

Georgian Bay District Badminton Association



!!Smashing News Fall 2015!!

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back all existing and new members to the 2015/2016 badminton season. Hopefully everyone had a great summer and you are all ready to get your racquets out once again and play some badminton.

Remember to visit our website www.gbdba.ca to keep up to date on the happenings within the district. You can also follow us on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GBDBA>

BOARD MEMBERS

President	- Lorna Duquette (Bradford)
Vice President	- Karen Scarborough (Barrie)
Treasurer	- Bruce Murphy (Bracebridge)
Secretary	- Vivian Wulle (Aurora)
Jr Coordinator	- Chris Etherington (Bracebridge)
Director of Tournaments	- Owen Harding (Bradford)
Director of Coaching	- Terrence Hussein (Angus)
Director of Officiating	- Jeff Holland
Members at Large	- Sarah Khoo (BCOE) & - Lisa Morrison (Midland)

Badminton Coaching Clinic

A coaching clinic was held at the beginning of September at the Nouvelle Alliance School. GBDBA was very pleased to have Dominic Soong and Janet Hugli from Soong Badminton Academy in Ottawa provided a coaching clinic. Dominic and Janet have

coached beginners to national level players for many years. Their expertise provided a great opportunity and learning experience for everybody that attended. Would love to do this again!

Pan Am Games

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Over the summer, the Pan Am Games were in Ontario and badminton was played at the new Pan Am Centre in Markham. It was a fantastic event and very well attended. It was great to see some of our own GBDBA Members be part of the excitement.

Masha Zakharenkova was chosen to be a torch bearer when the Pan Am torch made its way through Newmarket. The badminton played was sensational and a number of line judges were from GBDBA. Joel Barnettt, Warren Brownlee, Yuriy Brozdnynchenko, Terrence Hussein, and Karen Scarborough were part of the professional Officials team. As well, Lorna Duquette, Owen Harding, and Cliff Skinner were part of the general Volunteer team. Way to go GBDBA members!

Canada won Gold in Ladies Singles and Silver in Mens & Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. What a fantastic result! WAY TO GO CANADA!

League Play/ Schedule

The first league play of the season will be held in Bradford at the end of October. Once again this will be run as a Social League Play, stopping for a BBQ round about lunch time. Hope to see all the familiar faces plus some new ones at this fun event!"

Bradford October 25th

Midland November 21st

Aurora January 30/31 *to be determined*

Barrie March 5th

All details for each league play will be sent to your club for sharing with the membership as well as posted on the website www.gbdba.ca. Looking forward to seeing everyone out for an enjoyable day of badminton!

What's Happening!

There has been a great deal happening at Badminton Ontario. It has linked up with Badminton Canada's database, hosted several Coaching Clinics, created a plan to develop officials, and secured the 6 portable courts, posts and nets from the Pan Am Games. Since receiving the news of the cancellation of the Ontario Winter Games, BON has informed the Ministry that it would like to participate in the Summer Games in August 2016. Finally, District Presidents are no longer required to be BON Board Members and several Board Members have been recruited to fill positions.



A big thank you to retired board members Warren Brownlee and Suzanne Lachner for their dedication and many years of volunteering with GBDBA



Junior League News

As the junior season gets underway GBDA would like to say a big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers that give their time to teaching and going to the various tournaments throughout the Badminton Season. Tentative tournament dates and venues are listed below:

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| • October 17 th | ~ Gravenhurst/Bracebridge |
| • November 14 th | ~ Midland |
| • December 13 th | ~ Machi |
| • February 20 th | ~Newmarket |
| • April 9 th & 10 th | ~Angus (Junior Championship) |



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