Forty-First Annual Awards Induction Banquet

at the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center

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Program

Master of Ceremonies: **Derek May**

• 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 "Tybie" Thall Sommer	2017	Dell Sweeris
		2018	Larry Hodges
2006	Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan	2019	Richard Hicks
2007	George Braithwaite	2021	David Sakai
2008	Danny Seemiller	2024	Patty Martinez Kahn
2009	Houshang Bozorgzadeh	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 amonth 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 Szocs, 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. Winner of the 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.

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.



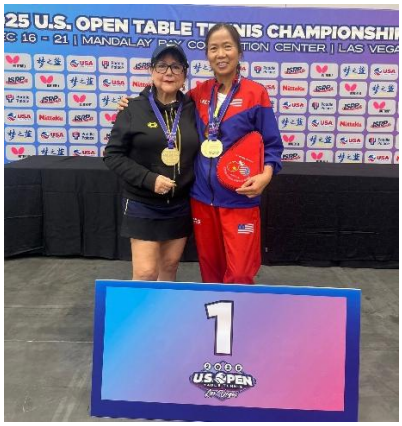
Lily Zhang & coach Lily Yip at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games (image courtesy of USOPC/IOC)



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

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