

Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTTC) Tournament Results

The Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTTC) Spring Tournament for 2016 was held last Saturday (April 16, 2016) at the Old Firehouse in McLean. There were a total of 33 entries in the three events- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Results are below (in the photos, 1st place trophies are Blue and 2nd place trophies are Green).

BEGINNER:

In the Beginner group, Suman Garrepalli and Gerardo Chinchilla emerged from the Round Robin in 1st and 2nd place with records of 6-0 and 5-1 respectively. Our youngest entrant, Abhay Mathur, finished with a record of 4-2, just missing the playoff.

In the resulting final, Suman defeated Gerardo for the 1st place trophy.



Gerardo Chinchilla and Suman Garrepalli- Beginner Event

INTERMEDIATE:

In the Intermediate group, there were sufficient entries that we had two Round Robins. John Niranjana was a clear winner in Group 1, with a record of 5-0. Ken Spitz, John Papp and

Dean Kimelheim each finished 3-2, and Ken advanced to the playoff on a tie-breaker based on total games won and head-to-head competition. In Group 2, Akash Deshpande and Mohamed El Ghoraiby advanced out of the round robin, with records of 5-0 and 4-1 respectively.

In the playoffs, Akash defeated Ken and John defeated Mohamed in the semifinals. In the finals, Akash defeated John for the first place trophy.



John Niranjana and Akash Deshpande - Intermediate Event

ADVANCED:

In the Advanced group, there were also two Round Robins. In Group 1, Eddie Thompson and Edgar Bailiff advanced out of the round robin with records of 5-0 and 4-1 respectively. In Group 2, Akash Deshpande and Enrique Matta advanced out of the round robin, also with records of 5-0 and 4-1 respectively.

In the semifinal matches, Akash defeated Edgar and Enrique defeated Eddie. The latter was one of the most exciting matches of the tournament, with Enrique prevailing in a closely contested 5th game. In the finals, Akash defeated Enrique in 4 games to take the 1st place trophy, his second trophy of the day.



Akash Deshpande and Enrique Matta- 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 to Fred Siskind and Mike McCormick for giving up their Saturday to record and track scores, collect fees and keep things running smoothly. In addition, Fred and Wael Sherman acted as our photographers and Mike as our scorekeeper for the finals in each event.

Last and certainly not least, we thank our hosts- Ryan Brookes and Mike Fisher- from the McLean Community Center's Old Firehouse for the use of their marvelous facility. They also provided the tables and nets, and Daniel and Jeremy of the Old Firehouse gave up their Saturday to set up and take down the tables, barriers and seating arrangements for the tournament.