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CAMBRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2006**

Your Club executive would like to welcome all our former members, and our new members, to a year of fun filled badminton. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or comments to improve our club, you can talk with any of the above executive. Also, any tidbit you would like included in the newsletter please call Janice Hacking 658-2060 or Email j.hacking@rogers.com.

In order to save money, the club is no longer mailing out newsletters and calendars to members that do not have internet service. There will be copies of the newsletters and calendars in the equipment box.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a calendar with scheduled nights of play and special events. Please keep this handy and check it closely. We are at the mercy of the school for our gym time. If we have a last minute cancellation, your executive will try to notify you by email, or phone, if possible. Check our website often for updates and cancellations. Adult gym time is Monday & Wednesday only. Fridays is exclusively for the Junior Club.

Guests are welcome to our club for a \$5.00 fee per night. **The maximum times a guest may come out without joining is five (5) within one season.** There is a sign-up book in the equipment box. Please have your guest sign the book, and pay the fee to an executive member. We will then write up a name tag for them to use for the night. If they decide to join, any paid guest fees would be deducted from their membership fee.

BADMINTON ETIQUETTE

Please respect our facility. There is no smoking on school property. No food or drink is allowed in the gym. Any damage by a club member is the club's responsibility. Do not play with any school equipment. Our contract is for the use of the school gym and change rooms, by **adults** only, and the 10 student members accepted. Please leave children at home. Please help to set up and take down the nets each evening so the same people are not doing it all. The combination to the equipment box is Poles are stacked behind the door in the equipment room. Birds are put away in their tubes. When setting up nets, use a simple "s" hook. Do not tie knots. The courts should be cleared by 9:50 PM and the last ones off must put the birds, name board and nets away in the equipment box. Lock the equipment box and put it in the equipment room along with the poles. A big must is the bleachers have to be pushed back as it takes more than one person and the janitor cannot do this alone. Also please make sure gym doors to the outside are closed properly. Proper gym attire is to be worn which includes non-marking sole running shoes and the absence of ball caps.

MONSIGNOR DOYLE HIGH SCHOOL

We have attempted to fill cancelled nights at St. Benedict's with nights at Monsignor Doyle High School on Myers Road. There will be a map on the website if you need directions. There are only 6 courts but your executive will try to plan special nights, such as Black Knight to Remember, coaching, round robins etc. so we do not need to use our board system.

BOARD SYSTEM

Members are coded as follows: Red – advanced, Blue - Advanced Intermediate, Green - intermediate, Black – Beginner and Black on White – New Member

New members are encouraged to obtain a color as soon as possible by arranging a challenge match. You can do this by talking with an executive member. There are many former members that are not color coded to their ability. To make this board system work, we need the co-operation from all members by challenging for their proper color. The executive will be approaching several members to challenge in the very near future.

On club nights, new members are encouraged to ask for assistance when picking a game. Players' coded black may pick from black & green. Greens may pick from black, green and blue. Blues and reds may pick from anyone. All picks must be from the **top ten** names on the board. If you must pick outside your color group please, check with that member first.

WE DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL BOARD CAPTAIN THIS YEAR. YOUR EXECUTIVE IS ASKING ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO GIVE A HAND AT ARRANGING GAMES AND KEEPING THE BOARD FLOWING. IF GAMES ARE PICKED IN ADVANCE FROM THE TOP 10 MEMBERS ON THE LIST, COURTS WILL BE FILLED FASTER AND YOU WILL GET TO PLAY MORE GAMES.

JUNIOR CLUB

Our junior club (ages 7-16) and will start on September 15th on Friday nights at St. Benedicts from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Membership fee is \$50.00. **If you have some time to spare and would like to help out, please talk to Cindy Briand at 519-632-9134.** It could provide a great opportunity for students to obtain community service hours.

If anyone has any used racquets they are not using and would like to donate them to the junior club, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Junior Club has acquired Kristina Hall from Brantford to coach the juniors again this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 2006 Golf Tournament is set to go on Sunday Oct. 1, 2006 at the Saginaw Golf Club. For more information and registration forms please check out our website. **cbc.r8.org**

FAMILY SAVINGS FAMILY FUN TREASURES 2007 BOOKS

The club will be selling these books as a fundraiser. Books will sell for \$30.00. These coupon books are loaded with great deals for Casual Dining, Informal Dining, Attractions, Golf and Services within Waterloo Region. They will be available on club nights from your executive.

LOGO CONTEST

We are looking for a new logo for the Cambridge Badminton Club. You may submit a logo as many times as you like up to the end of October. The executive will then decide which one to use this year. If you are the lucky winner your membership fee will be reimbursed.

COACHING

Any member that would like some basic coaching can ask an executive member and we will put aside a court to have someone do some instruction.

We will schedule clinics for all calibres of players if there is enough interest

TOURNAMENTS

We will keep you informed of up and coming tournaments for any one that is interested.

To play in a sanctioned tournament, you are required to have a Competition Card for the current season. Forms will be available in the equipment box. If you obtain a card, please advise Hong Chau so we do not double up on the insurance costs.

YEAR END BANQUET

Set aside Saturday April 28th at Grand Valley Golf Club for our year end dinner and banquet.

BADMINTON SHORTS

- Shoe tags – This year we have gone with **PINK** shoe tags to identify members a little easier. At least until we get to know you. They are available on club nights from your executive.
- Doors at St. Benedicts will be locked at 7:30 PM. To gain access to the gym, please knock on the gym doors.
- Do not leave any valuables in the change rooms. With the library open to the public, anyone has access to these change rooms.
- Did you know a bird (shuttle) costs over \$2.00 each. This is very costly for the club. We are trying to keep our costs down so we do not have to raise fees. We are currently paying \$96.30 per night for the gym. If you must take a bird from the equipment box, please leave it on the court when you are finished playing a game so the next group can use it. At the end of the night return it to the equipment box.
- Did you know that the Cambridge Badminton Club donates \$200.00 to St. Benedicts' Graduation Fund each year. We started this many years ago. It is greatly appreciated by the school and the recipient.
- Please save your Zehrs tapes. There will be a box out on club night to put them in. This is one of the many ways your executive is trying to fundraise.
- We would like to run a Euchre tournament again this year to raise funds.
- If you have any ideas or suggestions for a fundraiser please talk with an executive member.

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!