

# Thirty-Fifth Annual Hall of Fame

## Awards Induction Banquet *at the Westgate Resort & Casino* Thursday, July 5, 2018

### Program

Social ..... 6:30 PM  
Dinner ..... 7:00 PM  
Awards ..... 8:00 PM



Presenter ..... Paul Lewis (Dhiren Narotam)  
Presenter ..... Norm D. Bass III (Norm Bass Jr.)  
Presenter ..... Sean O'Neill (Aili Elliott)  
Presenter ..... Scott Preiss/Diana Gee (Henan Li Ai)  
Presenter ..... Sheri Pittman (Doru Gheorghe)  
Presenter ..... Dan Seemiller/Todd Sweeris (Larry Hodges)

### Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

The Mark Matthews Award is presented annually for lifetime achievement in American table tennis.

#### PAST WINNERS

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



## 2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

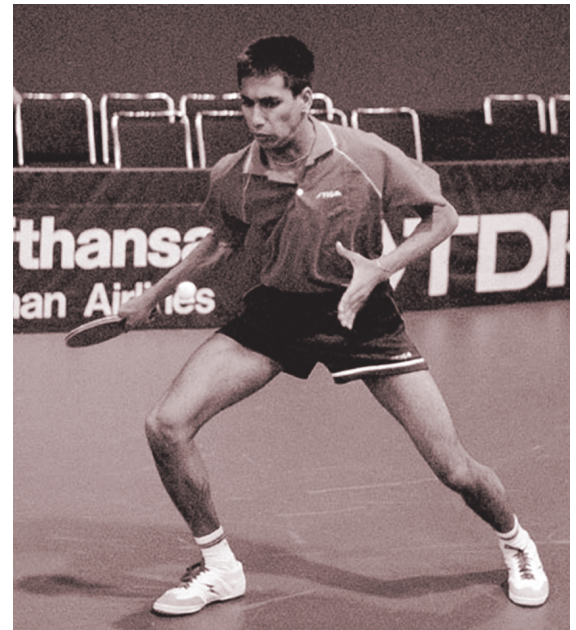
### **Aili Elliott (Li Ai) - Athlete**

- 1991 Pan Am Games Team & Women's Doubles Gold Medalist
- 1990 US Nationals Mixed Doubles & U-22 Women's Singles Silver Medalist
- 1990 US Olympic Festival Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles Gold Medalist
- 1990 US Open U2300 Women's Champion
- 1989 World Team Member
- 1989 US Open Junior U-18 & U-16 Girls' Champion
- 1989 US Olympic Festival Women's Singles & Mixed Doubles Gold Medalist
- 1989 American All-star Women's Silver Medalist
- 1989 Hall of Fame Open Women's Champion & Mixed Doubles Silver Medalist



### **Dhiren Narotam - Athlete**

- 1992 US World Cup Qualifier Doubles Champion
- 1992 North American Singles Semi-Finalist
- 1992 World Doubles Cup Doubles Team
- 1991 Pan Am Games Team - Silver Medalist
- 1991 US World Team
- 1989 US World Team
- 1986 – 1993 US Olympic Festivals with multiple Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals
- Won every age group at USA Nationals, including Under 11, 13, 15, 17, and 21
- Youngest player selected for initial USATT Resident Training Program in Colorado Springs in 1985 at age 13
- Assistant Director for Table Tennis at the Iowa Games since 2002



### **Norman Bass, Jr. - Athlete**

- 2009 ParaPan American Championships Gold in Teams class 6-7
- 2007 ParaPan American Games Gold in Teams class 6-7
- 2005 ParaPan American Championships Gold in Teams class 6-7
- 2001 ParaPan American Championships Gold in Teams class 7-8
- 1999 ParaPan American Games Gold in Teams class 6-8
- 2009 ParaPan American Championships Silver in Singles class 7
- 2007 ParaPan American Games Bronze in Singles class 7
- 2005 ParaPan American Championships Bronze in Singles class 7
- 2003 ParaPan American Championships Silver in Singles class 7
- 2003 ParaPan American Championships Silver in Teams class 6-7
- 2000 Paralympic Games Bronze in Teams class 6-7
- 2001 US Open Gold in Teams class 6-10
- 1999 US Open Gold in Singles class 6-7
- 1999 US Open Silver in Open Singles Standing
- 1998 US Open Silver in Singles class 6-7



# 2018 Hall of Fame Boosters Club

The Board of Directors of the United States Table Tennis Hall of Fame would like to thank the contributors below for their generous support. We would also like to thank Si Wasserman for his continued support of the Wasserman Junior Scholarships, Hall of Fame World Veteran Farewell Party, Tim Boggan History Books, and the Lily Yip Junior Program.

## **DIAMOND**

(\$1000 & up)

Si & Patty Wasserman

## **PLATINUM**

(\$500 & up)

William Steinle

## **GOLD**

(\$300 & up)

Dennis Davis

Linda Hsing

Christian Lillieroos

John McFadden

Paddle Palace

St. Louis Table Tennis Club

## **SILVER**

(\$200 & up)

Sheila O'Dougherty

Sean O'Neill

Donna & David Sakai (Senoda)

Dell & Connie Sweeris

Todd Sweeris

Gordon Kaye & USATT



## **Hall of Fame Team**

(Up to \$100)

Dennis & Ruth Creech

Diana Gee

Richard Hicks

Larry Hodges

Tahl Leibovitz

Ed Levy

William Lewis

## **BRONZE**

(\$100 & up)

Dean Johnson

Jennifer Johnson

Rich Martin

Richard McAfee

Jim McQueen

Scott Preiss

Insook & Shekhar Bhushan

Butterfly Table Tennis

Danner Family

Jun Gao

Yim & Betty Gee

Darrell Holland

Jasna Rather

Mitch Seidenfeld

Simon Singer

Stanley Sokol

Terry Timmins

## 2018 Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

### Larry Hodges

#### **Writer and Editor**

- Author of 8 books and over 1600 articles on table tennis, and over 1800 blog entries at [tabletenniscoaching.com](http://tabletenniscoaching.com)
- Editor of USA Table Tennis Magazine for 12 years, 71 issues

#### **Coach**

- USATT Certified National Coach, ITTF Level 2 Coach
- Two-time USATT Coach of the Year (Developmental and Science Awards)
- Many-time coach of USA National Junior Team, coaching them at tournaments in Taiwan, Canada, Mexico, and USA.
- Coached over 250 gold medalists at the U.S. Junior Nationals and Junior Olympics
- Ran over 100 five-day training camps
- Manager/Director/Coach, USATT Resident Training Program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, 1985-1990.
- Professional coach at MDTTC since 1992

#### **Promoter, Director, and Official**

- Pioneered the idea of full-time table tennis training centers by opening the Maryland Table Tennis Center in 1992 (with Cheng Yinghua and Jack Huang), the first successful full-time table tennis training center in the country. The model has been successfully copied all over the U.S.
- Instigated & created (with Robert Mayer) the USATT League Rating System, now used all over the country.
- Director of over 200 USATT sanctioned tournaments
- USATT certified umpire

#### **Player**

- Reached #18 in the country, won Open Singles at 18 tournaments, and was National Collegiate Doubles and 2-time Team Champion. At U.S. Open and Nationals, 2-time Hardbat Singles Champion, 5-time Hardbat Over 40 Champion, and 14-time Hardbat Doubles Champion

#### **USATT Positions**

- Member of USATT Board of Directors, 1991-1992, 2015-2018 (current)
- USATT Club Programs Director, 2000-2007
- USATT Co-Webmaster, 1999-2005
- Assistant to the USATT Executive Director, 1989
- Chair of USATT Coaching Committee, 1991-1995, 2017-2018 (current)
- Chair of USATT League Committee, 2015-2017
- Chair of USATT Club Committee, 1990-1991
- Chair of USATT RTP, 1990-1992
- Former Member of USATT Junior, Senior, Grassroots, and Ratings Committees
- 2007 USATT President's Award for Contributions to Table Tennis



# History of U.S. Table Tennis

438  
pages

Volume XXI Now Available! • [www.timboggantabletennis.com](http://www.timboggantabletennis.com)

1677  
graphics

## History of U.S. Table Tennis

Vol. XXI: 1994-1995

“For the first time since 1949, a U.S. Team—by reaching the semi’s of the 1995 World Team Cup—has shown resurgent strength and success in major international competition. Bravo, USA!”

—USATT Historian Tim Boggan

BY TIM BOGGAN

USATT HISTORIAN



World Team Cup MVP  
Jim Butler defeats  
Belgium’s Philippe  
Saive to advance USA  
into the quarterfinals,  
where they would then  
upset France.



Photo by John Oros



Vol. I .....	1928-39 ...	375 pages ...	215 graphics
Vol. II .....	1940-52 ...	395 pages ...	320 graphics
Vol. III .....	1953-62 ...	450 pages ...	400 graphics
Vol. IV .....	1963-70 ...	460 pages ...	700 graphics
Vol. V* .....	1971-72 ...	282 pages ...	400 graphics
*Covers the Ping-Pong Diplomacy Years			
Vol. VI .....	1970-73 ...	500 pages ...	800 graphics
Vol. VII .....	1973-75 ...	530 pages ...	820 graphics
Vol. VIII .....	1975-77 ...	512 pages ...	836 graphics
Vol. IX .....	1977-79 ...	503 pages ...	810 graphics
Vol. X .....	1979-81 ...	535 pages ...	820 graphics
Vol. XI .....	1981-82 ...	516 pages ...	805 graphics
Vol. XII .....	1983 .....	460 pages ...	837 graphics
Vol. XIII .....	1984 .....	448 pages ...	918 graphics
Vol. XIV .....	1985-86 ...	465 pages ...	962 graphics
Vol. XV .....	1986-88 ...	401 pages ...	978 graphics
Vol. XVI .....	1988-89 ...	427 pages ...	1327 graphics
Vol. XVII .....	1989-90 ...	450 pages ...	1500 graphics
Vol. XVIII .....	1990-91 ...	444 pages ...	1548 graphics
Vol. XIX .....	1991-92 ...	483 pages ...	1800 graphics
Vol. XX .....	1993-94 ...	460 pages ...	1714 graphics
Vol. XXI .....	1994-95 ...	438 pages ...	1677 graphics

“How can any serious player  
*not* buy these books?”

-Larry Hodges, USATT Hall of Famer

Send check or money order for \$40\* per book and send and make payable to:

**Tim Boggan, 12 Lake Ave., Merrick, NY 11566**

Please allow three weeks for delivery. \*Includes shipping and handling

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle Volumes Ordered

I	II	III	IV	V	VI
VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
XIII	XIV	XV	XVI	XVII	XVIII
XIX	XX	XXI			

## **Henan Li Ai** - Contributor

### **Player**

- 1965 Chinese Women's Team first time won 26th world championships. World Championships & Women's Doubles - Bronze
- 1975 Head coach of Chinese women's team that won 33rd World Championships Team. *That's the second time China won the title.*

### **USATT National Coach**

- 1983 US Pan Am Team Coach - Women's Team, Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Singles – Gold, Men's Doubles - Bronze
- 1985 USA Team World's Women's Coach – #28
- 1987 USA Team World's Women's Coach - #19 (Qualified for First Division)
- 1987 US Pan Am Women's Team Coach — Women's Team, Singles, Mixed Doubles – Gold
- 1988 US Olympic Coach (Insook Bhushan, Diana Gee, Sean O'Neill)
- 1989 World Championships - #12 (highest finish for Women's Team in modern times)

### **USATT Program**

- Resident Training Program in Colorado Springs with USATT Hall of Famers - Insook Bhushan, Sean O'Neill, Diana Gee, Lisa Gee, Jimmy Butler, Eric Owens, Todd Sweeris, Li Ai, plus 25 kids including Chui's, Lonnon, Dhiren Narotam, Randy Cohen
- Coached at North American Championships, US Open, US Nationals. Personal coach of Sean O'Neill, Insook Bhushan, Diana Gee, Lisa Gee, Jimmy Butler, Todd Sweeris, Dhiren Narotam and daughter Li Ai
- Participated in all USATT National Coaching Programs at USOTC



## **Doru Gheorghe** - Contributor

- USA Table Tennis Chief Operating Officer & High-Performance Director - Jan. 1, 2008 - March 1, 2016
- USA Table Tennis Executive Director - April 2003 - August 2007
- USA Women's National and Olympic Team coach - June 1998 - March 2016
- General Secretary for Romanian Table Tennis Federation, Feb 1990 - Sept 1997
- Coach of Romanian Men's Olympic Team - 1996
- Professional table tennis player - 1968- 1989
- Member of the Romanian National team - 1969-1983
- USATT Certified National coach and 1st level Romanian coaching diploma (highest level)
- Member of the Junior and Calendar Committees of the International Table Tennis Federation - 2003-2006
- Member of the European Table Tennis Union, Junior Committee - 1991-1995

### **USA Table Tennis National Women's Team Coach**

- 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 - Olympic Games
- 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 - Pan Am Games
- 2016 - Juror at 2016 Paralympic Games
- 1999, 2000, 2001 and from 2003 to 2016 - World Table Tennis Championships
- 2009, 2010, 2013 - World Team Cup
- 2011, 2012 - World Cup

### **Awards**

- Coach of the Year in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2008

### **Results**

- 1999 - Pan Am Games - Gold medals in Women's Team and Women's Singles
- 2003 - Pan Am Games - Gold medals in Women's Singles and Women's Doubles
- 2007 - Pan Am Games - Gold medals in Women's Team and Women's Singles
- 2011 - Pan Am Games - Bronze medals in Women's Team and Women's Singles
- Olympic Games - 2008- 5<sup>th</sup> place (USA the best ever) in team Events and quarterfinals in Women's Singles
- 2015 - Pan Am Games - Gold medals in Women's Team and Women's Singles
- World Championships- 2003, 2005 and 2007 Quarterfinals in Women's Singles
- Numerous medals in North American Championships and International competitions



# United States Table Tennis Hall of Fame

## INDUCTEES

### Players

*Aarons, Ruth Hughes	1966	*Hendry, George	1984	*Purves, Jessie "Jay"	1979
Acton, Sharon	1983	Hicks, Richard	2001	Rather, Jasna	2011
Banh, Tawny	2014	Hoarfrost, Judy Bochenski	1997	*Reisman, Marty	1981
*Bellak, Laszlo	1980	*Holzrichter, William C.	1980	Resek, Errol	2012
Bellini, Valleri Smith	1983	Howard, Jack	1994	Sakai, David	2004
Bengtsson, Angelita Rosal	1996	*Ichkoff, Peggy	1987	Sakai, Donna Chaimson	1996
*Berenbaum, Abe	1979	*Jacobson, Jimmy	1985	*Schiff, Sol	1966
Bhushan, Insook	1993	Johnson, Jennifer	2012	Seemiller, Danny	1995
*Blattner, Robert "Bud"	1979	Kaminsky, Barbara Chaimson	1985	Seemiller, Ricky	1998
Boggan, Eric	2003	Kimble, Alice Green	1995	Seidenfeld, Mitch	2010
Boggan, Scott	2001	*Klein, Erwin	1981	*Shahian, Mildred	1980
Braithwaite, George	1989	*Kuenz, Dolores Probert	1979	*Shipman, Mildred Wilkinson	1984
Bui, Quang	2011	*Lee, Dal-Joon	1983	Soltész, Olga	2007
*Bukiet, Bernard	1981	Lee, He-ja	1984	*Somael, John	1983
*Burns, Charles "Chuck"	1984	Leibovitz, Tahl	2015	*Somael, Pauline Robinson	1991
Butler, Jim	2011	Lupulesku, Ilija	2008	Sommer, Thelma "Tybie"	1980
*Cartland, Douglas	1984	Malek, Attila	2000	Soto, Lisa Gee	2014
Cheng, Yinghua	2000	Masters, Brian	2010	Stockwell, Wendy Hicks	1994
*Chotras, Bernice Charney	1983	*Matthews (Schussheim), Mark	1979	*Sussman, Cy	1985
*Clouthier, Mae	1984	*McClure, Jimmy	1966	Sweeris, Connie Stace	1987
Dawidowicz, Kasia	2006	*Miles, Dick	1966	Sweeris, Dell	1987
*Dempsey, Mike	2002	*Monasterial, Marcy	2017	Sweeris, Todd	2013
Feng, Amy	2010	*Monness, Reba	1981	Tannehill, John	2005
Fields, Bobby	1988	*Nash, Garrett Gray	1991	Teekaveerakit, Chartchai	2008
*Folke, Peggy McLean	1980	*Neuberger, Leah	1966	Terranova, Terese	2013
*Fuller, Emily	1979	Nguyen, Khoa	2006	Van de Walle, Norbert	2004
Gao Jun	2009	O'Dougherty, Sheila	2014	Vuong, Tieu Lan	2012
Gee, Diana	2009	O'Neill, Sean	2007	Wang, Chen	2015
Guillen, Ray	2007	Owens, Eric	2015	Wang, Wei	2002
*Gusikoff, Bobby	1984	*Pagliaro, Lou	1979	Wasserman, Patty Martinez	1993
*Hawthorn, Davida	1994	Pecora, Danny	2006	Wilson, Sharlene Krizman	1997
*Hazi, Tibor	1981	*Pinner, Edward	1985	Yip, Lily	2004
*Heitner, Sydney	1997	*Prouty, Sally Green	1979	Zhuang, David	2003

### Officials/Contributors

*Aki, Shonie	1997	Kennedy, George "Gus"	2012
Anderson, Mal	1997	Kronlage, Yvonne	1994
Boggan, Joseph R. "Tim"	1985	*Lawrence, Herwald	1996
Bozorgzadeh, Houshang	1987	*Lee, Y.C.	1999
*Butler, Richard	2014	Martin Sr., Bowie	2017
*Cinnater, Elmer F.	1979	McAfee, Richard	2005
*Clark, Coleman	1979	*McIlwain, Mary	1994
Danner, Fred	1993	McQueen, Jim	2011
Detroit	1979	Miller, Tom	2001
Dillon, Wendell	2007	*Moskowitz, Manny	1994
*Ek, Otto F. J.	1981	*Newgarden, Joe	2007
Evans, Richard "Dick"	1998	Nippon Takkyu Co., Ltd.	1988
Fox, Bob	2009	*P. Becker and Co.	1981
General Sportcraft Co., Ltd.	1979	*Prager, Marty	2005
*Green, Bob	2000	Preiss, Scott	2017
*Gross, Sanford	1991	*Price, William R.	1980
*Gunn, William A.	1980	*Read, John	1989
*Harrison, J. Rufford	1984	*Schein, George	1980
Harvard Table Tennis Co.	1981	Scott, Dr. Michael	1999
*Hock, Bernard	1984	*Smyth, Neil	1997
*Hodge, Bill	2008	*Steenhoven, Graham	1988
Hodges, Larry	2003	Tamasu Co., Ltd.	1987
Hoey, Chuck	2008	*Varga, John	1980
Huang, Tongsheng "Jack"	2015	Walk, Bill	2010
Ibrahim, Azmy	2010	Wasserman, Si	2006
Isaacson, Steve	1994	*Zeisberg, Carl	1981
Johnson, Dean	2015		

*\*Deceased*

**VISIT THE U.S.  
TABLE TENNIS  
HALL OF FAME!**



[www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org) => History

#### HALL OF FAME BOARD

Sean O'Neill	Scott Gordon
(president)	Dick Hicks
Mal Anderson	Dean Johnson
Tim Boggan	Yvonne Kronlage
Patty Wasserman	Donna Sakai

#### PROGRAM EDITOR

Larry Hodges

#### PRINTER

Printing courtesy of Senoda Inc.

#### PHOTOS

Photos courtesy of Mal Anderson