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**SIDE POCKETS AND FOOSIN' FEVER PRESENTS  
THE \$10,000 "MO-KAN SHOOTOUT" FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
- Olathe Kansas Area Table Soccer Tournament Gains International Status -**

OLATHE, KS – Normally a popular, easy-going neighborhood restaurant and sports bar, Olathe's Side Pockets at 1229 E. Santa Fe is now rapidly building up excitement in anticipation of an unusual, unique event: the \$10,000 MO-KAN Shootout" Foosball Championships. Held last year in Independence, MO, the February 23-27<sup>th</sup> event has relocated to this new venue to better accommodate an expected 150 of the USA's top table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") enthusiasts, including members of the U.S. National Team.

Now recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Pro Tour Series event, the annual MO-KAN tournament has even been elevated to international tour status. This means the competition is likely to draw match ups between numerous foosball top guns including former World Champion Tommy Adkisson of Oklahoma, Team USA member Brandon Moreland and MO-KAN defending champion Steve Mohs, both of Minneapolis, MN. Women's competition could draw top names as well, as local favorite and defending Women's Doubles and Singles Champion Laura Lance will have to out-shoot the likes of past World Champion Stayce Fowler of Cedar Rapids, IA and top ten contender Shelly Langley of Greeley, Colorado.

At the top levels, all will be competing for tour points towards qualification and expense-paid trips to compete in the ITSF World Championships Finals in St. Vincent, Italy later this year. And, with many Pros and Masters playing exceptionally strong in preparation for the upcoming \$50,000 Valley-Tornado International Table Soccer Championships in Las Vegas, NV, matches are expected to be extremely intense!

Sponsors of the event include Side Pockets Restaurant & Sports Bar and Foosin' Fever Promotions, while sponsors of the U.S. National Foosball Team and Team USA are Nike™, Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™, Warrior Custom Golf, Bonzini™ USA, Tornello Enterprises, Foosball.com, Rod-lock.com and TTR MasterWraps. The host hotel for the tournament will be the Days Inn, at 211 N. Rawhide Rd, Olathe; tel: 1-913-782-4343.

The tournament is organized by Foosin' Fever Promotions and is sanctioned by both the United States Table Soccer Federation and the ITSF. Competition will include categories for men and women from beginner to Master, and specialty events such as "Forward Shootout" and "4-on-4." The tournament is open to all spectators, and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament area. Opening events begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> with most finals occurring on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Players of every skill level can register for events on site, and all competition will be on Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™ tables.

With over 55 other ITSF 2007 World Tour events scheduled to take place in over 40 participating countries across five continents in places as diverse as Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis, Las Vegas, Tokyo, Paris, Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Costa Rica, Denmark, Singapore, South Africa and the UK, this year's tour will be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!!

For additional details about the event and the sport, please see the following websites:

- [www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org) - ITSF web site; International Rankings, Rules and more
- [www.ustsf.org](http://www.ustsf.org) - Official web site of the United States Table Soccer Federation
- [www.vifa.com](http://www.vifa.com) - USTSA web site/U.S.A. rankings/International League info
- [www.foosball.com](http://www.foosball.com) - General information about the sport of table soccer
- [www.foosworld.com](http://www.foosworld.com) - Information about players and regional events across the U.S.A.

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