

# A Day with Dan Seemiller

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Dan Seemiller is, quite simply, one of the greatest table tennis stars to play in the US in the last 50 years. He has won 24 US championships that include men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. He has won numerous other national and international championships, served five years as coach of the US national team, served five years as president of the USTTA, and has been elected to the USTTA Hall of Fame.

For the past 25 years, Dan has served as director and coach of the South Bend, Indiana table tennis club. My reasons for writing to you are twofold.



**First**, we wish to honor Dan's many achievements by sponsoring "A Day with Dan Seemiller" event in which young players (and older players as well) may meet Dan, play a game with this great champion, receive some coaching tips from him, and, for those who would like to have one, receive an autographed picture of Dan.

**Second**, and equally important, I am writing to invite you to attend the inaugural, public introduction of the **Seemiller-Elwood-Buuck Table Tennis Scoring System (SEBTTSS)**. The SEBTTSS is an automated scoring system that keeps count of and displays names of players, their ratings, the event in which they are competing, the type of match they are playing (2/ 3, 3/ 5, etc.), whose turn it is to serve, the current score for each player, whether or not a player needs to change table ends, the number of games won by each player, and the SEBTTSS determines when a game and/or a match has been won.

We think the SEBTTSS has the possibility of revolutionizing some aspects of the sport of table tennis. Are we certain of such an outcome? Not quite, but that is not a reason to not try to make things better.

There are many additional features of the SEBTTSS that I have not tried to describe. They are important, but you will have to come to our event "A Day with Dan Seemiller" to learn about them.

**Event:** A Day with Dan Seemiller

**When:** Saturday, September 19, 2020

**Hours:** 6 hours: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Facility:** Donner Center

**Address:** 739 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201

**Fees:** No fees of any kind for anything will be charged for attendance at this event.

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**Masks:** Because of COVID-19, all visitors to Donner Center (Parks & Recreation facility) will be required to wear a face mask --- an Indiana state requirement imposed upon us. The staff for this event shall wear masks.

**Exceptions:** Masks will be optional for players at tables.

**Crowd Size:** We have been advised that no more than 43 spectators at a time will be allowed in the area where play occurs, and that *social distancing* should be observed. The number 43 does not include players or staff to manage the event.

**Reservations:** We hope to have good attendance, but we have no idea of how many people will come. If you would like to reserve a specific time (between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM), we'll try to accommodate you. For reservations, call 812-350-6200. Please do not call before noon, Wednesday, September 16.

Thanks for reading this note. Hope to see you at Donner Center on Saturday, September 19.