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January 2016 News and Happenings

Happy New Year! If your 2016 New Year's Resolutions include enhancing your fitness, increasing your fun social activities, or improving your ping pong game, we have you covered!

Our 2016 New Year's Resolutions are to offer even more ways for people to get involved with our Center, and to continue to improve the service and programs we provide to our members and players. As part of that effort, our newsletter has taken on a fresh look for the new year, making it easier for you to find what you'd like to see or know. Please check out some of the design changes and explore our new media content!

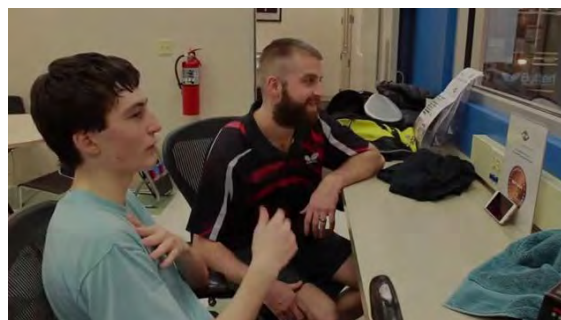
Before we dive into the many exciting plans and changes for 2016, we first want to highlight some of the recent news from December:

We hosted our last monthly USATT sanctioned tournament of the 2015 calendar year on December 5th and

6th. Thanks to everyone who participated, and helped to make it a great wrap-up for our 2015 tournament schedule! You can view photos of event winners, and some of the action, by checking out our album on [Facebook](#).



UNC journalism student Nicole Basile created a fantastic short [video](#) about the intense table tennis rivalry between our own AJ Carney and Michael Whitmeyer. Click on the photo to view the video and learn more about their stories, their friendship, and their perspectives on competing against one another.



Membership Update

We are currently running our 2016 New Year Membership Special, which is available for January only. Anyone who purchases a membership for the first time, renews a previously-expired membership, or extends an existing multi-month membership before January 31, 2016 will receive an additional **FREE** month of membership! This special deal only lasts through the end of January, so don't delay -- plan to begin, renew, or extend your membership before January 31st!

This is just one of the special promotional discounts that we are currently running. We also offer a "Mid-Day" Senior discount, "Good Neighbor" discount, and "Early Decision" discount for members. And, as always, our multi-month memberships include attractive discounts. More information on all of these options can be found on our [Membership Pricing](#) page.

We're also changing our membership administration to streamline our player check-in process. All memberships will now be automatically recurring unless cancelled, and will include an activation fee (but that activation that will be refunded to brand new members in the form of a gift card for lessons, programs, or merchandise; in January only, as part

of our New Year Membership Special, the activation fee will be similarly refunded to returning members who reactivate a previously expired membership).

Additionally, we're enabling long-term members (members who sign up for 6 months or more) to not only enjoy a reduced monthly cost, but also to have the flexibility to suspend their memberships (6-month memberships can be suspended for 1 month, and 12-month memberships can be suspended by 1-2 months) if necessary due to travel or other personal reasons.

Finally, in addition to the discounts that members enjoy on merchandise, camps, and lessons, we're continuing to add membership benefits, such as the discounts we're offering to members on USA Olympic Table Tennis Trials tickets. Please contact us or click below to register or extend your membership today!

[Register for Membership](#)

New 10-Visit Passes

As part of our 2016 changes, we are now offering discounted 10-Visit Passes to visitors. Non-member visitors will still have the option of paying a \$12.00 walk-in fee for a single All-Day Pass to the Center. Alternatively, non-member players may instead choose to purchase a 10-Visit Pass for \$100, which provides a \$20 savings over the normal walk-in fee for 10 visits. This may be an optimal solution for players who plan to visit on multiple occasions, but on an infrequent or irregular schedule. The 10-Visit Pass is valid for a single user only; it is non-refundable, non-transferrable, and must be used over a 12-month period.

2016 U.S. Olympic Table Tennis Trials



Triangle Table Tennis is excited to help USATT and Triangle Sports Commission support and promote the upcoming 2016 U.S. Olympic Table Tennis Trials! The Trials will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum Complex in Greensboro, NC on February 4th–6th. More information on the 2016 Olympic Trials can be found on the USATT [website](#).

Triangle Table Tennis members and visitors who are interested in buying tickets to the Trials can do so directly; simply visit the Triangle Table Tennis front desk, and bypass the Ticketmaster fees. Regular retail ticket prices apply to non-members (as seen on the USATT website link), but the following special discounted prices are available to Triangle Table Tennis members:

- Per session tickets with a retail price of \$15.00 will be available to members for \$12.50
- Day pass tickets (all sessions on 1 day) with a retail price of \$25.00 will be available to members for \$22.50
- Event pass tickets (all sessions on all days) with a retail price of \$60.00 will be available to members for \$52.50

We will also be giving away a limited number of FREE Olympic Trial tickets to Triangle Table Tennis members and participating players, including multiple winners in the following raffles:

- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL Triangle Table Tennis members with currently active one-year (or longer) memberships
- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL Triangle Table Tennis members who participate in a lesson, camp, or clinic in January
- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL League Players who enroll in a full term in a Triangle Table Tennis League that starts in January
- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL Tournament Players in our January Two-Person Teams Winter Tournament (1 entry per player per event)
- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL players who participate in our Recreational Open Play Mixers (sign-in required)

- Winners in a raffle that includes ALL Triangle Table Tennis members who purchase \$50 or more of merchandise in our pro shop in January

We'll have a booth and a raffle for lessons set up at the Trials, and some of our coaches and top players will be available to hit a few shots on a Butterfly table with spectators who'd like to have an interactive experience. If you're going to the Trials, please stop by, visit with us, enter our raffle, and share your love of table tennis and our Center with other spectators.

Several Triangle Table Tennis members are playing in the Trials, and others who are interested should enroll quickly, because player registration ends on January 10th! More information on player registration can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments

We are continuing our monthly USATT sanctioned tournaments in 2016, and some of the largest ones are happening soon. For further information and entry forms for upcoming tournaments, stop by the [Tournaments](#) page of our website.



January 23-24, 2016: Triangle Winter 2016 Two-Person Teams Round Robin Tournament
We're starting the year off with a USATT 4-Star sanctioned tournament with over \$3,300 in cash and prizes, and a popular two-person team structure that includes both singles and doubles in every match-up. This tournament will have 4 separate rating-level events, all with a Round Robin format that allows players to compete in plenty of matches. If you are interested in signing up for this tournament, find a partner and access the [enrollment form](#) or sign up online using the link below!

Register for January Two-Person Teams RR Tournament Now



February 4, 2016: Atlantic BT's Inaugural Tech Pong Challenge

Atlantic BT, a leading digital consultancy with offices in the Triangle area, will be hosting a Double Elimination Teams Tournament at our center on February 4th, with all funds raised going to benefit the Band Together charitable organization. This local, non-USATT sanctioned, event is open not only to employees of tech companies, but also to any individual players or those who want to form a team. Food and drinks will be provided on the playing floor for all participants involved, including alcoholic drinks (which will be available for players 21 and older). So come out for a fun night of ping pong that is fully dedicated to a good cause!

[Link to more information and registration for Tech Pong Challenge charitable event](#)

February 20-21, 2016: North Carolina School Table Tennis Championship & February 2016 Open Tournament

Our February tournament consists of two completely different days of events on the same weekend:

- The Saturday division will be non-USATT-sanctioned and open only to middle and high school students from NC. Students will be able to compete recreationally in singles and teams events to represent both themselves and their school.
- The Sunday division will be a USATT 2-star level sanctioned tournament that is NOT limited to NC high school and middle school students, but instead open to all. Events will consist of Open Singles, Under 1200, Under 1600, and Under 2000, with \$1,200 in cash and prizes available.

[Link to Registration Form for February 2016 NC School Table Tennis Championship & February 2016 Triangle Open Tournament](#)

March 31-April 3, 2016: Butterfly Cary Cup Championship (Giant Round Robin)

With a USATT 4-Star Sanction, and over \$20,000 in total cash and prizes, this is always our biggest and most popular tournament of the year, attracting players from all over. As in years past, the tournament format will be a Giant Round Robin with multiple

preliminary events, and different tournament events will be scheduled over the course of four days. We expect this event to sell out again this year, so please be sure to mark your calendar and enroll early!

Weekly Leagues

Our 12-week Leagues are starting new seasons in January, including a NEW mid-day Senior League for ages 60 and up. We offer opportunities for players of all skill levels to meet players of similar levels, have fun, compete, and improve their table tennis game. To find out more information about which league is right for you, visit the [Leagues](#) page of our website. (To get the most out of a League season, it's helpful to be in it from the start, but if you can't make the first date and still want to participate, please let us know.) The start dates for each League can be found below:



NEW Senior Mid-Day League:
Starts 1/11/16

[Register Now](#)



Division 1 (ratings over 1900):
Starts 1/15/16

[Register Now](#)



Division 2 (1500-1899):
Starts 1/7/16

[Register Now](#)



Division 3 (ratings up to 1499):
Starts 1/5/16

[Register Now](#)



Youth League (ages 6-16):
Starts 1/16/16

[Register Now](#)



Corporate Teams League:
Starts 1/6/16

[Contact Us to Register](#)

Track Out Camps

If you'd like to provide your children or teens a fun and experiential opportunity while they are on a school break or "tracked out" of year-round school, we are continuing to offer weekly camps from 12:30-3:30 each weekday afternoon. These camps and clinics are taught by our skilled coaches, and provide opportunities to both learn new skills and meet new friends. Check out our [website](#) to find more information about our upcoming camps, and click the button below to contact us about registration!


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Other Programs and Events

We will be continuing our Chop & Chat Recreational Mixers every Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 pm, as well as non-tournament Sundays from 4:00-7:00 pm. These events are great for anyone looking for new playing partners, or just an afternoon or evening out enjoying table tennis with others. These Open Play opportunities are FREE for members, and also available to visitors who pay a walk-in fee. Pre-registration is not required; drop-ins welcome

Our facility also offers a full range of instruction, including [Private Lessons](#), [Beginner Group sessions](#), [Intermediate Group sessions](#), and [Advanced Group](#) and [Mini-Group sessions](#). Pre-registration is recommended, and membership discounts, as well as Buy 10 Get 1 free deals, apply to Group Lessons.

Please visit our [Events Calendar](#) to see our full group lesson, league and tournament schedule for 2016, or visit our [Programs and Events](#) page to learn more details about specific events and programs. There is something for everyone at our top-quality facility, which is open 7 days and 80 hours a week. Start your new year right by getting involved at Triangle Table Tennis!



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