



Canada–HK New Horizon Lions Club

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8th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament

The Canada–HK New Horizon Lions Club announced today its plan to hold the 8th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament on May 6, 7 and 24, 2017 at My Table Tennis Club (MTTC) in Markham. There will be 17 event categories comprising of 8 Singles, 1 Doubles and 8 Team events to accommodate both rated competition players and recreational players.

The 8 Singles categories are Over 1600, Under 1601, Under 800, Youth Under 500, Women Under 200, Senior, VIP and the new Yee Hong Singles event. The 8 Team categories are Premier, Community, Media, Lions, Leos, Ontario High School Boys, Ontario High School Girls, and Intellectually Challenged. We also added Family Doubles as a new event for 2017. As in the previous tournament, the tournament will be run as a community oriented non-sanctioned event. About 65 teams and 250 individual players are expected to participate this year.

For 2017:

- We are honoured to have Double Fish – an internationally recognized brand and one of the largest manufacturers of sports equipment in China – as the tournament's Title Sponsor. Double Fish generously donated 6 professional table tennis tables as prizes to the organizations represented by the top 3 winning teams in both the Boys and the Girls Ontario High School Invitational Team Competitions.
- We are delighted to have Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation as the beneficiary of this year's charity tournament. With strong roots in the Chinese Canadian community, Yee Hong's mission is to enable Chinese Canadians and other seniors to live their lives to the fullest as healthy, independent and dignified individuals through providing a continuum of excellent, culturally appropriate care.
- We added a Family Doubles event to encourage the sharing of joy between family members through participation in table tennis.
- We are continuing our support for the development of table tennis umpires by arranging a Table Tennis Umpire Refresher Seminar conducted by International Umpire Jeff Wong on April 16, 2017, and encouraging participation as umpires at the 8th Annual Charity Table Tennis Tournament.

MTTC generously donated memberships that are to be awarded to winners in the Over 1600, Under 1601, Youth Under 500 and Senior Singles categories.

Double Fish is the tournament's Title Sponsor. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath of the City of Markham is the Dignitary Sponsor. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) is the Prestige Sponsor. MTTC is the Venue and Prize Sponsor. John Kwan is the Diamond Sponsor. The Canadian Cancer Society and Torco Financial Group are the Corporate Sponsors. Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong of the City of Markham and Tradeworld Realty are the Silver Sponsors. Stentronics Inc. is the Souvenir Sponsor. The organizing committee is grateful for the interest and strong support from these and other sponsors.

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