



November 2015 News and Happenings

There may be only two months left in the calendar year, but there's no shortage of fun and exciting events coming up to share with you here at Triangle Table Tennis.

But first, here's a look at what's been happening since our last monthly newsletter:

[Tournaments and Events](#)



- We held the NC October Open Tournament on October 16–18. We had a fantastic turnout for this giant round robin event, with people flying in from around the globe! Be sure to check out the full photo gallery of winners on our [Facebook page](#). Also, you can get a sense of the stiff competition in this tournament by watching a hard-fought semi-final match between AJ Carney and Rachid El Boubou on [YouTube](#).



- It was a packed house when we hosted the Cary Chinese School for a school fundraiser on October 10. Everyone who came out helped to raise money for the school's table tennis team, which will begin competition in our School League this month! More information about the School League can be found later in this newsletter.



- We were thrilled to host the Table Tennis Finals of the NC State Senior Games on September 26. Spirited competition among the qualifiers, who earned invitations based on their performance in local events, along with many spectators and supporters, helped to make this a fun event. More photos from the games can be seen on our [Facebook](#).

Most of these happenings have more photos on [Facebook](#) , and you can enjoy videos of selected match play on [YouTube](#).

Facility Updates

- We recently received a shipment of new tables. If you want to take the game of table tennis home with you, we are now offering a small-size Fun Table, an intermediate-size Junior Table, and full-size Rollaway Table. Check out all our models on display in the Pro Shop! And of course, if you want to practice on the same tables you enjoy in the gym at Triangle Table Tennis, we also sell

our used Butterfly Centrefold competition tables at attractive prices!



- We added new display cases near our lobby to highlight additional equipment and gear as we continue to expand our pro shop merchandise. We're stocking up to help you with holiday shopping for the ping pong lovers in your life. And for those hard-to-buy-for players, you can never go wrong with a Triangle Table Tennis gift card.



- With the addition of another Butterfly SmartPong robot, and we now have 3 robots in operation. Use of the robots is free for premium members, and is a great way to get in some extra practice on your own.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Our schedule of monthly USATT-sanctioned tournaments continues through the end of 2015 and into 2016. Our tournaments include a range of different events, from beginner events for fun recreational play, to advanced events with fierce competition. Every tournament has events for all levels, so check out what's coming up to see how you can get involved!

- **November 14-15, 2015 : Triangle November 2015 Open Tournament** -- with a USATT 2-Star Sanction, and \$3,000 in cash and prizes. Most events in this tournament are ratings-based singles, ranging from U900 for

beginners up to U2450 for advanced players, and of course, an Open Singles event. It also includes two Junior events (Age 12 & under, and Age 16 & under) and a Doubles event for teams under 3000. This one is timed to offer some exercise before the holiday feasts begin.

- **December 5–6, 2015 : Triangle December 2015 Open Tournament** -- with a USATT 2–Star Sanction, and \$3,000 in cash and prizes. These events are similar to our November tournament, but have varying tiers, ranging from U1200 up to U2350, with a top tier Open Singles event. It also includes two junior events and a doubles event for teams under 4200. This tournament is scheduled between Thanksgiving and the US Nationals, so you don't have to miss out on any of the seasonal fun.
- **January 23–24, 2016: Winter Two–Person Teams Tournament** -- with a USATT 4–Star Sanction, and over \$3,300 in cash prizes. This popular format includes both singles matches and doubles matches for all players. This will be our fourth Two–Persons Teams tournament, and we've added a fourth event so we now have: an Open, Teams Under 4000, Teams Under 3500, and Teams under 3000. We're excited to announce we changed this Two–Persons Teams Tournament to a **Round Robin format**, giving all participants the chance to play in plenty of matches. Our Two Person Teams tournaments are always popular, so find a partner (or two partners at different rating levels if you want to enter different skill level events) and reserve a spot soon.

Registration forms for all of our monthly USATT–sanctioned tournaments through the end of 2015 can be found in the [Tournament](#) list on our web site. It's also now updated to show all of our 2016 tournament dates. 2016 Registration forms will be posted soon. So stay tuned, and mark your calendars to come out and play!

Beyond tournaments, we also provide plenty of opportunities for every day recreation, fun, fitness, practice, training and competition -- all in our top–quality [facility](#) that's open 7 days and 80 hours a week! We're excited to provide an overview of just a few:



- Our new co-ed **School League** is underway, with several schools beginning pre-season clinics and practice. School matches will be played on Wednesdays, starting **November 18** and going through the last week of January, with a post-season tournament in February. This is a great chance for kids with varying skill levels to grow as individual players and as part of a team. Although the league has begun practicing, we can add teams during November, so it's not too late to ask your school's Athletic Department if they have interest in joining! More information can be found on our [League](#) page.
- We will be continuing our **Chop & Chat Recreational Mixers** that meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, and on non-tournament Sundays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. These Open Play opportunities are FREE for members, and also available to visitors who pay the standard daily walk-in fee of \$12. Whether you are a beginner or an expert player, these mixers provide a time for players to hang out and enjoy table tennis for fun and fitness. We have already received positive feedback from members and visitors saying what a great chance these mixers are to meet new playing partners or just make new connections. Pre-registration is not required; drop-ins welcome.
- Our weekly [Leagues](#) are coming down the stretch of their current schedules, and the new seasons are approaching. Leagues are scheduled in sessions of 12 weeks or more, giving participants the chance to meet and match up with players of similar ability for some friendly competition. Players interested in joining a league mid-season can register for a prorated fee based on the number of sessions remaining. The next time you're in the Center, check out the league results and ladders on our bulletin boards to see who's moving up, as well as how you can join for next season. **All of our leagues will be starting new seasons in early January 2016, and we hope to see both new and familiar faces on the court.** Pre-registration is required, and membership discounts apply.
 - **Division 1** (ratings over 1900, two-person team format): meets every Friday from 6:00–9:00 pm. Next season begins **January 15, 2016**.
 - **Division 2** (ratings from 1500 – 1899): meets every Thursday from 6:00–9:00 pm. Next season begins **January 7, 2016**.
 - **Division 3** (ratings from unrated up to 1499, with skill-level sub-groups): meets every Tuesday from 6:00–9:00 pm. Next

- season begins **January 5, 2016**.
- **Saturday Youth League** (Open to all skill levels, players will be matched based on ability): meets Saturdays from 9:30 am–12:30 pm. Next season begins **January 16, 2016**.
- **Corporate Teams** : meets every Wednesday from 6:00–9:00 pm. Next season begins **January 6, 2016**.

- Our next **monthly Sunday Camp** is scheduled on November 22. These camps, which take place one Sunday each month, provide advanced instruction on table tennis technique through drills and coaching. This camp is primarily aimed at adult participants, who are grouped by skill level. Each monthly Sunday Camp consists of three 2-hour sessions: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The cost for any single 2-hour session of a Sunday Camp is \$65, and the cost for two sessions is \$110. Anyone who commits to two sessions may choose to attend the 3rd session for free. Pre-registration is recommended and membership discounts apply.

- Our Center is proud to be a collection site for **Book Harvest** , which helps to provide books to kids in need around the Triangle. If you have any gently used books that you would like to donate to the cause, we encourage you to bring them in.

- **We're continuing a full range of Instruction offerings on our weekly schedule** , including Private Lessons, Beginner Group sessions, Intermediate Group sessions, and Advanced Group and Mini-Group session. Pre-registration is recommended, and membership discounts, as well as Buy 10 Get 1 free deals, apply to Group Lessons.

To find out more about all the happenings, please visit our [Events Calendar](#) to see our full group lesson, league and tournament schedule through the end of 2015, or visit our [Programs and Events](#) page to learn more details about specific events and programs. Or, just come on over!

See you on the court!



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