



Georgian Bay District Badminton Association

Smashing News

Happy New Year!! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and were able to enjoy some valuable family and friends time together. We are in the last half of the badminton season and the Board hopes that all clubs are continuing to thrive and players are enjoying themselves. With the winter chill finally here, what better way to spend it than on the badminton courts!

Ontario Winter Games

The Ontario Winter Games are just around the corner! GBDBA is excited to have these games in the Muskoka Region and hope that you'll come out to support these young athletes. Bracebridge Sportsplex is the site for badminton from Friday, February 28 through to Sunday, March 2. For more information about the Games, visit www.ontariowintergames.com

Best of luck to the GBDBA Team! Have fun and enjoy the experience!!

Adult League Play

Three fun days of league play have been held to date. Many thanks to Bradford, Midland, and Barrie for hosting. League is a great opportunity to play against different players and a nice way to meet others as well. *All levels of play are welcome!* Mark your calendars for the remaining dates and remember to sign up when the sheet arrives at your club.

Sunday, February 23—Machi
April 26 & 27—District Finals—Midland

Line Judges Needed

Ontario Winter Games is still in need of Line Judges. Funds are available to assist with transportation costs. If interested, email Warren Brownlee by Friday, January 24 at gdbbalinejudge@gmail.com

Updated Membership Lists



If your club has welcomed new members since your last submission of the Membership List, please send an updated list to Lisa Morrison

lbosetti@hotmail.com. Membership lists are important to both GBDBA and Badminton Ontario.

Save The Date!



Saturday, May 10, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2014
Annual General Meeting

Meetings are open to GBDBA Club members.

B.On Update

B.On was proud to host the Toronto Open in January at Humber College. The National event was a great success and attracted top Canadian athletes such as Olympians Michelle Lee and Alex Bruce. As well, work continues on the B.On website as they address various issues.

Interested in seeing some incredible badminton? Peter Gade, former World Champion, along with Canadian National and Olympic athletes will be playing an Exhibition on Saturday, February 15, 2014 in Markham. GBDBA club members will get a 15% discount on ticket prices if purchased in bulk of 20. See if your fellow club members want to get together to watch a great night of badminton.

For information on this event and other B. On news, visit, www.badmintonontario.ca

New Junior Club in Angus!

Under the direction of Terrence Hussein, Angus Badminton Club (ABC) started in October 2013. The club for kids in grades 6-12 plays out of Nottawasaga Pines High School in Angus on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm. ABC is fortunate to be playing out of a new school that has a public library connected to it so parents can relax while their child plays the game. Three dedicated adult coaches have been teaching 16 members the skills of the game while also encouraging sportsmanship in a fun atmosphere. The club has been an excellent opportunity to keep kids active in a positive way and also to make new friends. For \$20, members can play from October to April. GBDBA looks forward to having Angus Badminton Club become an affiliated member once it has its first season under its belt. For more information, contact Terrence Hussein at terrencehussein@gmail.com, or 705-331-4551.



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News to Share??

If you have any news to share with other GBDBA members, send your article to duquette.lorna@yahoo.ca. The next *Smashing News* will go out in the Spring.