



## Butterfly MDTTC October Open Finalists!

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Open Singles Semifinalists: Bowen Chen (SF); Yichi Zhang (Champion);  
Jishan Liang (Finalist); and Jeffrey Xun Zeng (SF)

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 12 Semifinalists: James Zhang (SF); Mu Du (Champion);  
Andy Wu (SF); and Lance Wei (Finalist)



2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 2400 Champion Martin Jezo  
and Finalist Gabriel Skolnick

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 2200 Champion John Wetzler  
and Finalist Vladimir Poradich

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 2000 Finalist Naveen Vaddadi  
and Champion Kevin Zhou

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 1800 Finalist Michael Clarke  
and Champion Adrian Yang



2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 1500 Champion Nikhil Naravan  
and Finalist Allan Anzagira

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 1200 Champion Feng Xue  
and Finalist Eugene O'Bryan

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Over 50 Runner-up Sun Xiao Jian  
and Champion Thomas Sampson

2017 Butterfly MDTTC October Open  
Under 15 Champion Stanley Hsu  
and Finalist Jackson Beaver



### Archive of Past MDTTC Newsletters

Welcome to the 66<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!

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

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### MDTTC CHRISTMAS CAMP/Winter Break Camp: Dec. 26-30

The annual Christmas Camp will be held Dec. 26-30. The camp is for all levels and ages. You can order Chinese food in the morning to be delivered for lunch. For more info, see the [MDTTC Camp Page](#).

### DISCOUNT TICKETS ON SALE AT MDTTC- FIRST EVER BUNDESLIGA MATCH TIME IN USA!

[Here's the news item](#). Two premier teams from the German professional league will play at 1PM on Friday, Nov. 24 during the North American Teams at the Gaylord National Harbor Resort in National Harbor, Maryland. [Please click here for ticketing details](#). Deadline for purchasing discount tickets at MDTTC is November 15.

### BUTTERFLY MDTTC OCTOBER OPEN

The write-up and results, with links to photos of all the finalists, was published as news items by both [Butterfly](#) and [USATT](#). Congrats to all the winners! Our next tournament is Feb. 10-11 – the entry form will be out later this year.

### WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Interested in attending the 2018 World Veterans Championships in Las Vegas? Here's the [USATT info article](#) by Larry Hodges – which features MDTTC coach Cheng Yinghua, who'll be one of the favorites in the 60-64 age group in both singles and doubles (with Dan Seemiller). Come join the huge cheering section for him – plus enter yourself. It'll be a great vacation.

### CHINA IN NORTH AMERICA ITTF CAMP

[Here's the article](#) about the camp held recently Markham, Canada, with the Chinese National Junior Team training with the USA and Canadian juniors. Three from MDTTC were selected to attend – Tiffany Ke, Ronald Chen, and Coach Wang Qing Liang. Thanks to USATT and HW Global Foundation for their support! (You can see all three of them in the second group photo – Ronald and Tiffany are in the front row, Ronald third from the left, Tiffany seventh. Coach Wang is in the back on far right.)

### 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 players over 2000, and 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.

## MDTTC JUNIOR PROGRAMS

- [Sunday Junior Class](#). The new Winter Session starts on January 7, 2018 (Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM, ten weeks). This is for novices/beginners/advanced beginners, ages 6-14, with Coach Larry, John Hsu and others assisting. Kids will be grouped by skill level and age.
- [Tuesday Level 2 Junior Class](#). The new Winter Session begins on January 9, 2017 (Tuesdays, 6-7 PM, ten weeks). 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 and/or have taken table tennis lessons previously. The class is kept small for individualized instruction with Coach John Hsu and other assisting.
- **Thursday Junior Class**. January 18 – March 15, 6:30-7:30 PM. Sign up the Winter Session [ONLINE](#) with Dept. of Montgomery County Recreation starting November 13.

## 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** by Coaches Cheng Yinghua, Jack Huang, Larry Hodges, Alex Ruichao Chen, Jeffrey Zeng, Wang Qingliang, Bowen Chen, Martin Jezo, and John Hsu. 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: Top Tactical Mistakes when Serving, Receiving, and Rallying

By Larry Hodges

### Top Ten Tactical Serving Mistakes

1. Not enough variation.
2. Serving to the backhand over and Over and OVER.
3. Always serving from the same spot, usually from the backhand corner.
4. Not serving with a purpose.
5. Always serving with heavy spin, without using no-spin as a variation (where you fake heavy spin – “heavy no-spin”).
6. Telegraphing your serves by how you set up or start your motion.
7. Too often serving long to loopers or short to quick players.
8. Not trying out all your main serves early on to find out what works.
9. Saving your trickiest serves for when it's close, instead of using them early so it doesn't get close, and then using them again as needed.
10. Not understanding the basic concept that you should essentially ALWAYS serve and attack UNLESS the receiver does something to stop you from doing so.

### **Top Ten Tactical Receiving Mistakes**

1. Too predictable. Vary your receive! Most of the below are variations on this.
2. Giving the server what he wants.
3. Too aggressive. If you attack every serve it becomes predictable.
4. Too passive. If you never attack the serve, then the server knows he can serve and attack every time. (If he's smart, he'll vary his attack.)
5. Passive against deep serves. You can't really rush or angle the server against a deep serve, so you need to be aggressive.
6. No variation to pushes. Need to vary them to throw off the server.
7. No short push variation. Opponent knows your return will go long and so can hang back.
8. Long pushes aren't quick, low, heavy, deep, and at wide angles.
9. No last-second changes of direction. So server can see where you are returning the ball very early.
10. Unable to [backhand banana flip](#) against short serves, the biggest development in technique in recent times – get with the program!!! (Here's a Tip of the Week, [Backhand Banana Flip](#), with link to a tutorial.)

### **Top Twelve Tactical Rallying Mistakes**

1. Playing too much into the backhand.
2. Not attacking the middle (roughly the playing elbow, midway between forehand and backhand), and using this to set up a follow-up attack to the corners or middle again.
3. Not attacking all three spots – wide corners and middle.
4. Attacking to a corner when you have an angle to attack outside the corner.
5. Looking for a chance to counter-attack to an opponent's forehand rather than just making the first attack there.
6. Not changing the pace.
7. Not sometimes aiming one way, and at the last second going another.
8. Not keeping the ball deep (unless going for a change-of-pace or drop shot).
9. Trying to end the point too quickly.
10. Not ending the point when the shot is there.
11. Not finishing a shot by following through into position for the next shot.
12. Attacking an opponent's weak side first rather than first attacking their stronger side so that you can follow by attacking their weaker side while also having to move.