



MDTTC News



2016 Butterfly MDTTC April Open
Open Singles Finalist
Wang Qing Liang,
Champion Bowen Chen



2016 Butterfly MDTTC April Open
Under 2350 Champion Stefano Ratti,
Finalist Frederick Nicolas



2016 Butterfly MDTTC April Open
Under 2000 Champion George Nie,
Finalist Walter Waltrip



2016 Butterfly MDTTC April Open
Under 1700 Finalist Walid Alkadi,
Champion Vincent Adebayo



2016 Butterfly MDTTC
April Open
Under 1350 Champion
Ranjan Bhambroo,
Finalist Stanley Hsu



2016 Butterfly MDTTC April Open
Over 50 Champion Lixin Lang,
Finalist Frederick Nicolas



2016 Butterfly MDTTC
April Open
Under 15 Finalist Jessica Lin,
Champion George Li



Butterfly MDTTC April Open Finalists!



Archive of Past MDTTC Newsletters

Welcome to the 48th issue of the MDTTC News! As usual, there's lots of news to report and new and ongoing programs, and we hope to see you at some of them. As usual a special thanks to MDTTC sponsors [Butterfly](#), [Go Table Tennis](#), and [HW Global Foundation](#). Make sure to read my [daily table tennis blog](#) - I often write about MDTTC happenings there. And if you have a nice picture taken at MDTTC, email it to me and it might make the newsletter!

-Editor and Coach [Larry Hodges](#); Publisher Wen Hsu

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MDTTC Sunday Open House: May 29

We are holding an Open House on Sunday, May 29 from 12 – 3 pm. Table tennis exhibitions & fun activities will be organized. Light snacks & drinks will be served. Everyone is welcome!

MDTTC Pro Shop – Memorial Day Weekend Sale!

All regular items go on sale during Memorial Day Weekend. Stop by to get all your table tennis needs.

- **MDTTC Members Only Sale Dates:** Friday, May 27 & Monday, May 30
- **Sales Dates for ALL:** Saturday, May 28 & Sunday, May 29

Butterfly MDTTC April Open

April 9, 2016 • Gaithersburg, MD

[Complete Results](#) • [Rating Results](#)

- **Open Singles – Final:** [Chen Bowen d. Wang Qing Liang](#), 10,10,-6,9,-4,8; **SF:** Chen d. Stefano Ratti, -12,2,7,-9,10,3; Wang d. Derek Nie, 8,6,4,-8,11; **QF:** Chen d. Bojun Zhangliang, 4,3,6; Ratti d. Raghu Nadmichettu, 12,8,13; Nie d. Lixin Lang, 8,9,8; Wang d. Klaus Wood, 9,6,8.
- **Under 2350 – Final:** [Stefano Ratti d. Frederick Nicolas](#), 2,10,6; **SF:** Ratti d. Darwin Ma, 6,4,7; Nicolas d. Vikash Sahu, 11,9,-11,-4,7.

- **Under 2000 – Final:** [George Nie d. William Waltrip](#), -2,8,-8,7,11; **SF:** Nie d. Spencer Ip, 9,-8,5,-4,10; Waltrip d. Mohamed Kamara, 6,9,8.
- **Under 1700 – Final:** [Vincent Adebavo d. Walid Alkadi](#), 9,9,9; **SF:** Adebavo d. Darryl Boyer, 9,-8,5,8; Alkadi d. Alvin Whitney, -8,7,7,-10,8.
- **Under 1350 – Final:** [Ranian Bhambroo d. Stanley Hsu](#), 9,5,9; **SF:** Bhambroo d. Adrian Yang, -11,12,9,-14,7; Hsu d. Wessam Alkadi, 9,-5,5,8.
- **Over 50 – Final RR:** [1st Lixin Lang, 3-0; 2nd Frederick Nicolas](#), 2-1; 3rd Chris Buckley, 1-2; 4th James Wilson, 0-3.
- **Under 15 – Final:** [George Li d. Jessica Lin](#), 11,-5,2,6; **SF:** Li d. Walid Alkadi, 8,-10,11,8; Lin d. Abbas Paryavi, 6,9,9; **QF:** Li d. Hassam Alkadi, 8,6,8; W. Alkadi d. Ali Paryavi, 6,-11,4,7; Abbas Paryavi d. Sameer Shaikh, 5,7,-7,-9,6; Lin d. Adrian Yang, 9,12,5.

Butterfly MDTTC June Open

[Our next tournament will be June 11](#) – sign up now [online!](#) (You'll have to register with Omnipong first, which is quick and easy.)

MDTTC Summer Camps

As usual, MDTTC will have camps all summer long, Mon-Fri from June 20 through Aug. 26. [Here's info!](#) Space is limited. Please sign up early.

[New Wednesday Adult League](#)

Please arrive at MDTTC prior to 7:20 pm to sign up. If you know you'll be a few minutes late, please call the club at 301.519.8580 BEFORE 7:20 pm. All matches will start promptly at 7:30 pm and ends at 9 pm. No ratings will be used. Seeding is done by previous results. 2- 3 tables per group of 4 -6 players.

Adult Program: Ongoing

- [Tuesday and/or Friday Lunch Group Training](#) (1:00-2:00 pm) *for all levels.* Improve your table tennis skills while getting great physical and mental exercises. Every player will get one-on-one playing time with Coach Jeffrey Zeng (2550+ rating).
- [Sunday Adult Training](#) from 6:30-8:00PM. No pre-registration is required, but if you have any questions, [email](#) Coach Larry. *Be prepared to improve!!!*

Capital Area Team League

The second meeting of this season's [Capital Area League](#) took place on Saturday, April 30, with all results online. This season there are 24 teams and 127 players. Make sure to sign up for next season! (Info on that will be out in the next month or so.)

Junior Olympics and JOOLA Teams South

Table tennis is back in the Junior Olympics! They will be held this year in Houston, TX, Aug. 1-3. Here is the [info page](#) and the [entry form](#). We expect a good group from Maryland to attend, so come join us! Some will be going down a few days early as they will be holding the JOOLA Teams South in the same venue immediately before the Junior Olympics, on July 30-31. Here's the [entry form](#). So you can get five straight days of table tennis!

Tiffany Ke and Lisa Lin Make USA Hopes Team, finish 3-4 in North American Hopes Tournament

The North American Hopes Trials were held April 8-10 in Markham, Ontario, Canada. Qualifying to play were the U.S. Hopes Team (top four under 12 boys and girls, including Tiffany and Lisa), up against the Canadian Hopes Team. [Here are results](#) (USA swept the top four positions on the girls' side), and here are two articles on this from the Baltimore Sun!

[Pair of Maryland natives qualify for national table tennis team](#)

[Tiffany Ke of Gaithersburg wins bronze at North American Table Tennis Hopes Trials](#)

Table Tennis Camp for Veterans with Disabilities and Members of the Armed Forces with Disabilities

We'll be running this annual camp for the third year in a row, on June 6-8, 2016. [Here's the info flyer](#). Coach Larry will be running the camp. Volunteer hitting partners are welcome!

Birthday Parties & Rental Space for Corporate and Private Events

MDTTC offers birthday parties ran by our popular Coach Larry. We also regularly host community events and team-building activities for local businesses. Space rental for special corporate and private events are available. Here is [Facility Rental Information](#), and here is info on [Birthday Party Packages](#).

MDTTC Web and Facebook Pages

Don't forget to see the regularly updated [MDTTC Facebook page](#), and make sure to "like" it! Stop by and see all the photos, read the latest news, or post your own comments. Also see the [MDTTC web page](#) for regularly updated info.

Tip of the Month: Shot Awareness in Practice

By Larry Hodges

What you do in practice you will do in matches. Therefore, you should be aware of the placement of your shots in practice drills, both direction and depth. This gives you feedback on your accuracy so you can make adjustments. Without this feedback you can't really improve your ball control and improve your accuracy.

When you play a match, your attacks and blocks should normally go deep to the wide corners or the opponent's middle (roughly playing elbow). Long pushes should also go very deep, mostly to the corners. When I tell players to do this, they often say that they are just trying to get the ball on the table, and that they can't control it well enough to really aim for these spots. *Exactly!!!* But if you do this in practice, your shots will become more accurate, you will be able to go to these three spots, and it will become a habit. But only if you become aware of your shots in practice so that you can make constant adjustments as you strive for better accuracy.