



Ray Scott Memorial, 2nd Annual by Bob Ericson, Top Flight President

I was on my way home one night recently from the zoo (I work in a real zoo, y'know) driving up the freeway. It was starting to get dark and this purplish-maroon PT Cruiser zipped passed me and pulled into my lane in front of me. I didn't think much of it until I noticed the license plate of the purplish-maroon PT Cruiser: PRESN ON! Now where've I heard that before? It has to be a gentle reminder from 'you know who' to get off my butt and finish this story for the Flick. Seems like the Guru and his 'old white suit' are still on my case. Guess I just needed a reminder to "Press On."

As I sit here in front of the computer and glance up, The "Guru" looks down on me from my portrait of him I did for the 25th anniversary tournament. Makes me wonder why I never included the words Press On when I did the original drawing. Ummmm.

But, back to the issue at hand. Where do I start? What's my opening line? Same old story-last minute entries? Is anybody coming to the tournament? "Where's my luggage?" They made the tournament, or, Are you sure that's the last event-so early? Or, Did you see who won? Or, What did you eat at the dinner break? Or, Did you see those fancy draw sheets at the scorers table? Or, Did the BADMINTON signs direct you to the venue? Or, Where did all those A-Boards come from in the center of the gym floor? Or, Did you see those trophies Top Flight awarded at dinnertime? Or, Who keeps up the scrapbooks now? Or, Sponsors? Or, Number of participants?

I arrived at the venue before 8am. No one else was there. Shortly thereafter Al and Carol Toris and his trusty computer arrived. Len was there not long after as were Jim Ronni and Hank Schuring. They manned the check-in desk with Carol. By 8:45 no players had checked in. What gives? Am I here on the right day. By 9am only one or two had checked in. Hey, what's the deal here? Hank said, "How do we get people here on time?"

Participants began trickelling in through the north gym door. Some of the St. Louis-ites arrived not long after. We have to forgive Russ and Mary Ann Bowles for being slightly tardy. They're always punctual. This time they arrived safely but their luggage somehow went to Boston. So they had to go out and buy some court essentials. A few of the Omaha based participants began to wander in. Around 9:15 the Iowa State contingent arrived en masse. Hey, maybe we will have a tournament after all. Phew!

By 9:30 Len and I corralled participants for the welcome and administrative reminders essential to tournament operations. After a moment of silence to honor tournament namesake, Ray Scott, and some administrative announcements, Len called the first seven of 88 matches.

Did you see all those A-boards in the center of the gym? Top Flight says Thank You to our sponsors: R&G Enterprises, CYZAP, The Racquet Corner of both Lincoln and Omaha, Willie Foster, Casey's Distributing, Nebraska Senior Games and Hank Schuring.

Since the tournament lacked sufficient entries in certain categories, some events were eliminated or combined with others. This juxtaposition enabled some players to gain valuable tournament experience and play in several events.

One of those on the receiving end of this extended baptism under fire, winning and losing, was Top Flight Secretary Carol Toris, a dedicated and enthusiastic recreational player. She had the opportunity to compete in Open Women's Doubles, Open Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles and Master Women's Doubles. In OWD (teamed with Alicia Janas, Ames, Iowa) she lost to Kavya Gaddam and Wenxia Wu from Ames, Iowa in the Consolation Final. Competition in Open Mixed Doubles (with fellow Top Flighter Amit Agrawal) was tough and they lost in the Consolation semi-finals.

In the Senior Mixed Doubles Consolation event she was a winner with Jim Ellis, Omaha (a racquet ball player competing in his first Ray Scott tournament). In Master Women's Doubles she and partner Carolyn Foster earned a Silver medal while losing 15-4, 15-0 to Mary Ann Bowles and Elly Bhuyan from St. Louis.

Carol had the unenviable or enviable experience, depending on how one looks at it, of playing three times against perennial tournament participant and winner of many events, Mary Ann Bowles. Despite losing all three times Carol said, "I never played in an Open event before. It was fun and challenging at the same time."

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Tournament entry forms will be printed and distributed with The Flick for a \$75 fee. Website publishing is included in this fee. Please submit forms to the Editor at least eight weeks before your entry deadline.

Tournament results and drawsheets should include full names of participants and match scores. An article would be nice, too.

Send material with little or no formatting to the address or email below. Please include your phone number or email address.

Deadlines:

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Tournament Calendar

DECEMBER 2003

Date	Tournament/Location	Contact Information
Dec 14-15	Midwest Closed Senior Championships Dayton, OH	Dawn & Bharat Patel 765-349-0662 dbpatel@rnetinc.net

JANUARY 2004

Date	Tournament/Location	Contact Information
Jan 10-11	Kentucky State Open Louisville, KY	Charles & Bobbie Norton 502-426-5518 bnorton828@aol.com
Jan 16-18	Region 2 Classic and Indiana Open Terre Haute, IN	Dawn & Bharat Patel 765-349-0662 dbpatel@rnetinc.net
Jan 24-25	Rose City Doubles Windsor, Ont Canada	www.woba.com rosecity02@hotmail.com

MARCH 2004 (it's closer than you think)

Date	Tournament/Location	Contact Information
Mar 12-14	Midwest Closed Championships Terre Haute, IN	Dawn & Bharat Patel 765-349-0662 dbpatel@rnetinc.net

**For updates regarding tournaments, check out the Event Calendar page on our website:
<http://www.midwestbadminton.com>**

As soon as your tournament/camp has been scheduled, please send dates, location, and contact person to the Flick, and it will be listed here at no charge to you.

Entry forms and event information will be distributed with *The Flick* for a \$75 fee (see left).

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Teachers Tips and Coaches Corner

Force Play – Push and Follow in Doubles Play

By Kevin Hussey

Doubles play is fun, exciting, and fast paced, and the movement by one and/or both teammates, often times, occurs before the opponent even hits the bird. During doubles play, teams should look for opportunities to gain the offensive advantage by moving early. One classic opportunity for moving early comes when you're in a defensive positioning situation (side by side) where the defensive team has the opportunity to Push or block and Follow off of an opponent's smash. This is also called a change of attack opportunity.

During a change of attack opportunity, if the defensive team can successfully change the attack, this can result in a winning advantage for a point or a side out. Both partners can look for the opportunity to hit a block to the net (away from the opponent's net player) or a drive shot (flat past the net player) and follow at any time off of an opponent's smash. However, one of the best times to look for this opportunity is when the defensive clear travels to their opponent's back court corner area. When this occurs, the cross-court defender can look to move in closer to the net (early) looking to anticipate a cross-court smash or the middle drop shot. If the smasher does execute either the cross-court smash or the middle drop shot, the cross-court defender is in an excellent situation to push or block and follow for a change of attack and potentially a winning rally.

Attempts to change the attack during doubles play can and should be practiced. All you need is a feeder, a smasher, and a defender. This allows for focused and repeated practice to Push and Follow by using defensive block and drive shots could be just the advantage you need to move your doubles game into the next flight.

Holiday Checklist - Add this!

With the holiday season upon us, the hustle and bustle of shopping, planning, shopping, shopping, and more shopping consumes many people's schedules. So, don't forget to send in your entry forms for upcoming tournaments. No entry is ever too early! Really!

Welcome New MBA Members

For those of you who are new to the MBA, welcome! Whether you joined through a club or individually, you will receive this newsletter 10 times per year. You have the option to read it online or receive it via postal mail. We encourage you to read it online, as it saves the organization the cost of printing it mailing it to you. You also have the ability to save it, print multiple copies of one or more pages, and view past issues.

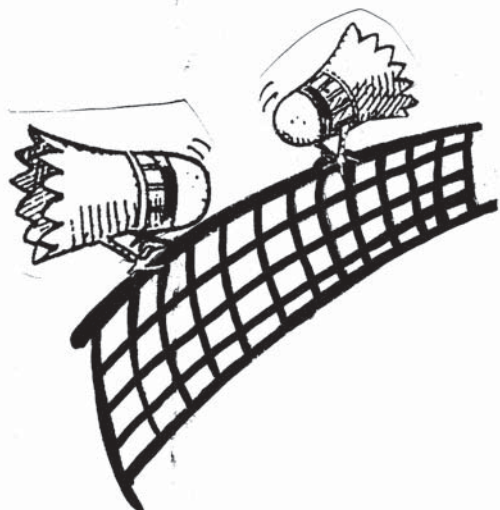
Along with this newsletter, another benefit of membership is the eligibility to play in our Closed Championship tournaments. There is the Senior Closed Championships as well as the regular Closed Championships. Your MBA membership also entitles you to be ranked by the MBA. The MBA compiles rankings every summer based on the past season's results.

If you ever have questions, comments, or suggestions, you may contact any of the Board members (listed on page 2). We welcome you to volunteer or support the organization in any way that you feel that you can contribute! We value you as a member - thanks for joining!

	<u>Membership Application</u>
MBA Membership allows you to participate in MBA Closed Championship tournaments (if you meet residency requirements) and to be eligible for MBA rankings (if USAB member too). You will receive a subscription to the MBA newsletter, The Flick. You have a choice to receive this online or via postal service. Check the box next to your email address to receive the Flick online.	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City, State, Zip: _____	
Area Code and Phone: _____	
Birthdate: _____ Home Club: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Email Address: _____	
I want to (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Join the MBA as an individual member (\$15 for year membership July - June)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Get my Flick! Please verify membership and correct info above.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Be a patron for the year (\$30, \$50, \$100... or more! It's tax deductible!)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a tax deductible donation to _____ (ex. Jr. Development)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Register an MBA Club. Please send me forms and information.	
Make check payable to Midwest Badminton Association and send to: MBA c/o Jessica Morgan 1106 N. Hermitage Ave. Apt. 2F Chicago IL 60622	

bird.chat.net

Drop and Smash are chatting up a storm again on bird.chat.net. Let us know what you think Drop and Smash should chat about next month!



- Smash:** Hey, what's the news on your side of the net?
- Drop:** I've been hearing talk about the National Lottery in England.
- Smash:** Is that the British version of powerball or does it have something to do with badminton?
- Drop:** Well, not exactly, but it is a big deal for badminton players in England!
- Smash:** How's that?
- Drop:** England has a national lottery, and cash from that lottery goes to sports in that country.
- Smash:** And badminton is one of them?
- Drop:** Yep, badminton is one of the sports that gets funding in England.
- Smash:** Unlike the U.S., right?
- Drop:** Right, and Sport England, which distributes National Lottery cash, is cutting back financial support of *minor* sports to concentrate on *major* sports.
- Smash:** So what's a major sport in England besides football (soccer)?
- Drop:** Badminton is a priority sport, along with cricket, golf, hockey, netball, rugby, squash, and tennis.
- Smash:** So, does Sport England just give this cash to badminton?
- Drop:** No, each sport's governing body will have to submit a business plan showing how it would use the cash over a four-year cycle. Funding will be synchronized with the Olympic quadrennial.
- Smash:** That's what the USOC requires of USA Badminton in the U.S., isn't it?
- Drop:** Yep. And England's rugby union did so well at the recent Rugby World Cup that they were a good example for new funding plans.
- Smash:** Was that the only example for a new funding plan?
- Drop:** No, Australia and France have had national sports lotteries for years, and a system for sports funding much like what Sport England will try.
- Smash:** Sounds like we could use a national lottery here for our sport, huh?

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Hey, Carol took home plenty of hardware: One gold, one silver and one bronze medal. Great experience.

Although it wasn't a big event there were some really interesting games in the Tournament Novice Division. In this event an experienced tournament player teams up with someone who has never played in a tournament and who is a recreational player. Teams comprised young and old (Jim Ronni and grandson Michael Engelkamp), short and tall (Ron Wu and Louis Jackson) and male and female (Al Toris and Shan Fan). Al and Shan won the round robin event.

Ames, Iowa winners included Vincent Ong (OMS Consolation -Bronze), Wenxia Wu (OWS Consolation -Bronze), Dattaprasad Kamat/Jagrut Jani (OMD Doubles Consolation-Bronze), Kavya Gaddam/Wenxia Wu (OWD Consolation-Bronze) and Dattaprasad Kamat/Kavya Gaddam (OXD Consolation-Bronze).

The real surprise of the tournament was Top Flight member Herman Batelaan winning the Open Men's Singles then teaming with Suanne Au to win the Open Mixed Doubles. How did they do that? Well, since I wasn't privileged to see either event I can only go by the scores. In OMS Herman, Jia Shi Wong, Ames, Iowa and Jagrut Jani fell victim to Herman before he bested fellow Top Flighter and Open Men's Doubles partner, Amit Agrawal, in the OMS final, 15-1, 15-2. He and his partner missed getting to the OMD final when they lost to eventual Silver medalists Chandra Mowli and Jeetu Dayaldasani 15-8, 15-6 in the semis.

Herman garnered his second gold medal in Open Mixed Doubles teaming with Suanne Au. On their road to the title they bested two teams from Ames, Iowa and one from St. Louis before defeating the St. Louis team of Jeetu Dayaldasani and Mary Ann Bowles 15-12, 15-7.

Open Men's Doubles featured an all St. Louis final. Vinay Atluri and Ishwinder Arora defeated Chandra Mowli and Jeetu Dayaldasani in three games 6-15, 15-8, 15-7. I did happen to catch some of this final. It didn't take me long to notice how smoothly Vinay and Ishwinder played together and covered the court. Whether responding to a smash, a drop or a clear Vin and Ish were there to greet the shuttle and send it back over the net to win a point. Their foot work, snappy forehand and backhand strokes kept them in command of the game. This court presence was especially evident and a carry over from their previously won OMD semi final against Gunnit Khurana

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Kentucky State Badminton Tournament

January 10 & 11, 2004

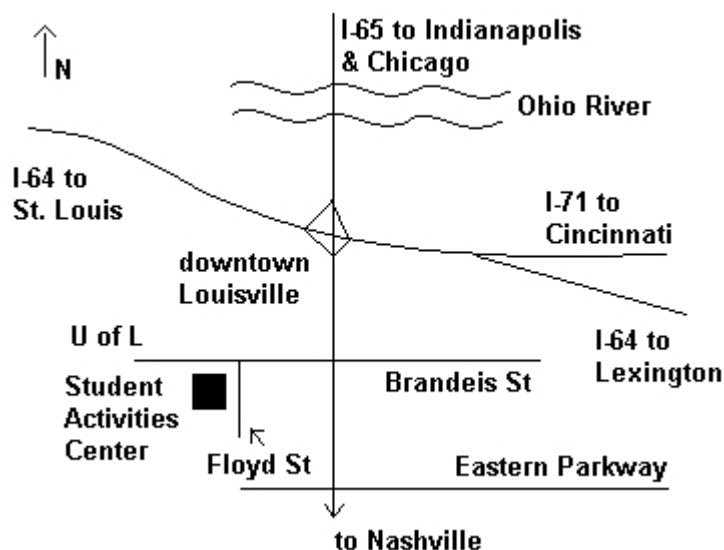
University of Louisville, Student Activities Center

Sanctioned by the USAB. USAB Rules apply. When you register, you MUST sign a USAB Release Form. You MUST show your USAB Membership Card or pay a \$25.00 fee.

Sponsored by the University of Louisville Badminton Club and the Louisville Badminton Club

This is an ABCD Drop Flight Tournament!

- Fee:** \$15.00 for first event and \$10 for each additional event
- Entry Deadline:** **January 5, 2004**
- Awards:** Cash awards given to winner and runner-up in A & B. Trophies for other events.
- Eligibility:** Non USAB members may purchase a \$30 regular membership at tournament. Those not wishing to join as a regular member must pay a \$25 tournament fee which will allow you to participate in any USAB sanctioned tournaments for one year.
- Events:** Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles, Mixed - Open
Senior Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles, Mixed - 40+
Master Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles, Mixed - 50+
Grand Master Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles, & Mixed - 60+
Golden Master Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles, & Mixed - 70+
- Schedule:** Saturday, January 10
Registration begins at 8:00 am
Doubles - 9 am
Singles - approx 1 pm
Mixed Doubles - approx 4 pm
- Lodging:** Quality Inn - 301 E. Gaulbert St. 502-638-6100. Rate \$54 including full breakfast buffet. You must phone hotel direct for this rate at and ask for the U of L Badminton tournament rate. This hotel is three blocks from the gym and they provide free transportation to and from the airport and gym. From I-65 South, take the Arthur St. exit (#134) and you will see the hotel to the right. Other hotels within 2 mile radius of gym (Ramada Inn, Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, Country Inn)
- Directions:** From I-65, take the Arthur St. exit (#134) - go straight to the first stop sign and turn right on to Brandeis St. and follow it to the Student Activities Center, which is located at the corner of Floyd St and Brandeis. Look for the Clock Tower atop the Student Activities Center.



2004 Kentucky State Badminton Tournament - Entry Form

Any event having 5 entries or less will be a round robin event with tie breaker. All round robin games will be 21 points. Players with no USAB ranking or insufficient data will be placed in the draw at the discretion of the tournament director. All events will be limited to 64 entries.

It is agreed that all entrants waive any and all claims against the University of Louisville, the University of Louisville Intramural and Recreational Sports Department and/or its employees, the Louisville Badminton Club, USA Badminton, and its individual members for injury to themselves or others, or for property damage or loss of property incurred during the course of or while participating in the Kentucky State Badminton Tournament on January 10 & 11, 2004.

USAB # _____ Signature _____

Please Print: Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Indicate skill level (circle one): A B C D

Events	X	Partner's Name
Men's Singles (open)	___	n/a
Women's Singles (open)	___	n/a
Men's Doubles (open)	___	_____
Women's Doubles (open)	___	_____
Mixed Doubles (open)	___	_____
Sr. Men's Singles (40+)	___	n/a
Sr. Women's Singles (40+)	___	n/a
Sr. Men's Doubles (40+)	___	_____
Sr. Women's Doubles (40+)	___	_____
Sr. Mixed Doubles (40+)	___	_____
Mast. Men's Singles (50+)	___	n/a
Mast. Women's Singles (50+)	___	n/a
Mast. Men's Doubles (50+)	___	_____
Mast. Women's Doubles (50+)	___	_____
Mast. Mixed Doubles (50+)	___	_____
Gr. Mast. Men's Singles (60+)	___	n/a
Gr. Mast. Women's Singles (60+)	___	n/a
Gr. Mast. Men's Doubles (60+)	___	_____
Gr. Mast. Women's Doubles (60+)	___	_____
Gr. Mast Mixed Doubles (60+)	___	_____
Gold. Mast. Men's Singles (70+)	___	n/a
Gold. Mast. Women's Singles (70+)	___	n/a
Gold. Mast. Men's Doubles (70+)	___	_____
Gold. Mast. Women's Doubles (70+)	___	_____
Gold. Mast Mixed Doubles (70+)	___	_____

Deadline: January 5, 2004

Make checks payable to: Louisville Badminton (entry fee must accompany entry)

Mail to:
 Charles Norton
 3819 Ashridge Drive
 Louisville, Kentucky 40241

For more information, contact Charles Norton:
 (502) 426-5518 - home
 (502) 426-3219 - office
 (502) 426-9526 - fax

**USA Badminton Region 2 Classic/Indiana Badminton Open
January 16-18, 2004
Terre Haute, Indiana**

VENUE

Indiana State University, Health & Human Performance Bldg. (Rec. Center), 5th St., Terre Haute, Indiana 47809

FORMAT

MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD. Format will be "A"-Consolation and "BCDE" dropflight.

PURSE

"A" – \$4000.00 provided by USABadminton/MBA. "BCDE" - \$750.00 provided by the MBA.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to currently registered members of USA Badminton. USAB memberships may be purchased at the desk; \$30.00 regular member, \$20.00 junior member, \$25.00 tournament only.

REGISTRATION & FEES

The entry fee is \$30.00 for "A" Draw 1st event and \$15.00 for each additional event in "A" draw.
The entry fee is \$25.00 for the "BCDE" 1st event and \$10.00 for each additional event in "BCDE" draws.
Maximum of 3 events. (Can't enter the same event in different flights)
Entries will not be refunded if canceled after January 11th.

Complete application and mail with fees, postmarked no later than Friday, December 26, 2003.

Make check payable to Bharat Patel.

For information contact Dawn or Bharat Patel, Tournament Directors: (765)-349-0662.

Late and/or telephone entries accepted only under extenuating circumstances, and in no case after the draw is completed. Late fee additional \$5.00 per event. Phone entry fee additional \$5.00 per event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 16	Registration/Warm-up, 6:30 pm; MS/WS, 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 17	Registration/Warm-up, 8:00 am; MD/WD, 8:30 am XD to follow Doubles

Sunday, January 18	Remaining Matches begin, 9:00 am "BCDE" Singles/Doubles Finals, 10:00 am "A" Finals (Order of finals: To be announced). Events should conclude by 5 PM; schedule your airline flights accordingly
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LODGING

Tournament hotels: Drury Inn, 3040 South US Highway 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802. (less than 15 mins. to Gym.)
Phone: (812) 238-1206 Rate: \$64.99/night includes Tax (up to 4 people) Specify "Badminton". Includes Quick Start breakfast.

Peartree Inn, 3050 South US Highway 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802. (less than 15 mins. to Gym.)
Phone: (812) 238-1206 Rate: \$59.99/night includes Tax, Specify "Badminton", includes continental breakfast.

These rates good till December 29, 2003.

Visit the following link for directions to Indiana State University:

From I 70 head North on US 41, take a right on Chestnut St. at the second stop sign (5th St.) take a left. The entrance to the Gym is in the middle of the building on the left. Parking is further north on the left
<http://www.indstate.edu/admissions/visit.html>

USA Badminton Region 2 Classic/Indiana Badminton Open - Entry Form

Name: _____ (please PRINT)_ SEX: M F

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day/Night Phone: _____ / _____ USAB# _____

USAB # EXP DATE _____ Local Badminton Club: _____

E-mail: _____

ENTRY INFORMATION: My signature on this form certifies that I have read and understand the entry application. Please enter me in the following events in the Region 2 Classic (max.3; can't enter the same event in different flights):

EVENT:	A	BCDE	PARTNERS NAME	Level (BCDE)
Men's Singles	___	_____	_____	_____
Women's Singles	___	_____	_____	_____
Men's Doubles	___	_____	_____	_____
Women's Doubles	___	_____	_____	_____
Mixed Doubles	___	_____	_____	_____

ENTRY FEE FOR FIRST EVENT "A" - \$30.00 \$ _____

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS "A" - \$15.00 EACH \$ _____

ENTRY FEE FOR FIRST EVENT "BCDE" - \$25.00 \$ _____

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS "BCDE" - \$10.00 EACH \$ _____

(max 3 events) Total Enclosed \$ _____

[Payment must accompany entry to secure place in the draw.]

T-Shirt Size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

*Make checks payable to Bharat Patel and Mail Entry to:
Bharat Patel 5390 State Road 37 N., Martinsville, IN 46151*

RELEASE

By signing this entry application, I agree to comply with all the rules of the USAB Region 2 Classic, and waive any and all claims, which may arise from my participation in the USAB Region 2 Classic. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in this athletic event, I, the person named below, release and forever discharge the USA Badminton, the Midwest Badminton Association, the Indianapolis Badminton Club, Indiana State University, the USAB Region 2 Classic and all administrators and hold harmless any and all participants in this event for any and all bodily injury to myself or others, or for damage to, or loss of my property incurred during the USAB Region 2 Classic. I have read this agreement, understand its purposes and wholly agree to its terms.

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (If minor) _____ Date _____

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and Mani Ponniah, Omaha 15-2, 15-8. They kept the Omaha duo off balance the entire match and forced Gunnit and Mani into committing too many errors.

When queried after his convincing victory in OMD Vinay said " the tournament was very organized, great hospitality, the competition was moderate, about an A+."

Chandra Mowli, Vinay's OMD victim and fellow St. Louisite commented, "Great hospitality and organization. That's why we come."

Since there were only 10 events this year our traditional dinner hour was earlier than in past tournaments. Sharon Frday and clan put on another fine recherche with their hot soup, sandwiches and other goodies. Plenty of desserts and special dishes from several of our international members rounded out the menu.

A special highlight of the dinner break was the presentation of two Top Flight awards to club members: the Ray Scott Sportsmanship Trophy (presented annually to the player who is adjudged to have contributed the most to badminton and whose sportsmanship, attitude and achievement best exemplifies the spirit of badminton) and the Don C. Lamoine Trophy (presented to a Top Flight member for personal expenditure of time and outstanding expertise in organizational ability in the the interest of badminton as demonstrated by Co. Don C. Lamoine. Ron Wu received the Ray Scott Sportsmanship trophy. Jim Ronni and Hank Schuring were co-winners of the Lamoine trophy.

The dinner hour passed quickly and it was back to the courts. Yep. You got it: PRESN ON! It was downhill from there to the final match of the day: an all Iowa OMXD Consolation. Dattaprasad Kamat and Kavya Gaddam defeated Kun Song and Ruchita Fuloria 15-12, 6-15, 15-8. "We'll be back next year they all said." Top Flight will welcome them back. Their contingent "made" the tournament.

Hey, it's only 7:30 and we're done! 88 matches, 147 games and 2,706 points have been recorded on the fancy draw sheets and are destined for the scrap books. Surprises and glitches are history.

Guess I answered some of the possible story lines. Same old story-last minute entries? Is anybody coming to the tournament? They made the tournament, or, Are you sure that's the last event-so early? Or, Did you see who won? Or, What did you eat at

the dinner break? Or, Did you see those fancy draw sheets at the scorers table? Or, Did the BADMINTON signs direct you to the venue? Or, Where did all those A-Boards come from in the center of the gym floor? Or, Did you see those trophies Top Flight awarded at dinnertime? Or, Who keeps up the scrapbooks now? Or, Sponsors?

Wasn't that one of the story head lines I couldn't decide on. Oops, Ray is still "watching me." Time to be PRESN ON.

Seems like only yesterday we had our first meeting about the tournament back in July at Ray's old office. Now the 29th annual tournament is history and it is time to start thinking about the 30th anniversary next year. The complete results follow.

Open Men's Singles:

Gold: Herman Batelaan, Lincoln, NE
Silver: Amit Agrawal, Omaha, NE
Bronze: Vincent Ong, Ames, Iowa

Open Women's Singles:

Gold: Suanne Au, Lincoln, NE
Silver: Kavya Gaddam, Ames, Iowa
Bronze: Wenxia Wu, Ames, Iowa

Master Men's Singles:

Gold: Bob Ericson, Omaha
Silver: Bob McFarland, Grand Island, NE
Bronze: Willie Foster, Omaha, NE

Open Men's Doubles:

Gold: Vinay Atluri, STL, MO/Ishwinder Arora, STL, MO
Silver: Chandra Mowli, STL/Jeetu Dayaldasani, STL
Bronze: Dattaprasad Kamat, Ames, Iowa/Jagrut Jani, Ames, Iowa

Master Men's Doubles:

Gold: Len Williams, Bellevue/Russ Bowles, STL, MO
Silver: Willie Foster, Omaha/Bob McFarland, Grand Island
Bronze: Bob Ericson/Jim Ronni, Bellevue, NE

Open Women's Doubles:

Gold: Suanne Au/Christine Anthes-Smith, St. Charles, IL
Silver: Carolyn Foster, St. Paul, NE/Mary Ann Bowles
Bronze: Kavya Gaddam, Ames, IA/Wenxia Wu, Ames, IA

Master Women's Doubles:

Gold: Mary Ann Bowles/Elly Bhuyan, STL, MO
Silver: Carol Toris, Omaha/Carolyn Foster

Open Mixed Doubles:

Gold: Herman Batelaan, Lincoln/Suanne Au, Lincoln, NE
Silver: Jeetu Dayaldasani, STL/Mary Ann Bowles
Bronze: Dattaprasad Kamat, Ames, IA/Kavya Gaddam, Ames, IA

Senior Mixed Doubles:

Gold: Len Williams, Bellevue, NE, STL, MO
Silver: Bob Ericson/Elly Bhuyan
Bronze: Jim Ellis, Omaha, NE/Carol Toris, Omaha

Tournament/Novice Doubles:

Gold: Al Toris, Omaha/Shan Fan, Omaha
Silver: Ron Wu, Omaha, NE/Louis Jackson, Omaha, NE
Bronze: Jim Ronni, Bellevue, NE/Michael Englekamp, Bellevue, NE



The Ray Scott Sportsmanship trophy is presented to Ron Wu (left) by Len Williams, Top Flight Club Vice President.

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