



May 2015 News on Upcoming Camps, Leagues, Tournaments, ITTF Level 1 Coaching Class, Advanced Mini-Groups, and More

Triangle Table Tennis' summer plans are heating up.

Upcoming Tournaments are often the leading news in our updates, but this month, in honor of the May Upside Down Tournament (see below), we're changing the sequence to first focus on new and expanded programs for players at a wide variety of skills. A few highlights include:

- **Our current weekly [Leagues](#) are ending in May, and after each one ends, a new session will start!** In fact, every one of our current Leagues will re-start before the June edition of this newsletter is sent to you. Leagues are scheduled in sessions of 12 weeks or more, and they offer weekly fun and practice, along with a chance to meet and match up with players who have similar skill levels for some friendly competition. 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, or who claimed prizes. Leagues are capped at 24 players or teams, so if you'd like to get into one of the sessions that is kicking off over the next few

weeks, just stop by the front desk or give us a call to register.

Membership discounts apply.

- **Division 1** (ratings over 1900): meets every Friday at 6:00; next start date is **May 29**.
 - **Division 2** (ratings from 1500 - 1899): meets every Thursday at 6:00; next start date is **June 4**.
 - **Division 3** (ratings from unrated up to 1499, with skill-level sub-groups): meets every Tuesday at 6:00; next start date is **May 19**.
 - **Corporate Teams**: meets every Wednesday at 6:00; next start date is **May 20**.
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- **Weekly [Camps](#) are currently running and scheduled throughout 2015.** Our weekly Summer Camps and "Track Out" Camps offer table tennis instruction and fun to children from 12:30 to 3:30 each weekday afternoon. These camps run most weeks of the year, and children have the option to enroll in group or private lessons following the camps, if they'd like to extend their playing time. **Whether you're planning your child's traditional summer break, or a track-out period from a year-round school, our Camp can provide a fun experience that builds skills, fitness, and friends!** Membership discounts apply.

 - The **ITTF Level 1 Coaching Course will be hosted at Triangle Table Tennis on June 7 - 11**, and while space remains, enrollment is open to everyone interested in becoming certified as an ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach. [More information](#) is available on the USATT web site or by contacting Mike Babuin at Triangle Table Tennis. If you might be interested, it would be best to enroll early, because the instructor recommends that you review a coaching manual in advance to get the most from this course.

 - **We're continuing to expand Instruction offerings on our schedule**, including more Private Lessons, and more Beginner and Intermediate Group sessions. **We've also added new Advanced Mini-Group sessions, led by coaches trained in China, and offering a 1 to 3 ratio of coaches to advanced (over 1900) players.** These are now available on 4 weekday afternoon/evening times, and 2 weekend afternoon times (on non-tournament weekends). Membership discounts, as well as Buy 10 Get 1 free deals, apply to Group Lessons.

On top of all these great programs, we're still hosting a USATT-sanctioned tournament every month in 2015 -- all in our top-quality,

dedicated [facility](#) that's open 80 hours a week! Looking for some heated competition in an air conditioned gym this spring and summer? Look no farther than our upcoming Tournaments:

- **May 16-17, 2015: Triangle May 2015 Upside Down Tournament** -- with a USATT 2-Star Sanction, \$3,000 in cash and prizes, and the biggest prizes on LOWER rated events for a change -- that's why the prize distribution may seem "upside down"... If you haven't been playing in tournaments and were wondering if you should try one, this is the tournament for you! Registrations are due by May 9th (or May 13th with a late fee), but to be sure you can get in the event you want, please don't wait too long to register, because this unique format is proving to be popular and registrations have been strong.
- **June 20-21, 2015: State Games of North Carolina Table Tennis Competition** -- with a USATT 2-Star Sanction, and events and titles for both recreational and tournament level players from NC, SC, and any other state that doesn't have a State Games Table Tennis competition. This tournament is part of the State Games of NC, and we're thrilled to host it at Triangle Table Tennis this year. It has a large number of events for different ages, genders, and rating levels. Are you one of the best in the Carolinas for your category? Prove it on June 20-21, and stake your claim to State Title bragging rights! Or, just get in some tournament practice before the US Open that follows a few weeks later. But either way, REGISTER SOON, because the State Games of NC organization has an early deadline that is outside of our control at Triangle Table Tennis; all entries after June 1 must pay a late fee, and no entries are accepted after June 6.
- **July 18-19, 2015: Triangle July Open Tournament** -- with a USATT 4-Star Sanction, \$3,000 in cash and prizes, and a more traditional prize distribution than our May tournament. This tournament will have events for junior players, ratings-based singles events, and a doubles event for teams with a combined rating under 3900. Sure, it's taking place a few weeks after the US Open in Las Vegas, but when it comes to great competition, what happens in Vegas doesn't necessarily stay in Vegas....
- **August 15-16, 2015: Triangle Two-Person Teams Summer 2015 Open Tournament** -- with a USATT 4-Star Sanction, \$3,800 in cash and prizes, and a popular format that includes both singles matches and doubles matches for all players, in 3 ratings-based events: an Open, teams under 4000, and teams under 3000. This will be our third Two-

Person Teams tournament, and they're 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.

The [Tournament](#) list on our web site includes all of our monthly USATT-sanctioned tournaments through the end of 2015, and we will be adding other "just for fun" tournaments throughout the year. So mark your calendar, and make your tournament plans!

Here's a sneak peak into the next school year for those avid table tennis lovers who read to the end of our newsletter. **This winter, we are excited to be launching two school leagues: a Middle School Table Tennis League, and a High School Table Tennis League.** Both school leagues will be structured for schools to compete against each other in singles and doubles matches, both will encourage co-ed teams, and both will begin with pre-season clinics during the last week of October and have their final post-season tournaments during the second week of February. Most schools plan the next school year's sports programs months in advance, so our planning is starting now, too. If you'd like your school to be a charter member of the Middle School or High School Table Tennis League and part of the fun, just let us know and we'll be sure to include your Athletic Director when we send out invitations.

Last but not least, if you haven't checked out our Pro Shop lately, it's worth a stop. We've expanded our equipment and apparel selections, and we'd be happy to help outfit you to play -- and look -- your best! (Membership discounts apply in our Pro Shop, too.)

To find out more about all the happenings, please visit our [Events Calendar](#) or our [Programs and Events](#) page.

But first, remember to **send in your enrollments for the May Upside Down Open Tournament and the June State Games of NC Table Tennis Competition** using the online enrollments or printable PDF forms available on the [Tournaments](#) page of our web site.

See you on the court!



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