

Youth Table Tennis Report

Winter 2009

Hello Table Tennis Players!

Welcome to 2009 and our winter season!

We have an exciting line-up of upcoming events – including the March 13th Fat Cat Team Challenge and the April 11 and 12th New York City Open. These tournaments are a great opportunity for you to meet others and display your table tennis skills and game tactics.

Between now and the end of the school year our coaches will be working hard to teach you new skills – ready position, topspin forehand, third ball attack, the loop and footwork.

It is our goal is to push each of you to a new level where you can enjoy and appreciate our sport!

We look forward to seeing you in class!

AYTTO Coaches

Coach's Corner:

Fat Cat Table Tennis Club: AYTTO and Fat Cat Table Tennis Club are working together to promote youth table tennis in New York City. In addition to hosting AYTTO School Team Tournaments, Fat Cat Club also offers discounts to AYTTO students who wish to play located on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Fat Cat Club on 75 Christopher Street in New York City.

Table Tennis Instructional Videos: Interested in learning more and quickly improving your skills? We have posted on our website links to some great instructional videos. Our website is www.aytto.org.

Table Tennis Equipment: Our coaches have created a table tennis website where you can buy the correct table tennis equipment for your child online at www.zypsports.com. Equipment prices are better than you will find at local retail stores and online. Support table tennis and your table tennis coach!



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AYTTO Saturday Academy: The successful Saturday Academy at IS 126 on 80 Catherine Street in Manhattan operates each Saturday from Noon to 2 PM. This free program is open to all AYTTO students interested in learning more from us. Students participating in the Saturday Academy will have the opportunity to play in tournaments.

Calendar of Events:

10th FIT Open Championships, NY, NY. www.lilyyip.com 2/28.

Fat Cat School Challenge, Manhattan, NY. www.aytto.org, 3/13.

Brooklyn Polytecnic Open, Brooklyn, NY. www.lilyyip.com, March 21-22.

New York City Open, New York City, NY. www.natabletennis.com 4/11-12.



AYTTO 2008 Coach Of The Year

By Ben Nisbet

Congratulations to Mr. Shahid Pirzada. He is AYTTO's coach of the year for his dedicated work at PS 109, February Winter Festival and Saturday Academy.

Mr. Shahid Pirzada grew up in Islamabad , Pakistan. Can any of you find this city on the map? Well, it is on the other side of the world, 6,880 miles away and 10 times zones ahead of New York City . Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan, and it is a large and beautiful city. Its residents speak Urdu, the native language of the country. Table Tennis is a very popular sport in Shahid's native country. When Shahid was 13 his father took him to watch the 7th Asian Championships.

After seeing the World's best compete, Shahid and his brother wanted very much to learn how to play and become good players. They went to the local community center and asked the players there to teach them. It wasn't long before he mastered many of the skills that are now being taught to you – the serve, the topspin forehand, the third ball attack and the loop. Shahid quickly learned and demonstrated to his coach that he wanted to learn more. Soon he was a member of the Club's junior team and playing every day after school.

By the time Shahid was 17, he was one of the top junior players in Pakistan. He attended National level training camps under the supervision of Top Chinese coaches. Shahid has participated in International tournaments such as US Open Table Tennis Championship and has won several titles.

Mr. Pirzada likes living in New York with his family. He enjoys coaching young people. His dedicated work at AYTTO's Saturday academy was instrumental in enabling four of our students to represent New York City in the prestigious 2008 International Children's Games in San Francisco. We are grateful of Mr. Pirzada's athleticism and coaching skills and are pleased to present him with the award of coach of the year.

Ben Nisbet is the Director and Co-Founder of American Youth Table Tennis Organization. Mr. Nisbet has represented USA in international competitions and has served at Executive Director of USA Table Tennis, the National Governing Body overseeing the sport of Table Tennis for the United States Olympic Committee.



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Support, Donations, Sponsorship, Volunteers

AYTTO's mission is to teach young people the sport of Table Tennis. We work in schools and at selected youth centers in New York City.

Our teaching philosophy incorporates life skills, such as leadership, respect, and focus.

We are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, and we seek your support for our activities --- from donations of used equipment to corporate sponsorship. Your assistance will enable us to significantly expand our activities in reaching a broader youth market

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