

Star-Studded ICC Table Tennis Event Raises Over \$65,000

By a Staff Reporter

A fundraiser for the table tennis program at the India Community Center in Milpitas, Calif., June 6 raised more than \$65,000.

More than 200 diehard table tennis players and fans flocked to the center for a program featuring star-studded matches and Indian cuisine.

Playing exhibition matches with members of the audience were Lupi Lupulesku, the top-ranked U.S. men's table tennis player; and six-time Yugoslavian women's champion Biba Golic.

Former California state controller Steve Westly and ICC founder Anil Godhwani played in the celebrity matches. Also participating were ICC's rising stars, Lily Zhang and Ariel Hsing, both expected to compete for spots on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.

An inspiring documentary on ICC's table tennis program was shown. Mike Cavanaugh, chief executive officer of the USA Table Tennis Association, attended for



Young table tennis players in the ICC program get in line to play at the ICC fundraiser June 6.

the second year in a row. He spoke about the potential to make ICC an international Olympic training facility. He praised the program at ICC as a model for setting up an accredited training program.

"Our table tennis program is growing at record pace in 2010," said ICC sports director Rajul Sheth, who pointed out that the

ICC program has been featured in the New York Times and on several local television stations

The 10,500-sq.-ft. ICC table tennis center is the largest dedicated table tennis center in North America. More than 100 children train regularly in the junior training program and the summer camps attract more than 200 players.