

Thirty-Third Annual Hall of Fame

Awards Induction Banquet

Mesquite Ballroom at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015

2015 Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award Winner:

Si Wasserman

- USTTA Executive Vice-President (1958-61)
- President CATT (1952-55) and Member of its HOF Board of Directors (1994—)
- Captain of USA Team to 1959 Dortmund, Germany World Championships
- CATT Center Owner/Operator/Tournament and Exhibition Promoter, Player, and Writer
- USTTA Coaching Chair and Personal Developmental Coach to CA HOF Players
- Author of *How to Improve Your Table Tennis* (Athlete Institute of Chicago, updated 1973)
- Support and Award Provider—Notably Through His Generous Annual Nate Wasserman Memorial Scholarship Donations (2007—)



Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

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

This year's winner is Si Wasserman of Oceanside, CA.

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
2005	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



Welcome to the 33rd Annual UNITED STATES TABLE TENNIS HALL OF FAME Awards Induction Banquet

Program

Social 6:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:00 P.M.
Awards 8:00 P.M.



Master of Ceremonies Donna Sakai, President, U.S. Hall of Fame
Presenter Tim Boggan (Wang Chen)
Presenter Sean O'Neill (Tahl Leibovitz)
Presenter Tim Boggan (Si Wasserman)
Presenter Tim Boggan (Dean Johnson)
Presenter Barbara Wei (Tongsheng "Jack" Huang)
Presenter Tim Boggan (Eric Owens)

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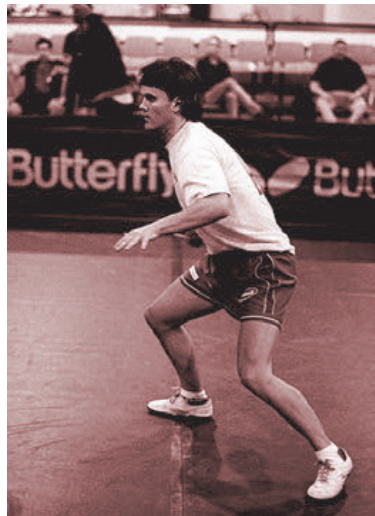
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Ross Brown	Rich Martin
HW Global	Sheila O'Dougherty
Leonard Klein	William Steinle
Charlene Liu & Changping Duan	

2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Tahl Leibovitz (Player)

- Gold Medalist in Paralympic play—in Czech Republic, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Spain
- Gold Medalist in Para Pan Am play—in Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela
- On U.S. Para Teams—in China, England, France, Greece, Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan
- Many-time U.S. Open/U.S. Closed Para Singles Champion
- 2005 IPC and 2006 USOC/USATT Table Tennis Athlete of the Year
- 2004 Award: Crystal Apple for being Outstanding Athlete (from N.Y. Mayor Mike Bloomberg)
- In Able-bodied play: National Over 30 Champion, U.S. Closed Men's Doubles Finalist, New York State Champion, Three-time U.S. Maccabiah Team member



Eric Owens (Player)

- 2001 National Singles Champion (Highest Rating 2712)
- 1998/2001 National Doubles Champion
- 2005 U.S. Male Player of the Year
- Three-time U.S. World Team member
- Two-time U.S. Pan Am Team member—
1999 Gold Medal winner in Teams
- Three-time National Intercollegiate Champion
- U.S. Open and Closed Under 22 Champion
- Two-time U.S. Junior Nationals U-18 Champion and U.S. Open U-18 Champion



Wang Chen (Player)

- World Team member for China (ranked World #4) and for USA (finished 5th with wins over World #6 and World #22)
- Member of winning Pan Am Women's Team
- Two-time U.S. Open Women's Singles Finalist and two-time Women's Doubles Champion
- Two-time U.S. Closed Women's Singles winner and Women's Doubles Champion
- Two-time North American Women's Singles Champion
- At Eastern's, both Open and Women's Champion—in Open beat Gao Jun and Li Yuxiang; in Women's beat Lily Yip
- On retiring, opened a New York City Table Tennis Club



Tongsheng "Jack" Huang (Contributor)

- USATT National Coach of the Year, 1998; Developmental Coach of the Year, 2014
- Member of the Chinese National Team (1976-1983)
- Three-time Men's Singles Third Place Finisher at Chinese Nationals
- #1-rated U.S. Player (May, 1991)
- 1997 U.S. Men's Doubles Champion
- USTTA Certified National Coach
- Co-Head Coach at Maryland TT Center for 24 years
- Students have won huge numbers of Medals at the Junior Olympics, Junior Nationals, U.S. Open, U.S. Closed
- Primary Coach of recent record-setting, history-making young teenager Crystal Wang



Dean Johnson (Contributor)

- Co-author of six-volume *World Class American Table Tennis Players of the Classic Age*
- Committee Chair of newly established U. S. Table Tennis Hall of Fame (HOF) Museum
- Member of ITTF Veterans Committee—U.S. awarded the 2018 World Veterans Championship
- Member of Board of Directors of both the U.S. HOF and *Table Tennis for Charity* Foundation
- Chairman of Local Organizing Committee for 2011 National Championships
- Former USTTA Ranking Chairman and Nationally Ranked Player and Exhibition Performer
- Dean, his wife, son and daughter are also very successful tournament tennis players

United States Table Tennis Hall of Fame

INDUCTEES

Players

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

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	McAfee, Richard	2005
*Cinnater, Elmer F.	1979	*McIlwain, Mary	1994
*Clark, Coleman	1979	McQueen, Jim	2011
Danner, Fred	1993	Miller, Tom	2001
Detroitier	1979	*Moskowitz, Manny	1994
Dillon, Wendell	2007	Newgarden, Joe	2007
*Ek, Otto F. J.	1981	Nippon Takkyu Co., Ltd.	1988
Evans, Richard "Dick"	1998	*P. Becker and Co.	1981
Fox, Bob	2009	Prager, Marty	2005
General Sportcraft Co., Ltd.	1979	*Price, William R.	1980
*Green, Bob	2000	*Read, John	1989
*Gross, Sanford	1991	*Schein, George	1980
*Gunn, William A.	1980	Scott, Dr. Michael	1999
Harrison, J. Rufford	1984	*Smyth, Neil	1997
Harvard Table Tennis Co.	1981	*Steenhoven, Graham	1988
*Hock, Bernard	1984	Tamasu Co., Ltd.	1987
*Hodge, Bill	2008	*Varga, John	1980
Hodges, Larry	2003	Walk, Bill	2010
Hoey, Chuck	2008	Wasserman, Si	2006
Ibrahim, Azmy	2010	*Zeisberg, Carl	1981
Isacson, Steve	1994	*Deceased	

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