



Georgian Bay District Badminton Association

Smashing News

Welcome back fellow badminton players! We hope you all had a wonderful summer, managed to relax a bit, spend time with friends and family, and are excited about the upcoming badminton season!

There are many things that are happening in the District and this newsletter is a way to share all the great news. Look for periodic newsletters to be coming to your club for the 2013-2014 season. The Board hopes you enjoy "being in the know"!

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League Play

Hope you're looking forward to another year of friendly competition! Mark your calendars with the following dates and locations. A sign-up sheet will be sent to the clubs closer to the dates.

Saturday, October 26—Bradford

Saturday, November 23—Midland

Sunday, January 19—Barrie

Sunday, February 24—To Be Announced

April 26 & 27—District Finals—Midland

Remember

- ☐ *Membership Lists*
- ☐ *Membership Cheque*
- ☐ *Insurance Forms*

Thanks to all the clubs who have sent in their Membership cheques, lists, and Insurance Forms (if applicable).

If you have yet to send these items in, please do so by

Thursday, October 31. Remember, Membership cheques and Lists are to be sent to Lisa Morrison. If your club requires insurance, send the Insurance forms to Suzanne Vallis. Also, remember to send in updated Membership Lists throughout the season to Lisa.

If you require any of the forms, please email Lisa at lbosetti@hotmail.com.

Coaches Clinic

On September 8, Favourite Badminton Club hosted a session for Coaches at Machi Badminton Training Centre. It was an excellent opportunity for new and experienced coaches to share ideas and successful techniques and strategies.

Ontario Winter Games

In 2014, Muskoka region will be hosting the Ontario Winter Games from February 27 to March 2. This year the Head Coach for GBDBA athletes will be Masha Zakharenkova. Tryouts will be held in Innisfil on November 9 & 10, 2013

B.On Update

A Board meeting was held in October and the motion that GBDBA had put forward to keep its southern border as Bloomington Side Road was passed. The newly formed York Region District Badminton Association will encompass the areas of York Region south of Bloomington Side Road. As well, the Junior Circuit will run with a triple plate format for its draws with over 16 entries.

Club Development

Of course we all know the benefits of playing badminton and the skill required. So we're working to develop more clubs in the region to encourage our youth and adults to get involved. Club development has begun in Angus and plans are underway to work with Barrie, Uxbridge, and Collingwood.

Save The Date!

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2014
Annual General Meeting



Details on location and time will be sent closer to the dates. We want as many club representatives as possible to attend the AGM. It's a great way to find out what's happened over the year, as well as plans for the upcoming year.

Pan Am Games Needs Line Judges!

The Pan Am Games will be here in July 2015!! Even more exciting is that badminton will be at a venue in Markham, which is nearby!

Districts are being asked to provide a team of 10 Line Judges and commit to working at the Games for one day. Many in GBDBA have been trained but you will need to practise those skills! If you want to be part of this exciting international event you will need to use your line judging skills during the Ontario Winter Games in Bracebridge, February 27 to March 1. Ideally, available for the finals on March 1. As well, line judges are required to attend a Pan Am Games trial in October 2014 in Markham.

Badminton is a great way to de-stress and chill out after a hard day's work"

- Bollywood filmstar Aamir Khan



If you'd like to be part of the GBDBA Line Judge Team, representing us on an international stage, email Warren Brownlee at warrebro@hotmail.com

