



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Open Singles: Chen Bowen (SF), Jishan Liang (Champion),  
Jian Li (Runner-up) and Jeffrey Zeng (SF)



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 2400 Champion Khaleel Asgarali, Runner-up George Li,  
and Semifinalists Kallista Liu and Richard Bowling



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 2200 Champion Ed Watts,  
Runner-up Abbas Paryavi



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 2000 Runner-Up Michael Huang  
and Champion Kallista Liu



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 1800 Champion Haoran Guan  
and Runner-up Stephen Thoren



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 1500 Champion Stephanie Zhang  
and Runner-up Allan Anzaqira



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 1200 Champion Todd Klinger  
and Runner-up Aaron Thaul



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Over 50 Runner-up Thomas Sampson  
and Champion Xinseng Michael Huang



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 15 Champion George Li  
and Runner-up Stanley Hsu



2017 Butterfly MDTTC August Open  
Under 12 Champion Stanley Hsu  
and Runner-up Mu Du



Butterfly  
MDTTC August  
Open Finalists!

## Archive of Past MDTTC Newsletters

Welcome to the 64<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](#), [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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### **REGISTER NOW FOR FALL MDTTC JUNIOR PROGRAMS**

Another season is upon us, and it's time to enroll your kids in our [junior programs](#)! MDTTC has three different programs for beginning juniors, on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Info is below. If you join mid-session, the class fee will be pro-rated.

- **Sunday Beginning-Advanced Beginners Junior Class.** The next session starts on Sept. 10, 2017 (Sundays 4:00-5:30, ten weeks). This is for beginners to advanced beginners, ages 6-14, with Coach Larry, with John Hsu and others assisting. For more info, see the [Junior Group Training Page](#).
- **Tuesday Level 2 Class for ages 8-15.** The next session starts on Sept. 19, 2017 (Tuesdays, 6-7PM). This is intended for kids 8-15 who enjoy playing table tennis and want to improve their game. Players must know the basics in table tennis or have taken table tennis classes previously. The class is kept small for individualized instruction. Sessions are Tuesdays from 6-7PM with Coach John Hsu. For more info, see the [Junior Group Training Page](#).
- **Thursday Beginning-Advanced Beginners Junior Class.** The next session starts on Sept. 28, 2017 (Thursdays 6:30-7:30, ten weeks). This is for beginners to advanced beginners, ages 7-13, with Coach Larry, with John Hsu and others assisting. For more info, see the [Junior Group Training Page](#).

**There are also advanced junior programs that involve tryouts (such as the [Talent Development Program, tryouts Sept. 2-3](#)) or are invitation only or have minimum rating requirements (such as the Intermediate and Advanced Group Training on Friday and Saturday nights). Log onto [mdttc.com](#), [Junior Training Page](#).**

### **BUTTERFLY MDTTC AUGUST 26-27 OPEN**

[Here is the write-up, results, and pictures.](#) (See pictures at top.) The tournament was run by Larry Hodges, with great help from Mossa Barandao of [PongMobile](#). Special thanks for helping with the tournament also goes to referee and umpire Paul Kovac and Stephen Yeh, and to John Hsu, who took care of credit card payments and took charge of running the Under 12 Final Six RR. Thanks also goes to sponsors [Butterfly](#) and [HW Global](#). And of course congrats to champions Jishan Liang, Khaleel Asgarali, Ed Watts, Kallista Liu, Haoran Guan, Stephanie Zhang, Todd Klinger, Xinsheng Michael Huang, George Li, and Stanley Hsu!

### **BUTTERFLY MDTTC OCTOBER 14-15 OPEN**

[Our next tournament is October 14-15](#) – the \$2700 3-star October Open!

### **CAPITAL AREA LEAGUE**

The [Capital Area Team League](#) is for players in the Maryland, Virginia, and DC area. Final deadline to enter is Sept. 12. If you don't have a team, the league committee can help you find one. First league matches are on Oct. 1. Here are the basic rules:

- Teams have a roster of at least 3 players.
- Team contests will have 6 individual matches and one doubles.
- Each team will be placed in a division according to their ratings, with similarly-rated teams – priority consideration will be given to teams who have participated in the last season.
- No USATT membership required to play.
- Detail league rules [here](#).

### **CALL FOR UMPIRES**

Interested in becoming a USATT umpire? MDTTC is in need of them for our tournaments. Currently our only certified umpires are Paul Kovac (International Umpire and Certified Referee), Stephen Yeh, and Larry Hodges. If you are interested, here's the [USATT info page](#) – see [USATT Referee Qualifications](#) and [Interested in becoming an umpire?](#)

### **WELCOME MARTIN JEZO!**

He is a new visiting coach at MDTTC, from the Slovak Republic. Here's his background:

- Comenius University, Faculty of physical education and sport in Bratislava, 2014-2017
- Member of National Team of Slovakia Cadets, Junior & Under 21 Teams
- Champion of Slovak Republic (4x Junior Team, 2x Doubles, 1x Mixed Doubles)
- Winner of many international tournaments (Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary)

### **ECLIPSE VIEWING AT MDTTC**

We had an informal eclipse watching party at MDTTC during the eclipse on Aug. 21. Some of us had our own eclipse glasses, but Todd Klinger brought in ten, so with a little sharing, everybody got to watch. Several also brought in homemade eclipse watching viewers, made from cereal boxes. [Here are some pictures](#) of us watching the eclipse, taken by Carolyn Klinger. And contrary to all the laws of astronomy, we had a TOTAL eclipse at MDTTC – here's the [four-picture sequence](#) to prove it!!!

### **USATT BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors for USA Table Tennis will have a board meeting in Washington DC, Sept. 9-10. The main meeting will take place on Sunday, from 8AM to 3:30PM. The meeting is open to all USATT members (other than occasional closed sessions on legal and personnel issues). If you are interested, email [Coach Larry](#) (who is a member of the [USATT Board](#)).

### **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
- [Sunday Elite League](#). This is primarily for advanced players over 2000, and is on Sundays at 12:30PM.
- [Saturday Junior League](#): 9/23, 9/31, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 1/13 (8 sessions) for ages 7-18, from 5:30-7:30PM. Run by Coach Wang Qingliang, it includes warm-up, match play, game analysis, mental and physical training. Players must be pre-approved by Coach Wang

### **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 PRIVATE COACHING**

- **Private Coaching**, by Coaches Cheng Yinghua, Jack Huang, Larry Hodges, Jeffrey Zeng, Wang Qingliang, Bowen Chen, John Hsu, and Alex Ruichao Chen (returning in October). 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: Covering the Wide Angles**

By Larry Hodges

Most players have trouble when an opponent attacks at a wide angle, whether it's to the forehand or backhand. Here are five principles to help you cover them.

1. **Position yourself from the previous shot.** That means if you put the ball to, say, the opponent's wide forehand, he has an angle into your forehand. So you have to position yourself toward that side so you can cover it.
2. **Step to the ball.** Many players lean or reach, but this greatly limits your range as well as the ability to make a good shot.
3. **Move in to block.** Many players move sideways to cover the wide angles, which allows the ball to move away from you. Instead, move sideways and in and cut the ball off before it can get away from the table.
4. **Angle back.** If the opponent angles you, he gives you the same or greater counter-angle. If he moves to cover it too much, you can catch him off guard by going down the line.
5. **Position yourself again.** After moving wide to cover an angled shot, you need to get back into position quickly or risk leaving the table open. If you counter-angled back, then you don't have to move too much as you need to cover his potential angled return – essentially a counter-counter-angle.