

2nd Annual Jon Vos Memorial Doubles Tournament

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The 2nd annual Jon Vos Memorial Doubles Table Tennis tournament was a huge success once again. Jon was a fixture on the Maryland table tennis scene for many years. His love for the game, particularly doubles, was well known throughout Maryland table tennis circles and he frequently participated in regional and national tournaments as well. This year's event drew a total of 13 teams in the two events. Eight teams participated in Under 2800 doubles while the Under 3600 event attracted 5 teams.

The #2 seeded team of Steve Hochman and Amol Gole achieved a 7-0 record in the Under 2800 event and never dropped a single game along the way. The 790 rated Gole clearly played at a much higher level and we expect to see his rating soar the next time he plays a singles tournament. The top seeded team of Mark Cohen and John McFadden landed the 2nd prize with a 6-1 record. This well balanced duo played at a high level and even fared well in the higher Under-3600 event later in the day.

Steve Hochman proved once and for all that he has an incredible amount of talent at choosing doubles partners. In the Under 3600 event, Hochman paired with up-and-coming David Steinbach to win the event with a 4-0 record. This event featured some very hard fought matches as five tough teams battled for the top prize. Mark Cohen and John McFadden landed the runner-up spot once again as they scored a huge upset over the much higher rated team of Yvonne Kronlage and Phil VanDusen. Kronlage and VanDusen settled for 3rd place.

The day of fierce competition, camaraderie, jokes, tongue-in-cheek trash talk and all around fun finally concluded and we realized it contained all of the elements that Jon Vos loved so much about our incredible sport. We think he would be proud and we already look forward to next year's tournament. ***We miss you Jon.***