

## Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTC)

### 2024 Tournament Results

The Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTC) Spring Tournament for 2024 was held last Saturday (April 20, 2024) at the Old Firehouse in McLean. Results are below (in the photos, 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies are Blue and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies are Green). We had a total of 30 entries, our largest in several years, divided between the Intermediate and Advanced Groups. We also had our first wheelchair entrant, who made the playoffs in the Intermediate group.

#### INTERMEDIATE:

The Intermediate group had 18 entries, divided into three groups. A Round Robin was held in each. We then held another Round Robin among the three 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers, with the winner of that joining the three 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers in a playoff.

In Group 1, Jason O'Brien was the clear winner with an undefeated record, and Eric Gregory lost only a single match to finish 2nd. In Group 2, Bo-You Ho was undefeated, and Ricky Lin lost one match to finish 2nd. In Group 3, Topher Peuker came in 1<sup>st</sup> with an undefeated record. However, Steve Latourette, Jane Liu, and Ravi Kannegalla each finished with records of 3 wins and 2 losses, so we had to apply our tiebreaker rules. Jane and Ravi each had each lost only 4 games to Steve's 5, and Jane had defeated Ravi head-to-head, so Jane finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group 3.

We then held a Round Robin among Eric, Ricky and Jane. In that competition, Ricky defeated Jane in 3 games and Eric in 2 games to claim the right to join the three 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers in the Intermediate playoffs.

In the Intermediate semifinals, Bo-You defeated Jason in 3 games, and Topher defeated Ricky 3-1 in four very close games. In the finals, Bo-You defeated Topher in 3 games to capture the 1st place trophy in Intermediate.



Bo-You Ho (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Topher Peuker (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)- Intermediate Event

## ADVANCED:

In the Advanced group, we had 12 entries divided into two Round Robins. In Group 1, Mehar Chawla, Kevin Zhou and Prakash Annamraju each finished with a match record of 4-1. Mehar and Kevin each lost only 2 games whereas Prakash lost 4, so they advanced to the playoffs. Since Kevin had defeated Mehar in their head-to-head match, he was seeded first and Mehar second. In Group 2, Bo-You Ho was undefeated, and came in first. Topher Peuker lost a single match and came in second.

In the resulting semifinal matches, Kevin defeated Topher and Bo-You defeated Mehar, each in 3 games. The finals were a classic match of Kevin's offense vs Bo-You's defense. Kevin won 3-1 in four very well played games to take the 1st place trophy, with Bo-You taking second place.



Kevin Zhou (1st Place) and Bo-You Ho (2nd Place) - Advanced Event

On behalf of the NVTTC Executive Committee, congratulations to the winners and thanks to each of the entrants for their participation and good sportsmanship. Particular thanks go to Fred Siskind and John Connor for giving up their Saturday to record and track scores and keep things running smoothly; and to Fred for taking the enclosed photos. Other photos will be posted on the club website

Certainly not least, we thank our host Andrew Carter from the McLean Community Center's Old Firehouse for the use of their marvelous facility. They also provided the tables and nets, and Daniel of the Old Firehouse gave up his Saturday to set up and take down the tables, barriers and seating arrangements for the tournament.