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## News Release

### Olympian Diana Gee to Host Table Tennis Clinic in Cary

**Cary, N.C** – Olympian Diana Gee will host a Table Tennis clinic at Bond Park Community Center in Cary on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the North American Table Tennis Championships. The clinic will be offered from 9:00 am – 10:00 am and then the same clinic will be offered again from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

Diana Gee is a two-time Olympian and Cary resident. She is a four-time Pan Am Games gold medalist and a four-time U.S. Olympic Festival gold medalist. In 2009, Diana was inducted into the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame. In 2008, Diana acted as U.S. Olympic Ambassador for athletes competing in the Beijing Games.

Each clinic is limited to 12 participants and attendees must be at least 7 years of age. Learn fundamental racket techniques and design, spin, forehand/backhand top spin, under spin and basic rules of the game. The cost is \$20 and participants must bring their own racket. The clinic cost includes Saturday admission to the North American Table Tennis Championships. To register, visit any Town of Cary community center or call 919-462-3970.

The North American Table Tennis Championships, hosted at Bond Park Community Center in Cary, will take place from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Championships are open to players from the United States, Canada, Greenland, and Bermuda. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$5 per day or \$10 for a 3-day pass.

#### About USA Table Tennis

USATT is the national organizing body for table tennis in the United States. Created in 1933 and headquartered in Colorado Springs, its staff serves the 9000+ members and 285+ clubs that are affiliated with USATT. It oversees a wide variety of membership services, the national teams, and other areas such as the rules of the game, and numerous online instructional and historical articles. It is governed and run by the 9 members of the board of directors, numerous committees, and paid staff. USATT is affiliated with the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), the world governing body for table tennis, as well as the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

#### About the Town of Cary

The Town of Cary is a thriving community in the heart of the Triangle area of North Carolina, between Raleigh and renowned [Research Triangle Park](#). Cary, with a population of around 143,000, has ranked among the [top regions in the country](#) to live or work, to find a home or start a business, to raise a family or retire. The Town is a designated North Carolina Fit Community and was selected by the NCAA to serve as one of the inaugural members in its "NCAA Championship City" pilot program, annually hosting NCAA Division I, II, and III men's and women's championships through the year 2012. In 2011, Cary became the

home of a Continental Basketball League's team, Cary Invasion and in 2012, hosted both the US and North American Olympic Table Tennis Trials. For more on recreation in Cary, visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org).

#### **About the Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau**

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, as the official destination marketing organization of Raleigh and Wake County, accelerates sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor, sports and convention business. For more information on the Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau sports marketing department, please visit [www.raleighsports.org](http://www.raleighsports.org).

#### **About the Triangle Sports Commission**

Incorporated in 2001, the Triangle Sports Commission is a North Carolina charitable non-profit organization serving the Triangle region. The TSC led the Triangle's recruitment effort for the relocation of USA Baseball from Arizona that resulted in USA Baseball's new headquarters at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and their National Training Complex at Thomas Brooks Park in Cary. In 2008, the TSC hosted the Lenovo Olympic Celebration featuring 31 Olympic athletes, where Jim Scherr, CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced the TSC as the USOC's newest Community Olympic Partner. In 2012 the TSC hosted the U.S. Olympic Trials – Table Tennis as well as the North America 2012 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament for Table Tennis. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).