

# COACHES OF THE YEAR

USATT is pleased to announce the selection of the following coaches as 2008 Coach of the Year in their respective categories:



## National Coach of the Year – Teodor (Doru) Gheorghe Colorado Springs, CO

Doru coached the U.S. Women's Team to a fifth place finish at the Olympic Games, team members finished in the Quarterfinals and in the round of 16 of the singles competition at the Olympic Games, and the team finished in 12th place at the Worlds.

## Development Coach of the Year – Rajul Sheth Milpitas, CA

Rajul runs clinics and a club with a strong junior focus and has coached some of the most successful junior players in the U.S. including: Ariel Hsing, Lily Zhang, Sylvan Guo, Arjun Desai, Krishnateja Avaari, Parth Upadhyay, Diane Jiang, Aarsh Vyas, and Aarsh Shah



## Volunteer Coach of the Year – LA Johnston Pensacola, FL

LA is the co-founder and president of the Pensacola TTC, and he spends dozens of hours each week planning, organizing, directing, and promoting table tennis activities in the community and at the table tennis clubs of Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach Florida. He works with novice, junior, senior, and advanced players alike to benefit the sport and the community. The American Heart Association was the recipient of more than \$1000 of proceeds and donations from two tournaments organized by LA Johnston in 2008.

