



Thoughts on the Tournament from Hell By Gloria Eli

My applause to the Midwest Championship Tournament Committee for weathering the numerous repercussions when badminton players who had entered the Championships in Terre Haute, Indiana never arrived.

My special applause to Ta-Teh Ku who had to cancel, due to a medical emergency in his family, and found a substitute player for his partner as well as notifying the tournament committee in advance that he would be unable to attend. I would like to meet this gentleman and shake his hand and I do hope his sister will return to good health in the near future.

With over 100 contestants there were many of us who played our three matches - or more - in events entered and the majority of players were perhaps unaware of the problems due to the NO SHOWS.

Unfortunately that was not the case with all entrants. Last minute NO SHOWS have a trickle down effect especially with a small entry and a Feed In Consolation. Those numerous wins by default when a competitor has driven many hours to get to the gym on time and then sits waiting to be called and finally checks at the desk to discover "sorry you just won by default: your opponents did not come" then returns to a chair to wait some more are really depressing. And inexcusable!

One Men's Doubles team had only one match during the three-day tournament. Another team only two matches. All because players did not inform the tournament director they would not be there.

To compound the problem I was told by many players that 'wins by default' were also due to a team who DID play but lost the match then refused to play in the consolation or a lower division.

What has happened to our Midwest Sportsmanship? Or for that matter COMMON COURTESY?

If you enter a tournament aren't you there to compete? Why refuse to play and force your opponents to move ahead in the draw without getting a chance to compete. In some instances with small entries these defaults could put a team into a final without taking the court.

No wonder we are losing tournament entrants each year. The majority of us go to PLAY! Not sit in a chair waiting for NO SHOWS or someone who will not play in a lesser division. Are they afraid they will be beaten? Do they feel it will make a difference in their Midwest Ranking? Please, someone, tell me the reason. Are they not fit enough to play all the events they entered? Then they should only enter those they are fit enough to compete in.

In my humble opinion if players and committees would keep each other informed of their expectations it would make for better tournaments. And hopefully for more competitors in future tournaments.

I readily admit I am from that old school that realizes BADMINTON is still the novice/neophyte sport in the U.S. We need to look out for each other. You do not want to play in a lower division? Well keep in mind your opponent paid just as much entry fee as you did, maybe drove much farther to get there and would appreciate competition. Take the court and if you are so good when you have won the first game and are ahead 14 whatever in the second game walk to the net, hand your opponent the shuttle and say, "You have just won by default". At least they will have had a match to be ready to compete in the next round rather than sitting in a chair cold and unready to prove anything to themselves or other teams. Do you have a plane to catch and your scheduled match is later? Then stop your prior game and allow those opponents to continue forward and the team in the other half has competition to play.

Were you a contestant who left the gym to grab a bite to eat? Did you ask at the tourney desk for permission to go? WHY NOT?

Well the list could be longer but not sure anyone is reading this anyway. I do hope it makes a few of you think about "the other competitor" the next time you enter a tourney. Spread the word.

We are still too few in numbers to be so Prima Donna like or you put in the phrase you think this kind of thoughtlessness requires.

News Flash: In case you missed it, we are back to traditional scoring! No more games to 11, except Women's Singles!

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April 12-13	Madison Open Madison, WI	Chandra Rachman c_rachman@hotmail.com
April 26	Elk Grove Village Badminton Tournament Elk Grove Village, IL http://global.morningstar.com/hkg/elk/tournament.asp	Jimmy Ye jimmy.ye@morningstar.com

MAY 2003

Date	Tournament/Location	Contact Information
May 16-18	Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament Northville, MI http://www.cityofnorthville.org/Services/ParksAndRec/LeagueSchedulesStandings.htm	Dan Leung 734-397-5932 dan43632@aol.com

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Let's Celebrate!
By Mary Ann Bowles

As this writer prepared to participate in the 2003 Midwest Adult Championships March 14-16, I thought back over the thirty-five years of my involvement with badminton. As an 18-year-old college sophomore, I signed up for an "easy" P.E. credit—badminton—and discovered the greatest sport one can hope to play.

Traveling to a badminton tournament is a celebration for me. What does the dictionary say about the word "celebrate?" The definition reads, "To frequent, go in great numbers; to honor or praise publicly; to mark a happy occasion by engaging in some pleasurable activity." We are celebrating:

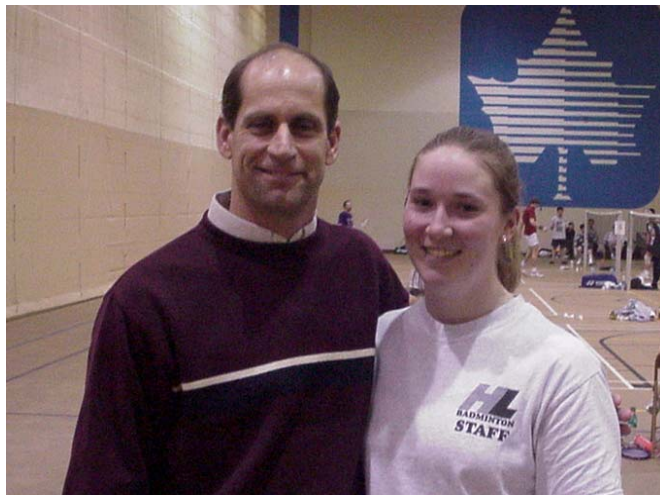
- *Fitness (you need to be fit to motor around the court)*
- *Stamina (you want to be able to outlast your opponent)*
- *Skill and training (some players really do train, both on-court and off, to improve their skills)*
- *Teamwork (it takes teamwork on the court and at the tournament desk to pull off a good tournament)*
- *Strategizing (we are all trying to outsmart and outthink our opponents)*
- *Good sportsmanship (we have ample opportunity to make those good line calls)*
- *Friendship (just think of all the new friends you've made on court)*
- *Family (we really are a special family with our sport binding us together)*
- *Escaping (when you submerge yourself in a gym for a weekend, you're oblivious to what's happening in the world)*
- *Fun (it's just downright fun to get out on court and play!)*


My students are always reminded that a person should develop a passion for something. One of our previous executive directors noted that every sport needs some fanatics. In my case, that passion has been that shuttle and racquet. Many of you reading this would have to admit you have tiny shuttles flowing through your bloodstream

So let's celebrate the fun of this sport! Let's help it grow and endure in our region. Let's get those juniors on court and coach some young blood into the sport. Let's continue to find new venues for play. Let's continue to host more tournaments annually. Let's encourage more adults to play. Let's get more players to tournaments. Let's honor and recognize more of the former champions, top

players, and those just starting their playing careers. Let's spread the good news about this Olympic sport and educate people about the "real" badminton. And let's just have fun—enjoy the sound of those squeaking shoes on that wood floor and the thwack of the bird to racket. I've taken up the challenge—how about you?

Below: Kevin Hussey and Becky Stanearth at the 2003 Midwest Adult Championships





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MBA Banquet 2003, AKA the “Badminton Ball” By Jodie Leahey (Harroun)

You may wonder why I’ve termed the annual banquet the “Badminton Ball”. It dates back several years where many juniors saw the banquet as a very formal occasion and would bring out their Sunday’s best. Keep in mind that I’ve been playing badminton just shy of 14 years. I’ve been to about 10 Midwest Championships in that time period and have seen many players come through the Midwest. Badminton offers a unique kinship among players that can be seen throughout the years of attending tournaments in the Midwest. I have gained several friendships along the way. Some have come only in the past few years, while others have lasted since my first years of playing. The camaraderie that badminton brings makes it nice to get everyone together outside the gym. You realize that you see familiar faces that look so foreign when they aren’t dressed in workout clothes.

This year, as in several years past, it was amazing that I even made it to the banquet. It all started at about noon. The tournament was running way too smooth. Most of the time the courts weren’t even fully filled because the scheduling of matches was impeccable and most can agree that assigning times to matches helped things run along smoothly, gave you ample time between each match and allowed for a wonderful tournament. I too, shared this thought in the afternoon. I remember saying many times that I liked the Midwest tournament because, and I quote, “the matches all run on-time and they end early enough to give you time to make the banquet”. I think because I told so many people that during the day that I jinxed myself. It was almost as if I had forgotten how every year, at most tournaments I seem to be one of the last matches called.

Now, I do take partial blame for this. We all know that winners win and losers lose. Since we lost, we were stuck watching the minutes tick by, closer and closer to the banquet time, waiting for what seemed to us like the longest three-game match in badminton history to finish so we could start our final match of the evening. We tried very hard to convince Bharat to hold the match till Sunday, but to no avail. He was adamant that all matches play through the semi round – no exceptions! (I guess that’s what helps his tournaments run so well.) Just as we were about to start our match, I looked over and saw Becky Staneart and her partner Ben Hussey starting to warm up on the next court. OK, so I wasn’t the last match of the day called – but pretty close.

We finished the match with an hour to spare before the banquet starts. I needed to get back to the hotel and shower since I knew the “Badminton Ball” was semi-formal affair. The only problem was that the water pressure in our shower offered little more than a drip. It took a little over an hour for three to shower and we arrived at the banquet about a half-hour late. It was perfect timing as far as I was concerned because there were no lines for the food! I’m also glad that we didn’t miss any of the important (or fun) stuff. We were still able to hear Lee Ann’s Dad crack all his funny jokes, vote Dan in as the newest board member (go Dan!!!), and see badminton make its debut on TV in the US.

The banquet proved to be a good time shared with friends. This tournament was a special one for me. My partner, Amy Bland, and my other partner, Leo Bland, are expecting a baby so this was to be the last tournament that Amy could play in until next year. When she told me that she was pregnant, it brought back memories of losing to Lisa Race with Nicholas in her tummy. At the banquet, I was astonished to see how much Nicholas has grown and how many years have past since that match with Lisa that is probably long forgotten by her but forever a part of my badminton memories. I just want to thank everyone who helps make the annual “Badminton Ball” such a special time for everyone. I think your effort is much appreciated and newcomers to the sport will one day come to appreciate the banquet as much as I have.

14 Midwest Seniors Trek to San Diego - 29 Medals Come Back! By Mary Ann Bowles

San Diego—the perfect place to host the 2003 U.S. Senior National Badminton Championships—for an escape from the cold winter many Seniors had experienced. The weather started off rainy on Friday, but by Saturday afternoon and Sunday, players had a spring in their step from the wonderful California weather and their successful results on court. The Balboa Park Activity Center in Balboa Park in the center of San Diego was the site for the tournament February 28-March 1, 2003. Playing in the four-year-old facility with 15 badminton courts was a first-time experience for many of the Seniors, and a pleasurable one at that.

Region 2 was ably represented by fourteen Senior players from four states—Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio. These players participated in thirty events, and everyone came home with at least one medal, some returning with as many as three! What a way to talk with a racket!

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2003 Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament
May 16, 17 & 18, 2003
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When May 16 – 18, 2003

Format Open ABCD drop flight (any age)
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* Each draw limited to 32 entries. Entrants limited to 6 events.

Deadline *Must be postmarked by May 9, 2003*

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Phone(s) _____ Home Club: _____

Gender: M / F E-Mail _____ USAB# _____ Exp Date: _____

Rank your Ability(A/B/C/D): _____

Event	Open (partner/request)	35+ (partner/request)	50+ (partner/request)
___ Singles	N/A	N/A	N/A
___ Men's Doubles	_____	_____	_____
___ Women's Doubles	_____	_____	_____
___ Mixed Doubles	_____	_____	_____

Total # of events entered (max. 6): _____ Total fee enclosed: _____

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From Illinois came the youngest players, Lee Ann Du-Higashi and Gena Fite. Lee Ann played in the 35 and 40 Women's Doubles with partner Gena. In the 35's, this team took 4th place, but in the 40's, they took a bronze medal for their efforts. Lee Ann also played the 40 Mixed Doubles with Sandy Roberts of California, and they won 4th place in that event. Gena won a bronze medal in 35 Mixed Doubles with Alan Mills from Colorado, and she brought home the gold in 40 Women's Singles.

Michigan was represented by Harry Orr and Tom Carmichael. Harry took a silver medal in 65 Men's Singles behind Manny Armendariz of California, and he played 60 and 65 Men's Doubles with Raymond Pang (CA), going out in pool play or in the consolation rounds. But Harry prevailed in the 65 Mixed Doubles with partner Jeannine Bohn of Ohio, winning the gold medal in a round robin.

Tom Carmichael partnered Californian Dave Carton in the 50 Men's Doubles, but they lost in the semifinals to eventual winners, Mike Walker and Dave Ogata (CA). In 60 Mixed Doubles with Louisianian Elsie Wilson, this team took the bronze medal, and in 60 Men's Doubles with Dave Ogata, Tom won the gold over Jeff Fishback/Robin Lyons (CA), 15-4, 15-1.

Four players trekked from Missouri to San Diego—Mary Ann Bowles, Alice Mohr, Virginia Smith, and Dick Witte. Mary Ann took a 4th place in 45 Women's Doubles with Helen Weyand of Ohio, and lost in the semifinals of 45 Mixed Doubles with Californian Chris Elliott. Playing 50 Women's Doubles with Californian Mary Cox, this team took the bronze medal, and it was gold for Mary Ann and Californian Dave Anderson in the 50 Mixed Doubles, taking out Curt Dommeyer/Nancy Acuna (CA) in the finals, 15-10, 15-4.

Alice Mohr went out in the 65 Mixed Doubles with Gary Stensland (WA) in pool play, and took 4th place in 70 Mixed Doubles with Jud Mills of Maryland. But it was a bronze medal in 60 Women's Doubles with partner Marty Metz of Ohio, and two silver medals, one in 65 Women's Doubles with Jeannine Bohn of Ohio, and one in 70 Women's Singles. Virginia Smith took two silver medals, one in 75 Women's Doubles with Alice Petta-Goldie (CA), and one in 75 Mixed Doubles with Dick Witte. But she worked hard to win the 80 Women's Singles gold medal, defeating Glafyra Ennis of Massachusetts in a tough 3-gamer, 5-11, 11-2, 11-6.

Dick Witte, a fixture at this tournament, played 65 Men's Doubles with James Bosco (CA), going out in the semifinals. He won silver medals in 70 Men's Doubles with Jack Harvey (WA) and in 75 Mixed with Virginia Smith. But he always brings home the gold, this time in 75 Men's Doubles with Harvey. Those new knees just keep ticking!

Ohio was represented by six Senior players—Jeannine Bohn, Stan Hales, Harvey Mason, Marty Metz, Betty Obara, and Helen Weyand. Jeannine Bohn played 55 Women's Doubles with Marty Metz, and they bowed out in the round robin. With Alice Mohr in 65 Women's Doubles, this team took a silver medal. But in 60 Women's Doubles with Connie Lee, it was a golden effort, and in 65 Mixed with Harry Orr, yet another gold medal was the result.

Stan Hales decided to play both 60 Men's Singles and Doubles in this tournament. He teamed with Manny Armendariz in the doubles, taking 4th place. But he ably defended his 60 Men's Singles title to take the gold medal, defeating Jeff Fishback in the final, 15-2, 15-6. Harvey Mason played 60 Mixed Doubles with Marty Metz, bowing out in the consolation rounds. But he won two bronze medals, one in 75 Men's Singles, and one in 75 Men's Doubles with Vern Muhr (CA).

Marty Metz lost in the consolation rounds of 60 Mixed Doubles with Harvey Mason, and bowed out in the 55 Women's Doubles round robin with Jeannine Bohn, but took the bronze medal in 60 Women's Doubles with Alice Mohr. Betty Obara brought home the gold medals in 60 Women's Singles and 65 Women's Doubles with Joyce Jones (WA). Helen Weyand took two fourth places, one in 45 Women's Doubles with Mary Ann Bowles, and one in 50 Women's Doubles with Elsie Wilson (LA). She teamed with Ramakrishnan Menon of California in 55 Mixed Doubles to win the bronze medal, and gold was the medal she won with Elsie Wilson in the 55 Women's Doubles.

The traditional dinner was held on Saturday evening where Dale Miller (OK) and Vern Muhr (CA) were welcomed to the ranks of the Senior Hall of Fame. The Ada and Charles Wurst Sportsmanship trophy was awarded jointly to Marion Harvey (WA) and Paisan Rangsitipho (CA), and the Ray Scott Memorial Trophy was presented to Wally Foy (CA). A big thank you goes to Dave Carton and Wall and Ann Foy and the San Diego Badminton Club for hosting such a fine tournament. Congratulations to all the Midwest Seniors, and special kudos to the gold medal winners!

Good Times at Mid-Atlantic Classic By Sarah Sammit

Well I was persuaded by my mixed partner Alan Mills to write an article about Mid-Atlantic Classic, which took place on February 21-23. Since I was one of the few Midwest players there, and to actually put to use some writing skills I learn in school, I thought I would give it a try.

The trip started as I left from O'Hare on Friday morning, and I was very excited because I was missing a day of classes. I arrived in Philadelphia and met up with Alan Mills, former Midwest player, who now resides in Colorado. We drove through the icy, snowy, rainy weather which reminded me of Chicago, and arrived at Bryn Mawr College. I rushed to change clothes because women's singles was at 5:30 and we arrived exactly at 5:30. So I changed and looked at the draw only to see I was up against Cindy Shi in the first round. Lucky me! So needless to say I lost, but did manage to snag two points. I dropped to consolation and played Ismat Shaikh, who partnered Shannon Pohl for women's doubles. I lost to her in a close 11-6, 13-10 match. My mixed partner Alan got the luck of facing Andy Chong in the first round. He got about 5 points, which I thought was good.

Also competing in the tournament were Judy Lu, Katie Monahan, Erin Hois, Shannon Pohl, and Jennifer Coleman, all formerly of the Midwest. Katie mentioned that she misses the Midwest tournament friendliness. I had to agree that Midwest tournaments are the best!

Well we went to our hotel that night in downtown Philly and came back on Saturday morning for doubles. Since my regular doubles partner, Yvonne Cheng, couldn't make it to the tournament, I requested a partner and got set up with Alison Brown. It was our first time playing together and I think we did fairly well. We lost our first match to Szilvia Szombati and Melinda Keszthelyi. We did, however, end up in the consolation final against Shannon Pohl and Ismat Shaikh. We had a good match but ended up losing.

The next event of course was mixed. Alan and I faced Raju Rai and Jennifer Coleman in the first round. They were seeded in the top 4, so it was a hard match. We lost that one and then dropped in consolation. Overall it was very tough competition.

On Saturday night, we had a little badminton get together at a nearby restaurant/bar, where Shannon tried to hook me up with the live singer there.

We went back to the gym on Sunday to catch some of the finals. Unfortunately, we only got to stay to see the mixed final, where Mike Changsuwangpuvana (said "Chumbawumba" by Alan Mills) and Eva Lee beat Amari Rojsirivit and Cindy Shi in three games. I heard some of the other finals were very exciting, but we said our good-byes and headed home.

Overall the weekend was a lot of fun. It was frustrating at times because we were competing against the best in the country, but I left with a positive outlook for future tournaments. And it's nice to see that I'm ranked number 9 in the country right now!

The Seven Stages of Badminton By Jim Meier

There's a cartoon called the seven stages of man, which I have adapted to badminton players below.

Sneezy - Anyone who has to be in an unheated gym at 6am because that's the only time available for practice.

Sleepy - Anyone with an 8am start time on Sunday after perhaps a bit too much socializing on Saturday night.

Grumpy - Anyone playing that last three-game mixed doubles match that started at 11pm.

Dopey - Anyone who shows up for their match an hour late because they couldn't figure out what time zone Terre Haute is choosing to use today.

Bashful - Anyone who finds themselves on the court with three much more experienced and talented players and realizes that maybe they're in over their heads.

Doc - A certain tournament director whose been under the knife so many times, we'll give him an honorary degree.

Happy - All of us while playing well in a good, tight match.

Badminton in SI Again!

Midwest badminton returns to the pages of Sports Illustrated with R. Stanton Hales of Wooster, Ohio appearing on page 30 of the March 31, 2003 issue.

Previously, Jennifer Coleman appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section. Thanks to Jim Meier for spotting Stan!

2003 Midwest Closed Championships - Results
Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
Tournament Directors: Dawn Patel
March 14-16, 2003

Event: A

MS Linh Luu def. Mark Hecquet 15-10, 14-16 Default
WS Kristin Artman def. Lee Ann Alwine 11-6, 11-4
MD Isaac Alwine/Andre Chionh def. Alex Hong/Derek Lee 15-12, 5-15, 15-12
WD LeeAnn Alwine/Kristin Artman def. Ying-Chieh Chen/Debi Misra 11-3, 11-1
XD Isaac Alwine/Lee Ann Alwine def. Alex Hong/Yvonne Cheng 13-10, 11-3

Event: A Consolation

MS Adam Holleran def. Milan Kratka 15-8, 11-15, 15-4
MD Ian Buckley/Tom Carmichael def. Mark Hecquet/Adam Holleran Default

Event: B

MS Matt Wrobel def. Warong Pongsapich 15-13, 17-14
WS Sarah Sammit def. Yvonne Cheng 11-3, 11-3
MD Ing-Hai Koh/Xiasong Li def. Erick Lin/Ron Garrett 15-7, 15-8
WD Stephanie Mell/Marena Smitobol def. Linda Downey/Jennifer Milne 11-2, 11-4
XD Adam Holleran/Dawn Patel def. Matt Wrobel/Marena Smitobol 11-6, 11-13, 11-2

Event: C

MS Vijay Devatha def. Fabian Breg 15-3, 15-2
WS Debi Misra def. Mariya Kleyn 11-6, 11-9
MD Scott Shigley/Dominique Scherrer def. Ben Hussey/Hanlin Wan 15-1, 15-13
WD Dawn Patel/Serena Wong def. Sara Karlin/Linda Tsai 6-11, 11-0, 11-7
XD Scott Shigley/Wen-Chin Yao def. Ron Garrett/Ronene Faber 11-3, 11-6

Event: D

MS Andy McCormick def. Ben Hussey 15-6, 14-15, 15-4
WS Melody Ji def. Sara Karlin 11-9, 11-3
MD Sridhar Ravikoti/Amit Vyas def. Steven He/Gunawan Suhasim 15-10, 15-5
WD Becky Staneart/Yan Sun def. Feng-Rue Sheu/Yi Yang 11-9, 9-11, 13-12
XD Freddy Lee/Sara Karlin def. Ben Hussey/Becky Staneart 11-6, 11-8

Event: E

MS Erick Lin def. Nathan Eichorn 15-9, 15-0
MD Chih-Min She/Exing Wang def. Nathan Eichorn/Farhan Abdullah 15-7, 15-10



Above: Mixed Doubles Winners, Lee Ann and Isaac Alwine (left) and Runners-up, Yvonne Cheng and Alex Hong



Above: Womens Doubles Finalists, Ying-Chieh Chen and Debi Misra (left) and Winners, Kristin Artman and Lee Ann Alwine



Above: Inspecting the Trophies are Gloria Eli (left), Bharat Patel, Alice Wunderlich, and Tony Powell. They sure do shine!



This is history in the making... no, not Yvonne and Sarah posing by the draws, but rather the sign that reads "If you play with a girl... play to 11 points"! The IBF has decided to return to traditional scoring and now if you play with a girl, you had better play to 15!

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