

Forty-First Annual Awards Induction Banquet

at the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center
Dunellen, New Jersey

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Program

Master of Ceremonies: **Derek May**

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| • Inductee: Noga Nir-Kistler (Athlete) | Presenter: Frank Roth |
| • Inductee: Juan Liu (Athlete) | Presenter: Winston Wang |
| • Inductee: Mark Hazinski (Athlete) | Presenter: Dan Seemiller |
| • Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award: Lily Yip | Presenter: Sean O'Neill |

Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

PAST WINNERS

1999 Bobby Gusikoff	2010 Fred Danner
2000 Sol Schiff	2011 Mal Anderson
2001 Jimmy McClure	2012 Dick Evans
2002 Dick Miles	2013 Yvonne Kronlage
2003 Marty Reisman	2014 Donna Sakai
2004 J. Rufford Harrison	2015 Si Wasserman
2005 Leah Thall Neuberger & Thelma Thall Sommer	2017 Dell Sweeris
2006 Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan	2018 Larry Hodges
2007 George Braithwaite	2019 Richard Hicks
2008 Danny Seemiller	2021 David Sakai
2009 Houshang Bozorgzadeh	2024 Patty Martinez Kahn
	2025 Connie Sweeris



2026 Lily Yip

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Noga Nir-Kistler – Athlete



Noga Nir-Kistler represented the United States in table tennis at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Ranked among the world's top 10 in Class 5, she brought international recognition to American wheelchair table tennis and earned her place among the athletes honored by the Hall of Fame.

Born in Israel, Noga moved to Pennsylvania in 1997 and learned table tennis from her husband, Fred Kistler. She won a Pennsylvania state title in 2003 while competing against standing players. At the 2007 Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, she earned two silver medals.

Her international sporting career extended to the pool. At the London 2012 Paralympic Games, she won bronze in the women's 100-meter breaststroke SB5, becoming a Paralympic swimming medalist after representing her country in table tennis four years earlier. Her posthumous induction honors both her competitive record and her lasting example for future para table tennis players.

Juan Liu – Athlete

Juan Liu's run at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games gave American table tennis a memorable demonstration of what experience and composure can achieve. Seeded 68th in a field of 70, she won four matches in four days to advance from the preliminary round to the women's singles round of 16. Her fourth victory came against Romania's Bernadette Szöcs, whom she defeated 4–2. In the next round, Liu fought back after losing the first three games to Singapore's Yu Mengyu, taking two games before her Olympic singles campaign ended.

Liu won the women's singles and doubles titles at the 2018 U.S. Nationals and the women's singles title at the U.S. Open in 2012 and 2018. Her achievements connect national championship performance with the demands of international competition. Through coaching and player development in the New York area, she continues to share that experience with the next generation.



Mark Hazinski – Athlete



Mark Hazinski's career has taken him from national junior success to the Olympic Games and into national-team coaching. He represented the United States at Athens 2004 and at multiple World Championships, building a record that spans generations of American players. A four-time U.S. National singles runner-up and multiple national doubles champion, Hazinski also won six national Under-21 titles. Those results reflect sustained performance through the transition from junior competition to the senior international game.

His work as U.S. National Men's Team Coach extends that contribution beyond his own playing career. He was named USATT National Coach of the Year for 2024. The perspective of an Olympian now informs his work with athletes preparing for their own international opportunities. Tonight's induction recognizes the full arc of that career: the developing player, the national champion, the Olympian and Olympic Coach.

Lily Yip – Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

Lily Yip's impact on American table tennis spans Olympic competition, championship success, coaching, mentoring, and decades of developing players at the club level. Inducted into the U.S. Table Tennis Hall of Fame in 2004, she now receives the 2026 Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award in the community where she has helped generations of players learn and grow in the sport.

Yip represented the United States at the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games and competed in nine World Championships. At the Pan American Games, she earned six medals, including two gold and four silver. Domestically, she won four consecutive U.S. National Women's Doubles titles from 1992 through 1995 while also reaching the Women's Singles final in each of those four years.

Her family has shared in her championship success. In 2005, Lily and her son, Adam Hugh, won the U.S. National Mixed Doubles title. The following year, she partnered with her daughter, Judy Hugh, to capture the Women's Doubles title at the U.S. Open.

Yip's influence as a coach has been equally significant. She coached Lily Zhang to the bronze medal at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, the first Youth Olympic table tennis medal won by the United States, and helped lead the U.S. Junior Women's Team to the podium at the 2014 World Junior Championships. She later served as Team Leader for the U.S. Olympic Table Tennis Team at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. USA Table Tennis recognized her as National Coach of the Year in 2004, 2010, 2013, and 2014.

Yip has continued competing successfully well into her veteran years. She earned the silver medal in Over-55 Women's Singles at the 2018 World Veteran Championships and, in 2024, added a World Masters Over-60 Women's Doubles gold medal to her record.

Through competition, coaching, family, and the community she has built around the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center, Lily Yip's influence has extended across generations of American table tennis.



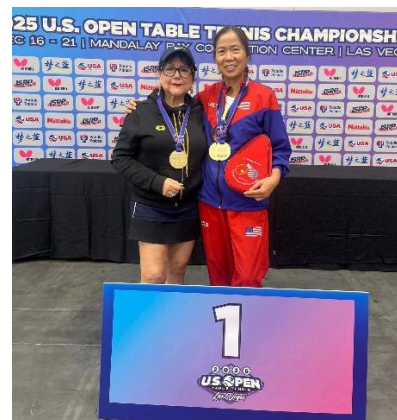
Lily Zhang & coach Lily Yip at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games (image courtesy of USOPC/IOC)



2016 US Olympic Team in Rio



U.S. Girls' Team, Bronze medalists at the 2014 World Junior Championships, Shanghai



Patty Martinez Kahn & Lily Yip at the 2025 U.S. Open

United States Table Tennis Hall of Fame **INDUCTEES**

Players

*AARONS, Ruth Hughes.....	1966
ACTON, Sharon	1983
BANH, Tawny	2014
*BASS Jr., Norman	2018
*BELLAK, Laszlo	1980
BELLINI, Valleri Smith	1983
BENGTTSSON, Angelita Rosal.....	1996
*BERENBAUM, Abe	1979
BHUSHAN, Insook	1993
*BLATTNER, Robert "Bud"	1979
BOGGAN, Eric	2003
BOGGAN, Scott	2001
*BRAITHWAITE, George	1989
BROOKS, Kenneth	2023
BUI, Quang	2011
*BUKIET, Bernard	1981
*BURNS, Charles "Chuck"	1984
BUTLER, Jim	2011
*CARTLAND, Douglas	1984
CHENG, Yinghua	2000
*CHOTRAS, Bernice Charney.....	1983
*CLOUTHER, Mae	1984
*COWAN, Glenn	2024
DAWIDOWICZ, Kasia	2006
*DeFRANCESCO, Sebastian.....	2021
*DEMPSEY, Mike	2002
ELLIOTT, Aili	2018
FENG, Amy	2010
FIELDS, Bobby	1988
*FOLKE, Peggy McLean	1980
FONTAINE, Pam	2021
*FULLER, Emily	1979
GAO, Jun	2009
GEE, Diana	2009
GEE, Lisa	2014
GUILLEN, Ray	2007
*GUSIKOFF, Bobby	1984
*HAWTHORN, Davida	1994
*HAZI, Tibor	1981
HAZINSKI, Mark	2026
*HEITNER, Sydney	1997
*HENDRY, George	1984
*HICKS, Richard	2001
HOARFROST, Judy Bochenksi ..	1997
*HOLZRICHTER, William C.....	1980
*HOWARD, Jack	1994
*ICHKOFF, Peggy	1987
*JACOBSON, Jimmy	1985
JAIN, Ashu	2023
JOHNSON, Jennifer	2012
KAMINSKY, Barbara Chaimson	1985
KIMBLE, Alice Green	1995
*KLEIN, Erwin	1981
*KUENZ, Dolores Probert	1979
*LEE, Dal-Joon	1983
LEE, He-ja	1984
LEIBOVITZ, Tahl	2015
*LINK, Betty Henry.....	2025
LIU, Juan	2026
LUPULESKU, Ilija	2008
MALEK, Attila	2000
MARTINEZ KAHN, Patty	1993
MASTERS, Brian	2010
*MATTHEWS, Mark.....	1979
*McCLURE, Jimmy	1966
*MILES, Dick	1966
*MONASTERIAL, Marcy	2017
*MONNESS, Reba	1981
NAROTAM, Dhiren	2018
*NASH, Garrett Gray	1991
*NEUBERGER, Leah	1966
NGUYEN, Khoa	2006

*NIR-KISTLER, Noga	2026
O'DOUGHERTY, Sheila	2014
O'NEILL, Sean	2007
OWENS, Eric	2015
*PAGLIARO, Lou	1979
*PECORA, Danny	2006
*PINNER, Edward	1985
*PROUTY, Sally Green	1979
*PURVES, Jessie "Jay"	1979
RALSTON, Michael.....	2019
RATHER, Jasna	2011
*REISMAN, Marty	1981
*RESEK, Errol	2012
SAKAI, David	2004
SAKAI, Donna Chaimson	1996
*SCHIFF, Sol	1966
SEEMILLER, Dan	1995
SEEMILLER, Ricky	1998
SEIDENFELD, Mitch	2010
*SHAHIAN, Mildred	1980
*SHIPMAN, Mildred Wilkinson.	1984
SOLTESZ, Olga	2007
*SOMAEL, John	1983
*SOMAEL, Pauline Robinson ..	1991
*SOMMER, Thelma "Tybie"	1980
STOCKWELL, Wendy Hicks	1994
*SUSSMAN, Cy	1985
SWEERIS, Connie	1987
SWEERIS, Dell	1987
SWEERIS, Todd	2013
*TANNEHILL, John	2005
TEEKAVEERAKIT, Chartchai...	2008
TERRANOVA, Terese	2013
VAN DE WALLE, Norbert	2004
VUONG, Lan	2012
WANG, Chen	2015
WANG, Wei	2002
WILSON, Sharlene Krizman	1997
YIP, Lily	2004
ZHUANG, David	2003

Officials/Contributors

*AKI, Shonie	1997
ANDERSON, Mal	1997
BENGTTSSON, Stellan	2024
BOGGAN, Joseph R. "Tim"	1985
BOZORGZADEH, Houshang	1987
BROOKS, Sharon Frant	2019
*BUTLER, Richard	2014
*CINNATER, Elmer F.	1979
*CLARK, Coleman	1979
DANNER, Fred	1993
DAVIS, Dennis	2023
DEL VECCHIO, David.....	2025
DETROITER	1979
DILLON, Wendell	2007
*EK, Otto F. J.	1981
EVANS, Richard "Dick"	1998
FOX, Bob	2009
GENERAL SPORTCRAFT Co....	1979
GHEORGHE, Teodor "Doru"	2018
*GREEN, Bob	2000
*GROSS, Sanford	1991
*GUNN, William A.	1980
*HARRISON, J. Rufford	1984
HARVARD Table Tennis Co.....	1981
*HOCK, Bernard	1984
*HODGE, Bill	2008
HODGES, Larry	2003
*HOEY, Chuck	2008
HUANG, Tongsheng "Jack"	2015
IBRAHIM, Azmy	2010
ISAACSON, Steve	1994

*JOHNSON, Dean	2015
*KENNEDY, Gus	2012
KRONLAGE, Yvonne	1994
*LAWRENCE, Herwald	1996
*LEE, Y.C.	1999
LEPARULO, Willy	2023
LI AI, Henan	2018
LI, Zhenshi	2019
LILLIEROOS, Christian	2021
MARTIN, Bowie Sr.	2017
McAFEE, Richard	2005
*McILWAIN, Mary	1994
McQUEEN, Jim	2011
*MILLER, Tom	2001
*MOSKOWITZ, Manny	1994
*NEWGARDEN, Joe	2007
NIPPON Takkyu Co.....	1988
P. BECKER and Co.....	1981
*PRAGER, Marty	2005
PREISS, Scott	2017
*PRICE, William R.	1980
*READ, John	1989
*SCHEIN, George	1980
*SCOTT, Dr. Michael	1999
*SMYTH, Neil	1996
*STEENHOVEN, Graham	1988
TAMASU Co.	1987
TAYLOR, Dennis	2024
TINYSZIN, Roman.....	2021
*VARGA, John	1980
WALK, Bill	2010
*WASSERMAN, Si	2006
*ZEISBERG, Carl	1981

**Deceased*

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