

Rajul Sheth Awarded 2008 Developmental Coach of the Year

JUIC sponsored Rajul Sheth, was awarded the 2008 USATT Developmental Coach of the Year.

Rajul is a former Gujarat State Men's Singles champion in India, and an ITTF qualified international umpire. Rajul is not just a coach. He is a visionary in the sport of table tennis. Starting with a few kids and tables on a small, carpeted floor in 2006, he is now managing the ICC's 10,500-square-foot full-time table tennis club in Northern California. His young students performed very well at the 2008 US Nationals in December.

Some of the top students trained at ICC in 2008

- **Ariel Hsing** : 2008 US Nationals Women's Singles finalist, 2009 US Women's, Junior Girls' and Cadet Girls' National teams
- **Lily Zhang** : 2009 US Girls' Junior and Cadet Girls' Champion and member of U.S Women's National team
- **Sylvan Guo** : 2009 US Girls' Junior team
- **Krishnateja Avvari** : U.S. National rank No.1 U 10 boys and Champion 2008 U.S. Nationals
- **Diane Jiang**: U.S. National rank No. 1 U 10 girls and finalist 2008 US Nationals Girls' Elementary School U10

Rajul is very proud of the students who are training at the ICC Table Tennis Club. He says that, "Ariel and Lily are very impressive and dedicated students to work with. Both the girls train with us at ICC TTC for more than 10-12 hours a week. Sylvan can make only 6-7 hours a week training with us, as she has to drive more than 40 minutes one way to reach our club. We are working hard to make sure these young ICC students make it to the 2012 Olympics and of course a medal in 2016. We are also working hard on another, younger group including Krish Avvari, Diane Jiang and a few more kids below the age of 10 in preparation for the 2016 Olympics. For advance training of these players we have also



[from left] Ariel Hsing, Lily Zhang, and Rajul Sheth

hired three strong training partners/coaches over 2500 rating with P1 Visa from China and India."

Here are a few examples of Rajul Sheth's Service to the sport: Head Coach and in charge of largest full time Table Tennis center in North America, ICC Table Tennis center; Developed largest Junior training program in USA with over 100 kids training regularly; Developed largest training camp program in USA with more than 500 kids attending ICC's Spring break, Summer, Thanksgiving and Winter camps; Developed largest USATT Paddle Palace sponsored singles' league in USA with more than 120 players playing more than 200 matches every week. More than 500

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players have already competed in ICC's table tennis league.

ICC 2009 Table Tennis Camp Programs

This year's line up is outstanding! There are many one-week camps to choose from beginning June 15 and running through August 28th.

Visiting coaches include, Stellan and Angie Bengtsson, Zoran Kalinic, Gao Lin Tang, and Keith Evans. There are full time training partners for all 10-week sessions with nationally ranked players participating as well as the top 12 juniors and Youth National players from India. All these great opportunities to learn and grow your game are available at North America's largest full-time ICC Table Tennis Center.

For more information or to register go to www.indiaCC.org/tabletennis.