



<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Open Singles Semifinalists Jeffrey Zeng and Bowen Chen, Champion Alex Ruichao Chen, and Runner-up Azeez Jamiu</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 2200 Champion Ping Li and Runner-up William Huang</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 1800 Champion Chase Womack and Runner-up Arnd Plagge</p> 
<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 2400 Runner-up Bojan Zhangliang and Champion Roy Ke</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 1500 Runner-up Mahmoud Youssef and Champion John Miller</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 1200 Champion Mahmoud Youssef and Runner-up Stephanie Zhang</p> 
<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 2000 Champion Xinsheng Michael Huang and Runner-up Mohamed Kamara</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 15 Runner-up George Li and Champion Spencer Chen</p> 	<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Under 12: 3rd: Kay O'Hara; 2nd: Jackson Beaver; 1st: Mu du</p> 
<p>2017 MDTTC April Open Over 50 Runner-up Xinsheng Michael Huang and Champion Lixin Lang</p> 		

**Butterfly  
MDTTC April  
Open Finalists!**

Welcome to the 60<sup>th</sup> 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](#) 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!  
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### SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS :MULTI-WEEK DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

It's time to sign up for the MDTTC Summer Camps! The Summer Camps start June 19<sup>th</sup> and continue for eleven weeks – Mon-Fri each week, 10AM - 6PM, with a break in the middle. Weekly, Daily, Full Day and Half Day options are available - 8:30 AM early drop-off for no additional cost. The camps are for all ages and levels, though they are dominated by kids. [Here's info on the camps, including camp registration form.](#)



*MDTTC held its annual Spring Break Camp, April 10-14, with over 50 players. Here's a [group picture of some of the campers and coaches!](#)*

### 2017 MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next tournament is the [Maryland State Championships](#), June 10-11 at MDTTC. All players are eligible to play in the rating events! [Click here to enter online now](#)

Scholarships will be provided by HW Global Foundation. Donations are welcome!

## 2017 BUTTERFLY MDTTC APRIL OPEN

[Here's the write-up, results, and photos](#) of the April Open! (Main results and links to pictures are below. [Complete results are at Omnipong.](#)) Next tournament is the [Maryland State Championships](#), June 10-11 at MDTTC.

**Open Singles – Final:** [Chen Ruichao d. Azeez Jamiu, -9,-5,8,10,-8,8,9](#); **SF:** [Chen d. Jeffrey Zeng, def.](#); [Jamiu d. Chen Bo Wen, 8,8,6,7](#); **QF:** Chen Ruichao d. Meshal Alduaig, 5,7,9; Zeng d. William Huang, 3,5,6; Chen Bo Wen d. Bojun Zhangliang, 7,9,13; Jamiu d. Roy Ke, -7,3,9,8.

**Under 2400 – Final:** [Roy Ke d. Bojun Zhangliang, 7,7,8](#); **SF:** Ke d. George Li, 4,7,5; Zhangliang d. Meshal Alduaig, 7,4,10.

**Under 2200 – Final:** [Ping Li d. William Huang, 4,6,7](#); **SF:** Li d. George Li, 9,-9,-9,9,9; Huang d. Tiffany Ke, -6,7,6,14.

**Under 2000 – Final:** [Xinsheng Michael Huang d. Mohamed Kamara, 9,5,-10,-3,4](#); **SF:** Huang d. Thomas Alausson, 9,-9,7,10; Kamara d. Kallista Liu, 6,-8,-7,6,4.

**Under 1800 – Final:** [Chase Womack d. Arnd Plagge, 9,9,9](#); **SF:** Womack d. Mu Du, 6,-6,9,4; Plagge d. Elliott Hamilton, 7,4,7.

**Under 1500 – Final:** [John Miller d. Mahmoud Youssef, 9,-8,7,-4,5](#); **SF:** Miller d. Eugene Zhang, 3,2,1; Youssef d. Stephanie Zhang, 6,-8,5,10.

**Under 1200 – Final:** [Mahmoud Youssef d. Stephanie Zhang, -10,9,6,6](#); **SF:** Youssef d. Matthew Dovel, 7,4,8; Zhang d. James Zhang, 3,9,-12,3.

**Over 50 – Final:** [Lixin Lang d. Xinsheng Michael Huang, -11,7,7,7](#); **SF:** Lang d. Frederick Nicolas, 8,8,8; Huang d. Robert Lande, 7,7,7.

**Under 15 – Final:** [Spencer Chen d. George Li, 6,6,9](#); **SF:** Chen d. Abbas Paryavi, 3,10,10; Li d. Bowen Zhang, 8,7,-10,6.

**Under 12 – Final RR:** [1<sup>st</sup> Mu Du, 3-0](#); [2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Beaver, 2-1](#); [3<sup>rd</sup> Kay O'Hara, 1-2](#); [4<sup>th</sup> James Zhang, 0-3](#).

## INTERVIEW WITH COACH LARRY

[Coach Larry was recently interviewed](#) by TableTennisCoach. Learn what he likes most (and least) about coaching; his books; the ten best moments of his table tennis career; his best table tennis tip; his toughest opponents; and much more!

## STAR WARS TABLE TENNIS

[The two go together!](#)

## CAPITAL AREA LEAGUE

The [Capital Area Table Tennis League](#) has had two meetings so far this season. Check out the results, and don't forget to enter the Fall season!

## MDTTC LEAGUES

- [Tuesday and Friday Night Leagues](#). All ages and levels. Please arrive prior to 7:25 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, otherwise YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY
- [Wednesday Night Recreational League](#). Play is from 7:30-9:00PM
- [Sunday Elite League](#). This is primarily for players over 2000, and starts on Sundays at 12:30PM.
- [Saturday Junior League](#). For ages 6-18, from 6:30-8:30PM, about twice a month. Run by Coach Wang Qingliang, it includes warm-up, match play, game analysis, and physical training (time permitting). Players must be pre-approved by Coach Wang. Upcoming sessions are May 6, 13 & 20, June 3 & 24.

## MDTTC ADULT PROGRAMS

- **[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 7:00-8:30PM. No pre-registration is required, but if you have any questions, [email](#) Coach Larry. Complete beginners should take several private coaching sessions first so they can hit basic forehands, backhands, and push. *Be prepared to improve!!!*

## MDTTC JUNIOR PROGRAMS

- **Beginning/Intermediate Junior Classes.** You can still join the Sunday classes 4:00-5:30pm. These are for beginners to Intermediate, ages 6-14, with Coach Larry, Coach John Hsu, and others assisting. For more info, see the [Junior Group Training Page](#). When you join in mid-season, your fee will be pro-rated.
- **Junior Boys Training.** Junior Training with Coach Cheng, for junior boys rated over 1700, with coaches' recommendation. Saturdays 4:30-6:30 PM. Contact Coach Cheng directly at MDTTC, 301-519-8580.
- **Advanced Junior Training.** FULL. Junior training with Coach Jack Huang, for junior girls rated over 1800, with coaches' recommendation. Fridays 5-7PM. Contact Coach Jack directly at MDTTC, 301-519-8580.
- **Tuesday Level 2 Class.** FULL. For Advanced beginners – Intermediate players. Sessions are Tuesdays from 6-7PM with Coach John Hsu.

## MDTTC PRIVATE COACHING

- **Private Coaching**, by Coaches Cheng Yinghua, Jack Huang, Larry Hodges, Jeffrey Zeng, Qingliang Wang, Bowen Chen, Ruichao Chen, John Hsu, and others are available. See [Private Coaching page](#).

## 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: Strive to Make Every Shot a Memorable One

By Larry Hodges

How often do you play a careless, nonchalant shot, one that you'd like to quickly forget? Perhaps a soft, just get-the-ball-on-the-table push, or a please-hit-the-table loop, or perhaps a keep-the-ball-in-play backhand?

Now watch a top player, live or on video. (Go to Youtube.com and put in "Table Tennis" and lots will appear.) Watch and see how often they do careless, nonchalant, forgettable shots. Basically, never. They may make mistakes, but rarely do they do something where they aren't even attempting to do the shot well. They strive to make every shot count . . . because *Every Shot Counts*. Even when they do something as simple as a push, watch how focused they are on doing it correctly, perfectly . . . memorably. For a top player, every shot is a memorable shot, or it's a weak shot.

You should have the same attitude. It doesn't matter whether you are looping and smashing, or just pushing and blocking; like the top players, you should strive to make every one

of them a memorable shot. If you push long, make it a memorable push, one that the opponent has to struggle with because you did it so well that the shot would be remembered – if not for the fact that you are striving to make every shot memorable, and so it gets lost in a seas of memorable shots.

*Memorable doesn't mean spectacular.* If the goal of the shot is to, say, simply tie up the opponent on his backhand side, a simple block will do. But it should be done *correctly* – perhaps right off the bounce, deep into the wide backhand, aggressive enough so the opponent can't do anything with it. It may seem a boring, bland shot, but if you do it exactly as needed, so that it does exactly what it is supposed to do, it is a memorable shot. Maybe not to you, at first, but to the opponent it is memorable as it is the shot that he remembers that (in this example) keeps him tied up on his backhand.

And guess what? When you can string together many such memorable shots, *you* become the top player on the video players study to see how top players strive to make every shot memorable.