

MARYLAND TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The MdTTA Newsletter

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MdTTA Happenings

Again in 2007, with our monthly Maryland Circuit Tournaments and Giant Round Robin Tournaments, MdTTA held 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.

Newgy has again agreed to donate a Robo-Pong 2040 to the winner of the 2008 MdTTA Circuit Series.

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.

Table tennis and chess camps were added to the club's offerings in 2007 and more are planned for 2008. See write-up on p. 3.



Maryland Circuit Series 2007 Honor Roll

Phil VanDusen played his way to the BIG first-place prize this year! Courtesy of Newgy, Phil is now the proud owner of a Robo-Pong 2040 robot which he is housing at our Eldersburg facility.

Other top-10 finishers were: 2) Julian Waters, \$300; 3) David Jarrin, \$150; 4) Scott Barnett, \$50; 5) Mike Branch, \$25; 6) Bill VanWright; 7) Gary McCone; 8) Michael Huang; 9) Pat Lui; 10) Mark Davis; 11) Steve Hochman.

[For a complete list of all players who earned points in the 2007 Maryland Circuit Series see the roster at the club.]

December Circuit

Winners of the 2007 December Circuit are: Open: 1) Julian Waters 2) Dave Jarrin; Seniors O-40: 1) Julian Waters 2) Phil VanDusen; Juniors U-18: 1) Solon Snyder 2) Mike Smith; Under-2000: 1) Julian Waters 2) Dave Jarrin; Under-1800: 1) Scott Barnett 2) Roy Emmons; Under-1700: 1) Dave Kowalewski 2) Bill VanWright; Under-1500: 1) Bill VanWright 2) Mike Todd; Under-1300: 1) Xiao Zhu 2) Gary McCone; Under-1100: 1) Solon Snyder 2) Jean Varn; Under 3600 Doubles: 1) Dave Jarrin/Dave Kowalewski 2) Phil VanDusen/Thomas Lo; Under 2800 Doubles: 1) Bill VanWright/Gary McCone 2) Dave Jarrin/Mike Smith.

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.

Take a Lesson... Improve Your Game

Group lessons for juniors are 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.

2008 Maryland State Closed Championships to be Held May 31

Mark your calendars, open only to residents of Maryland, the 2008 Maryland State Closed Championships will be held at MdTTA in Eldersburg on May 31.

John Vos Memorial Doubles Tournament to be held March 29

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

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2008 MdTTA Tournament Schedule

Sanctioned Events

Jan 5-6	Circuit
Jan 19	Giant RR
Feb 2-3	Circuit
Feb 16	Giant RR
Mar 1-2	Circuit
Mar 15	Giant RR
Mar 29	Vos Dbls
April 5-6	Circuit
April 19	Giant RR
May 3-4	Circuit
May 17	Giant RR
May 31	MD Closed
June 7-8	Circuit
June 21	Giant RR
July 12-13	Circuit
July 26	Giant RR
Aug 9-10	Circuit
Aug 23	Giant RR
Sept 13-14	Circuit
Sept 27	Giant RR
Oct 4-5	Circuit
Oct 18	Giant RR
Nov 1-2	Circuit
Nov 15	Giant RR
Dec 6-7	Circuit
Dec 20	Giant RR

MdTTA to Host 2008 Senior Olympics TT

On September 20, the geriatric set will descend on Eldersburg for the table tennis competition of the Maryland Senior Olympics.

Sign up early before you forget.

2008 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 2008. A Newgy Robo-Pong robot will again be the featured prize.

Circuit 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

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.

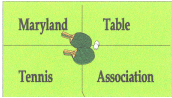
Table Tennis and Chess Camps

In the summer of 2007, MDTTA found a new use for the spacious new quarters that we moved to in April. During the last week of August before school, we ran a unique camp that combined table tennis and chess. Camp participants were able to choose from a variety of activities involving both games. The table tennis activities included instruction, competition, and some fun group games such as the classic favorite "Around the World". The chess activities included a chess tournament among the campers, competitions between campers and chess computers, and a fun, instructional game called "Chess Quiz Bowl." The camp was directed by Phil VanDusen, who was ably assisted by talented Maryland Circuit regular David Jarrin. David introduced the campers to the group game "Jungle Pong", which was a big hit among the participants.

Camp participants ranged from 7 to 13. The youngest, 7-year-old Stephen Yu placed 2nd in the chess competition, while his friend, 9-year-old Kevin Lin, placed first in the chess competition and 4th in the table tennis competition, proving that the younger campers could hold their own with the older campers! Brothers Patrick and Paul Komiske placed first and 2nd in the table tennis competition, respectively, while Mike Smith edged out Kevin Lin for 3rd. 13-year-old Patrick Kamiske showed his versatility by finishing 3rd in the chess competition. But all campers had fun – that is apparent from the camp photos that are now displayed on the walls at the club. Hong Ding, the mother of 9-year-old camper George Ding, said "George loved your camp!" In fact, George became the first veteran of the summer camp to sign up for the winter holiday camp.

The winter camp was held from December 27 through December 30, attracting participants between the ages of 7 and 12. The camp was again directed by Phil VanDusen, assisted on different days by David Steinbach, Scott Barnett, and Phillip Golden. The campers enjoyed all the activities that were available at the summer camp, this time enjoying their breaks with cups of hot chocolate! Also, there was a new attraction that was a big hit. That was a new Newgy 2040 Robo-Pong Robot with the Nintendo-like Pong-Master game. The kids delighted in trying to beat the robot by hitting circular targets to score as many points as possible before time ran out.

The winter camp chess championship resulted in a 3-way tie for first place, so silver medals were awarded to George Ding, 7-year-old Michael Qian, and 12-year-old Chris Davis. Chris Davis, a regular at the Friday night club, would have been a strong contender for the camp table tennis championship, but he left for a family vacation after the first day and was unavailable to compete. Hard-hitting 8-year-old Jonathan Kronlage also would have been a strong contender in table tennis, but got sick on the 3rd day of camp and was unable to compete. The final was contested by George Ding and Michael Qian, with George edging Michael 3-1 to capture the first place trophy. Both boys played well and were thrilled with their trophies.



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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. We're next to the Big K-Mart.

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. We're next to the Big K-Mart.

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. We're next to the Big K-Mart.

