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Homenetmen Ararat Hosts Sanctioned National Table Tennis Tournament

GLENDALE, California – Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter (Ararat) and the United States Table Tennis Association (USATT) are hosting its first Sanctioned Table Tennis Tournament on Sunday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Homenetmen Ararat Gymnasium, 3347 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles.

The table tennis tournament will consist of 52 players competing in six different tournament categories set by USATT. USA National team players Barney Reed and Misha Kazantsev, who will represent the United States next month in Croatia for the World Table Tennis Championships, will be competing along with British player Ben Johnson and the Junior Top Seed in the under 18 category, Jeff Huang Lin in the open singles tournament category.

“It is wonderful to see national players participating in our event alongside our future national players at Ararat,” stated Armond Gorgorian, Director of Homenetmen Ararat Chapter. “We invite the community and table tennis enthusiasts to come and watch the event and cheer on their favorite players,” added Gorgorian. 1st and 2nd place prizes and trophies will be distributed at the end of the tournament.

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The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, referred to as Homenetmen, is a non-profit organization founded in 1918. As a strong believer in the strong mind in a strong body concept, Homenetmen provides the Armenian American youth with moral, physical and social education. **The Glendale Ararat Chapter** is the largest chapter in the United States, with nearly 2,300 members. The most important part of our organization's function is provision of healthy and clean programs for teenagers and young adults through organized and supervised after school and weekend activities in a family oriented environment.

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 8000+ members and 240+ clubs that are affiliated with USATT. 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).