

**USATT 2005 Annual Report
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USATT Executive Director**

Dear USATT Members,

At the beginning of a new year, it is my pleasure to inform you briefly about USATT activities, programs and services provided to its members in 2005. USATT promotes table tennis participation and the development of table tennis athletes' skills at all levels through programs for table tennis coaches and officials.

The 2005 USATT Board of Directors composition was as follows:

Sheri Soderberg Pittman- President
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Ashu Jain - Olympic Athlete Representative
Whitney Ping - National Athlete Representative
Khoa Nguyen - National Athlete representative

Teodor Gheorghe- USATT Executive Director

During the time period of January 1- December 31, 2005 the USATT activities and services provided to the members were:

USATT coaching certification system- On going process for certification and education of US coaches. Any USATT member who fulfills the criteria could become a certified coach and then advance to the next coaching level. The certified coaches help/teach the young kids and members of all ages the necessary skills to become good players, and keep their body in good shape.

USATT held four coaching seminars:

- Coaching seminar- Open to all coaches from US- Colorado Springs, CO, February 11-13, 2005.
- Coaching seminar- Open to all coaches from US-Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 7, 2005.
- Coaching seminar- Open to all coaches from US -Colorado Springs, CO, September 30- October 2, 2005.
- Coaching seminar- Open to all coaches from US- Las Vegas, NV, December 15, 2005

As of January 1, 2006 USATT has 392 active certified coaches.

USATT Officials - On going process for certification and education of US umpires and referees conducted by Rules and Officials Committee. Any USATT members that full fill the criteria could become a certified umpire and then advance to the next level. USATT has 264 active Umpires, including 39 International Umpires, 36 certified Referees, 8 International and 8 National.

USATT sanctioned over 220 tournaments during 2005 organized within United States.

Tournaments were sanctioned by Tournament Committee through the Regional Tournament Coordinators.

These tournaments were open to all members and contained events for all ages and levels. The tournaments were organized according to USATT standards, under tournament director coordination and following the International Table Tennis Federation laws. USATT set and supervised the level of the tournaments, certified umpires/officials for those tournaments and processed the ratings of each participant according to the results.

USA Table Tennis Magazine – bimonthly magazine issued by our organization containing information related to table tennis activities developed in USA, information about coaching, nutrition, solutions to improve the game and other info related to the sport. The magazines were sent to all USATT members. The magazine is now on several bookshelves, promoting the sport and USATT beyond the membership.

USATT web page- maintained and updated on weekly basis the USATT web page in order to keep members informed about all aspects of table tennis activities in US such as: schedule and results of the sanctioned tournaments, ratings of each member updated weekly, news from the ITTF, USOC, coaching seminars, news about clubs in US and programs that are developed throughout the country, official and umpire listing, national teams news, results and other info related to table tennis activities in US and all over the world.

National Teams- In 2005 USATT funded the following programs for all National Teams as follows:

National Junior and Cadet Teams:

- Training camp and participation to Swedish International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Junior Circuit (WJC), Orebro SWE, February 19-27, 2005.
- North American Championships (juniors & cadets) and cadet training camp, Montreal, Canada, March 22-27, 2005
- Training camp and participation to Spain ITTF WJC, Plata D'aro, May 9-15, 2005
- NATT Women's Developmental training camp, Vancouver, CAN, June 28- July 3, 2005
- US Open ITTF Pro Tour, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 7-10, 2005
- Summer training camp, Palm Beach, FL, July 11-22, 2005

- Canadian ITTF WJC (cadets & juniors) and junior training camp, Vancouver, CAN, July 29- Aug. 5, 2005
- USATT women's developmental training camp (juniors & cadets), China, Aug.6-22, 2005
- Brazil ITTF WJC, Piracicaba, BRA, Sept. 8-11, 2005
- World Cadet Challenge Cup, Santo Domingo, Oct.23 -30, 2005
- ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals- Santo Domingo, Oct.23-30, 2005

Women's and Men's National Teams:

- Training camp, Shanghai, China, April 17-24, 2005
- World Championships, Shanghai, CHN, April 25-May 6, 2005
- NA Championships, Montreal, CAN, March 25-27, 2005
- US Open ITTF Pro Tour, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 7-10, 2005

USATT funded our top female player Gao Jun participation in 4 ITTF Pro Tours

- Pro Tour Panasonic China Open, Sept.8-11, 2005
- Pro Tour Volkswagen China Open, Sept. 15-18, 2005
- Pro Tour Liebherr German Open, Nov. 9-13, 2005
- Pro Tour Liebherr Swedish Open, Nov. 17-20, 2005
- Volkswagen Pro Tour Grand Finals, Fuzhou, CHN, Dec. 9-11, 2005

Competitions organized by USATT

In 2005 USATT organized the following competitions:

- Liebherr US Open ITTF/Pro Tour –Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 7-10, 2005 - over 700 participants- open to all USATT and ITTF members
- Junior Olympics/ Junior Nationals- New Orleans, LA, July 29-32, 2005- for kids 18 years old and younger.
- National Championships - Las Vegas, NV, December 14-17, 2005- over 870 participants-open to all USATT members
- US Collegiate Team Trials, Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 14, 2005.
- US Open Paralympics Table Tennis Championships, Las Vegas, NV, Dec.14-17, 2005.
- US National Team Trials (all levels), Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 15-17, 2005.

2006 US National Team members:

Women's: Gao Jun, Jasna Reed, Crystal Huang, Nan Li.

Men's: Ilija Lupulesku, Mark Hazinski, Adam Hugh, Barney Reed.

Junior girls: Judy Hugh, Atha Fong, Stephanie Shih, Bar bara Wei.

Junior boy's: Adam Hugh, John Leach, Trevor Runyan, Misha Kazantsev.

Cadet girls: Olena Sowers, Ariel Hsing, Amy Huang, Alicia Wei.

Cadet boys: Justen Yao, Amaresh Sahu, A.J. Brewer, Joseph Wang.

Results at international competition and awards accomplished by members of our National, Junior and Cadet Team in 2005:

Gao Jun – 2005 Female Athlete of the year

- World Championships – quarterfinalist women's singles
- China Taipei ITTF Pro Tour – winner women's singles and women's doubles

- China Volkswagen ITTF Pro Tour – quarterfinalist women’s singles and semifinalist women’s double
- China Panasonic Open – quarterfinalist women’s singles
- US Open ITTF Pro Tour- quarterfinalist women’s singles
- Swedish ITTF Pro Tour – semifinalist women’s singles
- Women’s World Cup – quarterfinalist women’s singles
- NA Championships- winner women’s singles
- Pro Tour Grand Finals – winner of women’s doubles and quarterfinalist women’s singles.

Junior National Teams.

Adam Hugh – 2005 Male Athlete of the Year

- NA Championships- winner junior boy’s singles and semifinalist junior boy’s doubles with ***Misha Kazantsev***
- NA Championships- ***Judy Hugh*** finished 2nd in the junior girl’s singles, 2nd place in junior girls double with ***Barbara Wei*** and 3rd place junior girls doubles ***Laura Xiao*** and ***Sophia Yi***.
- Canada ITTF WJC- ***Judy Hugh/Barbara Wei*** 3rd place junior girls team and junior girl’s doubles.
- Brazil ITTF WJC – ***Barbara Wei*** 3rd place junior girl’s singles event, ***Barbara Wei/Laura Xiao*** 3rd place junior girls doubles event.

Cadet National Teams

- World Cadet Challenge Cup- 5th place cadet girl’s team event and 7th place cadet boy’s team event.
- ITTF/WJC Brazil – 2nd place cadet boy’s team event and 4th place cadet girls team event.
- NA Championships- ***Jeff Huang*** 2nd place, cadet boy’s singles and ***Steven Chan*** semifinalist cadet boy’s singles.
- NA Championships- ***Jeff Huang/Steven Chan***, 2nd place cadet boy’s doubles.
- NA Championships- ***Stephanie Shih*** 2nd place cadet girls singles, ***Olena Sowers*** 3rd place cadet girls singles.
- NA Championships- ***Olena Sowers/Alicia Sowers*** 2nd place cadet girls doubles, and ***Stephanie Shih/Jennifer Mast*** 3rd place cadet girls doubles.
- Canada ITTF WJC- ***Jeff Huang/Steven Chan*** 1st place cadet boy’s team and cadet boy’s doubles events. ***Jeff Huang*** 2nd place cadet boy’s singles and ***Steven Chan*** 3rd place cadet boy’s singles.
- Canada ITTF WJC – ***Stephanie Shih/Olena Sower*** 3rd place cadet girl’s team event and 2nd place cadet girl’s doubles.

USATT awarded financial incentives based on performance and stipends to its National Team members and coaches.

US Paralympics & US Collegiate Table Tennis

Although UASTT is not the NGB for Paralympics and Collegiate Table Tennis, it does provide some financial and administrative support. USATT wishes to acknowledge the following achievements and programs:

- Para Pan Am Championships, Mar Del Plata, ARG- 11 medals and four players qualified for the 2006 World Championships.
- US Open Paralympics Championships, Las Vegas, NV – two gold, one silver, and two bronze medals.
- ACUI Collegiate Nationals, Ft. Worth, TX, April 1-2, 2005
- NCTTA Women’s College Team Championships, Ft. Worth, TX, April 1-2, 2005
- US Collegiate Team Trials, Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 14, 2005

2006 Women’s Collegiate Team – Whitney Ping, Jackie Lee, Katherine Wu, Amanda Dubina.

2006 Men’s Collegiate Team – Adam Hugh, Han Xiao, Shashin Shodan, Pan Lin.

Finally, I would like to thank all USATT members, volunteers, staff, Board members, officials, sponsors and last but not least USOC, for supporting the development of table tennis in USA.