

Thirty-Seventh Annual Hall of Fame Awards Induction Banquet

at the **Mandalay Bay Hotel**
Thursday, July 8, 2021, 6-9PM

Program



Social 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Awards 7:00 PM

Inductee **Roman Tinyszyn** (Contributor)

Presenter Wendell Dillon

Inductee **Sebastian DeFrancesco** (Athlete)

Presenter Cynthia Ranii

Inductee **Christian Lillieroos** (Contributor)

Presenter Richard McAfee

Inductee **Pam Fontaine** (Athlete)

Presenter Tara Proffitt

Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award **David Sakai** Presenter Dell Sweeris & Sean O'Neill

Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

PAST WINNERS

1999 Bobby Gusikoff

2009 Houshang Bozorgzadeh

2000 Sol Schiff

2010 Fred Danner

2001 Jimmy McClure

2011 Mal Anderson

2002 Dick Miles

2012 Dick Evans

2003 Marty Reisman

2013 Yvonne Kronlage

2004 J. Rufford Harrison

2014 Donna Sakai

2005 Leah Thall Neuberger &

2015 Si Wasserman

Thelma "Tybie" Thall Sommer

2017 Dell Sweeris

2006 Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan

2018 Larry Hodges

2007 George Braithwaite

2019 Richard Hicks

2008 Danny Seemiller

2020 David Sakai



David Sakai - Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

- 9-time New England Champion
- Member '79 Pan Am Team
- 2016 World Veterans semifinalist Over 60 Men's Doubles
- Over 25 Open or Closed Over 40 Men's Doubles titles
- Over 25 Open or Closed Over 50 Men's Doubles
- Multiple Open & Closed Over 60 Men's Doubles
- Multiple Open & Closed Over 60, 65 & 70 Men's Doubles
- Multiple Open & Closed Over 40, 60 & 70 Mixed Doubles (with Donna Sakai)
- Starting in 1984, won the first 30+ National title and has since won every age group both Open & Closed - 30, 40, 50, 60, 65 & 70
- 2019 & Reigning US Open Over 70 Champion
- 2018 World Veteran Championships Organizer
- 1980 Playing Captain for the US Team at the Seoul Open and subsequent matches against Taiwanese team during tour of Taiwan
- 1979-80 National Coaching Chair
- US Men's Team Captain at the 1982 U.S. Open



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Sebastian DeFrancesco - Athlete

- 8-time US Nationals Class 1 Singles Champion
- 1989 US Nationals Class 1-2 Doubles Champion
- 1998 US Nationals Doubles Silver (all classes)
- 2011-2017 US Nationals wheelchair division - numerous bronze and silver
- 2018 & 2019 US Nationals Bronze Medalist Class 1 & 2
- 4-time Paralympics Singles Quarterfinalist
- 1984 Paralympic Silver and 1988 Paralympic Bronze in Teams
- 1986 Pan-American Championships Gold in Singles & Doubles
- 1990 World Championships Quarterfinalist
- 1991 Irish Open Class 1 Singles Champion
- 1993 World Games Gold in Singles, Silver in Teams
- 2010 US Open Silver Medalist Class 1

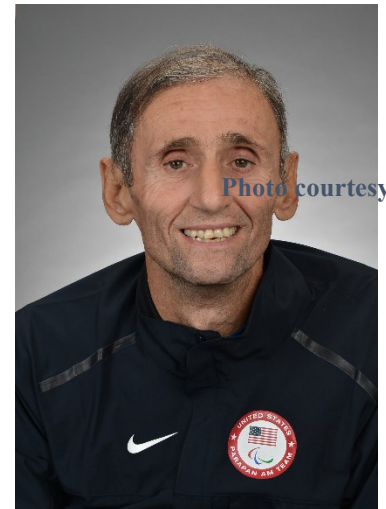


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Pam Fontaine - Athlete

- 2012 & 2016 Member of the USA Paralympic Team
- Para Pan American Games: 2009 Gold in Singles & Teams, 2007 & 2011 Silver in Singles & Teams, 2013 & 2015 Bronze in Singles
- US Open: 1 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze in Singles; 1 silver, 1 bronze in Teams
- US Nationals: 2 silver, 2 bronze in Singles
- 2011 Brazil Open Gold Medal in Singles (Class 1-3) & Teams (Class 1-5)
- 2010 Copa Costa Rica Gold in Singles Class 2-3
- 2013 Mike Dempsey Memorial Championships Gold in Singles, Class 2-3
- 2014 Slovenian Open Silver in Teams Class 1-3
- 2007 Atlantic Cup Silver in Teams Class 5
- 2007 Copa Tango V Silver in Teams Class 4-5
- 2011 Copa Tango IX Bronze in Singles Class 3
- 2011 Copa Costa Rica Bronze in Singles Class 3-5 and Teams Class 2-4
- 2015 Slovakia Open Bronze in Teams Class 3



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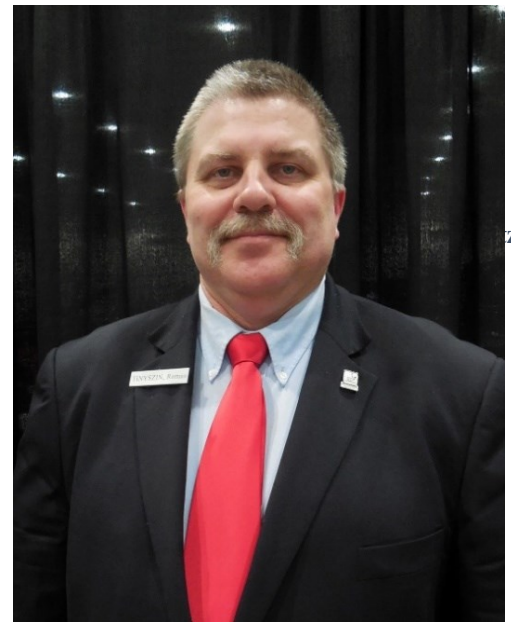
Christian Lillieroos - Contributor

- ITTF coaching course conductor and trainer. Has run 50 courses in 22 countries and certified 814 coaches. Certified ITTF Level 3* coach.
- Worked with Table Tennis in 51 countries and training camps with 19 different National teams.
- Coached 7 World PTT champions from 3 countries: Mike Dempsey, Jennifer Johnson, Mitchell Seidenfeld, Christina Hoffman (MEX), Ernst Bollden (SWE), Gregor Bonderud (SWE), Urban Andersson (SWE).
- 2008-2013 member of USATT Board of Directors
- 2001-2006 Head Table Tennis Coach for Texas Wesleyan University. The team won 16 National titles out of possible 25 in 4 years. Members included USATT Hall of Famers Eric Owens, Jasna Rather, Jim Butler.
- 1997 & 2002 USOC National Table Tennis Coach of the Year
- 1997-98 USATT Men's National Team Coach
- 1992-93 Head Coach Mexico Men's & Women's Team
- 2013-14 Table Tennis High Performance Director in Mexico
- Initiated Anderson University table tennis program in 1986 and win 3 national titles.
- Director of Sport of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- Chairman of the International Paralympic Table Tennis Committee for 10 years
- Assistant TT Competition Manager for 1995 World Team Cup and 1996 Atlanta Olympic & Paralympic Games
- ITTF Competition Manager in ~20 ITTF tournaments, including Paralympic Games and World Championships.
- Head coach for the 1992 USA Paralympic Games team in Barcelona, 1 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze
- 1986-87 Provincial High-Performance Coach in Canada
- Head Table Tennis Coach at one of two Elite Colleges in Sweden
- Coached the Swedish National Wheelchair team and PTT team.



Roman Tinyszyn - Contributor

- Active umpire for over 25 years
- Blue Badge Umpire (highest level)
- International Referee (highest level)
- Chair of the US Umpires and Referees Committee, 2019-present
- Member and then Chair of USATT Officials and Rules Committee, 2008-2014 (chair from 2010-2014).
- Referee at the 2010 US Nationals, the 2017 US Open, the 2014 North American Championships, three US Olympic Trials, and the North American Teams since 2013; Deputy Referee at three US Opens, five US Nationals, and two US Olympic Trials; Chief Umpire at three US Opens and two US Nationals; Referee at countless regional events, including 93 Westchester Opens (78 of them 4-star events).
- 2018 Referee for the 2018 World Veterans Championships in Las Vegas, with 9 deputy referees, 80 umpires, and nearly 4000 players.
- Deputy Referee at the 2009 Canadian Open Teams Championships, 2009 Canadian Championships, 2015 World Championships in Suzhou, China, 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the 2016 World Veterans Championships in Alicante, Spain.
- Umpire at countless regional events, US Opens, US Nationals, as well as at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, 2011 & 2012 World Championships, 2011 Dutch Para Open, 2013 German Open, 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, 2013 North America Cup, 2013 German Open, 2015 Swedish Open.
- Co-founded and ran (2004-2013) the Lower Naugatuck Valley Table Tennis Club in Shelton, CT.
- Long-time coach of Tara Profitt, Class 2 Para Athlete, a member of the 2012 US Paralympic Team and Silver Medalist in Women's Doubles at the 2011 Parapan American Games.



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

Players

*AARONS, Ruth Hughes'	1966	*HAWTHORN, Davida	1994	PECORA, DANNY	2006
ACTON, Sharon	1983	*HAZI, Tibor	1981	*PINNER, Edward	1985
BANH, Tawny	2014	*HEITNER, Sydney	1997	*PROUTY, Sally Green	1979
BASS Jr., Norman	2018	*HENDRY, George	1984	*PURVES, Jessie "Jay"	1979
*BELLAK, Laszlo	1980	HICKS, Richard	2001	RALSTON, Michael	2019
BELLINI, Valleri Smith	1983	HOARFROST, Judy Bochenski ..	1997	RATHER, Jasna	2011
BENGTSOON, Angelita Rosal	1996	*HOLZRICHTER, William C.	1980	*REISMAN, Marty	1981
BERENBAUM, Abe	1979	*HOWARD, Jack	1994	*RESEK, Errol	2012
BHUSHAN, Insook	1993	*ICHKOFF, Peggy	1987	SAKAI, David	2004
*BLATTNER, Robert "Bud"	1979	*JACOBSON, Jimmy	1985	SAKAI, Donna Chaimson	1996
BOGGAN, Eric	2003	JOHNSON, Jennifer	2012	*SCHIFF, Sol	1966
BOGGAN, Scott	2001	KAMINSKY, Barbara Chaimson ..	1985	SEEMILLER, Danny	1995
*BRAITHWAITE, George	1989	KIMBLE, Alice Green	1995	SEEMILLER, Ricky	1998
BUI, Quang	2011	*KLEIN, Erwin	1981	SEIDENFELD, Mitch	2010
*BUKIET, Bernard	1981	*KUENZ, Dolores Probert	1979	*SHAHIAN, Mildred	1980
*BURNS, Charles "Chuck"	1984	*LEE, Dal-Joon	1983	*SHIPMAN, Midred Wilkinson ..	1984
BUTLER, Jim	2011	LEE, He-ja	1984	SOLTESZ, Olga	2007
*CARTLAND, Douglas	1984	LEIBOVITZ, Tahl	2015	*SOMAEL, John	1983
CHENG, Yinghua	2000	LUPULESKU, Ilija	2008	*SOMAEL, Pauline Robinson	1991
*CHOTRAS, Bernice Charney	1983	MALEK, Attila	2000	SOMMER, Thelma "Tybie"	1980
*CLOUTHER, Mae	1984	MARTINEZ, Patty	1993	STOCKWELL, Wendy Hicks	1994
DAWIDOWICZ, Kasia	2006	MASTERS, Brian	2010	*SUSSMAN, Cy	1985
DeFRANCESCO, Sebastian	2020	*MATTHEWS (Schussheim), Mark ..	1979	SWEERIS, Connie	1987
*DEMPSEY, Mike	2002	*McCLURE, Jimmy	1966	SWEERIS, Dell	1987
ELLIOTT, Aili	2018	*MILES, Dick	1966	SWEERIS, Todd	2013
FENG, Amy	2010	*MONASTERIAL, Marcy	2017	*TANNEHILL, John	2005
FIELD, Bobby	1988	*MONNESS, Reba	1981	TEEKAVEERAKIT, Chartchai	2008
*FOLKE, Peggy McLean	1980	NAROTAM, Dhiren	2018	TERRANOVA, Terese	2013
FONTAINE, Pam	2020	*NASH, Garrett Gray	1991	VAN DE WALLE, Norbert	2004
*FULLER, Emily	1979	*NEUBERGER, Leah	1966	VOUNG, Lan	2012
GAO, Jun	2009	NGUYEN, KHOA	2006	WANG, Chen	2015
GEE, Diana	2009	OWENS, Eric	2015	WANG, Wei	2002
GEE, Lisa	2014	O'DOUGHERTY, Sheila	2014	WILSON, Sharlene Krizman	1997
GUILLEN, Ray	2007	O'NEILL, Sean	2007	YIP, Lily	2004
*GUSIKOFF, Bobby	1984	*PAGLIARO, Lou	1979	ZHUANG, David	2003

Officials/Contributors

*AKI, Shonie	1997	KRONLAGE, Yvonne	1994
ANDERSON, Mal	1997	*LAWRENCE, Herwald	1996
BOGGAN, Joseph R. "Tim"	1985	*LEE, Y.C.	1999
BOZORGZADEH, Houshang	1987	LI Ai, Henan	2018
BROOKS, Sharon Frant	2019	LI, Zhenshi	2019
*BUTLER, Richard	2014	LILLIEROOS, Christian	2020
*CINNATER, Elmer F.	1979	MARTIN, Bowie Sr.	2017
*CLARK, Coleman	1979	McAFEE, Richard	2005
DANNER, Fred	1993	*McILWAIN, Mary	1994
DETROITER	1979	McQUEEN Jim	2011
DILLON, Wendell	2007	MILLER, Tom	2001
*EK, Otto F. J.	1981	*MOSKOWITZ, Manny	1994
EVANS, Richard "Dick"	1998	*NEWGARDEN, Joe	2007
FOX, Bob	2009	NIPPON Takkyu Co.	1988
GHEORGHE, Teodor "Doru"	2018	*P. BECKER and Co.	1981
GENERAL Sportcraft Co.	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	1996
*HODGE, Bill	2008	*STEENHOVEN, Graham	1988
HODGES, Larry	2003	TAMASU Co.	1987
HOEY, Chuck	2008	TINYSZIN, Roman	2020
HUANG, Tongsheng "Jack"	2015	*VARGA, John	1980
IBRAHIM, Azmy	2010	WALK, Bill	2010
ISAACSON, Steve	1994	WASSERMAN, Si	2006
JOHNSON, Dean	2015	*ZEISBERG, Carl	1981
*KENNEDY, Gus	2012		
KIMBLE, Alice Green	1995		

**Deceased*

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