

Thirty-Eighth Annual Hall of Fame Awards Induction Banquet

at the **Fort Worth Convention Center**
Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 6-9PM

Program

Social 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:45 PM
Awards 7:15 PM



Inductee: **Kenneth Brooks** (Athlete)
Inductee: **Dennis Davis** (Contributor)
Inductee: **Ashu Jain** (Athlete/Contributor)
Inductee: **Willy Leparulo** (Contributor)

Presenter: Jennifer Johnson
Presenter: Trevor Runyan
Presenter: Sean O'Neill
Presenter: Joseph Wells

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 & Thelma "Tybie" Thall Sommer	2015 Si Wasserman
2006 Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan	2017 Dell Sweeris
2007 George Braithwaite	2018 Larry Hodges
2008 Danny Seemiller	2019 Richard Hicks
	2021 David Sakai



Dave & Donna Sakai and Connie & Dell Sweeris
Over 75 at the 2023 World Veterans in Muscat, Oman:

- Dave/Donna Gold in Mixed Doubles
- Dell/Connie Silver in Mixed Doubles
- Donna/Connie Gold in Women's Doubles
- Donna Bronze in Women's Singles
- Dave Bronze in Men's Singles

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Kenneth Brooks – Athlete



Kenneth Brooks is a quadriplegic Paralympic table tennis player who has contributed to the sport of para table tennis for over 40 years. Brooks has won national championships through the National Wheelchair Athletic Association and subsequently through the American Wheelchair Table Tennis Association 17 times, more than any other quadriplegic player ever. He was on USA Para Table Tennis teams since 1972 and played in 11 World Championships, winning a bronze medal in the 1980 Paralympic Games in Arnhem, Holland, and gold in the Pan American Games in Nova Scotia in both singles and teams in 1982. Additionally, Brooks was instrumental in the organization and promotion of wheelchair sports throughout the state of NJ, serving as President and subsequently Treasurer of the Wheelchair Sports Council of NJ, a state-supported agency responsible for the funding and distribution of state Department of Community Affairs funds to wheelchair sports programs throughout the state. Brooks was also the first wheelchair-using ITTF International Classifier after retiring from playing, continuing to be one of the most active national technical classifiers still.

Dennis Davis – Contributor

Dennis Davis, founder and long-time head coach of the Palo Alto Table Tennis Club Junior Program, has achieved numerous successes in the world of table tennis. He coached several US National team members, including Olympians Kanak Jha, Ariel Hsing, Lily Zhang, and Michelle Do. In addition, he ran the Palo Alto Table Tennis Club and created the Junior Training Program from 1989 to 2012. Davis has also organized many trips to China during the summers for training. For his achievements in coaching, Davis was awarded the 2004 and 2007 USATT Developmental Coach of the Year awards. He also coached at the World Junior Championships in 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. Dennis is currently coaching at the ICC Club in Milpitas. Davis has also been involved in event management. He was responsible for initiating the bid and serving as tournament director for the 2007 ITTF World Junior Championships, the first World Championship event held in the United States. In addition to the ITTF World Junior Championships, Davis organized several other events, including the 2004 NCTTA National Championships, 2009 National Senior Games Table Tennis Event, and the 25th and 40th Anniversary Ping-Pong Diplomacy Event. Davis has also held several positions in ITTF and USATT. He served as the ITTF Junior Commission North American Representative from 2008 to 2013, the ITTF Junior Commission Chair from 2013 to 2016, the US National Coaching Chairman from 1995 to 1997, a Junior Advisory Committee member from 2011 to 2012, and the USATT Junior Advisory Chair in 2013. Davis has made significant contributions to the development of table tennis in the United States and internationally.



Ashu Jain – Athlete/Contributor

Former 2x National Team member Ashu Jain's love for table tennis was evident from a young age, despite limited resources as a migrant from India. Without any formal training and a late start to playing, Jain's creativity and tenacity allowed him to become a top-ranked junior, collegiate champ, and a two-time national team member.

During his second year on the national team, Jain sustained a severe ankle injury, ending his playing career. However, he pursued his passion for table tennis through governance, as he was elected to the Board of USATT as the Athlete

Representative in 2005. He quickly learned the nuances of committees and organizational structures and gained the respect of his peers on the Board. To save USATT from decertification, he was appointed as the impartial chair of the Governance Reform Committee and tasked with completely revamping USATT, including creating a new organizational system, electing a new Board of Directors, and creating new bylaws. In addition to his own contributions, under his leadership and guidance, athletes were perhaps the most integral in the USATT committee structure ever, and these athletes went on to greater roles themselves. Simultaneously, Jain was an active and outspoken member of the USOC Athletes' Council, first serving as the primary representative from USATT, and later elected as Vice Chairman of the USOC Athletes' Commission, leading a group of athletes with over 140 Olympic medals from all sports. He chaired the anti-doping division which led to the key changes to the World Anti-Doping code. After his role within USATT, Jain went on to being vice-chairman of the ITTF Athletes Committee and fought for athletes' rights on the international scale. He often represented the athletes at ITTF Board and Executive Committee meetings and initiated and conducted systemwide meetings to create a greater level of communication and unity. Ashu Jain's leadership and commitment of over 12 years to the purity of sport, not just table tennis, has left a significant impact throughout the intertwined fabric of USATT, USOC, and ITTF.



Willy Leparulo – Contributor



Willy Leparulo has been a driving force in the growth and success of table tennis in the United States. As the president of the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) since 2004, he has overseen a remarkable expansion of the league, with over 200 teams and almost 2,000 players participating each year. Under his leadership, the NCTTA has become the only national table tennis league that runs year after year. Willy's tireless work has also helped create an environment that grows the sport, with hundreds of college clubs, former junior players, and even professionals finding a place to play and maintain their skills. One of Willy's major accomplishments is the professionally run national championships, which he directs each year. The tournament boasts high-quality video streaming, a full-color printed program, and dedicated practice tables, among other features, and all teams must qualify through divisional and regional play. The NCTTA also awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to US table tennis players each year. Willy's work has helped make the NCTTA a model for other

countries and has paved the way for the growth of table tennis in the US for years to come.

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
DAWIDOWICZ, Kasia	2006
DeFRANCESCO, Sebastian.....	2020
*DEMPSEY, Mike	2002
ELLIOTT, Aili	2018
FENG, Amy	2010
FIELDS, Bobby	1988
*FOLKE, Peggy McLean	1980
FONTAINE, Pam	2020
*FULLER, Emily	1979
GAO, Jun	2009
GEE, Diana	2009
GEE, Lisa	2014
GUIILLEN, Ray	2007
*GUSIKOFF, Bobby	1984
*HAWTHORN, Davida	1994
*HAZI, Tibor	1981
*HEITNER, Sydney	1997
*HENDRY, George	1984
HICKS, Richard	2001
HOARFROST, Judy Bochenski ..	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
LUPULESKU, Ilija	2008
MALEK, Attila	2000
MARTINEZ, Patty	1993
MASTERS, Brian	2010
*MATTHEWS (Schusheim), 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
OWENS, Eric	2015
O'DOUGHERTY, Sheila	2014

O'NEILL, Sean	2007
*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, Danny	1995
SEEMILLER, Ricky	1998
SEIDENFELD, Mitch	2010
*SHAHIAN, Mildred	1980
*SHIPMAN, Midred 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
VOUNG, Lan	2012
WANG, Chen	2015
WANG, Wei	2002
WILSON, Sharlene Krizman	1997
YIP, Lily	2004
ZHUANG, David	2003

KRONLAGE, Yvonne	1994
*LAWRENCE, Herwald	1996
*LEE, Y.C.	1999
LEPARULO, Willy	2023
LI Ai, Henan	2018
LI, Zhenshi	2019
LILLIEROOS, Christian	2020
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
TINYSZIN, Roman.....	2020
*VARGA, John	1980
WALK, Bill	2010
*WASSERMAN, Si	2006
*ZEISBERG, Carl	1981

**Deceased*

Officials/Contributors

*AKI, Shonie	1997
ANDERSON, Mal	1997
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
DETROITER	1979
DILLON, Wendell	2007
*EK, Otto F. J.	1981
EVANS, Richard "Dick"	1998
FOX, Bob	2009
GHEORGHE, Teodor "Doru"	2018
GENERAL Sportcraft Co.....	1979
*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
KIMBLE, Alice Green	1995

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