TWIPY Committee Video Call

11/18/21, 9:00PM-10:00PM Eastern

Committee members present:
- Jeff Patterson
- Will Oetting
- Steve Bowden
- Lauren Gray
- Lloyd Olson
- Imoto Harney
- Josh Sharpe

Explanation of the Goals of the TWIPYs (A Celebration of the Hobby)

Discussion of plan to hold the TWIPYs at the Texas Pinball Festival

Explanation of the main goals of the TWIPY Committee
- How to best maintain the integrity of voting process
  - Collect email address and several other variables that are used to determine duplicate votes
- Discuss which pinball machines should be eligible
- Discuss categories should be included
- After votes are received, review votes to inspect for validity and verify results

Importance of the Committee
- Importance of Committee member input
- If the Committee does not agree we'll do a vote

Voting Process
- Pre-voting on Write-In categories: December 1-10
- After we get the votes in, committee members will receive raw data
- We'll check for any “fishy” voting activity
- We’ll discuss any write in votes that are hard to decipher

Discussion of voting process for write-ins and ranked voting

Discussion on “Write-ins” to be included and excluded:

Favorite Pinball Tournament/Competition, Favorite Pinball Competitor, and Favorite Pinball Convention will be added back in for 2021.

Favorite Pinball Publication, Writer, or Article category has been removed for 2021.

Favorite Pinball App will be a new category for 2021.

Favorite Pinball Mod will be only third party mods (no manufacturer mods/accessories). Favorite Pinball Accessory will be a new category and will include mods/accessories directly from manufacturers.
Write-in categories for 2021 will be:
- Favorite Pinball Streamer
- Favorite Pinball Podcast
- Favorite Pinball YouTube Channel
- Favorite Pinball Mod of 2021
- Favorite Pinball Accessory of 2021
- Favorite Home Brew Pinball Machine
- Rookie of the Year
- Favorite Pinball Website
- Favorite Pinball Location
- Favorite Pinball Convention
- Favorite Pinball Tournament/Competition
- Favorite Pinball Competitive Player
- Favorite Pinball App
- Favorite Pinball Topper of 2021

Game categories for 2021 will be:
- Best Theme – Based on THEME ONLY
- Best Animations and Display
- Best Lightshow
- Best Toys and Gimmicks
- Best Theme Integration
- Best Music and Sound Effects
- Best Callouts
- Best Rules
- Best Playfield Gameplay and Layout
- Best Artwork
- Game of the Year

Eligible pinball machines (and their corresponding eligible categories) were discussed and will be solidified during a later meeting.