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CAMBRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2007

With all the club nights available in January, we should have shed all those extra holiday pounds in anticipation of our Club Tournaments coming up in April. Yes **spring** is just around the corner. Please note: March break is March 12th to the 16th.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE : Do not use the gym doors for exiting. These doors have been left open in the past and we risk losing the gym. If you are the last one out of the gym please ensure that all gym doors are closed and secured.

YOUR CLUB IS IN NEED OF NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR THE 2007/2008 SEASON. IF YOU ARE WILLING/ABLE TO GIVE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO SEE THAT YOUR CLUB IS RUN TO YOUR LIKING PLEASE LET AN EXECUTIVE KNOW. THERE WILL BE NOMINATION FORMS AND DISCRPTION OF JOBS AVAILABLE ON CLUB NIGHTS.

DON'T FORGET TO DROP OFF YOUR ZEHRS TAPES. THE CLUB RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY \$2.00 CASH BACK FROM ZEHRS FOR EVERY \$1,000.00 WORTH OF GROCERIES PURCHASED.

ALSO: WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF COUPON BOOKS TO SELL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT MIGHT THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$30.00. THEY HAVE GREAT GOLF SAVINGS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Euchre Tournament

Time and place: Friday February 23, 2007 at 7:00 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, off Speedsville Rd.

Tickets are \$10.00 a person and includes, loads of fun playing euchre, cash prizes, bottle draw, cold buffet and drinks.

To purchase tickets for you and your friends talk to an Executive member today.

This event is to raise money so that your membership fees do not increase and to offset any hike in gym rentals.

Please talk to Mary Hetherington or another executive member if you would be interested in donating your time, food, or prizes for this event.

The Rob Houser Memorial Play All Day Doubles Tournament

Cindy Campbell, your junior coordinator has decided, with the help of anyone who is interested to hold a High School Play All Day Doubles Tournament again this year. This event will take place on Saturday March 31, 2007 at Monsignor Doyle High School. It is available to all high school students between the grades of 9-12 for the low cost of \$10.00 per person. A Player card is not needed. More information can be obtained from High School Coaches or from Cindy Briand at 519-632-9134.

If you would like to help with this event contact Cindy, it will be greatly appreciated.

Year End Tournaments

These will be scheduled nights of badminton in an A-B-C draw format. It is for **ALL CALIBRE** of players. Singles, Ladies Doubles, Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. If a number of players are interested in Master Singles (OVER 40) in Mens and Ladies these tournaments will also be available. There are t-shirts or trophies and prizes, to be won, which will be presented at our annual club banquet. There will be a charge to enter these tournaments to offset the cost of prizes. Your executive puts a lot of time and effort into making the tournaments fun and competitive. So start picking your partners. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Tournament dates are as follows: Men's Singles April 2nd & 4th, Ladies Singles April 4th, Men's Doubles April 11th & 16th, Ladies Doubles April 16th, Mixed Doubles April 18th & April 23rd. Wrap up night will be April 25th. April 25th will also be the night of our Annual General Meeting.

Year End Banquet

Set aside Saturday April 28th for our annual yearend dinner and dance at the Grand Valley Golf & Country Club. This is a full night of wining, dining and dancing with presentation of awards. The night includes a full buffet dinner, wine at your table, door prizes and music by a DJ. Tickets will be going on sale soon, available from your executive. Members' ticket have been included with their membership while guests pay \$25.00. Watch the March newsletter for more information.

Challenges

No challenges to report at this time.

Coaching Night

A great big thank you, to Ron Taylor, for providing us with coaching. It sounds like over 20 members took part in this and have actually been seen on the courts practicing what they learned.

Junior Club

Thank you to Cindy Briand, and her crew and the many Junior members who are giving up their time to help coach the younger players. They are the future of our club. Keep up the great work.

After a long Christmas break juniors' are back on the courts....for those members who have purchased their own eyewear please remember to bring it out to wear as it will not do any good if it is left at home. (Cindy can attest to this fact!) The High School Badminton season is beginning so keep in mind that there are many weekend tournaments to help you improve your game. Check out the OBA website at www.ontariobadminton.on.ca . If you do happen to bring out a school partner or friend as a guest to our Club remember that there is a \$3 guest fee. Don't forget that we will be holding our Annual Houser High School Doubles Tournament at St. Benedicts on Saturday March 31st this year. (For anyone who is able to assist us that day or has prize donations please contact Cindy to advice.) And in May the provincial OFFSA tournament will be held in Kitchener which will provide a great opportunity to see some of Ontario's top badminton players in action.

House League

House league matches played since our last update:

Have our players picked names for their team? I would hate to see Team 1 or Team 2 as a team name on the winning trophy. At a closer look Team 4 is now the Orient Express. Way to go.

Jan. 10th. Team 3 won against Team 5 in a close match 5 - 4

Jan. 24th. Team 5 won against Team 1 7 - 2

Team Standings are as follows:

Team 1 after 4 games 17 points

Team 2 after 3 games 08 points

Team 3 after 3 games 11 points

Team 4 after 3 games 15 points

Team 5 after 4 games 25 points

Team 6 after 3 games 12 points

Remember to notify your captain that you are not available ASAP so a player of equal caliber can replace you.

Please be ready to play by 7:15 PM so the games don't go too late and you do not default your game.

Finals are set for the 1st place and the 4th place team to play on Wed. March 7th.

The 2nd place and the 3rd place to play on Feb. 21st. And the Finals to be played on March 28, 2007.

BADMINTON SHORTS

Black sole shoes cannot be worn in the gym, they mark the floors. Also, please do not wear your outdoor shoes into the gym. This is creating a lot more work for the janitors that have to mop up the salty mess. If you must wear outdoor shoes on the courts please dry them in the washroom first.

Please help with the setting up and taking down of the nets and poles. Also the birds need to be picked up and put back into the tubes. If more people help, the less there will be for everyone to do. **Remember, the last people to leave, please put all nets into the equipment box, and the name board also goes into the equipment box, lock the box, and push the bleachers back. Also the gym doors are securely closed. Thank you.**

Remember: Do not turn around to seek out the bird until the play is dead. This is hazardous to the eyes. Protective eyewear is available at most sporting stores. Please be cautious walking around courts. Do not cut across the corners. You are creating a very hazardous condition and interrupting play.

Our condolences go out to Sandy Webb and Kristopher Webb who recently loss their Mother and Grandmother.

Also get well wishes to Winston who is having problems with sciatica.

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!!!