

2022 International Frisbee and USA Guts Hall of Fame Voting Results

2022 Hall of Fame Induction Process Overview:

A total of 32 nominees were considered and vetted by the Nomination Committee. The Men's and Veteran's Subcommittees refined the number to 13 candidates, and a final Vetting Committee reduced the list to 6. The Committee's task to distill the list was extremely difficult given the quality of the nominees. Although it was enjoyable reflecting on the contributions, play, and memories of these nominees, it was important that critical discussions occur to achieve a final ballot.

To those who were nominated, it is indeed an honor to be considered and compared to existing Hall of Famers. To those who are still playing competitively and feel that they should have been on the final ballot, another induction process is in the future.

Therefore, it is our honor to announce the results, in alphabetical order:

Final Results:

- Al Bonopane
- Tom Cleworth
- Dave Meyer
- Dan Thornton
- Dennis Walikainen

Please congratulate the 2022 Class of Hall of Famers. We are hopeful that you can attend the induction ceremony to be during the International Frisbee Tournament in Hancock, Michigan on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brown

2022 International Frisbee and USA Guts Hall of Fame

2022 Nomination Committee Process

2022 Hall of Fame Process Committee Members

A special thank you to the 2022 Hall of Fame Process Committee Members. Your time and input is very appreciated, as it made the deliberations easier on a very difficult task.

Men's Subcommittee	Veteran's Subcommittee	Vetting Subcommittee
David Trauger*	Mark Banghart*	David Brown*
Ron Blau	Larry Letts	Mark Banghart
Steve Buckley	Keith Moher	Steve Taylor
Dan Gannon	Dan Roddick	David Trauger

* Also served as Chairs of their respective Subcommittees

Note that the Subcommittee members above are ineligible for consideration.

2022 Hall of Fame Nominees

All interested parties were invited to submit nominations.

A total of 32 people received nominations:

1. Dan Beckman
2. Dave Bolyard
3. Al Bonopane
4. Dave Bolyard
5. Frank Brady
6. Dave Brown (ineligible)
7. Tom Cleworth
8. Mike Colburn
9. Mike Colden
10. Steve Desjardins
11. Joe Essman
12. Frank Herveat
13. Roger Hill
14. Lige Johnson
15. Irv Kalb

16. Dianne Klemmer
17. Willie Leffel
18. Larry Letts
19. Paul Liu
20. Thom Marusich
21. Art McGuff
22. Dave Meyer
23. Roger Ohman
24. Tom Painter
25. Steve Shelp
26. Scott Smith
27. John Sotir
28. Suda Takayoshi
29. Brian Tews
30. Tim Trauger
31. Dan Thorton
32. Dennis Walikainen

2022 Final Subcommittee Recommendations

The Men's and Veteran's Subcommittees were asked to review and reduce the nomination lists. These members were selected based on their experience and knowledge of our sport. After multiple conversations and deliberations, the Subcommittee members were asked to distill their lists down to 5 names. The following recommendations were shared with the Vetting Subcommittee for consideration in alphabetical order:

Veteran's Subcommittee (5 + 1)

1. Tom Cleworth
 2. Irv Kalb
 3. Dave Meyer
 4. Dan Thornton
 5. Dennis Walikainen
- Paul Liu also received special consideration as a sixth name.

Men's Subcommittee (4 + 3)

1. Al Bonopane
 2. Steve DesJardins
 3. Dan Thornton
 4. Dennis Walikainen
- Willie Leffel, Paul Liu and Dave Meyer also received special consideration as 5th place names.

2022 Final Ballot

The above Recommendation Lists were forwarded to the Vetting Subcommittee. The Vetting Subcommittee consists of the Men's and Veteran's Subcommittee chairs, the USA Guts President, and the Nomination Committee Chair. After careful consideration and discussions, six names were placed on the ballot from the Recommendation Lists.

The Final ballot in alphabetical order is as follows:

1. Al Bonopane
2. Tom Cleworth
3. Irv Kalb
4. Dave Meyer
5. Dan Thornton
6. Dennis Walikainen

* Footnotes from the vetting process include:

- Tom Cleworth (Ranked #1 on the Veteran's list)
- Dennis Walikainen (Ranked #1 on the Men's list & included on the Veteran's list)
- Irv Kalb (Ranked #2 on the Veteran's list)
- Al Bonopane (Ranked #2 on the Men's list)
- Dan Thornton (Included on both the Men's and Veteran's lists)
- Dave Meyer (Included on both the Men's and Veteran's lists)

A general consensus exists that we have other nominees who will be strongly considered for a future Hall of Fame induction, but also that some nominees time will come.

We thank you for taking the time to honor all nominees and for voting. We are hopeful that you can attend the induction ceremony to be during the International Frisbee Tournament in Hancock, Michigan on Saturday, July 9, 2022.