

# CERN Table Tennis Club

## Announcing

### CERN 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Table Tennis Tournament

*to take place at CERN, from July 1 to July 15, 2014*

The CERN Table Tennis Club, reborn in 2008, is encouraging people at CERN to take more regular exercise. This is why the Club, thanks to the strong support of the CERN Staff Association, installed last season a first outdoor table on the terrace of restaurant # 1, and will install another one this season on the terrace of Restaurant # 2. Table tennis provides both physical exercise and friendly social interactions.

The CERN Table Tennis club is happy to use the unique opportunity of the 60<sup>th</sup> CERN anniversary to promote table tennis at CERN, as it is a game that everybody can easily play, regardless of level. Table tennis is particularly well suited for CERN, as many great physicists play table tennis, as you might already know:

*“Heisenberg could not even bear to lose a game of table tennis”;*

*“Otto Frisch played a lot of table tennis; there was a table set up in the library”;*

*“Niels Bohr apparently beat everybody at table tennis”.*

CERN is represented in table tennis competitions in Switzerland, at all levels; CERN participates in the InterEnterprises Challenge organized by AVVF and AGTT; and the CERN Table Tennis Club organises the CERN championship, each year, in August. Table tennis training camps (stages) for children and adults are organized during school holidays, including during the summer.

**CERN Table Tennis Club Web page:** <http://cern.ch/club-TableTennis>



**Table in self-service at CERN restaurant # 1 (left): a great success in 2013, now extended to Restaurant # 2 (right)**

# CERN 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Table Tennis Tournament Organization

## RULES

- This special tournament, to celebrate CERN's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is open to all people working at CERN and their families.
- Matches are to be played on the outdoor tables outside CERN Restaurant number 1 or CERN Restaurant number 2.
- Matches are to be played to the best of 5 sets (this means that you have to win 3 sets to win the match)
- Game rules are the usual TT rules: Sets are played up to 11 points, or more, if a difference of two points is not reached. The server alternates every two points. The first player to serve is designated by a pick of hand with the ball under the table or the toss of a coin. The player who served in second on the first set, will serve first in the next set, and so on.
- In case of questions concerning the rules, you may contact any member of the Organizing Committee.

## INSCRIPTIONS

- By clicking on the registration link on the CERN Table Tennis Club Web page: <http://cern.ch/club-TableTennis>
- Registration deadline: **June 29, 2014**, midnight, or when a number of 64 participants is reached.
- In case the number of people registered exceeds 64, we would organize a qualifying round, as is done in Gran Slam tournaments in tennis.
- Level: this information is only required to avoid that the *a priori* strongest players meet in the initial rounds.
- A fee of 6 CHF per player will be collected by one of the organizers.
- **Public draw on June 30, 2014**, in the CERN main cafeteria.
- The tournament starts on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** and ends on **July 15, 2014**.
- Matches are to be organized by the two players supposed to meet.
- Matches must be played anytime before a dead line given by the organizers, in the overall schedule. In case a given match did not take place before the dead line, the winner will be designated by a draw.

## SCHEDULE

It would be best if, weather permitting, as many matches as possible could take place around lunchtime, to have hopefully a lot of spectators. However, players are free to play at any convenient time, except for the semi-finals and finals.

- Semi-finals, final and match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place: July 15 (12:00 to 14:00)
- Quarter finals: July 14
- Round 3: July 11-13
- Round 2: July 7-10
- First Round: July 1-6  
Only in case of exceptionally bad weather preventing playing outside, some matches could be scheduled at the CERN-Meyrin club (2 rue de Livron, 1217 Meyrin, Tram stop "ForuMeyrin"). Request to be made to Organizing Committee members.

## PRIZES

- A "*Prix Souvenir*" will be offered to each participant. More information on this on the CERN Table Tennis Club Web page.
- *Special prizes will reward the Winner, the Finalist, the Third and Fourth players.*
- *We will ask a CERN personality to give out prizes to laureates, in a short informal prize ceremony at the CERN Restaurant # 1, on July 15, at 17:00.*

## CERN 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Table Tennis Tournament ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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