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**TABLE SOCCER CHAMPIONS COMPETE
TO BENEFIT THE "V FOUNDATION"**

- Local and National "Foosball" Stars Join in Fight against Cancer -

RALEIGH, NC – Raleigh's own "Fat Daddy's," a popular local restaurant and sports bar located at 6201 Glenwood Avenue, is once again the proud host of the "Jimmy V" North Carolina Foosball Open. To be held March 14-16, the tournament is expected to draw table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") enthusiasts of all skill levels, including tournament and league players from throughout the region and even members of the U.S. National Team. Proceeds from all events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The "Jimmy V" tournament annually raises funds for the V Foundation, named for the late North Carolina State basketball coach and ABC/ESPN sports commentator Jimmy Valvano. The V Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to saving lives by helping to find a cure for cancer by generating broad-based support for cancer research and by creating an urgent public awareness of the importance of the war against cancer. In its first few years, the tournament raised more than \$10,000 for the V Foundation, thanks to local area business sponsorships, and a total of more than \$126,000 has been raised for this and other charities in a nationwide combined effort by local event organizers and Bonzini™ USA, a Division of Cribbs, Inc.

Each year, this tournament takes place on "French-style" foosball tables provided by Bonzini™ USA. The Bonzini™ table is one of five "official" styles of table soccer tables currently endorsed by the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) for use in international competition. With the tournament also recognized as an ITSF "Master Series" tour event, the "Jimmy V" North Carolina Foosball Open has even been elevated to international status.

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14th, with most finals held on Sunday the 16th. Particularly exciting will be the Open Doubles and Singles events, beginning 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, featuring numerous past champions such as Jim Parris, Buddy Burchette and U.S. National Team members including Bruce Nardoci and Tom Yore. The event is open to spectators and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament area. The host hotel for the event is Hampton Inn (directly next door to the tournament site); reservations: 1-919-782-1112.

Other ITSF 2008 World Tour events are scheduled to take place in Kentucky, Texas, Colorado and even Las Vegas. Indeed, table soccer players all around the United States are gearing up for still more ITSF competition in Austria, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Singapore, the UK and more. In fact, this year's 55-tournament tour is the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!

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

www.bonziniusa.com

www.ustsf.org

www.table-soccer.org

www.foosball.com

www.foosworld.com

- Tournament/charity information site
- Official USTSF web site/press info; U.S. Nat'l Team sponsorship opportunities
- ITSF official web site/international rankings/world pro tour calendar
- General information about the sport of table soccer
- Information about players & regional events across the U.S.A.

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