HALL OF FAME CLASSIC INDUCTEE CEREMONY PROGRAM



# UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME

#### **HISTORY**

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

The Table Soccer Hall of Fame then lay dormant for ten years. In 1996, the Tornado table soccer company re-introduced the Hall of Fame ceremony as part of its national tour, changing the name of the annual Tour Kick-Off tournament to the Hall of Fame Classic. "fooscaster" Jim Stevens (2006 inductee), who established the criteria and presided over the annual nomination. From 1996 to 2010, twenty one deserving individuals were inducted.

In 2010, Kelye Stites, the new owner of Valley-Dynamo (the company that manufactures the Tornado foosball table), turned the management of Tornado tour events, including the Hall Of Fame induction process, over to Mary Moore of International Foosball Promotions (2014 inductee) beginning with the 2011 Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Under Mary's leadership, a new committee oversees the nomination and induction process. Current Hall of Fame members now vote from an eligible list of nominees. Starting in 2020, the nomination process will be revised in reference to minimum age and number of years required for eligibility. More details forthcoming.

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

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#### THE INDUCTION PROCESS

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the U.S. Table Soccer Hall of Fame is to recognize the contributions of those who have had a *significant positive impact* on the evolution, development and perpetuation of table soccer in the United States by inducting them into the Hall of Fame. The following criteria was used as guidelines for eligibility. Some of these are changing for 2020:

#### **CRITERIA:**

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

#### **CATEGORIES**

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

- 1) Player
- 2) Contributor (Must receive at least 7 votes).
- 3) Female Player
- 4) Player at Large

#### 1. PLAYER

Players become eligible for induction 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 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 2019 INDUCTEE

# CATEGORY: PLAYER Louis Cartwright

1991-current Louis Cartwright, Nevada – 6 World finals, 2 World titles, 1 Masters Singles title, Iron Man Champion, Multi-decade, Tornado Master player

Highlights:

2005: Tornado \$150,000 World Champ: 1st/OD,

2<sup>nd</sup>/Championship Doubles

2003: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS 2001: Tornado \$130,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD 2000: Tornado \$150,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD

1996: Tornado \$100,000 World Champ: 1st/OS

Tornado \$40,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/MS

1995: Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD 1994: Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD

1993: Tornado \$11,000 N. Carolina: 1st/OD, 3rd/OS

Tornado \$35,000 Masters: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD Tornado \$30,000 U.S. Open: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS Tornado \$35,000 Tour Kickoff: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS



Louis and foosball friends/family (minus Gary Edgeworth.



The first time Louis Cartwright saw a foosball table was 1984 or 1985 at a youth center in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He and his twin brother Lee Cartwright would spend their afternoons there, and Lee was Louis's first doubles partner. This is where Louis first met Robert Mares, and Robert would show up occasionally and beat the locals with his bump push kick. When Louis saw the guy that ran the youth center crushing a pull shot, that's when he got hooked on foosball.

Louis learned most of his game in Las Vegas (moved there in 1985) from the local players, and the best local player was Link Luce. Louis copied Link's far wall passing series and pull shot which was better than Lou's.

While Link won most of the local tournaments, Louis also learned a great deal from local player Joe Bergin. Louis relates that if it wasn't for Joe, he would have never been a World Champion. Other players Louis credits as instrumental to his growth as a player are Jesus Fernandez (pushed the mental mind games like Johnny Horton), Mikey Cede Baca, Steve Perry, Marty Braun, and Sergio Trevino (we all knew his brother, Gus Trevino) who all had great attributes to their games. Louis explained that the local players took the game seriously, and that made him a good thinking player with a well-rounded game.

Maine is where Louis's foosball career really took off. He drove an hour and a half from Maine to Boston every weekend to participate in the weekly DYP ran by promoter Steve Rogge. While Rogge took care of the players, it was best friend Kevin Skaltsis that Louis attributes the biggest reason for his success. Kevin's friendship and coaching were always a constant, and his favorite saying is, "Those who can't do...coach," and Louis always laughed at that. Louis enjoyed all the great times he and Kevin spent together trash talking, playing roller ball, money matches, playing chess and discussing foosball. As Louis said, "Kevin is true foosballer!" Louis mentioned two players outside of Vegas that also influenced his career. Dave Gummeson for taking the time to share his knowledge when Louis asked what the best stance for a pull shot was, and Todd Loffredo for his theory on "timing defenses" that Louis overheard. This technique was life changing in Louis's foosball game and maybe the most valuable thing he learned in foosball.

Louis stated his favorite partner in foosball is Trevor Park and attributes a large part of that to the chemistry they have as a team. Louis said he always plays his hardest with Trevor, and everything they do seems to click. If one of them was struggling, the other always seemed to elevate their game. And if Trevor didn't like someone (it was Terry & Bobby at the time), all I can say is WOW, he would dominate a match with a focus and desire unmatched! Louis recalled their 2000 and 2001 open doubles world championships finals as some of his most memorable and rewarding matches. Although they finished second both times to Frederico and Todd, they fought as a team and all four players played incredibly well leaving everything on the table. Louis mentioned other favorite wins as his 1996 world championship in open singles against Robert Mares, and his 2005 world doubles title with Tom Yore. Louis also has great memories of all the trash talking roller ball money matches and the overall fun and enjoyment shared with such great friends and competitors all over the country over the years.

Louis is employed as the Transportation Manager at The Wynn Las Vegas where he's worked for nine years handling transportation for "high rollers" sending them Rolls Royces, Limos, or SUVS. Louis discovered true joy in life when he met his beautiful and supportive wife, Jonee Cartwright, whom he calls a true "Angel from God." He says he hit the jackpot with Jonee and wonders how someone so sweet could put up with him. (ha-ha) They have been together since 1999 and got married in 2009. On May 29, 2017, they were incredibly blessed with the most adorable baby boy, Aeden Cartwright, who fills their hearts with love and happiness. Louis says that while he still plays local foosball occasionally, he is 100% focused on being a good husband, good dad, and nothing brings him more joy in life than his family.

Louis also wanted to give a special mention to his father, Wayne Cartwright, who was supportive of his foosball career and gave him money here and there to play guys like Link Luce in his early days of foosball in Vegas. Louis said he never beat Link Luce, but the important thing he remembers is that his father always believed in him. Louis stated his family; Wayne, Rosemarie, Cindy, Mike and Lee were always very supportive of his foosball career and each of them has a few jackets and/or trophies that Louis won over the years. Finally, speaking of family, Louis explained that when Moya (a member of our foos family) passed away, he and a group of his friends (Fernando Rosa, Mark Torres, Serge Aragones, Jay Barthalow, Gary Edgeworth, James Castillo & Kin Lo) decided they would get together at least once a year to keep their foos family together, and share the good times while they still can. "This keeps foosball alive and well for us, instead of letting it drift away as a memory."

#### USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME **2019 INDUCTEE**

**CATEGORY: PLAYER Marty Chase** 

#### 1973-80/1997-98, Marty Chase, Kansas – 1 World final Multi-table, Pro-Master player

**Highlights:** 

1975: Dynamo \$15,000 Texas State: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD

1976: Tornado \$20,000 National Champ:

 $1^{\text{st}}/\text{OD}$ ,  $2^{\text{nd}}/\text{OS}$ 

1977: Dynamo \$5,000 Pensacola: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD

Dynamo \$5,000 Birmingham: 1st/OD

Dynamo \$5,000 San Antonio: 1st/OD

Dynamo \$7,500 Houston: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD

Dynamo \$5,000 Kansas City: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD Dynamo \$7,500 Dallas: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OS, 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD

Dynamo \$25,000 National Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD

Dynamo \$5,000 Atlanta: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OS

Dynamo \$7,500 Missouri State: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup>/GW

T. Soccer \$25,000 Los Angeles: 3<sup>rd</sup>/OD Dynamo \$5,000 Green Bay: 1st/OD

1980: Tornado \$25,000 World Champ: 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD

1997: Tornado Kansas State: 1<sup>st</sup>/Semi-Pro Doubles

1998: Tornado Kansas State: 1st/Semi-Pro Doubles



Marty Chase and Mark Crowell



Marty and daughter, Amy.

Crowell and Chase

When I received the phone call from National Hall of Famer Steve Beine that I had been elected to the United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame, the enormity of the honor was hard to grasp all at once. If I tried to put it into words I would not have room here to do so. Just believe I feel very honored, and I want to thank the 2019 Hall of Fame committee; Steve Beine, Steve Murray, Jim Stevens and Dave Gummeson, along with Hall of Fame Sponsor Mary Moore and the electoral board for their hard work throughout the process. I also want to thank Johnny Lott for standing by me throughout the nomination process, and my longtime partner, National Hall of Famer Mark Crowell, for being such a great friend and partner. Mark and I share many great memories of our travels and tournament wins, and I thank him for being a huge part of my life and a major reason for my election to the United States Table Soccer Hall of Fame. Joining the ranks of top goalies in the likes of Kenny Rivera and Bobby Diaz who were elected last year is very special.



Crowell and Chase



Marty Chase in open singles.

I am a goalie from Kansas that played primarily on Dynamo and Tornado tables. My first real tournament was the Dynamo Nationals in 1975. The format at that time was one game to seven for the match. The goals were much larger than they are now, and the still pass was being used. It was well-known at the time that forwards could complete their still pass and score at a very high rate on the larger goals. Being a goalie, I realized one key to winning this one game to seven match was to keep the opposing goalie from scoring. If a goalie scored even one point you probably lost the match, and if they scored two points you did lose. Zone defenses were not well-known at the time, so I devised a series of zones and numbered the men and rods so Mark Crowell and I could get in

and out of one zone to the next very quickly. While the numbering system worked great in games, it was also very useful when discussing a game. For instance if a goalie did a shot that did some crazy bouncing around and almost slopped into our goal I might say to Mark, "Mark, do you

remember when so and so was shooting his 21 push to the 22 and then shooting a rolling pull and the ball kept hitting the inside of your 53 man and bouncing wild? Next time we play push your 53 man out a little further, so when the goalie shoots the 21 push to the 22 rolling pull it will miss your 53 cleanly and I will block the shot with my 21 long. That way we eliminate the chance for slop." That philosophy worked very well in my first real tournament, so from then on when a tournament was coming up I spent most of my time coming up with strategies to keep incredibly good goalies from scoring and winning matches. Sure I worked on all kinds of forward shot defenses, but I already knew what they were going to do and that was pass and score. What I wasn't sure of is what the goalie was going to do. Goalies were responsible for winning a lot of games and matches and stopping goalies was always my priority. So all the goalies that beat us in big tournaments, I remember you and it won't be so easy next time!

I loved practicing with friends all night long, seeing things I worked on come to fruition, and making the big block once in a while.



#### USA TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTEE

#### CATEGORY: PLAYER Kevin Keeter

## 1977-1993 Kevin Keeter – 4 World finals, 3 World titles, 1 Master Singles title

Multi-decade, Tornado Pro-Master player, 2-time Oklahoma State "All Around State Champion,"

Highlights:

1991: Tornado \$75,000 World Champ: <u>1<sup>st</sup>/OD</u>
Tornado Starbuck's World Warm Up: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD

1990: Tornado Oklahoma Worlds Warm Up: 1st/OS

1989: Tornado Tournament of Champions: 1 st/OD, 1 st/OS

1988: Tornado \$15,000 Master's: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS, 2<sup>nd</sup>/OD
Tornado OKC Midwest Warm-Up: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD, 1<sup>st</sup> OS

1987: Tornado \$12,000 World Champ İİ: 1st/MD
Tornado National Championships: 1st/OM
Tornado Texas State Championships: 1st/OM

1986: Tornado Texas State Champ: 1 st/OD Tornado \$10,000 Nationals: 1 st/MD

Tornado Texas State Championships: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD

1985: Tornado \$20,000 World Champ: <u>1<sup>st</sup>/OS</u>

1983: Tornado \$20,000 National Championships: 1<sup>st</sup>/OD Tornado Texas State Championships: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS

1982: Tornado \$5,000 Midwest Championships: 1st/OD, 1st/

1983: OS, 1<sup>st</sup>/OM

Tornado \$5,000 Memphis City Championships: 1st/OD

1977: Tornado \$3,000 Joplin: 1<sup>st</sup>/MD Tornado Oklahoma City: 1<sup>st</sup>/OS



Kevin Keeter and Dave Courington



Keeter & O'Quinn vs. Smith Brothers



Kevin Keeter returns to action in 2018.

Kevin started playing competitively in the mid 70's after he saw his older brother Mark, already a fairly accomplished player around town, compete at a high level in local tournaments in the Tulsa area. Kevin was instantly impressed with his brother's game. That's when Kevin decided to give pro foosball a go, and as they say, the rest is history. Kevin said: "I honestly can't remember all the great players from Tulsa back in the day, but I do remember the players I looked up to at that time, and that was my brother Mark Keeter, Mark "Tuna" Neeley, Tony Turner and Gary Sixkiller. There was no shortage of great competition in Oklahoma and Texas! Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri were definitely hotbeds for Tornado Foosball at the time and Colorado wasn't far behind. Tornado "Fussball" as it was known back then, is when Kevin was just starting his foos career. Tornado Fussball was on the verge of exploding around the country, and little did anyone know the foos legacy Kevin Keeter would eventually leave.

Most people who know Kevin, know him as a very quiet unassuming person who isn't comfortable talking about himself, or his accomplishments. Always quiet, thoughtful, modest and polite in nature, he was never outwardly aggressive towards anyone. Kevin was always happy and a lot fun to be around but at the same time he was very protective of his family,

especially his foos family & friends. No matter the situation, he was always the calm voice of reason within the foos family. However, when it was time to flip a coin and get down to business on the table, Kevin in his usual cool, calm and composed demeanor, was as tough, sometimes tougher to beat than anyone on the tour! For over a decade Kevin was a dominate player on the Tomado Tour. During his career, he left an indelible mark of professionalism, and positive influence on almost every Oklahoma player that ever accomplished anything locally or on tour, including the one and only Hall of Fame superstar Tommy Adkisson. For the last 20 years in the foos world Tommy and Liz Hill-Moore have carried the torch for Oklahoma, but Kevin Keeter was the first guy in Oklahoma to carry it and to gain National recognition for his state.

Kevin said, "The player that had the most influence on me as a player in the early 80's was the same person who also became my best friend and tour travel buddy, Old Dad, Steve Murray. Old Dad was also "best man" at my wedding! Steve and I went to every tour tournament we could possibly go to all through the 80's, and we had a blast!" Some of the players Kevin played with back in the early days was Bert McCurley, Ken Garwood, Dave Courington and Old Dad Murray. "I have very special memories with each one of those guys!"

Kevin said his favorite career wins were of course his World and National titles, but he claims his most cherished career win was taking 1988 Super Singles title when he beat several top ranked tour players including the #1 & #2 World ranked players at the time who had all expenses paid just to show up (anyone care to guess who those players were?) To this day, 31 years later he says it was his most satisfying win of all time! One of his other "most satisfying" tournaments, believe it or not, was one that he took second place in Open Doubles at the 1989 Tornado World Championships. Kevin had the winner's bracket in Open Doubles with a rookie goalie named Ken Garwood. In the finals they played the legendary Tom Spear and Gus Trevino in a grueling 10 game match that went "meatball" second set when Spear finally buried the last ball for the title. Kevin said, "I was devastated but at the



Keeter and John Smith win the 1991 Tornado Open Doubles World Championships.

same time very proud of the way I played, and looking back, it turns out it was a blessing to have Kenny on my team." Kevin went on to say, "Last but not least, I can't forget the Great John Smith, who finally helped me win that elusive Open Doubles World Title in 1991!" Kevin actually retired after that 1991 milestone, but continued to play occasionally over the next couple years. Kevin and John actually teamed up again to play Worlds in 1993, but that was the year of "Two-gun" Tommy Adkisson. Kevin and John placed a respectable 3rd in open doubles that year losing to his fellow Oklahoman Tommy Adkisson, and Russ King. Kevin said, "I hated losing, but I was happy to see Tommy and Russ go on to take the World title.

In short summary, Kevin Keeter was a great player, a great champion, and a model of how a professional fooser should carry himself on and off the table. He is a good man, he loves his family and friends, and as of today he will be forever remembered as a member of the Professional Foosball Hall of Fame, and that is how it should be.

### Hall Of Fame Classic Las Vegas, Nevada APRIL 3 - 7, 2019

# UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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

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