



# Настольный теннис на Эльбрусе

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## Table-tennis on Elbrus

Table tennis club "White Lightnings" (Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine) under support of Federation of table tennis of Ukraine announces about holding an unprecedented action – *organization of the highest mountain match on table tennis in the human history.*

**Project goal** – to attract attention of a wide public of these countries to the table tennis as well as give a fitting answer to domination of China in the world tennis community

The match is to be held at the end of July-beginning of August at the top of the highest mountain of Europe, Elbrus, (height of the western summit is 5,642 m, eastern – 5,621 m). Supposed weather conditions during the match: frost up to - 20°C, strong winds up to 25 mps.

The match will be organized on the standard size table in compliance with the basic rules of the modern table tennis. The match participants and a table will be protected by special covers.

**Participants** of the expedition are 14 enthusiasts, 4 of them are professionally involved in table tennis. Participants come from different countries including representatives from Ukraine and Russia.

**Unique tennis table.** The model of a self-assembly table has been devised for this game. It consists of 16 units from light material. It can go into the bag in 70\*40\*36 cm! Such table can become a unique alternative of the classical tennis-table and be widely used in other cases, when to deliver a usual table is impossible.

**Record.** In case, if our attempt has a success, this record achievement will be registered in the Book of Records of the CIS and Guinness Book of World Records.

**Film.** Table tennis match on Elbrus will become a plotline for a documentary. 30-minute film will interpret the atmosphere of the expedition, mood of its participants in details, extremeness of the record itself and also become a powerful instrument for promotion of table tennis. The audience of Ukrainian TV-channels will be able to see a 30-minute film-expedition. Besides, the world elite of professional table-tennis has already shown a great interest in the project: the film about the highest-mountain match will be shown at the World table-tennis championship in Stuttgart as well as European congress of table-tennis (ETTU).

**Support** of the event: Federations of table tennis of Europe, Ukraine and Russia.

### Project sponsors are:

**TIBHAR** - the leading table-tennis equipment producer

**APK-Inform** – one of the leading information-analytical agencies on agrarian subject of the CIS.

**Fotomag** – internet-portal of digital phototechnique

**Quadroland** – design and development of web-sites

**ARBAT on Moskovskaya** – trading center

**Favor** – tea distributor

More details of the project are on the web-site <http://tenniselbrus.org>

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## *Facts about table-tennis and Elbrus*

### **When did the table-tennis appear?**

Most probably, the table-tennis appeared in the second half of XIX century. There were no fixed rules. The balls were made from threads. The books on the table were a tennis net and the rackets were the pieces of millboard.

### **Ping-pong**

The name “ping-pong” was registered in 1901 (it succeeded such names as Gossima, Flim-Flam and Whif-Whaf). It came out from the combination of sounds: Ping – the sound of the ball when it hits the racket, and Pong – when the ball bounces off the table.

### **Elbrus**

It is the highest European mountaintop, the two-peak cone of extinguished volcano. The mount is located in the Caucasus, at the border of Kabardino-Balkaria and Karachay-Cherkessia Republics of Russia.

### **What is the etymology of the word Elbrus?**

According to one of the versions, the name Elbrus is derived from Iranian "brilliant, shining".

Another name of Elbrus is **Mingi Tau** - the eternal mountain, or **Uashkhemakhue'**— the mountain of happiness, **Yalbuz** — the snow mane.

### **The first climbing**

In 1829, Khilar Khachirov, a Karachay guide, became the first who reached the eastern summit of the mountain, taking part in the scientific expedition led by General G.A.Emmanuel.

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## About the table-tennis club “Wight lightnings” (Dnepropetrovsk)

The table-tennis club was registered on October 7, 1999, in Dnepropetrovsk as a nonprofit public organization. De facto, the club appeared normally as a tree sprout comes out a stone. De jure, it was found by **Khaikin M. L.** and implicitly approved by **Zhornitskii Y. N.**

The main idea man and creator of the club is Korkin S. Z. – an uncommon person, experiences trainer, generator of team spirit.

Since foundation, the club has trained 30 masters of sports, a prizewinner of the European championship, many winners and champions of Ukrainian championships by different grades. The table-tennis champion among invalids is in training in the club.

**The major task of the club** is training of sportsmen of international class by way of foundation a table tennis school, where players of different level will find the place. Special attention is given to searching for young talented (including persons of other towns) sportsmen and creating the conditions for their participation in the club.

In the process of forming the lineup, the club children are mostly emphasized. Together with sport problems, the club is solving **social problems**: on development of tennis sport among invalids; support of sportsmen-veterans; involvement of youth into sport, its social and professional adaptation, etc.

The club “White Lightnings” **cooperates** with the clubs from different corners of Ukraine. Joint trainings were organized with Welsh and Chinese sportsmen. The club received the Israeli team in its field.

The club has a **modern training base** of international class including:

- The main sports hall of 15\*24 m size, floor – red colour **парафлекс**, illumination at a height of 76 cm from the floor in the central part of the hall 1200 luxes, in jambs 1000 luxes. The lamps are tightened by a protecting net that allows using the hall for playing football, basketball, etc.

- The small hall with wit a heated floor is intended for squash. It is mainly used for work with slump of balls and passes training.

50 m<sup>2</sup> square facilities, which combine the functions of the club museum, gym, store, rest room and cabinet. 2 changing rooms with different boilers with hot water, 4 lavatories. Self-contained heating of the hall, water cooler, refrigerator, TV-cameras in the halls

- Tables **DONIK PERSSON – 25**, boards **DONIK**, equipment for table-tennis matches, for playing mini-football, basketball, international tennis, volleyball, squash and badminton.

**Club web-site <http://chernomorclub.com.ua/>**

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