



**First Ever Kent State Tournament Wrap-Up**  
**Alternate Title: Fallen Hero Returns to Victory**  
**by Jess Morgan**

The first ever Kent State Badminton Open was held on November 1st. With a record low number of entrants (only 23), it was a fast-moving, one-day wonder. Might have been a bit too fast for some players, as we had four people cramp up or otherwise injur themselves. Thankfully, there were no big injuries, like Mark Hecquet's torn achilles back in March at the Midwest Championships.

In fact, Mark decided to hit the courts in Kent, anxious to get back into action. And this once fallen hero returned to victory, taking the Men's Singles title. However, his singles opponent, Jason Gu, partnered up with Anu Chopra earlier in the day to defeat Mark and Baheer Rajalingham in the Men's Doubles final. In the Mixed Doubles Event, which consisted of a mere 4 teams and was played as a round robin event, the dominant team was Anu Chopra and Fuziah Ayub-O'Neill (we just called her Fuzi the whole day).

Also on hand to play were tournament regulars, Terry and Linda Downey and Bobbie and Charles Norton, who helped to keep me sane. It was nice to meet some new folks, among them, John Patrick O'Neill, Peter Martin, and Alex Seed. Hopefully they will come to other Midwest tournaments in the future!

The marathon match award goes to Peter Martin and Terry Downey, who played a C Men's Singles semi-final with scores of 15-3, 12-15, 17-15 in favor of Peter.

The tournament, even if it was small, ran smoothly thanks to expert assistance from Len Williams. Len ran a Tournament Director's clinic on Friday evening. I learned how to correctly prepare draws and assign match numbers and times so that even a right-handed monkey from the zoo could run the desk. A huge thanks to Dave Cumming, who came down from Cleveland to attend the clinic on Friday and run the desk with me for most of Saturday.

And, last, but not least, thanks to the tournament sponsor, Aquahook, Inc. Aquahook, Inc donated aquaclips that were given to participants as part of their award. Wondering what an aquaclip is? Visit <http://www.aquahook.com> and check it out. It's the hottest and trendiest new way to carry your beverage bottle! Simply snap it, hook it, and go! Your beverage bottle is within reach, but never in the way! My thanks to Brian Cizek, the owner and inventor of this fun and functional beverage holder, for sponsoring the tournament!

If we decide to run this tournament again, I hope to offer senior events and attract more players. Obviously, it would also be ideal not to host the tournament on a weekend immediately following another tournament (Kalamazoo). And it would really be ideal if it wasn't the fourth tournament held in the region within 3 weekends!

*Final Results from Kent State Open:*

A MS - Mark Hecquet def. Jason Gu 15-1, 15-5  
 B MS - Theirry Petinaux def. Tod Tyslan 15-11, 15-7  
 C MS - Peter Martin def. John O'Neill 15-8, 15-5  
 D MS - John O'Neill def. Terry Downey 15-4, 15-7  
 WS (RR) - 1st: Fuzi O'Neill, 2nd: Hua Xie, 3rd: Qifang Wang

A MD - Anu Chopra/Jason Gu def. Mark Hecquet/Baheer Rajalingham 15-6, 15-3  
 B MD - Hanlin Wan/Ray Hong def. Thierry Petinaux/Alex Seed 15-4, 15-6  
 C MD - Terry Downey/Charles Norton def. Peter Martin/John O'Neill 15-10, 17-14  
 A WD (RR) - Linda Downey/Fuzi O'Neill def. Hua Xie/Qifang Wang 15-3, 15-13

A XD (RR) Anu Chopra/Fuzi O'Neill def. Mark Hecquet/Qifang Wang 15-4, 15-4

**Is This Your Last Issue?**  
**by Jess Morgan**

Be sure to check your membership expiration date on your mailing label or on the screen you see immediately after logging into MBAOnline to view the Flick.

The MBA membership form for individuals is on page 3. Club membership forms and individual membership forms are available online [www.midwestbadminton.com](http://www.midwestbadminton.com) (click on the link that says Membership Info). If you do not have access to the internet and need a club form, please call me. My contact information is on page 2.

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**Submitting Information:**

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:**

Articles and 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 15th of the month prior (e.g. to be in the April issue, send by March 15th). Otherwise, it will be printed at the editor's discretion.

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## Tournament Calendar

### NOVEMBER 2003

Date	Tournament/Location	Contact Information
Oct. 31- Nov. 2	Kent State Open & Tournament Directors Clinic (info on page 5) Kent, OH	Jess Morgan jessmorgan76@yahoo.com 773-497-0910
Nov 29-30	Windy City Open Tinley Park, IL	Jess Morgan jessmorgan76@yahoo.com Jodie Leahey jleahey@deerfieldcapital.com

### 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

**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).

They will also be made available on the MBA's 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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## It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Jess Jumping Out of the Plane!

by Jess Morgan

As some of you have read on the MBA website, I recently went skydiving. It's something I've been wanting to do for a few years and finally decided to do it.

For those of you who have never done it, let me tell you, it's a rush like no other. The first two jumps I did were tandem. I had to take an hour class before my first jump. The first jump went really well. We got in the plane, which took off with the door wide open. I had an altimeter on my left hand, so I could tell how high we were as we ascended into the clouds. Yes, clouds.

At about 6,000 ft., my jumpmaster attached his harness to mine at the hips and shoulders. At 13,000 ft., we got into a squatting position and made it to the door of the plane. After a "ready, set, go" from my jumpmaster, we were airborne! I went through the checks that I was supposed to do and was freefalling until 5,500 ft. I pulled the cord and the chute opened.... and suddenly, we slowed down and were just floating through the air.

We went through the steps of the landing, did a few spins in the air, and I just took in the scenery. We floated over the hangar and made our approach. And with a few simple pulls on the chute, we safely and gently landed!

The second time was much like the first, but I got to make the "ready, set, go" call. I also got to enjoy the freefall a bit more. Once the chute opened, I got to hold on to the chute handles during our float time and landing.


I am seriously considering trying the AFP (advanced freefall program). Just the thought of jumping from a plane by myself thrills me and I can't wait to do it! The solo jumps are coached and videotaped by someone who jumps with you and you have radio contact with. They talk you through the steps of landing (which is the hardest part). Before my first solo jump, I have to take a six hour class to learn about wind speed, chute operation, and other factors that play into the sport of skydiving.

Wish me luck!

## Calling All Seniors!

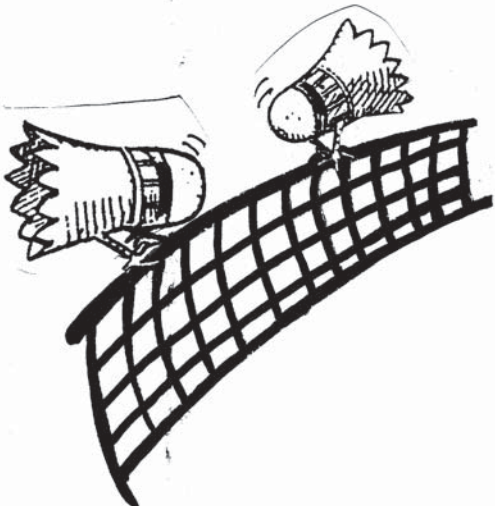
OK, Senior Midwest players! Mark December 13-14, 2003, on your calendar for the Senior Midwest Championships at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio! Rick Dawson and his volunteers will be our hosts, Dawn and Bharat Patel will run the tournament. If you've been to this tournament before, you know matches are called on time, lunch may be ordered on Saturday, and the competition is always tough. If you've not been to this Senior Championships, get out of your rut and join us for a fun weekend!

We know there are Seniors in Dayton, Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Ames, Indianapolis, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Flint, Ann Arbor, Madison, Milwaukee, and Louisville. But those cities are just the tip of the iceberg. We know there are many Seniors out there who've never come to Dayton. So grab a new player from your club and bring them with you this year—if each Senior brings a new player with him/her, we'd have a huge tournament and get to meet all kinds of new players. See you in Dayton!!!

	<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):	
___ Join the MBA as an individual member (\$15 for year membership July - June)	
___ Get my Flick! Please verify membership and correct info above.	
___ Be a patron for the year (\$30, \$50, \$100... or more! It's tax deductible!)	
___ Make a tax deductible donation to _____ (ex. Jr. Development)	
___ Register an MBA Club. Please send me forms and information.	
Make check payable to Midwest Badminton Association and send to: <b>MBA c/o Jessica Morgan</b> <b>1106 N. Hermitage Ave. Apt. 2F Chicago IL 60622</b>	

## 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!



- Drop:** Hey, I've got great news! It's about the Tennis Channel!
- Smash:** Tennis? We're shuttles! We play badminton!
- Drop:** Hold your feathers, buddy. Now that the Tennis Channel is on cable, they have contacted the USAB National Office requesting badminton tapes they can show!
- Smash:** So we're going to be able to view badminton tapes on the Tennis Channel?
- Drop:** Yep, you've got it, badminton tapes!
- Smash:** Wow! When does all this start?
- Drop:** If you get the Tennis Channel now, you can already see the 2003 Thomas Cup and Sudirman Cup tapes.
- Smash:** You're kidding!
- Drop:** Nope, badminton is already being shown on the Tennis Channel! And within three to four months, the Tennis Channel will be nationwide with plenty of badminton viewing possible.
- Smash:** But my cable doesn't carry the Tennis Channel!
- Drop:** So call them up and tell them you would like to have the Tennis Channel on your cable.
- Smash:** Will that help?
- Drop:** If enough cable subscribers demand the Tennis Channel on their cable, the cable companies will consider adding it to their lineup.
- Smash:** So badminton players all over the U.S. need to be calling their cable companies and demanding the Tennis Channel be shown?
- Drop:** You've got it!
- Smash:** I'm dialing my cable company right now!
- Drop:** You can also go online on <http://www.thetennischannel.com> and request your cable company subscribe to The Tennis Channel on their home page.
- Smash:** That is great news! Thanks for the tips! I'm contacting my cable company right away, and I'm telling all my badminton-playing friends to do the same!

## On The Road Again, Again, Again! by Bob Ericson, President, Top Flight Club

Seems like just yesterday I was on the road to my second Kansas Senior Games. But a year has passed, I've celebrated another birthday and played in some other tournaments. This is the third year I've gone south to compete. No wife this year; I'm on my own.

I began the Road again, again, again by departing directly from work around 3pm. I hit the highway and by 6pm I was on the outskirts of Topeka and headed downtown to Games Headquarters at the Gage Pavilion outside the front gate of the zoo. Shucks, HQ is closed, missed registering by 15 minutes; however, I was in good time for Grapes With the Apes (GWTA) on the zoo grounds. GWTA is the welcome social for all Games participants. It is held in the primate building on the zoo grounds.

After checking in at the gate, I followed the path past the giraffes to the gorilla facility. I ventured in and filled up my plate with cheese, ham, celery, miniature carrots and fruit. Oops! Forgot about the chocolate chip cookies. Met the Games coordinator, Becky Sewell, at the end of the serving line and chatted with her for a few minutes. With my plate of food, and glass of iced tea, I wandered through the other attendees pausing occasionally to look at the snakes and other animals in displays.

I found a seat in the glass covered walkway and sat down. The glass covered walk way allows the visitor to see the gorillas up close -only a thickness of glass away - and it gives the gorillas a chance to see the visitors only the thickness of the glass away. As I munched on my "dinner", I talked with a first time table tennis player at my table. One of the Topeka Zoo gorillas sat three feet away looking at us through the glass. I think she was hungry too and wondered where all these invaders to her rock home territory had come from.

Well, so much for the social aspect of the Games. Said good by to the gorilla and headed back to the hotel to check on the Nebraska-Southern Mississippi football game on television. One could say I drove all the way to Kansas to watch the football game, but that's not true. I bleed blue, not red.

Play started Friday morning around 9:15 on four courts at the Oakland Community Center. I entered 60-64 Men's Singles, 60-64 Men's Doubles and 60-64 Mixed Doubles. In singles I won three matches to finish in first

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**2003 Midwest Closed Senior Championships**  
**Saturday December 13 - Sunday December 14, 2003**

*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** **Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio**
- Eligibility** You must have resided in the USAB Region 2 since July 1, 2003. You must be a member of USAB and the MBA to participate. Memberships available at tournament.
- Events** Jr-Sr (35+), Sr (40+), Master (50+), Grandmaster (60+), Golden Grandmaster (70+); Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. You may enter 6 events maximum. However, you may not enter events held at the same time (ex. 50+ and 35+ Doubles). See schedule below.
- Format** A and Consolation or Round Robin for events with 3-4 entries. Events with less than 3 entries will not be held.
- Entry Fee** \$25 for the first event; \$10 for each additional event. (Maximum 6 events)
- Entry Deadline** Entry form must be postmarked by November 29, 2003. Late fee \$10.
- Schedule**  
Sat. Dec. 13th 9 am ~ 60+ and 40+ Men's and Women's Singles  
following singles 11 am ~ 60+ and 40+ Men's and Women's Doubles  
following doubles 1 pm ~ 60+ and 40+ Mixed Doubles  
3 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Men's and Women's Singles  
following singles 5 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Men's and Women's Doubles  
following doubles 7 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Mixed Doubles  
*Some finals will be held on Saturday if courts and time are available*  
Sun. Dec. 14th Tentative schedule of Finals (and last RR matches)  
9 am ~ All Singles Finals  
10 am ~ All Doubles Finals  
11 am ~ All Mixed Doubles Finals
- Misc.** Shuttles will be sold at the desk for \$1.50 each. Facility has 8 courts. Showers available.

**Make Checks**

**Payable to:** Midwest Badminton Association  
**Mail to:** Dawn Patel  
5390 State Rd. 37 North  
Martinsville, IN 46151  
765-349-0662

**Lodging:**

**Hotels - 10 minutes North (Exit 57) - Some food spots, nice area**

Holiday Inn North (937) 278-4871  
Radisson (937) 278-5711  
Best Western (937) 276-6151

**Hotels - Downtown Dayton - 5 min from gym, food**

Days Inn - Third St. (937) 223-7131  
Stouffers - Fifth St. (937) 224-0800

**Hotels - 15 minutes North (Exit 60) - Plenty of food, very nice area**

Ramada (937) 890-9500 Motel 6 (937) 898-3606  
Days Inn (937) 898-4946 Fairfield (937) 898-1120  
Red Roof (937) 898-1054 Knights Inn (937) 898-1212

**Hotels - 10 min South (Edwin C Moses Blvd) - Food only at hotel, very nice area, near U.D.**

Marriot (937) 223-1000

## 2003 Midwest Closed Senior Championships - Entry Form

December 13 - December 14, 2003 ~ Dayton, Ohio

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 USAB# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate event(s) and partner(s). Circle appropriate age group for each event. Circle only one age per line.

Time	Event	Partner's Name
9 am	60 + / 40+ Singles	
11 am	60 + / 40+ Doubles	_____
1 pm	60 + / 40+ Mixed Doubles	_____
3 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Singles	
5 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Doubles	_____
7 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Mixed Doubles	_____

Total Events entered: \_\_\_\_\_ (6 max) - \$25 for first event, \$10 each additional event  
 Applicable USAB/MBA fees: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Tourney USAB \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Annual USAB \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Annual MBA  
 A box lunch will be provided. Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Meat \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
 T-Shirt Size: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

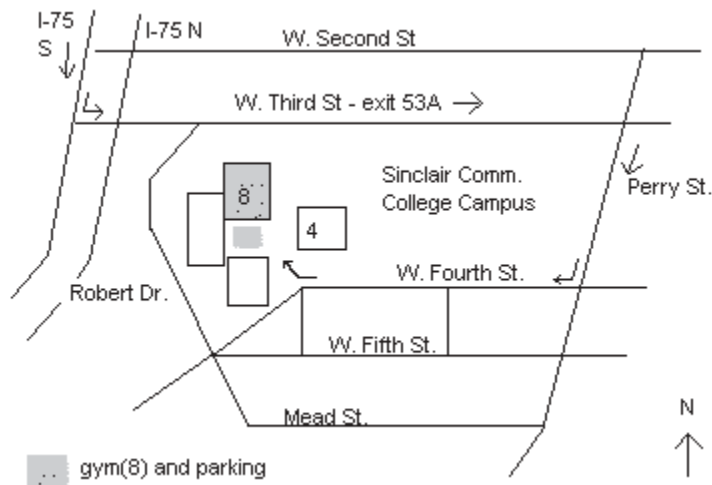
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Midwest Badminton Association and mail by November 29, 2003.**

**Mail to: Dawn Patel 5390 State Rd. 37 North Martinsville, IN 46151**

**Directions to Sinclair Community College**

Take I-75 (North or South) to Third Street exit (53A). Turn right on Perry Street. Turn right on Fourth Street. Park near building 4 and 8 on Fourth Street or in Parking Lot B. Gym is located in Building 8.



**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), 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **On the Road continued from page 4**

place. In doubles, my partner and I, Bob McFarland (from Grand Island, Nebraska), defeated hometown Kansans Roger Nyfeler and Mehasen DeSilva 15-3, 15-6 and then the other men's doubles team from Topeka, Bennie Meyer and Ford Ross 15-6, 15-10.

I played Mixed Doubles with Carolyn Foster, from St. Paul, Nebraska. I had to play in the 55-59 age group because of her age (55). We defeated Bob McFarland and his partner B. Ratleff, from Topeka, 15-2, 15-6. Interestingly, by this time of the afternoon, only three spectators remained. It was so quiet in the Center the rumble of the air conditioner, thwack of racquet against shuttle and squeak of shoes on the floor competed for attention.

My biggest disappointment was not meeting and playing with the only octogenarian who had signed up. The coordinator wanted someone to play him and I told her I would. No show. Disappointment. After my last game, I took a shower and steered my Saturn north on Hwy 75 back to Omaha. On the road again, again, again to the Kansas Senior Games was an interesting but short trip.

#### **Region 2 Plans for 2003-04 Season by Mary Ann Bowles**

The annual summer meeting of the MBA Board of Directors was held in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, Saturday, July 12, 2003. Directors present were Kristin Artman, Mary Ann Bowles, Dan Kosierowski, Jessica Morgan, Dawn Patel, and Alice Wunderlich. Ken Alwine, Elke Haefke, and Katharina Prax were absent, and no one held their proxies. President Dawn Patel called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. She welcomed Board members and thanked Alice Wunderlich for hosting the meeting.

A USAB update, given by Mary Ann Bowles, included regional funding, coaching certification program, 2003 Junior Nationals update, 2004 Senior Nationals bids, 2004 Adult Nationals status, Walk of Fame Plaza Inaugural Induction Ceremony, U.S. players qualified for the 2003 World Championships in England, the 2003 Pan Am Team, and the coming fall USAB Board meeting. The Board agreed to make another \$300 donation to the Walk of Fame Plaza.

Upcoming regional tournaments will include the 2003 MBA Senior Championships in Dayton, Ohio, in December; the 2004 Region 2 Classic in Terre Haute, Indiana, in mid-January with a \$4K prize purse; the 2004 MBA Adult Championships in mid-March in

Terre Haute; and the MBA Junior Championships in the spring in the Chicago Area. A new tournament is being planned in Kent, Ohio, in the fall, and the former Prairie State Games badminton tournament held in November, 2002, will be held in November, 2003, but will be called the Windy City Open.

MBA ranking data was reviewed and 2003-04 rankings will be published in the Flick in the fall. A big thank you goes out to Tony Artman for all his work as the Ranking committee chair compiling the regional tournament data. Junior funding requests were reviewed and allocated. Possible coaching clinics will be considered for February in Chicago and early summer in Milwaukee. Anyone interested in running for the MBA board should talk with Dan Kosierowski, Nominating committee chair. Board members coming up for re-election will be Ken Alwine, Elke Haefke, and Alice Wunderlich.

Congratulations to the Midwest Juniors who won medals at the 2003 Junior National Championships in Shreveport, Louisiana: Gold – Sean Hussey, Karishma Kollipara, and Sarah Sammit; Silver – Sean Hussey, Raunak Kollipara, Sydney Race, and Hanlin Wan; Bronze – Michael Huang, James Huang, Sydney Race, Karishma Kollipara, and Matt Wrobel; 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Michael Huang, Hanlin Wan, Marena Smitobol, and Matt Wrobel; and 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Sydney Race, Ben Hussey (2), and Sarah Sammit.

Kudos also go to Dr. Fred Coleman, USAB Junior Committee chair from Madison, Wisconsin, for all his hard work and commitment to the USAB Juniors, particularly at the 2003 Junior National Championships. He also traveled to Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, August 8-15, as the USAB team psychologist for the Pan Am Games. Was there a coincidence that Fred's daughter, Jen, was on the team? Congratulations to both Jen and her dad!

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