open Doubles title, with partner Adrian Zamora, and his Hall of Fame Championship playing with Steve Beine defeating Terry Moore and Bobby Diaz in the finals. Swan recalled doubling at the 1997 National Championships winning Open Doubles with Dave Gummesson and Open Mixed with Lotus Leong-Chesbrough and winning the 2000 National Open Doubles Championship with Ron Sipiora. Swan has a special memory in his heart for the 1998 World Championship Open Mixed Doubles title he won with Tina Rhoton (RIP). Swan was also named Tornado Player of the Year in 1997 when the tour was seeing huge tournaments and brackets on the state, regional and national level.

Swan has always been considered one of the top goalies in the world and a threat to dominate a match at any point with his defense, scoring and passing ability. Swan thanks all the friends, players and partners he's played with and competed against that he considers a huge part of his success along with a



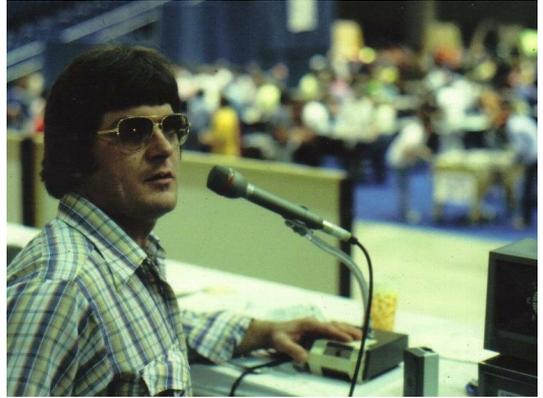
"Don playing singles against Steve Mohs."

major reason for his induction into the National Hall of Fame. Swan wanted to mention a special thank you to the National Foosball Hall of Fame inductees that recognized his career by voting for his induction into the National Hall of Fame. While it's impossible to mention everyone, Swan said he loves and appreciates his friends, especially his best friend, Steve Beine, who he referred to as his "big brother" and best friend.

# USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2018 INDUCTEE

**CATEGORY:**  
**Contributor**  
**Gary Tinder**

Gary Tinder, from Seattle, WA, was born May, 26, 1942, in Butte, Montana. Tinder, a Butte little league football coach, worked in the coin games industry. Through his dealings in the coin operated vending business, he met E. Lee Peppard and developed a life-long friendship that



would alter the course of his life. Lee at the time was working for Mountain West Coin Games and was a mover and a shaker. Lee watched as foosball (a strange little miniature soccer bar game) took off in his establishment, “Eight Ball Billiards.” Almost overnight it was a huge hit. Lee began running large purse foosball tournaments and was the “Father of American Professional Foosball.”

In 1973, Lee staged a bold national championship at his location, "Eight Ball Billiards." Gary Tinder helped worked the stage and, having acted as MC for many local sports events, naturally morphed into announcing the event and calling matches. Gary became "*The Voice for the Golden Era of Foosball*" and the prestigious *Tournament Soccer (TS)* pro



tour and would be there right to the end in 1981. He was in some ways the early Jim Stevens as his presence added something extra and special to the events. When asked to recall some memories, Gary mentioned 1974 at the first large cash foosball event in history, the TS International \$50,000 at Elicht Gardens amusement park in Colorado (equivalent to \$200,000,00 in today's dollars.) Gary stated, "The already mythical singles legend Mike Bowers asked me to announce he would take on all-comers for money in singles." Gary said, "As far as I can remember Mike never lost a game!" Gary went on to say, "Then there was the time in 1980 in Chicago when Johnny Lott was playing Alwood Makekau in World Championship Open Singles. Johnny gave me a lot of grief after the match. I guess he was upset because on match-ball I kept announcing on the loud speaker that it was a \$5,000 point. Ha-ha, I don't think he has a valid complaint, since he won!"

Gary retired from his work with foosball in 1981 and went into the Electronic Darts business with this lifelong friend, Tournament Soccer Guru Lee Peppard. Gary still operates a large dart league on his machines.

Married to his lovely wife, Stacy, Gary has two children, Stephen and Judy. He speaks of his years in foosball with complete fondness as he met many lifelong friends in the game. He remains friends with Lee Peppard, Ed Tuhkanen, and Jet Black all from the TS dynasty.

When asked about getting "*the call*" from Hall of Famer Steve Beine, Gary exclaimed, "Wow, you could have knocked me over with a feather! And after all these years." Gary went on to say, "I want to thank Mike Bowers for passionately advocating for me, and all the members who remembered me and voted for my induction." "What a wonderful surprise this has been. I plan to see you all in Vegas!"

# Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada March 28 - April 1, 2018

## UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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

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