

**Midwest Badminton Association
2009 Kyle Wargo Scholarship Award**

In honor of Kyle Wargo, a junior badminton player who lost his life in a 2006 car accident, the Midwest Badminton Association Board of Directors established an annual Kyle Wargo Scholarship Award.

The Award will consist of a four or five day session at the EIU Badminton Camp. The session of the camp is to be determined by the junior. To receive the award, the Midwest junior must be 12-18 years of age, and must submit the Top Ten Reasons he/she should be selected for the scholarship award.

Receipt deadline for the application is May 15, 2009. Applicant must be a resident of the region. The award must be used in 2009 and is not transferable. Scholarship is paid direct to the EIU Camp upon enrollment in the camp. Applications must be submitted via postal only; no email, fax, phone-in applications or hand delivery.

Hand-written applications must include the following:

- Top Ten Reasons
- Name of junior & name of parent
- Postal address
- Home phone number
- A functional email address

Send Postal Only to --
Russ Bowles, Chair
Midwest Junior Committee
4514 Pegasus Drive
St. Louis, MO 63129

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Thanks to our MBA Patrons:

Russ & Mary Ann Bowles
Lee Holmes Family

DIDJA SEE IT?

The December 15, 2008 issue of *Newsweek* and the "Health For Life" article with 96-year old Bill Finch's full page photo of him holding his badminton racquet. He said he "still dates and is a member of the ADY (Ain't Dead Yet) Club."

MBA PATRON?

How would you like to be an MBA Patron in 2009? According to the dictionary, a patron is one who supports, protects, or champions someone or something, such as an institution, event, or cause; a sponsor or benefactor.

To serve as a Patron, you merely need to contribute \$30 to the Midwest Badminton Association. Your name will be listed on the cover of the Flick newsletter each time it goes out to recognize you for your generous contribution. You could also make a contribution in someone else's name to honor that person. Your contribution will support the MBA in its efforts to advance the Olympic sport of badminton in the fourteen states of the Midwest region.

To make a contribution, simply send a check to:

*Alice Wunderlich, MBA Treasurer
316 S. Hi Lusi Avenue,
Mt Prospect, IL 60056.*

Thanks in advance to all who step up to the serve and become Patrons!

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7202 Omaha Trace Omaha, NE 68122



January 16-18, 2009 **18th Annual Indiana Badminton Open**

We are back to hosting the Indiana Open without the Classic. This was yet another weekend for the tournament with a little snow and below zero temperatures in the forecast. The ISU staff arranged to have the heat turned back on during the night, but the gym was still cool in spite of the extra effort to warm-up such a large open facility.

The tournament started Friday night with singles. Once again, we had a huge men's draw of 32 entries. There were so many new players from so many places. Karen Chin was a great help with handing out participant t-shirts, as well as assisting with the registration.

The Indiana State University staff, as usual, did a wonderful job of getting the facility ready, keeping it clean and usable. The players greatly appreciate the high quality service provided by the athletic trainers. ISU is known for their great athletic training academic program. We always work it into our tournament budget to have them available to work the tournaments we hold there. Thanks to John Lenz and Kimberley Monte for coordinating the ISU staff. We wish a speedy recovery to Elaine Chang who tore her Achilles tendon.

Derrick Applegate of USA-YONEX came through once again by providing high quality shuttles and some very desirable items to raffle during the tournament. The raffle items were divided into two groups with one drawing held Saturday evening and one Sunday morning. There were 2 rackets, 2 thermal racket bags and many grips; each were raffled off individually in order to have more people walking around with something from YONEX. Thanks to Ellery Likens for going around the gym and getting people to purchase the raffle tickets. Gerhard Novianto of Indiana and Phuwadol Samphaongoen of Wisconsin won the rackets.

by
Dawn & Bharat Patel

Photos courtesy of Bharat Patel

Charles and Bobbie Norton of Louisville Badminton Supply have always supported our event as stringers. They always provide professional service and products for the players and the badminton enthusiasts. Their time, energy and great attitudes are always appreciated.

The Indianapolis Badminton Club is the supporting club allowing all the USAB connections and communications to make this event happen each year. The IBC support crew is primarily Dawn and Bharat Patel along with Norma Trusler, Pam Bailey and Ellery Likens. Pam and Norma ran the tournament desk. Thanks for all the countless hours given to the sport of badminton.

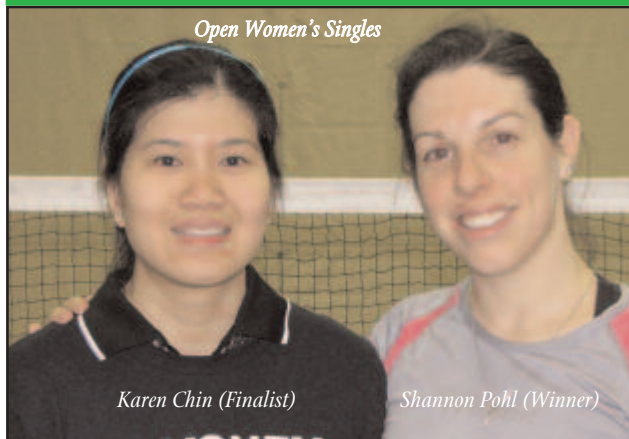
Thanks to Mary Ann Bowles and Wendy Chia-Smith for umpiring the matches. We also appreciate all those individuals that volunteered to call lines during the tourney. Our officials are a very important part of the professionalism of our sport.

All participants received t-shirts specifically designed for this event. All finalists received different t-shirts and medals for all the divisions. We usually run an A, B, C, D, Drop Flight Draw that allows players the opportunity to play at least 3 matches per event.

Shannon Pohl and Ben Hussey were both Triple Crown winners. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists of all the draws and good luck to everyone else for next year. Thanks to all the players who participated in the tournament. We hope to see you all again next year.

We usually get permission to run the event the same time each year, so mark your calendars for Jan. 15-17, 2010 for the 19th Annual Indiana Badminton Open. We hope you decide to be a part of the big event next year and make it an even bigger event.

(See results & photos on Page 4)



Tournament Calendar

2009 U.S. Senior National Badminton Tournament
3/25/2009 - 3/29/2009
 Orange County Badminton Club, Orange, CA
 Contact: Robert Davis rcd47@aol.com 310-374-7217
 DEADLINE: 3/11/2009

2009 K & D Graphics U.S. Adult National Badminton Championships
4/17/2009 - 4/19/2009
 Papillion LaVista High School, Papillion, Nebraska
 Contact: Tim Mangkalakiri timocbc@aol.com 714-639-8900
 DEADLINE: 3/18/2009

2009 YONEX/OCBC Senior International Badminton Championships
 Orange County Badminton Club, Orange, CA
7/10/2009 - 7/12/2009
 Contact: Paison Rangsitkitho (562) 858-2011 paisonr@gmail.com
 DEADLINE: 6/25/09

State Games of America
 Cadet East Gym, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
8/1/2009 - 8/2/2009
 Contact: Alan Mills 303-994-6994 anmills@yahoo.com
 DEADLINE: 7/29/2009
 Website: www.thesportscorp.org/html/sportsCorp/SGA2009/general_information.html

Don Ross Memorial Tournament
 University of Louisville, Student Activities Center Recreational Area:
8/14/2009 - 8/16/2009
 Contact: Dawn Bharat dlbpatel@gmail.com
 Phone: 765-349-0662 317-506-1196
 DEADLINE: 7/24/2009

2009 K & D Graphics U.S. Junior National Badminton Championships
10/17/2009 - 10/19/2009
 Orange County Badminton Club, Orange CA
 Contact: Tim Mangkalakiri timocbc@aol.com 714-639-6222
 DEADLINE: 6/19/2009



For updates regarding tournaments, check out the Events Calendar page on the MBA website:
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. NOTE: Fee must be received with submitted information. Forms and information will also be made available on the MBA website (<http://www.midwestbadminton.com>) at no additional cost, unless you specify that you do not want it to be published on the website.

The FLICK

is published by the Midwest Badminton Association bimonthly, Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, May-Jun, Jul-Aug, Sep-Oct, Nov-Dec.

Submitting Information:

Tournament entry forms will be printed and distributed with *The Flick* for a \$75 fee. **NOTE:** Fee must be received prior to printing. 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 no formatting, to the address or e-mail below. Please include your phone number or e-mail address.

Deadlines:

Articles, entries and other material may be submitted at any time. But to guarantee that your submission will be in the next issue, it should get to the editor by the 20th of the month prior (e.g. to be in the Mar-Apr issue, send by Feb 20th). Otherwise, it will be printed at the editor's discretion.

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My Serve:

I discovered, while Discovering Discovery, the title of my University of Nebraska at Omaha Poetry Workshop presentation, that I was behind newsletter schedule. Seems as though my class at the university muscled its way in front of everything else the last couple of weeks. My 30-minute oral presentation required a lot of reading and research plus two consultations with the professor. My presentation was on a Texas-born poet, Betty Adcock, who has written six books and now resides in Raleigh, NC. The objective of the project was to “discover” a poet. No old-time favorites—had to be someone new. Former US Poet Laureate, Ted Kooser, helped me make my choice because I read his “American Life in Poetry” column every Sunday in the *Omaha World Herald*. Betty Adcock was the subject of one of those columns.

My real “discovery” came when I interviewed her over the phone. During our half hour conversation she gave me several insights into her writing which I used in my presentation. The last part of my presentation was to read to the class an original poem I wrote “in the manner of” our subject. I managed to complete everything OK. Turned out to be almost like a badminton match against a ranked opponent. You study, practice, and prepare, so you can do your best. Another lesson “discovered.”

I read a lot. I suppose you do too. It’s a fascinating way to discover all kinds of things. Recently, while reading the newspaper, I “discovered” another interesting “discovery”—something we all want to discover: money! Leading the way this time was the “Oracle of Omaha,” Warren Buffett. Even he “knows” about badminton. The newspaper over headline from his letter to Berkshire Hathaway Shareholders read: “Buffett Sees No Quick Rebound” with subhead: “But U.S. economy will prevail in the long run.”

Under best quote I found the following: “By year-end, investors of all stripes were bloodied and confused, much as if they were small birds that had strayed into a badminton game.” Sound familiar?

I’m still “discovering” how to play the game. You?



Time for you to return my serve.

Love all, play.

Pat Ewom

The Rise and Fall of a Badminton Club

by Fred Seal

Back in the 80's and a life before, I played at a game called badminton. It was played in a gym, a part of the Clayton school district, called Wydown Junior High. It was the original St. Louis Badminton Club. The venue had three courts and they were always full. I believe the club had been playing there since the 1940's. If you need proof of the 40's statement, ask Dick Witte—he is the only one I know old enough to know. I have heard rumors about matches he had with some disciples. I believe there were ten of them.

Back to the “rest of the story.” Things had been going on for years

quite nicely until the Clayton School district decided to tear down the gym and build a new one. Of course, the new gym would not include badminton, because the basketball players did not want our court lines in their way. Same old story—round ball wins. I had set up a court in my driveway, with painted lines and lights. On many occasions, Russ and Mary Ann Bowles came over and had evening play through the summer months. I had done this because there were no gyms available after school closed. During one of those evenings with the Bowles, I mentioned Rainbow Village (a neighborhood facility with a gym) was trying to rent out their gym. Russ contacted them about the use of it, and questioned allowing us to put down court lines. Russ and Mary Ann coined the club's name, and so started the River City

Badminton Club. The club was very small, and most of the members were my family. So shortly after its inception I took over financial responsibility of it.

This club was founded, I think in 1994, and as word got out, the club grew. We had only two courts and at times had as many as 30 players. I feel one of the reasons the club was successful was that anyone could afford to come and play. From day one to the last, I charged \$3.00 for shuttles, and if someone did not have it, they could play anyway. I love the sport enough, I had to see it grow.

Photo courtesy of Russ & Mary Ann Bowles



On Christmas Eve of 2006, a downward spiral of my vision began. I eventually lost the vision in my left eye. I have a problem with my right eye that vision comes and goes, and there seems to be no cure at this time for it. So not being able to play or really knowing when I could play, I passed the reins to my son James.

I'm sure many of you know James, as he has played in tournaments throughout the Midwest. He has become a very distinguished player, and I think his love for the sport of badminton made him a good choice for taking over the club. The River City Badminton Club name has changed to the Mirage Club now, and relocated to a nicer facility which will soon have three courts. I am not sure of the new name though—it makes one wonder if the club is really there. ❖



Photo courtesy of Russ & Mary Ann Bowles

Indiana Badminton Open Results

Open Men's Doubles



(L to R) Hagen Hentschel, Ben Hussey (Winners) Gediminas Andrikonis, Numchai Ongkamongkol (Finalists)

Open Mixed Doubles



(L to R) James Meier, Hua Zhang (Finalists), Shannon Pohl, Ben Hussey (Winners)

HOW C-C-C-C-COLD WAS IT IN TTTTERRE HHHHHAUTE?

- Heater at the tournament desk
- Players wearing blankets off-court
- Warm-ups stayed on for play
- Players with mittens on
- Umpires wearing wool scarves
- Sound of chattering teeth all over the gym
- Frosty rackets
- Frostbitten noses
- Frozen Gatorade
- Icicles on shuttles

All photos courtesy of Bharat Patel



Umpires: L: Mary Ann Bowles, R: Wendy Chia-Smith

Event "A"	Winner	Runner-Up	
Men's Singles	Ben Hussey	Hagen Hentschel	13-21, 22-20, 21-15
Women's Singles	Shannon Pohl	Karen Chin	21-6, 21-9
Men's Doubles	Ben Hussey	G. Andrikonis	23-21, 21-19
	Hagen hentschel	N. Ongkamongkol	
Women's Doubles	Shannon Pohl	J. Hentschel	21-13, 21-9
	Celine Thum	Lenke Robos	
Mixed Doubles	BenHussey	James Meier	21-10, 21-14
	Shannon Pohl	Hua Zhang	
Event "A" Feed-In Consolation			
Women's Singles	Lisa Chen	Sunita Goel	W.O.
Event "B"			
Men's Singles	Jason Meyer	Gursimran Gill	21-12, 21-14
Men's Doubles	Chun Ho Wong	Dilip Karpoor	21-11, 14-21, 21-12
	Hull Wu	Sandeep Chandukala	
Women's Doubles	Jennifer Lin	Yvonne Chung	21-19, 21-17
	Laura Svoboda	Susanne Dickey	
Mixed Doubles	Ho-Ting Chang	Xiaoming Zhang	21-15, 21-14
	Serena Wong	Jennifer Milne	
Event "C"			
Men's Singles	N. Ongkamongkol	Kia Kheng Kho	21-16, 21-13
Men's Doubles	Merrel Lim	Glennon Frei	22-24, 21-15, 21-19
	Gerhard Novianto	Anthony Fresola	
Women's Doubles	Jennifer Milne	Archana Arora	21-17, 21-14
	Serena Wong	Lisa Chen	
Mixed Doubles	Thanut Tritasavit	Merrel Lim	W.O.
	Dawn Patel	Yin Ying Ong	
Event "D"			
Men's Singles	Glennon Frei	Anthony Fresola	14-21, 21-19, 22-20
Men's Doubles	Jimmy Khaw	Fred Coleman	21-15, 22-20
	Kevin Teng	Steve Rader	
Women's Doubles	Jil-O Juang	Wendyl Horning	W.O.
	Jennifer Lai	Rebecca Livingston	
Mixed Doubles	Anthony Powell	Ellery Likens	21-15, 21-17
	Alice Wunderlich	Rebecca Livingston	

DIDJA SEE IT?

The ALEVE television commercial with the badminton player? I understand the lady in the commercial is Ann Marie McDonough who is a Senior Olympics player. She was playing in the Huntsman Games in Utah last October.

(L to R)
Jacqueline Hentschel,
Lenke Robos (Finalists),
Celine Thum,
Shannon Pohl (Winners)



Open Women's Doubles

MBA Board of Directors Meeting

January 19, 2009 Terre Haute, Indiana

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mary Ann Bowles, Karen Chin, Ellery Likens, Dawn Patel, and Alice Wunderlich. Absent were Robinson Cook, Bob Ericson, Wendy Smith, and Jane Wang.

Meeting called to order at 5:55 PM EST. President Dawn Patel welcomed the Board members, especially new Board member and Ranking committee chair Karen Chin. The newest Board members were reminded to update their website information and send photo to Jessica Morgan.

Minutes of the November 7, 2008, conference call were approved along with the minutes of the August 23, 2008, conference call.

As Ranking committee chair, Karen will get all tournament data and current rankings from Wayne Wang who is in school in California. She hopes to maintain a rolling monthly update of the MBA rankings on the website, and update the MBA "A" player list in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Alice Wunderlich noted the current financial status of the MBA:

- \$226K from Don Ross estate invested in CD's—2008 interest was \$8300
- Current MBA cash balance as of December 2008 is \$19,352
- 2008 expenditures at \$5600 (Major financial activities are the 4 MBA tournaments – Adult Closed, Junior Open, Senior Closed, and Don Ross)
- \$4K in other expenditures – Junior funding/awards and Sr. Award - \$1600; Flick - \$1K; website - \$139; and Mayor Daley's Sports Festival - \$800

USAB REPORT

Mary Ann Bowles reported on USAB activities:

- **GOVERNANCE**
Past USAB Board resigned – Nominating & Governance committee handling normal business
-AAC Representative election held May
-Mangalalakiri new representative, Howard Bach alternate
-Now Athlete election to be held for two new Board members
-Applications for new Board members in and committee ready to look at
-Election to be held in spring, and new Board members to be seated for first Board meeting at April Adult Nationals
- **U.S. NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS**
-Held Jan. 2-4 at Golden Gate Badminton Club in Bay area with 53 competitors
-Athletes will represent U.S. at 2009 Sudirman Cup –May 12-17 in Guangzhou, China, and 2009 Pan Am Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico, Oct. 20-25

Athletes named to team:

Howard Bach, Tony Gunawan, Howard Shu, Sattawat Pongnairat

Eva Lee, Daphne Ng, Lauren Todt, Lili Zhou

• COMING TOURNAMENTS

- U.S. Junior International Trials at Affinity BC, San Carlos, CA, Feb. 14-16
- SR Nationals at Manhattan Beach BC March 25-29
- Adult Nationals at OCBC April 17-19
- U.S. Open at OCBC July 7-12
- U.S. Junior Nationals at OCBC July 21-16
- Howard Bach to continue playing—will partner with Tony Gunawan who becomes citizen in 2011. Home Depot no longer Olympic sponsor paying athletes full salary for part-time work – Howard Bach is one of those athletes

FLICK NEWSLETTER

Editor Bob Ericson had submitted financial report which Alice Wunderlich provided to members. A discussion on the validity of the newsletter ensued. Concern was voiced over the small number of members reading the newsletter online. Board members agreed the newsletter is a necessity for communication with members, and perhaps once regional tournaments are back in sync, more news articles will be forthcoming for the newsletter. Consensus was that the newsletter should continue to be produced, the hard copies mailed to members are a vital part of the production, and all Board members should get two articles each to Bob during the calendar year.

2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Alice will create a list of future expected expenditures for MBA supported activities, and send to Board members for perusal and future discussion.

TROPHY COMMITTEE

Alice Wunderlich and Tony Powell have served on the Trophy committee for a lengthy tenure, and are willing to share the responsibilities with new volunteers. An ad in the next Flick will outline the duties of this committee and seek new members.

ABCD DROPDOWN GUIDELINES

Board members perused the guidelines collected by Mary Ann and Bharat Patel. Discussion on defaults and how to treat them by tournament directors ensued. It was the consensus that tournament directors have the right to determine what happens when a default occurs, and that discretion should be used with fairness for all players affected in the draw. Guidelines will be reviewed once more by the Board, then posted on the MBA website, printed in the Flick, and sent to regional tournament directors.

2009 WILSON JUNIOR TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Tournament date has been moved to February 14, 2009. Russ Bowles had asked Dawn about MBA T-shirts, and she suggested backpacks for the entrants with the MBA logo on them. It was agreed that the entrants should receive a free MBA membership for this

calendar year, and information on the Kyle Wargo Camp Scholarship and MBA Outstanding Junior Award would be included in the backpacks.

2009 MBA ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Possible venues for Adult Championships include:

- 1) Eastern Illinois University
Kevin Hussey had proposed his facility following the Illinois High School State Girls' Championship in May, but that would have the tournament ending on Monday. Board members did not feel players would want to play on Monday.
- 2) Indiana State University at Terre Haute venue is not available this spring.
- 3) University of Louisville is available March 21-22.
- 4) Harry Orr's venue in Kalamazoo could be available—Harry willing to work with MBA
- 5) University of Wisconsin offered by Steve Rader—willing to work with MBA
- 6) Fishers YMCA near Indianapolis willing to work with MBA – Wendy Smith and her badminton club
- 7) Chicago venue might be available – Victor Hirano meeting with World Sports Chicago on January 26 – will have more info after meeting
- 8) Susan Jurkonis tournament to be held in Chicago suburb in May—may be willing to share gym with MBA

Board members will research possibilities and see what will work.

2009 SENIOR MBA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) Harry Orr is willing to share his venue again with the MBA for this tournament. Could be held in May or the fall.
- 2) Fishers YMCA might be a possibility for a camp – has 4 courts

Board members will research possibilities and see what will work.

2009 DON ROSS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

University of Louisville is available for August 14-16, 2009, and although this will be a back-to-back for senior players who will be playing in the National Senior Sports Festival in San Francisco in August, this is the best venue for the tournament.

DECEMBER TOURNAMENT AT MAYOR DALEY'S SPORTS FESTIVAL

MBA has been asked about hosting some kind of tournament in conjunction with December exhibition by Yonex. This could be a fun event or a shortened tournament. More information is needed from Victor Hirano on what will be held in 2009 by the Chicago group before MBA can make firm plans. Mary Ann will contact Victor about future plans for exhibition.

REGION 2 CLASSIC

MBA hopes to move Classic to Chicago area where more regional players will have access to play, and nationally ranked players would have easier access to tournament.

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KUDOS TO MBA CLUBS!

Thanks to the MBA clubs who speedily submitted their 2009 club registration information and checks long before the deadline! First in the mailbox was the registration from a new club, the Twin Cities Badminton Club of Minneapolis, submitted by Robinson Cook. Following were the St. Louis Chinese Language Badminton Club with Wei Huang, the Grosse Pointe Badminton Association with George Gerow, the McKinley Park Badminton Club with Jim Stanearth, the Offutt Top Flight Badminton Club with Bob Ericson, and the Birmingham Badminton Club with Paul Schiebold. Kudos to these clubs for getting their registration information in early—that makes life a lot easier for the MBA Secretary!

Clubs may add new members at any time, and the cost is only \$10 per member. Members are entitled to receive the bi-monthly Flick newsletter via e-mail or hard copy, to play in the MBA Adult, Junior, and Senior Championships, and show their support for badminton in the Midwest states. If you don't live near a club, an individual membership is only \$15 and includes the same benefits. Become a part of organized badminton in your local area! ❖

ABCD DROP DOWN DRAW GUIDELINES *by Russ Bowles, St. Louis, MO* (Guarantees Three Match Play)

Below are the basic guidelines for running an ABCD tournament:

- A – EAGLES
All teams/players begin as EAGLES. All losers drop down into the BCD draws based on how they advance.
 - B – HAWKS
Second round losers from A Draw go here
 - C – RED BIRDS
First round losers from A Draw go here
 - D – BLUE BIRDS
First round losers from C Draw go here
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- When first round players lose in the EAGLES bracket, they drop down into a RED BIRDS division. (A to C)
 - Players losing in the first round of the RED BIRDS division drop to the BLUE BIRDS. (C to D)
 - Players winning first match in the EAGLES division continue as EAGLES, but if they lose their second match, they become HAWKS. (A to B)
 - Players/teams continue to advance as in a normal single elimination draw when they win in the draw into which they drop.
 - Byes do not count as matches.
 - Sometimes you need to switch players between top and bottom of the drop down draws to avoid having two players playing against each other again.
 - Tournament directors should use discretion when defaults occur so that fair play is guaranteed for all the players affected by the default.

MBA Membership allows you to participate in **MBA Closed Championship** tournaments (if you meet residency requirement) and to be eligible for **MBA rankings** (if a USAB member also). You will receive a subscription to this **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 _____

Birthday _____ Home Club _____

Email _____

I want to (check one):

____ Join the MBA as an individual member (\$15.00 for yearly membership, July-June)

____ Get my Flick. Please verify membership and correct info above.

____ Be a patron for the year (\$30.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 ... or more! It's tax deductible!)

____ Make a tax deductible donation to _____

____ Register an MBA Club. Please send me forms and information.

Make check payable to Midwest Badminton Association **and send to:**

MBA c/o Mary Ann Bowles
4514 Pegasus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 68129



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Research with Chicago players will need to be done to find suitable venue. Victor Hirano will know more after January 26 meeting with Chicago sports groups.

2011 JUNIOR NATIONALS

USAB Junior chair Fred Coleman is researching the hosting of the 2011 U.S. Junior National Championships in Madison, Wisconsin. He was asking the MBA about the possibility of getting volunteers and officials from the region to assist. MBA will stay tuned as Fred gets more details on venue and number of needed volunteers and officials.

JUNIOR MBA AWARDS

The MBA Outstanding Junior Award and the Kyle Wargo Camp Scholarship are usually presented in the spring, and applications will be inserted in the coming Flick, and put up on the MBA website, as well as being distributed in the Wilson Junior Smash backpacks.

MBA OFFICIALS

Officials' clinic is usually run at the MBA Adult Championships.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Anyone with dates for coming tournaments should get them to Bob Ericson for the Flick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bowles
MBA Secretary

NEW BADMINTON BOOK AVAILABLE

by Mary Ann Bowles



If you're looking for a factual book on the history, basics, and rules of badminton, you'll find it in a new book just out from Compass Point books of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The book is recommended for third through fifth graders, and contains full-color photos, informative text, and all sorts of fun facts about badminton. It also includes biographies of notable people, a timeline of important events, a quick reference guide, instructions on basic skills, and a glossary of badminton words.

Author of the book is Shane Frederick, a newspaper sports writer from Mankato, Minnesota. Content Adviser is Mary Ann Bowles, MBA Secretary, former member of the USAB Board of Directors, and 2006 Inductee into the USAB Walk of Fame from St. Louis, Missouri. Information on the book is available through Compass Point Books www.compasspointbooks.com, www.amazon.com, or Barnes and Noble Book Stores. ❖

HELP WANTED!!!

Two willing and able tournament players who would like to take charge of the MBA trophies, both adult and senior trophies. These trophies are displayed at the MBA Adult and Senior Championships. Some polishing may be needed for display. Responsible parties are also asked to keep track of players who take trophies and have winners sign for trophies. The MBA thanks Alice Wunderlich and Tony Powell for their long-term service in this endeavor, and look forward to the service of two new Trophy Committee members. Would this be something you could do for the MBA? Contact Alice Wunderlich at awunderlich@deloitte.com if this is your interest!

World Champions, Olympians in the House

by Mary Ann Bowles

The 2005 World Champions, Howard Bach and Tony Gunawan, along with Olympians Gunawan, Bach, and Bob Malaythong were the featured players at Mayor Daley's Sports Festival held at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois, Saturday, December 27, and Sunday, December 28, 2008. Admission was free, and about 85,000 visitors were in attendance at the Festival.

Badminton was a featured sport as a result of the 2016 Olympic initiatives. Held in the North Hall, Yonex sponsored six international tournament courts for the clinic and exhibition held over the two days. The Chicago Park district organized a CPD youth tournament on the Yonex courts, and three additional courts were available for fun activities.

The joint efforts of BadmintonChicago.org (a Chicago non-profit organization), World Sports Chicago (WSC), USA Badminton (USAB), Midwest Badminton Association (MBA), and Yonex offered a rare but exciting opportunity for Chicago and Midwest badminton enthusiasts. Yonex and the USAB sponsored four elite US national players including Tony Gunawan (2000 Olympian, 2001 and 2005 World Doubles Champion), Howard Bach (2005 World Champion and 2008 Doubles Olympian), Bob Malaythong (2008 Doubles Olympian), and Howard Shu (Thomas Cup Team Member and promising U17 prospect).

A free high school/junior clinic was offered on Saturday with twenty-five high school and/or junior players having an opportunity for on-court instruction from the elite players. Three Chicago families hosted the four elite players on Saturday evening with informal welcome receptions so community members could meet these world-renowned athletes. Hosts included Sukit Surapiboonchai of Orland Park, IL, sponsor of Tony Gunawan; Harvey Look of Palatine, IL, sponsor of Howard Shu; and Jackie Conley of Chicago, IL, sponsor of Howard Bach and Bob Malaythong.

Sunday brought the badminton exhibition featuring the four elite national players and top-ranked Midwest players sponsored by the Midwest Badminton Association. Those players were Ben Hussey of Charleston, IL, and Gediminas Andrikonis of Naperville, Illinois; Sandro Rossi of Madison, Wisconsin; and Hagen Hentschel of Troy, Michigan, in the men's events. Female players were Erin Hois of Downers Grove, IL; Tiffanie Kimura of Glenview, IL; Shannon Pohl of Arlington Heights, IL; and Celine Thum of Chicago, IL.

Matches were scheduled from 11:30 to 2:30 with a mixture of national and Midwest players involved in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Amazing

Photo courtesy Mary Ann Bowles



shots and daring gets were rewarded with applause and photo-snapping from the thrilled crowd. Autographs and photos with the athletes were easy to get, and many players were signing the corks of used shuttlecocks. Players left with a feeling of a job well done, and audience members were reliving meet-and-greet receptions, on-court advice and tips, and unbelievable footwork, strokes, and fitness as they departed.

Thanks go to all those involved in planning and making the two-day badminton event happen including Victor Hirano, Paras Shah, Tarwin Winawan, Larry Doplito, John Barnett, Sukit Surapiboonchai, Harvey Look, Jackie Conley, Chris Lawrence, Dan Cloppas of USA Badminton, Hiro Ebihara of Yonex Corporation USA, Amanda Sowa of World Sports Chicago, and all the national and Midwest athletes. ❖

6. Please ask your coach (if applicable) or parent to write (below) a brief statement about your badminton skills.

Parent's Signature: _____

Your name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Please return postal by April 10 to: Mary Ann Bowles, MBA Secretary,
4514 Pegasus Drive, St. Louis MO 63129.