

# Thirty-Ninth Annual Hall of Fame

**Awards Induction Banquet**  
*at the Houston International Table Tennis Academy*  
**Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, 6-9PM**  
**Presented by Major League Table Tennis**

## Program



Inductee: **Glenn Cowan** (Athlete)

Presenter: Derek May

Inductee: **Dennis Taylor** (Contributor)

Presenter: Larry Hodges

Inductee: **Stellan Bengtsson** (Contributor)

Presenter: Christian Lillieroos

*(Stellan will be also honored with the 2025 Class due to travel concerns.)*

Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award: **Patty Martinez Wasserman** Presenter: Scott Gordon

## 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
2006 Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan	2018 Larry Hodges
2007 George Braithwaite	2019 Richard Hicks
2008 Danny Seemiller	2021 David Sakai
2009 Houshang Bozorgzadeh	2024 Patty Martinez Wasserman



**Patty Martinez Wasserman**

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# Patty Martinez Wasserman

## Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award



Patty is a celebrated figure in the world of table tennis, known for her exceptional skill, tenacity, and contributions to the sport. With multiple national titles to her name, including three US Open Women's Singles and Doubles titles and hundreds of other titles at the Open and Nationals in every age group, her impact on the table tennis community extends far beyond her achievements as a player. As a coach, mentor, and advocate for the sport's growth, Patty embodies the values of

discipline, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. Patty's influence on the sport of table tennis transcends her remarkable achievements as a player. As a coach and mentor, Patty has dedicated herself to nurturing the talents of future generations, instilling in them the same passion and dedication that has defined her career. Her commitment to using table tennis as a tool for positive change has touched the lives of countless individuals, leaving an indelible mark on the sport and its community. Patty's legacy as a player, coach, and philanthropist for the sport will continue to inspire and uplift the table tennis community for generations to come.



## Glenn Cowan – Athlete

Renowned for his exceptional skill on the table and his significant contributions off it, Glenn was a true table tennis diplomat. Despite his passing in 2004, Glenn's legacy remains etched in the annals of table tennis history. As a US Junior Champion and a



Glenn in China

member of the 1971 US Team to the World Championships, Glenn's prowess transcended borders. His efforts in fostering international cooperation, particularly through 1971's Ping-Pong

Diplomacy in China, have advanced the sport's reach and promoted camaraderie on a global scale. In addition to his on-court achievements, Glenn's commitment to promoting table tennis as a vehicle for diplomacy and cultural exchange has left an enduring legacy. Glenn's promotion of friendship and cooperation through Ping-Pong Diplomacy continues to inspire athletes and enthusiasts around the world.



Glenn Cowan and China's Zhuang Zedong exchange gifts at the World Championships in April, 1971 in Nagoya, Japan. Their friendship kicked off Ping-Pong Diplomacy.

## Dennis Taylor – Contributor



**Dennis Taylor presents official welcome letter to China's Olympic Gold Singles & Doubles Medalist and President of CTTA, Liu Guoliang at joint USA-China Training Camp at UCLA in 2019.**

dedication to serving the table tennis community, both on and off the court, exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship and integrity that defines the sport.

## Stellan Bengtsson – Contributor

Originating from Sweden, Stellan solidified his position in table tennis history with his triumph in Men's Singles at the 1971 World Table Tennis Championships. Transitioning seamlessly from player to coach, Stellan is an eminent figure in the sport. His dedication to mentoring players, including members of the US Para Table Tennis Team, has significantly contributed to the sport's global development. Stellan's



**Stellan with wife and fellow Hall of Famer Angelita Rosal Bengtsson**



**Stellan at 2012 coaching camp in San Diego.**

**Back: Keith Evans, Stellan Bengtsson, Daniel Rosenfeld, Alexander Xue, Angie Bengtsson.**

**Front: Jenson Van Embaugh, Ian Seidenfeld, Eric Pattison.**

With a distinguished career spanning over two decades, Dennis has made enduring contributions to table tennis as an administrator. Serving as the USATT General Counsel for 18 years and holding various leadership roles within the organization, including chair, member, or advisor to numerous committees and secretary for ten years, Dennis's commitment to advancing the sport has been unwavering. Dennis's leadership and vision have been instrumental in shaping the landscape of table tennis in the United States. His strategic guidance and legal expertise have steered the sport through periods of growth and transformation, laying the foundation for continued success. Dennis's

influence extends beyond his championship victories; his innovative coaching methods and steadfast support have empowered incalculable individuals to realize their full potential in the sport. Notably, Stellan's commitment to advancing US table tennis is exemplified by his hospitality, as he graciously opened his home to future two-time US Olympian Jimmy Butler, providing invaluable guidance and support. His coaching has positively impacted countless US National Team members and everyday tournament players, leaving an enduring legacy of excellence both on and off the table.

# 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  
 \*COWAN, Glenn .....2024  
 \*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  
 GUILLEN, 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 Chaimson1985  
 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 (Schussheim), Mark1979  
 \*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

## Officials/Contributors

\*AKI, Shonie .....1997  
 ANDERSON, Mal .....1997  
 BENGTTSSON, Stellan .....2024  
 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  
 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  
 TAYLOR, Dennis .....2024  
 TINYSZIN, Roman.....2020  
 \*VARGA, John .....1980  
 WALK, Bill .....2010  
 \*WASSERMAN, Si .....2006  
 \*ZEISBERG, Carl .....1981  
 \*Deceased

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