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USATT NOMINATES BEST COACHES OF THE YEAR

FOUR BEST TABLE TENNIS COACHES OF 2017

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USA Table Tennis announced Best Coaches of 2017 in 4 categories:
- Coach of the Year
- Mark Nordby Developmental Coach of the Year
- Paralympic Coach of the Year
- Doc Counsilman Technology Coach of the Year

USA Table Tennis (USATT) provides Selection Committee´s decision as follows:
Jörg Bitzigeio (Coach of the Year) was honored for his role in coaching USATT teams internationally at the World Championships, Pan Am Cup, Pan Am Adult & Junior Championships, and World Junior Championships.“¨Some results:
“¢ World Championships: Lily Zhang and Wu Yue reached the quarterfinals of Women´s Doubles.“¨
“¢ Pan Am Cup: Lily Zhang won Women´s Singles.“¨
“¢ Pan Am Junior Championships: Team USA won both Boys´ and Girls´ Teams, Kanak Jha won Junior Singles, and Kanak Jha/ Sharon Alguetti won Junior Boys´ Doubles.“¨
“¢ World Junior Championships: Team USA made the quarterfinals of Boys´ and Girls´ Teams.
Pieke Franssen (Developmental Coach of the Year) was honored for his coaching at the Alameda club in California. His experience with high-level international table tennis has helped to bring a higher level of professionalism and play to the US. His development of a complete “Elite Development Program“ in Alameda is helping players achieving new heights. He also coached at the USATT Super Camp in North Carolina. Some of his students include:

Aziz Zarehbin, National Mini cadet Boys´ Champion (12 and under) and member of Hopes Team.
Victor Xie, US Under 10 Boys´ Singles Silver Medalist.
Jayden Diep, US Under 10 Boys´ Bronze Medalist.
Kai Zarehbin, Avery Chan, and many others.
Mitch Seidenfeld (Paralympic Coach of the Year) was honored for his coaching of US Para-athletes in the US and overseas.
Mingyu Zu, singles gold medalist at the German, Korea, and US Para Opens and a silver in Chinese Taipei.
Ian Seidenfeld, gold medalist in Singles and Teams at the Spanish Para Opens, gold medalist in Singles and silver medalist in Teams at the German Para Open.
Tahl Leibovitz, singles gold medalist at the US Open (class 9), bronze in Teams.
Jenson Van Emburgh, singles silver medalist at the US Open (class 3), silver medal singles and teams at ParaPanAm Championships.
Samson Dubina (Doc Councilman Science Coach of the Year) was honored for his innovative coaching techniques, including:
Creating new drills for use with table tennis robots
Skype coaching
TT-Flex (full body strengthening system)
Numerous online articles

Coach of the Year Award is a prestigious award nominated by USATT to best table tennis coaches in 5 categories every year.
Congratulations to all the Awards recipients!

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