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Newsletter of the Midwest Badminton Association

May/June 2009



May 29-31, 2009

MBA Senior Championships

SENIOR MBA CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAY 29-31

Attention, Seniors (20+)
The MB

CANCELLED

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...aturday, and finals
...y. Mark your calendars and
call your partners!
See you in Mishawaka!

CANCELLED

Rescheduled

for
October 16-18

at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana
(details and entry forms forthcoming)

UNKNOWN

Rescheduled

for
MONTH ?? - ??

Where?
No one knows-yet

Tournament Calendar

~~Midwest Closed Senior Championships
10/16/2009 - 7/12/2009
Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN
Contact: Dawn Patel (765) 349-0662
DEADLINE: 10/1/2009~~

2009 YONEX/OCBC Senior International Badminton Championships
Orange County Badminton Club, Orange, CA
7/10/2009 - 7/12/2009
Contact: Paisan Rangsitkpho (562) 858-2011 paisanr@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 765-349-0662 dlbpate@gmail.com
DEADLINE: 7/24/2009

Ray Scott Memorial Tournament
Papillion HS, Papillion, NE
10/10/2009 - 10/11/2009 Discount for on line & early registration.
Contact: Bob Ericson 402-571-6933 shuttle@inebraska.com
DEADLINE: 10/3/2009

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:
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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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My Serve:

Is it just my imagination or is there a lot going on this summer? State Games. National Senior Olympics. State Games of America. State Senior Games. A 50th high school reunion. Fairs. 4-H activities. Impending birth of a first grand child. MBA tournaments. Nebraska Sports Council board meetings and Strategic Planning sessions, and, of course, a garden.

While preparing this issue I was thinking—yes, yes, I know, that's dangerous; but while musing about what to write, and the fact that it is, after all, finally summer—the rain keeps coming, the garden is in full swing, the potatoes are blooming, but the corn, for some reason, refuses to come up, the following came to mind:

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
how does your garden grow?
Silver bells and cockle-shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

No, there aren't any silver bells, cockle-shells and pretty maids in a row in our garden. I wonder if its the combination of being too cool, too much rain, and not enough hot days with sunshine. But then I thought maybe the quatrain ought to be:

MBA, MBA, quite contrary,
how do your tournaments grow?
Racquets and shuttlecocks,
And Seniors that don't go.

Are the Seniors like the corn? they refuse, for some reason, to "go" because they have too much to do—reunions, other Games, graduation of grand-kids, vacation, a cruise, or just plain old staying home because travelling costs more these days? Or maybe it really is to tend their garden. Fresh, home-grown produce tastes great and is nutritious. What's up with the Seniors? Will they ever grow?

Do you have a garden this summer—planted all your vegetables—pulled the weeds or is the purslane, lambs quarters and red root pigweed dictating your travel plans?



Time
for
you
to
return
my
serve.

Love all, play.

Pat Ewom

Chicago Junior Wins 2009 MBA Camp Scholarship

by Russ Bowles

The 2009 MBA Kyle Wargo Junior Scholarship has been awarded to thirteen-year-old Angela Wu. The scholarship is for the 2009 Jr. Badminton Camp, July 21 – 25, 2009, at Eastern Illinois University.

Angela is the daughter of Jian Wu of Schaumburg, Il. She is in the ninth grade and likes all sports, but

especially badminton. Angela was first introduced to badminton at the age of eight. She plays singles and partners her dad in mixed at Chicago area tournaments. ❖

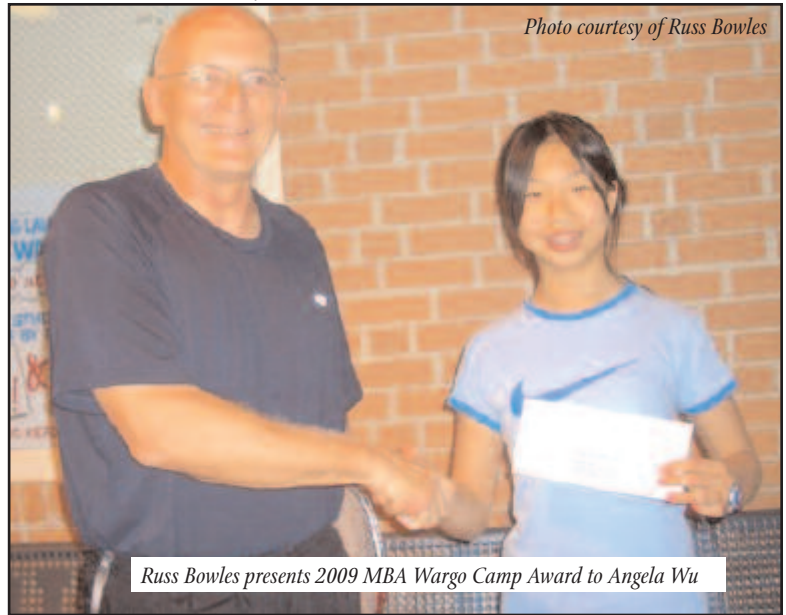


Photo courtesy of Russ Bowles

Russ Bowles presents 2009 MBA Wargo Camp Award to Angela Wu

Kollipara & Huang 2009 MBA Outstanding Juniors

by Russ Bowles

Congratulations to Raunak Kollipara of Hinsdale, Illinois, and Michael Huang of Wildwood, Missouri, the 2009 Midwest Outstanding Juniors! Both Junior players will receive airfare to the 2009 Junior National Championships to be held in Orange, CA, July 21-26, a polo shirt to wear during the tournament, and their names listed on an MBA perpetual trophy.

Raunak Kollipara is a freshman at Hinsdale Central High School in Hinsdale, IL. He was a National Champion in the U11 Boys Singles and U11 Boys Doubles in the 2005 Junior Nationals. In 2006, he took 4th place in the U13 Boys Singles and Boys Doubles. In the 2008 Junior Nationals, Raunak bowed out in the consolation rounds of the U15 and U17 Boys Singles, and got to the consolation semifinals of the U15 Boys Doubles. He was selected as a Wilson Midwest Badminton Junior Team member from 2005-2008. He has been volunteering in the Chicago Park Districts to introduce badminton to younger players in hopes of seeing the 2016 Olympics bid go to the Windy City. Raunak is the son of Syam and Sumita Kollipara of Hinsdale, IL. His sister, Karishma,

is the three-time state high school badminton champion of Illinois.

Michael Huang is a sixth grader at LaSalle Springs Middle School. He is an outstanding math student, outstanding tennis player and Tae Kwon Do performer, and an award-winning pianist and violinist. Michael took the U13 Boys Doubles 4th Place slot in the 2008 Junior Nationals, and was selected as a Wilson Midwest Badminton Junior Team member from 2005-2008. He won the U11 Boys Doubles 2nd place in the 2007 Junior Nationals, the U11 Mixed Doubles 2nd place in the 2006 Junior Nationals, and the U9 Boys Singles and Boys Doubles national titles in the 2005 Junior Nationals. He was the Wilson Junior of 2005 and 2007. Huang was selected as a 2006 MBA Outstanding Junior. He is the son of Wei Huang and Jane Wang of Wildwood, MO.

Congratulations to these two outstanding students and outstanding badminton Juniors! Best wishes to Raunak and Michael as they travel to the 2009 Junior National Badminton Championships! ❖

New USAB Board of Directors Includes Midwesterner

by Mary Ann Bowles

The reorganization of USA Badminton with a new Board of Directors has been completed with the election of nine new volunteer members. One of those new members is Fred Coleman of Madison, Wisconsin.

Fred is a clinical psychiatrist and Assistant Clinical Professor for the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Coleman has been involved in the sport of badminton in many capacities over the years. He has been a member and Chair of the USA Badminton Junior committee since 1995. He was also a member of USA Badminton's Coaching Development Committee for two stints (1999-2001 and 2005-2007). He served as a past coach of the Triple B Badminton Club, coaching several players at the U.S. Junior National level.

Fred is also the coach of the University of Wisconsin Badminton Club which is a three-time winner of the Midwest Intercollegiate Badminton Team trophy (2005-2007). His daughter Jennifer has been a member of several USA Badminton Adult National Teams. She is currently returning to graduate school, and has been a regular contributor to the Flick. Other children include Nick and Megan. Wendy, Fred's wife, is a behavioral pediatrician.

Individuals elected to the new Board include:

Richard Dubose (Colorado Springs, CO) – Independent Director, Chair
David Simon (Los Angeles, CA) – Independent Director
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Ruth Menchaca (San Antonio, TX) – Athlete Director
Raju Rai (Bellevue, WA) – Athlete Director

The Board of Directors represents the interests of USAB's membership, the U.S. Badminton community, and Badminton athletes by providing the USAB with policy, guidance, and strategic direction. ❖



Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Bowles

Fred Coleman

2009 R&D Graphics U.S. Adult Nationals History

by Mary Ann Bowles

The Orange County Badminton Club and K&D Graphics were the hosts for the 2009 K&D Graphics U.S. Adult National Badminton Championships the weekend of April 17-19. The tournament drew 107 entries from across the U.S. for an exciting weekend. Presentation of the annual Ken Davidson award was made to Ruth Menchaca of San Antonio, Texas, one of the Athlete Directors just elected to the new USAB Board of Directors.

Results:

MS: Howard Bach def. Nicholas Jinadasa, 21-5, 11-21, 21-17
WS: Joo Hyun Lee def. Eva Lee, 21-12, 21-15
MD: Bach/Bob Malaythong def. Daniel Gouw/Chandra Kowi, 21-12, 21-12
WD: Joo Hyun Lee/Mona Santosa def. Joanne Chen/Jamie Subandhi, 21-11, 21-23, 21-7
XD: Bach/Eva Lee def. Halim Haryanto Ho/Yun (Grace) Peng, 21-12, 17-21, 21-19



Congratulations

Natalie Morgan Ashbrook was born on April 22nd at 11:16 am, weighing 5 lbs 14 oz and measuring 18 inches long. She arrived two and a half weeks early, but quickly gained weight and is almost 10 lbs now. Jess and Nick are enjoying parenthood more than they could ever imagine. More pictures and updates on how the family is doing are posted on <http://www.jnashbrook.com>.

Ed Note: Jessica is the former editor of *The Flick*, designer of the MBA web site, and current MBA web master.



Photo: Courtesy of Nick & Jessica Ashbrook

Left to Right:
Mom (Jessica),
dad (Nick),
and of course, (Natalie).

"Congratulations and best wishes to MBA Board member Ellery Likens on his May 23rd, 2009 wedding.

The newlyweds honeymooned on a cruise that was probably badminton-less."



Photo: Courtesy of Ellery Likens



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MBA Board Meeting Conference Call Minutes

June 10, 2009

DIRECTORS ON THE CALL: Mary Ann Bowles, Karen Chin, Bob Ericson, Ellery Likens, Dawn Patel, and Alice Wunderlich. Wendy Chia-Smith, Robinson Cook, and Jane Wang were unable to be on the call.

President Dawn Patel called the meeting to order at 7:01PM CDT, and thanked everyone for making time for the call. The call concerned three items: MBA participation in the 2010 Arnold Festival, rescheduling of the 2009 Senior MBA Championships, and junior funding issues.

MBA PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010 ARNOLD FESTIVAL

The Arnold Festival is held annually in Columbus, Ohio, in the spring of the year. The Festival draws 170K spectators and has 700 vendor booths. The USAB has been invited to participate in both 2009 and 2010. Chris Lawrence, USAB Tournament committee chair, has toured the Veterans Auditorium venue in Columbus, and noted the concrete floor would need to be covered with some kind of surface to be suitable for a badminton exhibition.

Mary Ann had asked USAB CEO Dan Cloppas about the USAB participating, and he had talked with a representative from the Greater Columbus Sports Commission who had access to a Sportcourt. Mary Ann had talked with the representative, and the Sportcourt would be available for a small fee. Bob Ericson had played on a Sportcourt in Pittsburgh, and he did think the court was suitable for an exhibition. Possibilities for players would be top-ranked Midwest players and possibly West Coast players like Howard Bach and Tony Gunawan if Yonex were to become involved.

Board members discussed the need for strong local support in the Columbus area to put on an exhibition, and a sponsor like Yonex to assist, especially with a floor covering. Are there other racket sponsors who might be interested like Dunlop, RSL, etc.? Mary Ann will contact Dan Cloppas to see if Yonex might be interested. Bob will check into other sponsors, and he will contact Mark Hecquet, a badminton player from Ohio who might be aware of a club in the Columbus area. There would have to be a lot of organization including a committee to set up, run an exhibition, and pick up after the event.

RESCHEDULING

2009 SENIOR MBA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2009 Senior MBA Championships scheduled for May in Mishawaka, Indiana, had been postponed due to low entries. Steve Matteson with Bethel College in Mishawaka is interested in rescheduling the tournament October 16-18, and would like to set the dates on the college calendar. Board members were receptive to the rescheduled date, and will get the word out as soon as possible so that players will have plenty of time to make plans to attend. Board mem

bers were encouraged to contact all senior players and urge them to participate. Dawn and Bharat will contact Steve, rework the entry, and get it out quickly.

JUNIOR FUNDING ISSUES

Members of the MBA Junior Committee include Russ Bowles; Dr. Shilpa Agashe of St. Louis; Kevin Hussey of Charleston, IL; Shannon Pohl of Chicago, IL; and Xianhua Wan of Parmer Heights, OH.

The Junior committee had communicated with Board members via e-mail on the possibility of hosting a 2010 Chicago Junior Smash.

Concerns were expressed over the cutback of the major sponsor, Wilson Racquets; the lack of entries in the 2009 tournament; the increase in the cost of a USAB junior membership; and the increasing cost of a venue. A 2010 regional tournament would only be feasible if the MBA would buy down the cost of a player's entry by subsidizing entries, assuming the tournament would be USAB sanctioned.

Other suggestions from the committee include:

- Outstanding Junior Awards are not functional in current economic times (junior families winning the award may not have finances for parents to attend Junior Nationals.)
- To develop regional badminton, designate that all junior funds be awarded via a regional junior trials.
- To improve junior performance, increase the number of scholarship awards for regional camps.

Board members were interested in the new ideas, and asked to see them on paper. Dawn noted the Outstanding Junior Awards could continue, but the accompanying plane tickets

would not have to continue if funding were awarded in a different manner.

- The USAB will be sending 60 junior athletes to the 2009 Junior Pan Ams in Puerto Rico in July along with five coaches.
- Bob reminded everyone that he needs articles for the next Flick.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

• Will there be a summer meeting? Board members could meet at the August Don Ross tournament if members could come early on that Friday. Specific issues could be discussed in half-hour sessions during the weekend. Board members need to consider their schedules and think about discussion of some issues face-to-face if they will be in attendance in Louisville. Conference calls continue to be the best way to discuss issues other than face-to-face meetings. Thanks to Alice for setting up the calls.

- Dr. Rajeev Trehan of Topeka, KS, and some of his club will be providing a badminton exhibition for the 15th anniversary of the Giant Shuttles at the Nelsen-Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, KS, July 19th. An article for the Flick will be forthcoming.
- Shannon Pohl has qualified for the 2009 BWF World Championships in Hyderabad, India, in August. She is to send an article to Bob with photos.
- Everyone was thanked for being on the call.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bowles
MBA Secretary

Last second correspondence to the MBA board from Shannon Pohl:

I QUALIFIED
FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN WOMEN'S SINGLES!!

I'm super excited! They will be in August in Hyderabad, India.

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THANK YOU!

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US Open

by Mary Ann Bowles

2009 US OPEN to HOST STAR PLAYERS!

The \$80,000 2009 Yonex/OCBC US Open Grand Prix Championships, to be held at the Orange County Badminton Club in Orange, CA, July 6-12, will be an exciting event. More than one hundred players from 20 countries will be participating, including Canada, Jamaica, Austria, England, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Chinese-Taipei, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Korea, Singapore, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, New Zealand, and host, USA.

Stars on the entry list will include several World Champions and Olympic Gold Medalists. Among those are USA's Men's Doubles champions, Tony Guanwan and Howard Bach who have recently begun competing together and are regaining their superb 2005 World Championship form. Two other big names who will be playing are Indonesia's singles expert, Taufik Hidayat, who thrilled crowds in Anaheim in 2005, and Chinese Women's Doubles star, Gao Ling. ❖

Photo by Bob Ericson



Potential junior champion 5-yr old Crystal Huang at Top Flight Badminton Club Sunday night play.

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