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2011 Fall Season Tournament

Editor's Corner

Happy New Year to all!!

We at RTTC have been busy as usual. We just completed our Fall Season in December, and already our Winter Season is underway.

On February 4-5, we will again be hosting the Minnesota State Championships. After a successful tournament last year (~100 participants), we anticipate an even bigger and better tournament.

We are also excited about the annual Minnesota High School Team Championship, to be played at Eagan High School on Feb 12th. Rochester schools will be sending two teams to the tournament this year (last year we had one). Austin will also be sending a team for the second year in a row. RTTC is raising money to support these teams' participation in the tournament. Good luck to all three teams representing our region.



Winners of the RTTC 2011 Fall Doubles Tournament: 1st Place - Emily Bodensteiner & Keith Bodensteiner; 2nd Place - Paul Novotny & Rick Lee

The RTTC Fall Doubles Handicap Tournament was held on Sunday, December 18, 2011. The daughter-father pair, Emily and Keith Bodensteiner, used their uncommon penhold grips to dominate their opponents. They won the tournament by combining Emily's controlled backhand with Keith's powerful forehand. They beat Paul Novotny and Rick Lee in the final. The Bodensteiner duo was the runner-up at the Spring Tournament earlier in the year.



Winners of the RTTC 2011 Fall Singles Tournament: Shashi Sethi, Paul Novotny, Justin Wynn, Dayton Cotten, Chris Lam, Kiswanto Thayib, Norm Hopkins, and Thore Koch

The Fall Singles Handicap Tournament was held Wednesday, December 21, 2011. The tournament was divided into four main groups: Youth, IBM, Mayo and Other. Dayton Cotten (Youth) finished first in the grand final, and Shashi Sethi (IBM) was the runner-up. Here are the corresponding winners by groups:

Announcements:

Kiswanto Thayib has been selected as the 2011 Volunteer of the Year.



Kiswanto's involvement with RTTC dates from the club's very beginning. Not only was he one of the founders, he has been a tremendously effective President the past few years. Kiswanto has spent endless hours leading the club and coaching club members, and has been the Tournament Director for the MN State Championships in 2011 (and will again hold that position in the upcoming 2012 tourney). Kiswanto's dedication and contributions are well-recognized by everyone. Congratulations and Thank You!!

Upcoming Events / Tournaments:

- MN State Championships at Rochester MN (Feb 4 - 5).
<http://www.rttc-mn.org>
- MN High School Team Championships at Eagan HS (Feb 12).
<http://tabletennismn.com/tournaments.html>
- Arnold Championships at Columbus OH (Mar 2-3).
<http://www.rockfordttc.com>
- St Joseph Valley Open at South Bend IN (Mar 10-11).
<http://www.sbtcc.org>

Youth: Chris Lam (1st), Dayton Cotten (2nd)
IBM: Kiswanto Thayib (1st), Shashi Sethi (2nd)
Mayo: Paul Novotny (1st), Justin Wynn (2nd)
Other: Thore Koch (1st), Norm Hopkins (2nd)

2011 Badger Open Highlights

The annual Badger Open Table Tennis Tournament in Waukesha, WI gets bigger and better each year. This year's tournament was held September 17-18, and featured more than 100 players from all over the country. Among them were some of the very top players in the North America, many of whom competed for this year's top prize of \$2700, awarded to the Open Singles winner.

This has been a popular tournament for RTTC players in the past, and this year our attendance was especially strong. Eight RTTC players competed, including Dave Judd, Ben Kubesh, Brandon Lam, Chris Lam, Chi Lam, Brenda Nguyen, Michael Tran and Tuan Truong.

Not only did we have a strong presence at the tournament; we also came away with very good results. RTTC finished with three Division Champions, one Second Place, and five semi-finalists! Our junior member Ben Kubesh was the star, taking home trophies in three events.



RTTC Players Results Highlights:

U-1800 Singles: **1st Place - Chris Lam;** Semi-Finalist - Ben Kubesh
U-1700 Singles: **1st Place - Ben Kubesh;** Semi-Finalist - Tuan Truong
U-1600 Singles: Semi-Finalist - Tuan Truong
Youth-14 Singles: Semi-Finalist - Michael Tran
40 & Over Singles: 2nd Place - Chi Lam
U-3400 Doubles: **1st Place - Dave Judd & Chi Lam;** Semi-Finalist - Ben Kubesh & Chris Lam

Minnesota State Championships

RTTC will be hosting the 2012 Minnesota State Championships on February 4-5! Last year's championship was also hosted here, and many RTTC players participated and are medal winners. See last year's results here: <http://www.rttc-mn.org/tournaments/non-rttc-tournaments/235-2011-minnesota-state-championships>.

We hope you will come out to cheer for our RTTC players. See you there!