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CAMBRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB NEWSLETTER **NOVEMBER 2006**

As of Oct. 27th we have a total of 94 members including 5 students. Adult members from last year that have not joined will have to pay the late fee of \$20.00. Any new members joining still pay the \$130.00 fee.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We have a beautiful day with 25 participants. Lots of fun was had by all. All participants received a prize and enjoyed food and drinks after the tournament. We hope to get a few more participants next year. Special thanks to Les Payne and the Golf Committee for making this day great.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

We had a great turnout for our New Members Night on Oct 16th. Approximately 50 members participated. Congratulations to all our New Members who came out. We hope everyone enjoyed the night of fun. CBC mugs were given to new members who were out and lottery tickets were won by former members. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

BOARD SYSTEM

Our board system can only work if **all** members participate in the running of it. Your executive tries to man the board at all times, but there are times when we are on the courts or out of the gym. If you see the board not being manned, please feel free to call the top name on the board and have them select a game. The more games picked ahead of time, the less waiting time for everyone. When a court becomes free, call the four players and move their names to that court. If we all do our part to manage the board, it will be less chaotic and we won't be standing around with empty courts. **Thank you to everyone that is helping out.** Please make sure you put your name on the board when you arrive and take it off when you are leaving. Anyone wishing to challenge, please talk with an executive member to set one up.

CHALLENGES

Congratulations to the following members who had successful challenges:
Long Phimmasane who challenged to blue
Alex Langelo who challenged to Black
Steve Wong who challenged to Green
Valeriy Pogosyan who challenged to Green and then to Blue.

Way to go guys.

GUESTS

Guests are welcome for a maximum of five visits. When they arrive they need to talk with an executive member to get a name made up. Sign the release sheet and pay **\$5.00** for an evening of fun. Any guest fees paid will be kept track of and if that person decides to join the club, his/her membership will be reduced by that amount.

EQUIPMENT

Please handle our birds with feather gloves. We have purchased all yellow birds as they seemed to be better for seeing in the gym. These birds are very expensive. Please make sure all birds are picked up off the floor and put in the tubes in the equipment box at the end of the nights. Do not throw broken birds away. We pick the best ones and use them for practise birds for the junior club and remember to leave the bird on the court after your game is played. We now have a new supply of birds so all of them are good.

When closing up the equipment box, please make sure the name board is inside the box.

The combination of the equipment box is 09-00-09. Please ensure it is locked and put away at the end of the evening. **Thank you to everyone for helping to set up and take down the nets.**

HOUSE LEAGUE

Houseleague got under way on Wed. Oct. 25th. Thank you to everyone who signed up. Unfortunately we had to drop a few members. We were able to make up 6 teams of 6 players. Your captain will be contacting you and will give you a schedule of matches to be played within the near future. You can also check the information on our web site. House league starts at 7:00 Sharp! If you are not ready to play at that time your match will be forfeited and you will be letting your team down. If for some reason you cannot make a match, let your captain know immediately so a replacement can be found. If it is a last minute cancellation, still call and let someone know. If you miss two matches without a reason you will be dropped from the team. House league uses 3 courts on Wednesday nights. The remaining 5 courts are for open play. Team 1 won against Team 2, 5 – 4 in a very close match.

JUNIOR CLUB

This season is off to a great start. We now have 79 enthusiastic Junior members. Just a quick reminder of our new format. The early group begins at 6:30pm running until 7:45pm. The late group begins at 8:30 and runs until 10:00pm. Coaching Session for any player (early or late group) interested in further improvement runs from 7:45-8:30pm. Please ensure that you arrive ready to play at the appropriate time so that you get the most out of your night!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The OBA (Ontario Badminton Association) has mandated that Protective Eyewear is now required to be worn by all Junior Players. Since we did not learn of this requirement until after the season began we will be purchasing a Club Set (enough eyewear to field all 9 of our courts) but I would encourage players to buy their own set of eyewear for their own protection as this regulation may well be applied to school badminton teams and since this set will not be enough for some of our coaching sessions! To help fund the Club purchase we will be selling the **Treasure Coupon Book** which will be available for viewing on any Club night--it's \$30 and makes a great Christmas Gift (especially for golfers). Please let me know if you wish to purchase through the Club - we are hoping to offer the glasses for less than \$15 by bulk ordering. I will need to know of your decision regarding eyewear by Sunday November 6th. Keep in mind that it need not be purchased through the Club, you are more than welcome to purchase poly-carbonate eyewear elsewhere, but please ensure that it meets the ASTM F803 guideline. Please contact me if you have further questions.

We have 4 nights of play in November. Let's see everyone out and let's start wearing our eyewear as soon as possible. It will be mandatory for all players effective November 17th.

BADMINTON TIPS

- When serving, if the bird hits the net and still goes into the correct court then the serve is good and a point is scored.
- Please be conscientious of other courts playing. Wait for a stoppage of play and walk around their court.
- Please refrain from wearing black sole shoes, they mark the floors. Also no hats or bandanas are allowed on the courts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6 - Coaching available for anyone that would like to participate

Nov 20 – Black Knight to remember - Always a great night of badminton with a round robin format.

For your \$12.00 entry fee you receive a Black Knight T-shirt, a chance to try out and purchase Black Knight racquets and a chance to win great prizes, including your choice of a Black Knight Racquet.

FUNDRAISING

-Please submit your **Zehrs** tapes to an executive member, or drop them in the equipment box. We received approximately \$2.00 for every \$1000.00 that is spent at Zehrs.

-**Treasurer books:** These coupon books are available from your executive for \$30.00. They would make great Christmas gifts for that person who has everything. The club received \$10.00 for every book spent.

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!