

**USA TABLE TENNIS  
DISABLED PLAYERS COMMITTEE  
BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2006**

General Administration of the Committee:	
Special Mailings	\$ 150.00
Phone Calls	150.00
Attending 2006 USATT Budget Meeting-Chair	600.00
Attending Meetings with CBO's	750.00
Junior Nationals 2006, Boston – Clinic	500.00
US Open 2006	600.00
Veterans Games, AK	600.00
US Nationals/International Event, Las Vegas	<u>600.00</u>
	 \$3,950.00 =====

The above figures are estimates. In the event that items budgeted above does not occur, the savings will be used for other activities designated and approved by the committee.

**USA TABLE TENNIS  
DISABLED PLAYERS COMMITTEE  
REPORT FOR 2005**

2005 was a relatively busy year for the Committee. As you are aware, we applied for and received sanction to organize and conduct an international Paralympic table tennis in Las Vegas in December. We are extremely pleased and happy to report that over 26 countries including the United States have responded to our invitation and we have a total of almost 200 athletes and staff coming to Las Vegas. We thank the USATT board of directors, its officers and staff for their outstanding support of this event. We specially thank Doru for all of his above and beyond support and consistent personality throughout all of the preparation.

The following are some of the activities that we participated in during 2005:

**2005 Para Pan American Table Tennis Championships, Mar Del Plata, Argentina** – We had 16 athletes, lead by Team Manager Larry Rose and Head Coach Sean O’Neill with Assistant Coach Nick Mintseveris. The USOC also provided a sports medicine trainer with Eric Buckman. Sharon Brooks was selected as one of the main classifiers for the event.

The team did very well winning 4 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals. Tahl Leibovitz won all of his events (3 gold), was selected Player of the Americas region for 2005 and name runner-up for the USOC’s athlete of the month for July.

**2005 CP-ISRA World Championships, New London, Connecticut** – Four athletes (3 standing and 1 wheelchair) led again by U.S. Paralympics Lead Coach Sean O’Neill, participated. Sharon Brooks again helped with classification for this World Championship event. US Umpires Mike Wetzels and Ray Cavicchio provided excellent support. Christian Lillieroos, IPTTC Chair, assisted by his wife, Rong, acted as Technical Delegates.

**2005 US Open, Fort Lauderdale Florida** – We had a smaller group of athletes participating at this year’s US Open because of the overlap in the dates of the Para Pan American Championships. However, it was well run and everyone was happy with their performances. Jennifer Johnson was on hand to oversee, assist with the event and participated.

**2005 Junior Nationals, Tampa, Florida** – I understand that the event was outstanding. Richard Lee of NATT provided the tables. Unfortunately, the representative that was scheduled for this event had to cancel at the last minute.

**Paralympic Military Summit, Colorado Springs, CO** – This event was scheduled for our injured military personnel returning from Iraq. It was organized by the U.S. Paralympics and conducted by Sean O’Neill, Larry Rose and Bob Tretheway. US athlete, Jon Redman, and locals Keith Stewart and Norm Silver provided additional coaching help. Special thanks to Killerspin, Newgy and STIGA (Table Tennis Pioneers) for donating paddles, balls and robot use. Also it was a treat for the USATT Executive Committee to stop by and see the clinic in action. Thanks to the event 4 new players will be in Las Vegas representing the US.

**2005 World Cup for Standing Disabled, France** – Tahl Leibovitz was invited and Sean O’Neill attended as coach.

**2005 U.S. Paralympics Table Tennis Championships, Dec. 13-18, Las Vegas** – Please see attached Press Release on this event.

The events that we will be supporting in 2006 are as follows:

- Junior Nationals, Boston
- IPTTC World Championships, Switzerland
- National Veterans Games, Anchorage
- U.S. Open, Fort Lauderdale
- International Paralympic Events
- Training Camp in Preparation for World Championships
- National Collegiate TTA

We realize that our goals are extensive and that finances are always an issue. We are requesting that any profit that is realized from our international event in LV this year be credited to the committee’s budget. We would like to do more in the area of developing our USA athletes. We look forward to continuing to partnership with USATT with conducting training camps, developing coaches and umpires, organizing seminars and supporting our teams as they represent us internationally.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jennifer E. Johnson  
Co-Chair of the USA Table Tennis Disabled Players Committee



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**US PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**DECEMBER 13-17, 2005**

The Organizing Committee supported by the USA Table Tennis Disabled Athletes Committee, the American Wheelchair Table Tennis Association, and U.S. Paralympics is delighted to inform you that on December 13-17, they will be hosting the U.S. Paralympics Table Tennis Championships at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas. We have completed our second entries and we have 27 countries including the USA that will be participating with over 130 athletes in wheelchair and standing. The countries that has responded are Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Slovak, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkey and of course, USA! Since 1994 USA Table Tennis has hosted the nationals for the disabled in Las Vegas in conjunction with USA Table Tennis Closed Championships. This year is the first time that we will be hosting an international tournament instead of our Nationals.

The officials for the tournament are: Referee, Ray Cavichhio of the United States, Deputy Referee, Karol Ziduliak of Canada, Technical Delegate, Margita Homolova of Slovak Republic, Tournament Chair, Jennifer Johnson, Tournament Directors, Michael Lo Russo and Sharon Frant Brooks of the United States, Classifiers, Dr. Norma Angelica Patino Marquez of Mexico and Gina Maggio of the United States, Other staff members are: Hospitality, Carolynne Bethka and Marie Lewis, Media and Press, Danielle Brooks, Volunteer and Transportation Coordinator, Eilan Leskowitz.

The official equipment is Butterfly tables, nets and Nittaku 3-star 40mm orange balls. We will play on a total of 22 tables suitable for wheelchair and standing. Play will be held on two surfaces – red rubberized floor for standing and concrete for wheelchairs.

The official tournament hotel is the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino of Las Vegas. Meals will be provided by the hotel. The City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Division will provide the athletes with lunches for two the days of competition and on the other two box lunches will be provided by the organizers. There will be wheelchair equipped shuttle buses every forty minutes between the Stratosphere and the Las Vegas Convention Center.

An educational seminar is being held in conjunction with this Tournament. There will be an International Paralympic Table Tennis Committee ( IPTTC) Umpires Umpires Seminar on Tuesday, December 13 at the Stratosphere starting at 8:00 PM. The seminar lectures and presentations will be given by Karol Ziduliak of Canada.

Members of the organizing committee are: Chair, Jennifer Johnson, Executive Director of the USA Table Tennis, Teodor Gheorghe (Doru), Sharon Frant Brook and Michael Lo Russo. We look forward to welcoming you to Las Vegas in December!

For further information or if you are interested in assisting us, please contact the USA Table Tennis at 719-866-4583 or Jennifer Johnson at 203-967-2231 or 914-937-3932 or e-mail [johnsonjennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:johnsonjennifer@yahoo.com).