



Georgian Bay District Badminton Association

Smashing News

Welcome back to another season of badminton! Hope you enjoyed your summer! Are you ready to get back on the courts? GBDBA now has a website with some general information and players will be able to register on-line for Adult and Junior events. Visit us at www.gbdba.ca!

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League Play

We're changing things up a little bit this year! We've heard that players would like more opportunity to play with and against others from different clubs. So the first few events will be Adult Social Plays. There will continue to be organized play but there's no need to have a designated partner. These Social Plays are ideal for players of all abilities. The first event was held at Bradford, complete with a BBQ lunch. There was certainly no shortage of games played and everyone had a really fun day! Mark your calendars with the following dates and locations. A sign-up sheet will be sent to the clubs or you can also register online at www.gbdba.ca on the Tournaments tab.

Saturday, November 15—Midland

Sunday, January 17—Barrie

Sunday, February 22—Bradford

April 18 & 19—District Finals—Midland



Junior Circuit

There are many talented young athletes in the district as well as some very enthusiastic novice players. The Junior Circuit is an excellent way to use the skills learned in training and to gain experience playing against others. The first singles tournament held in Bracebridge was a great success. Mark the remaining dates of the Junior events on your calendar. Players can register at www.gbdba.ca on the Tournaments tab.

Saturday, November 8—Midland, doubles/mixed

Saturday, December 13—Alliston, doubles/ mixed

Saturday, February 21—Gravenhurst, singles

Junior Championships—To Be Determined



There is one Board Member at Large position available to be filled. As a Board Member, you will be part of a team that promotes the development of badminton in the district. There are 2 General meetings held a year as well as the Annual General Meeting. If you'd like more information or if interested, please email Lorna at contact@gbdba.ca.

Membership Forms & Fees

Thanks to all the clubs who have sent in their Membership forms and fees. It's great that you've promptly sent in your membership lists as well! We know it's always challenging when a new way of doing things is introduced and we appreciate the efforts that you've made. From the comments we've received, the online registration of individual members has been a smooth process.

Remember to keep adding your members as they join. This will ensure that they are eligible to participate in GBDBA events.

B.On Update

Badminton Ontario established a new tiered point system which better reflects the level of play for each sanctioned tournament. Points are accumulated by players on behalf of their affiliated club for each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finish. The club with the most points at the end of the season will be awarded the Ontario Competitions Banner.

Also, any player wishing to participate in any tournament on the Junior B Circuit, must purchase a B.On Competitive B Membership Card. There will be no levy fee option available.

Pan Am Badminton Championship

It's an exciting time for badminton in Canada with the 2015 Pan Am Games fast approaching! From October 13th to 19th, Badminton Canada along with the Federation of Badminton Clubs hosted the 2014 Mandarin Pan American Badminton Championship. This test event was held at the spectacular new Pan Am Centre in Markham.

The Championship welcomed over 120 athletes and coaches from 13 countries across North America, South America and the Caribbean Islands. Team Canada had many outstanding performances resulting in several GOLD, SILVER, and BRONZE medals. Congrats to all of our Canadian athletes who continue to make us proud!

GBDBA was also represented at this event with several line judges: Warren Brownlee, Joel Barnett, Yuriy Brozdnychenko, Terrence Hussein, and Karen Scarborough. They were part of a team of 70 minor officials to ensure a fair field of play throughout the event. Appreciation is also extended to Sarah Khoo and GUM Products International for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Hope you're making plans to attend the 2015 Pan Am Games! It will be exciting times to support our Canadian athletes as they strive for the Podium once again.

Save The Date!

Saturday, June 13, 2015
Annual General Meeting



Details on location and time will be sent closer to the dates. Any GBDBA Member may attend.