

Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTC)

2026 Tournament Results

The Northern Virginia Table Tennis Club (NVTTC) Spring Tournament for 2026 was held last Saturday (April 18, 2026) at the Old Firehouse in McLean. Results are below (in the photos, 1st place trophies are Blue and 2nd place trophies are Green).

This turnout was by far the largest we've had since we began the tournament in 2010. There were 49 entries in 3 groups (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced). Usually, we both allow and encourage players to compete in multiple groups, but due to the large number of entries this year we limited each player to only one group. Several players voluntarily moved to the Advanced group to create room for others in the Intermediate Group, which had the most entrants. Their willingness to do so was very much appreciated.

NOVICE:

Format- There were 14 entrants in the Novice category. These were divided into 3 groups for a Round Robin (RR) competition. Moksh Jain and Sheetal Jain easily won Groups 1 and 3. In Group 2, Gabriel Lucero and Aafi Siddiqui each lost only 1 game, but Gabriel defeated Aafi in their match to advance. Aafi then joined the 2nd place finishers.

We held a RR of the three 2nd place finishers from the 3 groups. These were Arees Siddiqui, Aafi Siddiqui and Sophie Luo. Arees Siddiqui defeated Sophie and Aafi to advance to the playoff group along with the 3 first place finishers.

Novice Semifinals

In the 1st semifinal match, Moksh Jain beat Sheetal Jain and in the 2nd match Gabriel beat Aafi Siddiqui.

Novice Finals

In the Finals, Moksh defeated Gabriel for first place in the Novice category.



Gabriel Lucero (2nd Place) and Moksh Jain (1st Place) - Novice Event

INTERMEDIATE:

Format- In the Intermediate category, there were 23 entries, divided into four RR groups. The top two finishers in the RR from Groups 1 and 2, and the top two in Groups 3 and 4 each played a four-person RR. Finally, the winners of these two then played for the Intermediate championship.

In Group 1 Jon Hiratsuka, Ken Spitz, and Ravi Kiran Kannegalla each finished with a record of 4-1. We had to go to the 3rd level tiebreaker, where Jon was eliminated due to having scored fewer points in his losing games than the other two. Ken won this Group since he had defeated Ravi head-to-head, but both advanced to the next level.

In Group 2, Omid Mohebbi was undefeated and Jason Obrian lost only 1 match, so they advanced to the playoffs with Ken and Ravi.

In Group 3, Calvin (CJ) Rabago was undefeated. Sid Sagar and Matt Heim tied at 2 wins/ 2 losses, but Sid advanced due to a head-to-head win over Matt.

In Group 4, Dean Kimelheim was undefeated and Rob Coakley lost a single match, so both advanced to the playoffs with CJ and Sid.

In the Group 1/Group 2 playoff, Omid was undefeated. In the Group 3/Group 4 playoff, CJ was undefeated and advanced to finals against Omid.

The Intermediate Final match between Omid and CJ was one of the best played matches of the tournament, with CJ prevailing in a close 3rd game after they split the first two.



CJ Rabago (1st Place) and Omid Mohebbi (2nd Place)- Intermediate Event

ADVANCED:

There were 12 entries in the Advanced Group, which was divided into 2 Groups of 6 players each. These 6 players participated in a RR. The two players from each group with the best records in their RR then competed in the semifinals, with the two winners playing for the trophy in the finals.

In the Group 1 RR, Aleksa Gacev was undefeated and Kevin Ku lost only one match, so both moved on to the playoff. In the Group 2 RR, Mike Guo was undefeated and

Alan Santos lost only one match. These 4 then moved on to the semifinals, which were best 3 of 5 matches.

In the semifinals, Mike defeated Kevin and Aleksa defeated Alan. They then met in the Advance finals, where Aleksa defeated Mike in 3 well played games for the first place trophy.



Mike Guo (2nd Place) and Aleksa Gacev (1st 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 those who volunteered their Saturday to help keep score, keep things moving, take photos and provide help with the many other administrative details involved. Eric Gregory, Wael Sherman, Fred Siskind, Marvin Thomas and Kam Zojaji spent most or all of the day there working even though they did not play, and Dean Kimelheim and John Papp kept score when not competing. Mousa Mansour remained until the very end, taking photos which will appear on the club website (www.nvttc.org) as soon as we can get them posted.

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