Hall of Fame Nominations Form

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Nominee Name:	Gerald Tesauro
Awards & Accomplishments:	Tesauro created the first neural net program for backgammon: TD-Gammon in 1992. See, for example, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TD-Gammon and Robertie, Learning from the Machine: Bill Robertie versus TD-Gammon.
Reasons for Consideration:	Every day backgammon players rely on software to analyze and study the game. Tesauro is responsible for the application of neural-net technology to backgammon. Earlier AI approaches to backgammon were naive and unfruitful (details available upon request). Today there are commercial (Jellyfish, Snowie, Extreme Gammon) and freeware (gnubg) progeny of TD-Gammon. Modern backgammon would not be the same without Tesauro's work.
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