

## NYITTC October 2010 Open

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October 3, 2010, was a rainy day. Heavy rain poured down the whole day. There were traffic jams everywhere on the highways. But the rain could not stop table tennis lovers who gathered together at the New York International Table Tennis Center. The first of several monthly tournaments were held at the club. Players braved the storm to come from as far away as Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Eight tables were all set and ready for the tournament. Mr. Li, Yuxiang, former Chinese Men's champion and recently world over 50 champion, is the head coach of the club and the tournament director. Mr. Yang, Shaoming, was the referee. Over 30 people competed intensively for 6 championships.

\*Akva Ackerman won the under 12. She has a bright future.

\*Thirteen year old Angelo Stanco won the under 1200. He's only been playing for 15 months and is a serious new player.

\*Teodore Lipan, only ten years old, won the under 1800 in a close match against an even younger Gal Alguette.

Young up and coming players show the health of table tennis in the future.

Philippe Dassonval, a chopper, originally from France, won the first prize for the day, winning the under 2250.

The tournament results were follows:

Under 12: 1st. Akva Ackermen; 2nd. Adaral Guette

Under 1200: 1st. Angelo Stanco; 2nd. Yefei Yao

Under 1500: 1st. Rodscmarng Pasu; 2nd. Angelo Lee

Under 1850: 1st: Teordore Lipan; 2nd. Gai Alguette

Under 2000: 1st: Jiang Lia Mei; 2nd. Mark Berg

Under 2250: 1st. Philippe Dassonval 2nd. Ivan Quek