

MARYLAND TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The MdTTA Newsletter

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MdTTA Happenings

Our monthly Maryland Circuit Tournaments and Giant Round Robin Tournaments have resulted in MdTTA holding more USATT-sanctioned tournaments than any other club in the United States. Come see why we put so many players in the USATT Iron Man rankings!

As they have in the past, Butterfly donates 3-star 40 mm balls for all of our Circuit and Round Robin tournaments as well as for all other sanctioned tournaments put on by MdTTA.

FLASH! Newgy has agreed to donate two Robot Systems to MdTTA in 2007. One of these will be the top prize for the 2007 MdTTA Circuit Series and the other will be raffled off to tournament participants!!

We continue to be open five days a week in the Carrolltown Center Mall giving you plenty of opportunities to find a challenging match, take lessons from a USATT-certified coach, or just practice your strokes.

Take a Lesson... Improve Your Game

Group lessons for juniors are

Maryland Circuit Series 2006 Honor Roll

Julian Waters (Big surprise here!) again accumulated the most points in the 2006 MdTTA Maryland Circuit Series and ran away with the top prize for the umpteenth year in a row.

Other top-10 finishers were: 2. Phil Van Dusen, 3. David Jarrin, 4. Gary McCone, 5. Grigory Yasinov, 6. Mike Branch, 7. Gaurev Mantri, 8. Yvonne Kronlage, 9. Steve Hochman, and 10. Harold Brown.

[For a complete list of all players who earned points in the 2004 Maryland Circuit Series see the roster at the club.]

December Circuit

Winners of the December Circuit are: OPEN – Julian Waters; U-2000 – Julian Waters; U-1800 – Phil Van Dusen; U-1700 – Yvonne Kronlage; U-1500 – Bill Van Wright; Novice/U-1100 – Elliott Hamilton; O-40 – Julian Waters; U-3600 Dbls – Julian Waters/Yvonne Kronlage; U-2800 Dbls – Bill Van Wright/Gary McCone.

December Giant Round Robin

Winners of the December 16th Eldersburg Giant Round Robin Tournament are: OPEN: 1. Jeff Smart, 2. Mohamed Kamara and U-1700: 1. Paul Armentano, 2. Scott Barnett.

2006 U.S. Nationals

Our own Yvonne Kronlage not only won the O-70 Women's event at Nationals in Las Vegas in December, but also made it all the way to the Semi-Finals in the O-60 Women's event losing in a hard-fought match to Danuta Andrzejewska (1814) who she defeated in 2005 to take the O-60 title.

held every Friday evening at
7:30 for only \$8 per session.

Private lessons are \$15 for one-
half hour or \$25/hour for both
adults and children.

Private and semi-private lessons are available by appointment.

2007 MdTTA Tournament Schedule

Sanctioned Events

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|---------------|------------------|
| Jan 6-7 | Circuit |
| Jan 20 | Giant RR |
| Feb 3-4 | Circuit |
| Feb 17 | Giant RR |
| Mar 3-4 | Circuit |
| Mar 24 | Giant RR |
| Mar 31 | Vos Dbls |
| April 14-15 | Circuit |
| April 28 | Giant RR |
| May 5-6 | Circuit |
| May 19 | Giant RR |
| June 2 | MD Closed |
| June 9-10 | Circuit |
| June 23 | Giant RR |
| July 7-8 | Circuit |
| July 21 | Giant RR |
| Aug 4-5 | Circuit |
| Aug 18 | Giant RR |
| Sept 8-9 | Circuit |
| Sept 29 | Giant RR |
| Oct 13-14 | Circuit |
| Oct 27 | Giant RR |
| Nov 3-4 | Circuit |
| Nov 17 | Giant RR |
| Dec 1-2 | Circuit |
| Dec 15 | Giant RR |

2007 Maryland State Closed Championships to be Held June 2

Mark your calendars, open only to residents of Maryland, the 2007 Maryland State Closed Championships will be held at MdTTA in Eldersburg on June 2. This is a month later than usual due to scheduling conflicts.

John Vos Memorial Doubles Tournament to be held March 31

A full day of invigorating doubles play awaits you. Doubles was a favorite of John.

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MdTTA Table Tennis Equipment Sale

In addition to the regular selection of blades, rubber, 40mm balls, cases, etc., at our Eldersburg location, for a limited time MdTTA is offering

special prices on selected items:

Stiga scoreboards for only \$20!

Secondhand barriers for \$10!

Deep discounts on 38mm balls!

2007 Maryland Circuit Series Competition

Merchandise awards are again up for grabs to the players who show the greatest level of achievement over the course of the twelve Maryland Circuit Tournaments in 2007. A Newgy robot will be one of the prizes.

Select merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top ten finishers following the December 2006 Circuit Tournament.

Series points will be awarded as follows:

Rated Events--10,8,6,5,4,3,2,1
(10 pts. for 1st ...1 pt. for 8th)
OPEN--12,10,8,6,4,3,2,1
(12 pts. for 1st ...1 pt. for 8th)
Doubles--6,4,2,1 (each player)
(6 pts. for 1st ...1 pt. for 4th)

To ensure that the tournament finishes in a timely manner, players are limited to entering a maximum of three singles events and one doubles event per day.

MdTTA Hours of Operation

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| Tuesday | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Thursday | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Friday | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |

Membership Rates

| | Adults | Students | Seniors | Family |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Regular | \$40/mo | \$30/mo | \$30/mo | \$70/mo |
| Walk-in | \$10/day | \$8/day | \$8/day | \$18/day |

Regular membership allows open play at any time.

Seniors are defined as 55 and older.

Students must show an up-to-date student ID card.

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Directions to Maryland Table Tennis Association:

FROM I-695 (Baltimore Beltway): Take Liberty Road (Route 26) west; go 10 miles to Carrolltown Center Mall on the left at Ridge Road.

FROM THE SOUTH on I-95: Go north on I-95 then north on Route 32, then right onto Route 26 east. Go one mile to the mall on the right at Ridge Road.

FROM THE WEST on I-70: Go east on I-70 then north on Route 32, then right onto Route 26 east. Go one mile to the mall on the right at Ridge Road.