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USA Badminton Region 2 Volunteer Coach Certification Support Program

DO you want to help with badminton in a High School? **ARE** you a parent, volunteer or a badminton fan who wants to see badminton develop at the grass-roots level?

ARE you concerned about the costs of getting the required certification to volunteer at High Schools?

USAB (<http://www.usabadminton.org>) will subsidize 50% or up to \$150 of the incurred cost to become "High School Badminton Volunteer Coach (VC)". The VC must be a non-paid coach. This includes the ASEP course fees or other fees required by the school district.

In Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, a non-faculty High School (HS) sport coach needs to be certified through the American Sports Education Program (ASEP). It will cost about \$260.



The ASEP course description and its schedule is available at the following websites:

<http://www.ihsa.org/nficep/index.htm>
<http://www.mike-small.com>

The following criteria is applied for the sponsorship:

1. The VC should be a USAB member or become one when the certification is complete.

by Mary Ann Bowles

2. The ASEP fees will be reimbursed only when the VC takes the ASEP after being approved by this program. The program may reimburse the fees retroactively if the VC has not yet started volunteering at any HS.

3. The VC must be a volunteer in a HS where there are no other volunteer coaches. Only schools in Region-2 of the USAB are eligible.

4. The VC shall not be a paid coach for a year and must provide at least 40 hours of volunteer work at the HS in a season.

5. The VC must get USAB Level-1 coach certification within a year of receiving the sponsorship.

6. Existing HS coaches and VC's cannot apply for this program.

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Don Ross Memorial Tournament

by Mary Ann Bowles

In case you haven't heard, there's a new tournament coming to the Midwest region! The Don Ross Memorial Tournament will be held August 10-12, 2007, at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Student Recreation Center. Thanks to Dawn and Bharat Patel and Charles and Bobbie Norton for their work in finding a venue and making plans for the tournament.

Why a Don Ross Memorial tournament? Many of you may have known Don Ross, a friendly Scottish badminton player, who spent his last years playing badminton in the Indianapolis area. Don enjoyed Senior events in his later years and bequeathed part of his estate to the Midwest Badminton Association. It was his desire to have the MBA host adult camps and tournaments including Senior events. Don also lived in the Atlanta area for some years before moving to Indianapolis, and the Southern players in Atlanta have hosted two tournaments in honor of Don Ross in the past two years. He also lived in the Washington, D.C., area, and was a regular attendee at the GWU Badminton Camp, so Don was known all over the U.S.

The Midwest players are inviting Southern players near and far to join us in Louisville in August at the Don Ross Memorial tournament. There will be the usual open events along with as many Senior events as age groups warrant. The Midwest players are challenging the Southern players to have the most players from your region at the tournament. But we are also inviting players from all over the U.S., and especially if you knew Don Ross. Check your calendar and make plans to enter the tournament in Louisville. Let's play hard, and enjoy the camaraderie just as Don Ross would have done! ❖

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Tournament Calendar

2007 MBBC Junior International Badminton Championships
8/1/2007 - 8/7/2007

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, Manhattan Beach, CA
Contact: Dean Schoppe HLCORP7@HOTMAIL.COM 310-546-3652
DEADLINE: 7/14/2007

Don Ross Memorial Tournament
8/10/2007 - /12/2007

University of Louisville, Student Activities Center Rec. Area, Louisville, KY
Contact: Dawn Patel dlpatel5390@gmail.com 765-349-0662
DEADLINE: 7/25/2007

Ray Scott Memorial
10/13/2007 - 10/14/2007

Papillion/LaVista HS, Papillion, NE
Contact: Bob Ericson 402-571-6933 shuttle@inebraska.com
DEADLINE: 10/1/2007



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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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.

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First Serve

by Jennifer Coleman

Cheating, Losing, and Giving Up!

Cheating in sports is the same as cheating in life—it will get you nowhere quick. For me, learning to be an honest player was as fundamental as learning the rules of badminton.

In the Midwest and at my home club in Madison, I never cheated on line calls, scoring, or faults. It was just that simple, I did not do it! If the bird landed just barely on the line, that did not mean it was out. If I touched the net, I said so. If there was even a smidgen of a doubt, I gave my opponent the point.

Being honest, however, did not guarantee my opponents would do the same. Umpires, service judges, and linesmen were created for a reason, and it is not just for final matches and world-class players. There are opponents I play, to this day, and I always request an umpire before the match starts, simply to have a fair match.

I have learned the hard way (by losing) that requesting line judges should never be something you are afraid to do. I recently lost a tight match, 17-21 in the third game, while in Peru. Two of the last few points landed on my side of the court. The line judges were notorious for making horrible calls. One of the calls was obviously incorrect and the other call was close, but both were given to my opponent. I could have stormed off the court. I could have blamed my loss on bad line calls. I could have done a number of things. Instead, I shook my opponent's hand and the umpire's hand and decided that I should never let a game be decided because of two bad line calls.

Losing is something I have never enjoyed and, unfortunately, I have lost more matches than I would have liked; however, that is how it is for all players—we all want to win. Statistically speaking, 100% of the time someone is going to lose, and there is always a 50% chance it will be you.

Some players advance in their careers by being the best in a certain group, then moving up to a harder group. Then you become the best in that group and move up again. I did not have that experience. I began playing as a D player in tournaments, and after getting a

little better, I became a C player, then a B player, then an A player, then a national competitor, and then an international competitor. I did not move up a level because I had beaten everyone at my skill level, I moved up because I was ready to move up.



I have had to learn by losing that winning is not everything; it is just an added bonus. I was never a junior who took home three gold medals every junior nationals and I have yet to win an adult national title. One of the best matches I have ever played was at the Boston Open last year. I made the mixed doubles final with Tony Gunawan as my partner. We played against Halim Haryanto and Angie De Pauw.

On the court, there were three former Indonesian national team members, two world champions, one Olympian, and one Caucasian girl from the Midwest. We lost that game in three close sets, and although it broke my heart to lose, that did not mean it was not an amazing match.

Giving up is the easy way out of a fight, and a way of not accepting responsibility for how you performed. Losing is very similar, but not quite the same as giving up. You can see it all the time if you watch a match closely. When a player begins to drop his head in between points, she is starting to give up. If a player stops short of a bird you know she could have reached, she is starting to give up.

I have even seen players give up before they stepped on court. One player told me she would rather go home than play her upcoming match. Last week at the Miami International, I told myself I wanted to win the gold medal in ladies' doubles. In the semi-finals match against Canada my partner and I lost the first game 17-21. I was so disappointed that I gave up in the beginning of the second game.

We were down by about 10-18 before it hit me that I was giving our opponents the match. I could have easily decided to just let them win, but instead I decided to fight. Melinda and I scored 10 points in a row (remember this is rally point scoring) playing some amazing rallies, evening the score to 19-19. Even though we ended up losing 19-21, I proudly know that I did not give up.

Great badminton players are not just the world champions, Olympians, and national titleholders. A great badminton player plays honestly, loses perhaps as many matches as she wins, and always brings her best to the court. Giving 100% does not mean winning 100%, it means trying your best and fighting for every point. --- "A great badminton player is not born, she creates herself." ❖

(Jen Coleman is a former Midwest Junior and was a member of the "Triple B Club" in Madison, Wisconsin. Jen is a 2006 graduate of UC - Irvine. She trained at the OCBC, now competes internationally, and intends to qualify for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Jen is the daughter of Fred and Wendy Coleman of Madison.)

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Volunteer Coach Certification*

The 2007 High School badminton season will be over soon but the coach-to-be for the next season (2007-2008) needs to start working on the certification now.

Register your name now by sending your intention to Victor Hirano (vhirano@msn.com). Victor will provide you with further information on ASEP process and work with you to find the school for volunteering. Be sure to get approval for the sponsorship prior to taking the ASEP course. The number of sponsorships is limited to 5 for the 2007-2008 season.

Many thanks to Mrs. Ellie Caffery and the Caffery Family for their generous donation to USA Badminton in support of the USA Badminton Coaching Development Program. ❖

My Serve:

It must be summertime. It rains, I mow grass; it rains, I mow grass; it rains, I mow grass. Most of the garden is planted. And, oh yes, the garden needs weeding and tilling. But the lettuce, radishes, and spinach aren't bad either. What's in your garden?

I know it's badminton summertime. Material for the newsletter has slowed to a trickle, almost dried up. Can't say the same for the creeks in the area, just the opposite—they're full, some are overflowing their banks. Gratefully, Dawn, Mary Ann & Jen are keeping the badminton stream flowing.

I know it's badminton summertime. The tournament calendar is real skimpy.

I know it's badminton summertime. Players are skipping club play and opting for outdoor activities. For those of us who do make it to the gym, we're frozen by the down draft from the air conditioners that wreak havoc with our serves. Plus, we need to wear long underwear to keep warm. Next up—play will be suspended for about a month or so for floor refinishing.

I know it's badminton summertime when potential participants in the State Games wonder if we'll be playing next month; "it's going to rain," they say.

I know it's badminton summertime when those "wonderful, cheap outdoor sets" make their appearance in the local big chain sports stores.

I know it's badminton summertime when I bend over, my back complaining, digging out Plaintain and Crab Grass. And the slippery, shiny, succulent Purslane hasn't yet made its appearance in the garden? I could play 10 games back-to-back-to-back in a tournament and not feel as fatigued.

I know it's badminton summertime when I'm digging Horsenettle and thistles in the pasture and dreaming about details for the October tournament.

I know it's badminton summertime when the yellow dandelion flowers remind me of shuttlecocks.

What's in your badminton summertime?



Time for you to return my serve.

Love All, Play!

Bob

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Super Series

If you follow world badminton on the BWF website, you can view the draws for the Super Series tournaments, and keep up with the action daily with results posted to the online draws. For this first year of the Super Series, tournaments have already been hosted in Malaysia, Korea, the All-England in Birmingham, Switzerland, and Singapore. As an example of the prize purse, the Men's Singles winner at the Singapore Super Series tournament won \$20K, the Women's Singles winner, \$17,250, and the Men's Doubles winners, \$18K. If you're following Tony Gunawan, you know he's playing in the Super Series tournaments in Men's Doubles, has achieved semi-final appearances in three of the tournaments, and won the Malaysia Super Series Men's Doubles title.

For junior players who are aiming for the 2012 or 2016 Olympics, the Super Series tournaments are the goals to aim for prior to the Olympic competitions. Now badminton has taken a step towards the prize purses and

Perhaps U.S. players and fans could also hope to see a Super Series tournament in the U.S. in the next decade just as the World Championships came to our shores. If you're a junior player, set your goals now for your route to the BWF Super Series and coming Olympics. If you're an older player/fan, be patient until the next big BWF event comes to the U.S. World-class badminton has just taken a huge step forward, and we can only reap the rewards of the new image and professionalism of our favorite sport. ❖

What If?

What do you think would happen if:

- Jerry Springer
- Leeza Gibbon
- George Hamilton
- Clyde Drexler
- Jerry Rice
- Emmitt Smith

or

• Anton Apollo Ohno
were on a TV program called
Badminton with the Stars????????!!!!!!

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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:**
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St. Louis, MO 68129



Kyle Wargo Scholarship Camp Award

Top Ten Reasons for Going to Badminton Camp

by Raunak Kollipara

- 1 – I play twice in a week and try to learn new skills.
- 2 – I try to improve my game each time I play by watching other people play.
- 3 – I really like the sport of badminton because it is a very fun sport to play.
- 4 – I work hard to reach my goal of winning the Junior Nationals in singles and doubles.
- 5 – I play very competitive and try to win each game I play.
- 6 – Even if I win or lose, I take it in a sportive way.
- 7 – In every game, my goal is to play a good match.
- 8 – I enjoy playing badminton and the company of other players.
- 9 – I always set goals and try to reach them.
- 10 – I always follow the rules and regulations on the court.

Raunak Kollipara, Chicago, IL, is the winner of the first Kyle Wargo Scholarship Camp Award. Raunak's Top Ten Reasons why he should be selected are reproduced above. He will attend one of the Eastern Illinois Badminton Camps in Charleston, IL.



Super Series

by Mary Ann Bowles

WHAT DOES THE SUPER SERIES MEAN FOR YOU?

With the International Badminton Federation (IBF), world-wide badminton players could go for the gold at the Olympics, try to win the All-England, play in the World Championships, the Thomas Cup/Uber Cup, Sudirman Cup, or other top tournaments. Players set their sights on national titles as well. But with the change in the name to the Badminton World Federation (BWF), other changes have been made to freshen the image of the sport and professionalize the events. Besides rally scoring which has shortened matches and made them more exciting, the creation of the BWF Super Series has certainly attracted the attention of the world-class players, their fans, and the junior players around the world.

What is the BWF Super Series? According to the press release from September 23, 2006, this is a series of twelve tournaments with a minimum of \$200,000 in prize purse scheduled from January through December in a calendar year. These special tournaments will be held in England, China, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Switzerland. A season-ending BWF Super Series Finals will be held in a special location for the best eight men and women singles and doubles players with a prize purse of \$500,000. The marketing partner with the BWF is Sports Media Promotions, and global TV coordination is being conducted by IEC in Sports.

Only 32 players/pairs will be allowed in the main round of each tournament, and only 8 players/pairs will be seeded in each event. Each event will have 28 player/pairs going through automatically regarded by world ranking, and the other 4 spots will be determined by qualifying rounds. Each Super Series tournament will be held in six days, with the main round in five days. Qualification round players/pairs will have to play four rounds before proceeding to the main round. World ranking points have also been changed so that points will be calculated based on the results or the round a player reaches, including qualification rounds.

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Wilson 2007 Travel Award

MICHAEL HUANG is the winner of the 2007 Wilson Badminton Travel Award. The award is given by the Wilson Corporation each year to a Midwest Junior boy or girl. Michael is 10 years old and a fourth grade student at Ridge Meadow Elementary in Ellisville, MO. He has been in the gifted program since first grade. Michael has played badminton for four years. He was selected as a 2006 MBA Outstanding Junior, and in 2005, was selected as the Wilson Junior of the Year.

Michael won second place in the Under-11 Mixed Doubles and third place in the U-11 Boy's Doubles in the 2006 US Junior Nationals. He won first places in the 2004 and 2005 US Junior Nationals U-9 Singles and Doubles. Michael loves to play badminton, and practices in the St. Louis



Chinese Language School.

In tennis, Michael won first place in the U-12 St. Louis District Tennis Association Junior Challenger tournament, first place for U-10 in the Sunset Winter Tennis Championship, and a second place for doubles and fifth place for singles in the U-10 2005 Missouri Valley Super Tennis Championships.

Michael also does well in his school academics, and was selected to represent Rockwood School District to compete in the Missouri State Math Contest for two subjects. He is very competitive, and took home seventh place for problem solving and eighth place for concept. Michael also plays the piano and violin very well. He is the son of Wei and Jane Huang of Wildwood, MO. ❖

Midwest Badminton Association Don Ross Memorial Tournament
Friday August 10 - Sunday August 12, 2007
Louisville, Kentucky

Sanctioned by USA Badminton. USAB Rules: When you register, you MUST sign USAB release form. You MUST show your USAB membership card or pay \$25 fee.

Location University of Louisville Student Activities Center, Louisville, Kentucky 40292

Open Events Open (any age) Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.
Open Format ABCD Drop Flight

Senior Events Jr-Sr (35+), Sr (40+), Master (50+), Grandmaster (60+), Golden Grandmaster (70+),
Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

Senior Format "A"- Consolation 4 entries or more, Round-Robin 3 entries.

Entry Fee \$25 for the first event, \$15 for each additional event. Max. 6 events.

Entry Deadline Entry form must be postmarked by **July 25, 2007**. Late fee additional \$5.00 per event.
Phone entry fee additional \$5.00 per event. No refunds will be given after **August 2nd!**

Schedule Fri. August 10 6:00pm Registration
6:30pm Men's and Women's Singles
Sat. August 11 8:30am Registration
9:00am Men's and Women's Doubles
Open Mixed Doubles after Doubles
Sun. August 12 Finals

Open schedule will take precedence over Seniors schedule!
If you enter more than three events, be prepared to play back to back matches!

Miscellaneous Shuttles will be sold at the tournament desk for \$1.50 each.

Mail entries to **Dawn Patel, 5390 State Rd. 37 N, Martinsville, IN 46151**

Make Checks Payable to: **Midwest Badminton Association**

Questions Call Bharat Patel, Home 765-349-0662, Cell 317-506-1196 (use in emergency)
Or email dlbpatel@gmail.com

Lodging Quality Inn & Suites – Airport. 311 E. Gaulbert Avenue, Louisville KY 40208.
Tournament rate \$71.95 + Tax. 502-638-6100. Includes full breakfast buffet. **Cut off date August 1, 2007**. You must phone hotel direct for this rate at and ask for the 2007 Badminton tournament rate. **Group #2158**. This hotel is three blocks from the 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 Follow this link <http://admissions.louisville.edu/office/dir2sac.html>.
From I-65(Southbound), 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.

Gym Rules Facility access: Main Cardinal Arena Entrance Floyd Street
Parking: Floyd Street garage \$3.00 per car
NO Coolers, food or beverages permitted in the Recreational Center areas (sealed water bottles only)
NO alcohol or tobacco banners
NO smoking permitted inside University facility

Midwest Badminton Association Don Ross Memorial Tournament - Entry Form

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender: M / F
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone(s) _____
 USAB# _____ Exp Date _____ Home Club _____
 Email: _____

	Singles		Doubles		Mixed Doubles
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Partner Partner (or Request male, female)
Open	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD
35+	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD
40+	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD
50+	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD
60+	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD
70+	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	____ ABCD ____	_____ ABCD

Rate your ability for each event by circling the proper letter. This will help us make the draw.

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

Total Events entered: _____

Applicable USAB fees: _____ \$25 Temp. or \$30 regular USAB fee (must pay if you don't have USAB#)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Maximum of 6 events.

Make checks payable to: **Midwest Badminton Association**
 Mail to: **Dawn Patel, 5390 State Rd. 37 N, Martinsville, IN 46151**

Waiver: It is agreed that all entrants waive any and all claims against University of Louisville, USA Badminton, and the Midwest Badminton Association for injury to themselves or others, or for property loss or damage incurred during this tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____
 (If under 18 years old, parent or guardian signature required)