

**Attention Seniors!**

**DEADLINE**

for entries to Midwest Senior Closed Championships and Kalamazoo Open in Kalamazoo, MI:

**November 1st !**

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- to serve as the coordinating body of Region 2,

- to increase participation in the sport at all levels,
- to provide the highest possible quality of services to its members,
- to foster and/or arrange tournaments and interclub play, and
- to generally advance interest in the game of badminton.



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## Junior Badminton Camp at Eastern Illinois

by Kevin Hussey

Two junior badminton camps were held at Eastern Illinois University this past summer and were rated as wonderful successes by the campers in both camps.

members include Kevin's family members and friends both in and out of badminton circles. Kathy Zimmerman from Denver, Colorado, Bruce Pontow from Orland Park, IL, and Dean Schoppe from Manhattan Beach, CA. are



*EIU Badminton Camp Staff, 2006*

Camp I was held June 21-24, 2006 and Camp II was held July 25-29, 2006. Camp I was limited to 20 campers due to court space, and Camp II was filled with 122 campers. Most of the campers come from the Chicago land area, but this summer we also had two campers from Missouri, one from California, and three from home-town Charleston, IL.

The camp schedule included seven hours of badminton broken up into three on-court sessions per day. Some of the camp features included: stroke analysis using video-taped film, skill-drill practice sessions, singles and doubles strategy sessions, singles and doubles competitive play opportunities, and some evening entertainment to finish off each day.

It's a short week packed full of badminton and a lot of fun. Based on the camper evaluations, it's fairly safe to say that a good time was had by all, and more importantly, some badminton ideas and skills were learned as well.

Kevin Hussey, a professor in the Department of Physical Education at Eastern Illinois University, directs the camp. Kevin is also a former Midwest Closed Regional singles and doubles champion with National Rankings as high as fifth in men's singles and eighth in men's doubles. Additional staff

among the highest nationally ranked staff members, while Matt Wrobel, Buffalo Grove, IL and Serge Pensikare, current Midwest Men's Doubles Champions. One of our newest staff members, Ben Hussey, also is the current Midwest Men's Singles Champion.

Next year, the 11th annual Junior Badminton Camp at Eastern Illinois University looks to be another banner camp year. Current date for next summer's camp is July 24-28, 2007.

For more information on next summer's camp, contact Kevin Hussey at: [cbmqsh@consolidated.net](mailto:cbmqsh@consolidated.net).

Special thanks to USA Badminton and Dean Schoppe of HL Corporation for all the support they gave to this year's camp. ❖



*Matt Wrobel giving instructions to campers*

## Badminton Doubles In Community Games

by Scott Hayden, Kearney Parks & Recreation

The Community Olympic Games has been an annual event in Kearney for the past eleven years. The event is designed for adults, ages 18 and older, and involves a variety of athletic events over a three day time span. In 2006, twenty teams participated, involving 514 people. The schedule this year included an aerobics workout, football punting, blind quarterback, coed doubles horseshoes, coed obstacle course, 5K run/walk, water aerobics, basketball hot shot, ultimate frisbee, mystic bowling, coed kickball, Texas hold'em, 10.5 mile bike ride, 3 mile wellness walk, golf, swimming, coed adventure race, cup stacking, karaoke contest, and doubles badminton.

Teams and individuals earn points for their team by just participating. They earn extra points by finishing first, second or third in any event. Points are accumulated throughout the three days and champions are announced at a special awards ceremony and barbeque.

The goal of Community Olympics is to encourage exercise, community spirit, teamwork, socialization, and just plain have fun! Spirit and sportsmanship are of high importance during the games and a Team Spirit Champion is announced during the awards ceremony.

Badminton was introduced for the first time in Community Olympics and the participants responded very favorably to it. The women's bracket had 36 doubles teams while the men's bracket also had 36. Competition was great; many people requested that we do it again next year.

The Community Olympic Games are coordinated by the City of Kearney Park and Recreation Department and Good Samaritan Hospital. If you are interested in learning more about the event, please call Scott Hayden, Recreation Superintendent at 308-233-3228. ❖

# Tournament Calendar

## Kalamazoo Open & Midwest Seniors Closed Championships

**11/18/2006 - 11/19/2006**

Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI

Contact: Open- Darrell Davies, Dd Davies@KVCC.edu, 269-488-4355

Seniors-Harry Orr, HarrisonGorr@AOL.com, 269-372-1110 or

Mail Open entries to: Darrel Davies, 1105 Dwillard Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Mail Senior entries to: Dawn Patel, 5390 State Road 37 N., Martinsville, IN 46151

**DEADLINE for both: 11/1/2006**

## Indiana University Badminton Tournament

**11/18/2006 - 11/19/2006**

Indiana University, Student Rec Sports Center, Bloomington, IN

Contact: Push Wijegunawardena pwijegun@indiana.edu 812-606-5215

**DEADLINE: 11/3/2006**

## 2007 Jerry Toms U.S. Senior International Badminton Championships

**1/8/2007 - 1/13/2007**

Don Shula's Hotel and Golf Club, Miami Lakes, FL

Contact: Paison Rangsikitpho, PaisonR@gmail.com 562-858-2011

**DEADLINE: 12/10/2006**

## Region 2 Classic/Indiana Badminton Tournament

**1/12/2007 - 1/14/2007**

Indiana State University, Health and Performance Bldg. N. Gym, Terre Haute, IN

Contact: Dawn Patel DBPATEL@RNETINC.NET 765-349-0662

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## Midwest Badminton Association Closed Championships

**3/2/2007 - 3/4/2007**

Indiana State University, Health and Performance Bldg. N. Gym, Terre Haute IN

Contact: Dawn Patel DBPATEL@RNETINC.NET 765-349-0662

**DEADLINE: 2/9/2007**

## U.S. Senior Nationals

**3/6/2007 - 3/11/2007**

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Manhattan Beach, CA

**DEADLINE: TBA**



For updates regarding tournaments, check out the Events Calendar page on the MBA website:

**[www.midwestbadminton.com](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. 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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## Badminton Camp Is Cool!

Jenn Kan and Camille Todd  
Wilson Midwest Junior Girl's Team

Badminton Camp at Eastern Illinois University was a wonderful experience. There were about twenty-five girls and four boys who attended the four-day camp. From June 21 to June 24, each camper was constantly thinking about badminton—from falling asleep at night to waking up in the morning.

Each camper was given a lunch card and a key that unlocked our dorm room. Two campers shared a dorm room. Much to our delight, we were “dorm mates” for those four days. The boys and girls obviously stayed on separate floors. Every day we would have three practices: morning, afternoon, and evening. Each one was at least two hours.

The campers were placed in certain groups that changed for every practice. This way everyone had a chance to be with each other and meet new people. There would be at least two coaches at every practice to teach us the new techniques. And, speaking of the coaches, there were five of them. The main one was Kevin Hussey who coordinated the entire camp. The second was Kathy Wargo, who, even though she had a knee brace, played better than most of us.

Then there was Ben Hussey who is Kevin's oldest son. Another coach was Kimberly Kramer, or Ms. Kimberly as we called her. The last coach was Hanlin Wan, who was mostly pretty shy, but an amazing player. They all worked together to make sure our stay was fun and jam-packed with badminton activities. They were each assigned a group of campers to look after and perform a skit with later. These were our “check in groups.” To our dismay, we were not placed in the same group.

Each morning we all met in the lobby area of our dorm building, where we checked in, and set off to breakfast in the center building of the campus. We would pick out what we wanted to eat and give the cashier our food card to pay for it. When everyone had finished eating, we set off to the two gyms the coaches had assigned to us, MacAfee and SRC (Student Recreation Center). Unfortunately, MacAfee wasn't as well air-conditioned as the SRC. In other words, it was hot. Half of us would go to one and the rest headed to the other. Once we had reached our destination, we would grab a partner and start warming up. There, the coaches would tell us to do drops, clears, or another drill.

When we were all warmed up, we started practicing new moves or positions the coaches would show us. After an hour, groups would switch gyms. Then we would practice some more. What was cool about the morning practices was that when it was our group's turn to go to MacAfee, Coach Hussey would videotape us doing individual hits.

Every morning he would tape different techniques. As we hit, Coach Hussey would tell us what we could do to improve on a certain kind of hit. When we finished he would give us the tape, and we would go to the viewing room and watch ourselves play. We could hear Coach Hussey telling us how to tweak the certain hit to make it better as we watched. Then, after the first practice was over, we would all have about an hour or so of free time and then it was lunchtime.

Lunchtime was the same routine as breakfast – we would pick out our food and hand the cashier our card. After everyone had finished eating, we would go back to our dorms for a little while and get ready for our afternoon session. Afternoon session was just like morning session but without the videotaping.

During night workouts, everyone played doubles. We both loved the night practice because it was



Jenn Kan (l), Camille Todd (r)

cooler in the MacAfee gym, and we usually played together. The only problem was that Coach Hussey invited older men and women to play with or against us. They were a lot better than a lot of us, so we tended to lose quite a bit. They had so much power that we were afraid that they would hit us with every swing of their rackets. But in the SRC gym, things went more smoothly.

The second day of camp was basically just like the first day except we got to go bowling which was really fun. There were pool tables there too, so we enjoyed that. One of the days right before the evening workout session a tornado hit only six miles away from where we were. Everybody was told to go down to the basement. Some people were really scared and some were just hoping that we wouldn't have to go to practice that night. Unfortunately for those people, the storm cleared up just in time and we were given rides to the gyms. We were right back on schedule and playing badminton again. On the last night before the day we would be going home, the check in groups performed their skits.

Everyone was eating pizza while laughing and talking to their new friends. One of the skits made fun of the counselors and one was just of campers dancing. There was a skit where everyone lined up and said, “If I weren't a badminton player a blank I would be.” An example is, “If I

weren't a badminton player a bus driver I would be! Swerve. Skid. I think I hit a kid!” Sean Hussey even challenged the rest of us to a handstand contest. We were really surprised when Coach Hussey joined in. We all considered him the underdog, but we were wrong because he won with Quinn Hussey coming in second. All the skits were very funny and it was a great farewell night.

The last day of camp was reserved for an end-of-camp tournament. The campers were each assigned a group and given a number. We all headed to the SRC gym and practiced a little before we played. Doubles and singles games were played. Numbers were called out and you and your opponents were assigned to a court. Parents were invited to come early to watch the campers play and you could hear cheering in the background.

When the buzzer sounded, one player would serve the shuttle and the game started. To save time, rally scoring was used. When the buzzer sounded again, the players switched sides on the court and resumed play. The last buzzer indicated the end of the match and you went back to your group. Nobody kept score or how many wins or losses your team had, it was just for fun.

When everyone had a chance to play a couple of games, we all sat around the center court and watched Hanlin play against Ben Hussey. It was a tough match, but in the end Ben was victorious. After that Kimberly joined Ben on the court and Kevin Hussey added himself to Hanlin's team. This was a very tight match and nobody knew who would win, but in the end Kevin and Hanlin pulled out on top.

When all the fun was over, each camper was given an EIU Badminton Camp bag and a group photo that had been taken earlier. Almost everyone was sad when it was time to go back to the dorms to finish packing. We were extremely disappointed to be saying good-bye to all our new friends.

All in all, we were all on court for approximately 6-7 hours each day. Fortunately, we left with new friends and a new passion for badminton. We all had such a spectacular time at the camp and many, including us, want to return again next year. We want to thank everyone who helped coordinate the badminton camp and made it the tremendous experience that it was.

Camille Todd is a member of the MBA and USA Badminton. She is thirteen years old and a member of the Wilson Midwest Junior Team. Camille is the daughter of Gina and Jay Todd of St. Louis, MO. Jennifer Kan is a member of the MBA and USA Badminton. She is thirteen years old and a member of the Wilson Midwest Junior Team. Jennifer is the daughter of Steve Kan and Amy Que of Chesterfield, MO. Russ Bowles coaches the Wilson Midwest Jr. Girl's Team. ❖

# Senior Games Badminton in the MBA

The 17th Annual **Nebraska Senior Games** were held August 10-13, 2006 in Kearney, NE. There were 325 total participants, age 50 and over, representing over 50 Nebraska communities and 16 states. For the Badminton event, there were 16 experienced players. Results from the event are below and all athletes listed have qualified for the 2007 National Senior Games in Louisville, KY.

To learn more about the **Nebraska Senior Games**, go to [www.nebraskaseniorgames.com](http://www.nebraskaseniorgames.com), or call Mandi Mollring, 308-233-3229.

Event	Age Grp	Place	Name(s)	Hometown
Singles-Men		1	Rajeev Trehan	Lawrence, KS
	50-54	2	Ben Desmond	Kearney
	55-59	1	Dave Waggoner	Kearney
		2	Bruce Schanbacher	Kearney
	60-64	1	Grant Taggard	Colo. Springs, CO
65-69	1	Bob McFarland	Grand Island	
	1	George Stephens	Omaha	
70-74	2	Ronald Kolbe	Sac City, IA	
	Singles-Women	1	Carolyn Foster	St. Paul
55-59		1	Suzanne Smith	Alta Vista, KS
65-69		1	Susan Miller	Topeka, KS
Doubles-Men	50-54	1	Rajeev Trehan & Bob McFarland,	Lawrence, KS & Grand Island
		2	Ben Desmond & Dave Waggoner,	Kearney
55-59	1	Al Toris & Dave Anderson,	Omaha & Glendale, CA	
	60-64	1	Bob Ericson & Grant Taggard	Omaha & Colo. Spgs, CO
	Doubles-Women	1	Carolyn Foster & Carol Toris,	St. Paul & Omaha
65-69		1	Susan Miller & Suzanne Smith	Topeka KS & Alta Vista, KS
Mixed Doubles	50-54	1	Suzanne Smith & Rajeev Trehan,	Alta Visa, KS & Lawrence, KS
		1	Carolyn Foster & Bob McFarland,	St. Paul & Grand Island
	60-64	1	Susan Miller & Bob Ericson,	Topeka, KS & Omaha

The **Indiana State Senior Games** badminton competition was held on Saturday, June 17 at the Key Learning Center in downtown Indianapolis. The games attracted 22 competitors from 5 states. We had 50 year old "youngsters" and 75+ year old "veterans." The range of badminton experience was just as varied, ranging from lifelong devotees of the sport, to people who were beginning a new activity in their golden years.

It was a busy day as the Senior Games format allows for 5 events in each age group. Age groups are in 5 year increments starting at 50 years and extending as high as there are competitors to fill them -75-79 years for this year in Indiana.) 31 gold medals were awarded in 20 separate events.

The Senior Games in general, and Senior Games badminton in particular, have a lot to recommend them. The emphasis is on participation rather than proficiency, a worthwhile objective for a sport which has chronically suffered from low participation levels. Participants are guaranteed opponents who are their equal in age, a welcome relief from typical venues where seniors are the exception. The venue is local, so in-state residents can participate without investing a lot of time and \$ in travel. For the serious competitor, there is the opportunity for winners to compete at the national level. This year's Indiana State Games had four participants who have won gold medals at the National Senior Games. Lastly, the games are a great place to renew old friendships and begin new ones.

*(Results submitted by Carl Weissgerber). ❖*

	Name	City	State	Medal	
Singles -Men	50-54	Bharat Patel	Martinsville IN	Gold	
	55-59	Iggy Yee	Cincinnati OH	Gold	
	60-64	Carl Weissgerber	Camby IN	Gold	
		Terry Downey	Bowling Green IN	Silver	
	65-69	Charles Norton	Louisville KY	Gold	
	70-74	H.C. Ownbey	Beaver Creek OH	Gold	
		Bob Clay	Indianapolis IN	Silver	
	75-79	Wolfgang Arlt	Milwaukee WI	Gold	
		Harvey Mason	Loveland OH	Silver	
	Women	50-54	Dawn Patel	Martinsville IN	Gold
Rosie Zhang			Carmel IN	Silver	
Pat Watts			Lexington KY	Bronze	
55-59		Penny Weissgerber	Camby IN	Gold	
		Linda Downey	Bowling Green IN	Silver	
		Linda Law	Kalamazoo MI	Bronze	
75-79		Clara Gamble	Kalamazoo MI	Gold	
		Doubles-Men	50-54	Han Jining/Bharat Patel	Carmel/Martinsville IN
55-59			Iggy Yee/Stephen Wang	Cincinnati/Powell OH	Gold
60-64			Charles Norton/Terry Downey	Louisville/Bowling Green KY/IN	Gold
70-74	Carl Bizantz/H.C. Ownbey		Nineven/Beaver Creek IN/OH	Gold	
75-79	Harvey Mason/Wolfgang Arlt		Loveland/Milwaukee Oh/WI	Gold	
Women	50-54	Rosie Zhang/Dawn Patel	Carmel/Martinsville IN	Gold	
		Terry & Linda Downey	Bowling Green IN	Silver	
Mixed	60-64	Stephen Wang/Jeanine Bohn	Powell/Cincinnati OH	Gold	
	75-79	Harvey Mason/Clara Gamble	Loveland/Kalamazoo OH/MI	Gold	



**By the numbers**

**1** vacant position on MBA board

Some of the Nebraska Senior Games participants:  
 Front row l to r: Suzanne Smith (KS), Susan Miller (KS), Carolyn Foster (NE), Rajeev Trehan (KS)  
 Back row l to r: Bob Ericson (NE), Bob McFarland (NE)

## My Serve:

Prestidigitator? That's what I've become for every issue and Sep-Oct is no exception. This is my seventh issue. It covers a wide range of topics—from camps to competition; juniors to seniors, and safety on the court as well as what your MBA board is doing.

Is it a broken record or what? "on the road again—again?" Lots of traveling this year. Since last issue I drove to Topeka, Kansas for the Kansas Senior Games. (See Page 6). Two hours and forty five minutes/172 miles from Omaha on two-lane highways. Speed limits of 55, 60, 65 and 70 mph make passing a little tough, even dicey on occasion.

It was fun competition and gave me a chance to renew badminton acquaintances. Have you renewed any badminton acquaintances lately? If you have, let me know and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Let me have your 'on the road' stories.

Did you read the article on Page 1? When was the last time you went to a tournament and there were 36 men's doubles teams and 36 women's doubles teams? Let me see. Hmmm. 36 teams x2 players on each side=72. Some MBA tournaments don't get that many entries for an entire tournament. Unheard of? Really? I doubt none of us, even the old,old timers and geezerjocks have seen such. If someone out there in MBA-land can top this, please let me know. I'll be sure to do a story about it.

I know, I know, I'm from Nebraska and might be slightly prejudiced, but maybe, just maybe, the Kearney Community Center is onto something. Do they know something avid badminton enthusiasts don't? What buttons did they push? Hmmm.

OK, MBA seniors, last call; there's still time to sign up for Kalamazoo in November.

Yeah, yeah. I know; you want to know what that long p-word at the beginning means. Well, it's mid-19th century French and means *preste 'nimble' and digital 'finger'*. If you guessed juggler, you're right. It's what I do every issue, *juggle* the words, layout, and photos to make the newsletter informative and enjoyable for you to read. Almost like a tournament director, right? So, the more info I receive, the better *prestidigitator* I will become—to the reader's benefit.



Next issue:  
Rally scoring!

Time  
for you  
to  
return  
my  
serve.

Love All, Play!

*Bob Edmon*

Bob, Editor

## Protective Eyewear on Court

by Mary Ann Bowles

Protective eyewear? Why would anyone want to wear protective eyewear on the badminton court?

The obvious answer—to protect your eyes! Do accidents happen on court? You bet! Just in our St. Louis club alone, two players have been hit in the eye in recent years, one with a shuttle and one with a racket. In one St. Louis venue, we play under extreme white-out conditions with a low ceiling and bright lights. The eye injury results ranged from weeks of homebound recovery and missed school for one player to eye surgery and diminished vision for the other. Both may suffer from potential detached retinas in the long term.

My friendship with protective eyewear began about a decade ago when I decided to try a pair. As players age, reflexes show down and if you play against younger players, they do hit the shuttle quickly. Mixed doubles is my favorite event, and a female player is close to the net which could endanger eyes. Female players are often the targets of an opponent's cross-court smash in mixed doubles—all the more reason to protect your eyes. To complicate the matter, many senior women only seem to

lift mid-court to the opponent.

Some players hit the shuttle hard but have little control over where it goes—another good reason for protective eyewear. In addition, aggressive new players often have no thought of a doubles partner and swing the racquet in an unpredictable manner. However, if you want the feeling of NO FEAR, just try a pair of protective goggles—they do give you the option of taking risks you might not try if you had no eye protection.

If you google on "badminton eye injuries," you'll find all kinds of information on eye injuries caused by our favorite sport. Most of the research on badminton injuries comes from England, its former colonies, and the Scandinavian countries. According to those studies, the most dangerous traumatic injury that can occur in badminton is an injury to the eye. A Malaysian study called badminton the sport that presented the "greatest ocular hazard" in that country. A Canadian study published in the Physician and Sports Medicine Journal found that badminton accounted for 30% to 58% of all racquet sport eye

injuries in Canada in a decade. In 2005, the Ontario Badminton Association legislated the mandatory use of protective eyewear for all juniors.

The research went on to say that seventy percent of all badminton-related eye injuries happen during doubles games. The person most at risk would be the net person who gets hit in the eye by the shuttle or gets hit by the racket or shuttle of his/her partner. Most players have heard the warning to never look back during play so that you do not get hit in the eye with a shuttle coming from your partner.

All the research recommends the use of polycarbonate plastic glasses while playing badminton. It used to be believed that only beginning players were prone to injury because they don't keep their eye on the shuttle at all times, but research has shown that very experienced players can be injured as well. Several studies pointed out that while there are more eye injuries in squash, the injuries

from badminton tend to be more severe. Most players are aware of the speed of that shuttle at nearly 200 miles an hour even though it doesn't look like a deadly weapon. The fact that a shuttle looks like it couldn't kill a fly is a big reason why there is a lack of awareness among badminton players about the potential for eye injury.

So our club has taken heed of the dangers of the shuttle, and we have seven players who pull out their protective eyewear when they play. Goggles can be found online, at many tennis shops, racquetball facilities, and other places where racket sports are played. The new wrap-around goggles do not interfere with your peripheral vision so it's just like wearing a pair of glasses. Try a pair—you might be surprised—and you'll be a lot safer on court!❖



### By the numbers



MBA participants  
using protective  
eyewear.

# Minutes of MBA Board Meeting

MEETING OF  
THE MIDWEST BADMINTON ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 22, 2006  
Mt. Prospect, Illinois

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mary Ann Bowles, Bob Ericson, Dawn Patel, Jane Wang, and Alice Wunderlich. Absent were Lilly Feng, Hanlin Wan, and Xianhua Wan. Mary Ann held the proxy of Xianhua.

President Dawn Patel called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM CDT. Dawn thanked Alice for hosting the meeting on her back porch. Minutes of the March meeting were discussed. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

## MBA MISSION STATEMENT

The MBA mission statement was read and discussed. It is posted on the MBA website, and Bob will place it in future FLICKS. It was the consensus of the Board that it should remain as written. Each Board member was asked to send a photo and short bio to Jess Morgan to update the MBA homepage on the website.

## USAB UPDATE

Mary Ann Bowles updated members on the activities of USA Badminton:

### 1) Coaching Clinics

Arthur Zhu and Alex Mathews are working on a regional coaching plan for the quadrennium, the four years between the Sydney and Beijing Olympics. That plan is to be submitted to the USAB Coaching Administrator, Mohan Subramaniam, in the USAB National office. Coaching opportunities for those interested in coaching are available on Saturday mornings in Chicago, but other coaching clinics should be held in the region as needed. Mary Ann will contact Arthur and Alex and see how the coaching plan is coming.

### 2) Rally Point Scoring

Rally point scoring is now being used in sanctioned regional Classics and national ranking tournaments. USAB Court Officials' committee has recommended use by all players by August 1, 2006. USAB Board will need to vote on recommendation.

### 3) Junior Pan Am Team

U.S. Team playing in Campanis, Brazil, this week – 4 boys and 4 girls on Under-19 team US took 3rd in team championships behind Peru and Canada in individual championships, U.S. players were seeded.

### 4) USAB Tournament Software Clinic

Held July 8-9, 2006 during Junior Nationals. Goals for first year are to make program available to regional Classic and Adult Nationals tournament directors with laptop and manual. Rankings and ratings can be determined from stored tournament data. For second year, program will move to regional sanctioned tournaments.

### 5) Golden Gate Open Tournament

First sanctioned tournament held at one of the four new clubs in the CA Bay area. Prize purse of \$8888

### 6) 2006 Junior National Results

Listed for Hanlin Wan, Karishma Kollipara, Raunak Kollipara, James Huang, Michael Huang, and Tiffanie Kimura. Ben Hussey and Quinn Hussey did not attend due to family emergency.

### 7) 2006 Senior Nationals

June 28-July 2 in Westborough, MA 5 Midwest participants – Jeannine Bohm, Mary Ann Bowles, Bill McKaig, Peggy Meacham, and Harry Orr.

by Mary Ann Bowles, Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

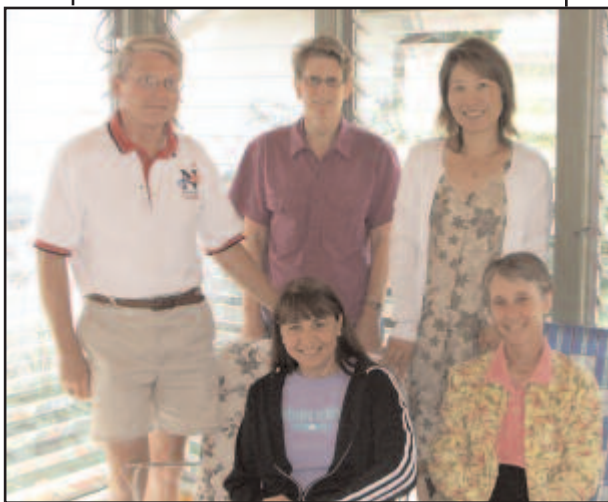
Alice Wunderlich reported on:

### 1) IRS compliance

Jane Wang had made a contribution through Pfizer and Alice had been notified by Pfizer that the MBA was a private foundation but not a public charity. Alice called the IRS to find out why, even though the MBA was tax-exempt, it was not on a public charity list. Paperwork had been sent within a probationary five-year period after the MBA became tax-exempt, but it had not been returned. So the MBA can be reinstated by writing a letter to the IRS and completing a required form. Alice will follow up on the procedure to be followed. Bob Ericson had a question about getting a copy of the tax-exempt letter so the printing of the Flick could be tax-exempt. Alice will get a letter to him.

### 2) Filing of tax return

Because the MBA now has more than \$20K in the



Front row (l to r): Dawn Patel, M.A. Bowles  
Back row (l to r): Bob Ericson, Alice Wunderlich, Jane Wang

bank account, a Form 990 must be filed. The due date was May 15, but Alice asked for an extension and the due date is now August 15. Alice will follow up on the Form 990 filing.

### 3) Financial Update

Don Ross endowment - \$226K  
Operating account - \$9500  
Operating loss - \$1K  
Software upgrade funded by USAB

What should the MBA do with the Don Ross endowment? With interest rates around 5%, \$10K in interest could be earned annually from the funding. Alice thinks the funds should be portioned into \$50K portions and invested in FDIC insured shelters that could be accessed without penalty. The funds need to be moved from the bank account and have several signatories to access. Alice will work on a proposal for investing the funds.

Don Ross wanted the funding spent on adult clinics and tournaments, so an adult camp and tournament will be planned for next spring and summer. The camp should not conflict with Kevin Hussey's junior camps. The Southern Badminton Association is hosting a tournament in their region in August in Decatur, Georgia. Dawn gave a short history of Don Ross and his badminton career to the Board members.

After some discussion, it was decided to offer a Senior award in the name of Don Ross at the annual Midwest Senior Championships. The criteria considered for the award would include age 35+,

sportsmanship, participation in regional events, and badminton service. Nominations would be taken at the Senior tournament, and the recipient must be participating in the Senior tournament. A laser trophy would be presented to the player selected by committee, and the player would be awarded plane fare to the U.S. Senior Nationals in the current season, receipt for the plane fare to be submitted for reimbursement. The award could be presented to one player, two players, or no players dependent upon nominations and the pleasure of the MBA Board. Bob Ericson will need info on Don Ross for a biographical article for the Flick—Dawn will get something to him. Dawn will check into a trophy for this year's November Midwest Senior championships.

## COMPUTER & FLICK

Bob Ericson passed out a financial report on the printing and mailing of the Flick since he has become Editor. Alice Wunderlich has sent him two checks for \$500 each to cover the costs of printing and mailing, and she will send a check every several months to Bob for those purposes. Bob has 100 copies of the Flick printed for MBA members and publicity purposes. It was decided to send via e-mail or mail copies of the Flick to the USAB Board members. Addresses will be sent to Bob from the secretary.

As to e-mailing the Flick, the May/June issue has not been posted on the MBA website so that MBA members can view it. Bob asked about e-mailing the Flick to those who wish to receive it via e-mail. **A motion was made and seconded to have Bob e-mail the Flick to the MBA members who wish to receive it. Motion carried, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.** Eight pages for the newsletter takes a 39-cent stamp—more than eight pages requires more postage. Bob would like to find some sponsors who would be interested in having an ad in the newsletter to help fund it. He encouraged everyone to submit articles to him, and will contact the MBA clubs again to see if he can get an article from any of them. He's very interested in any kind of data with numbers included, such as "0 MBA clubs have submitted an article to the Flick." He has seen this kind of info in sports magazines, and thinks the MBA readership would be interested in this kind of information in the Flick.

As to the website, Jess Morgan, the webmaster, was interested in improving and updating the site in March when she surveyed players at the MBA Championships. She was planning to work with Shannon Pohl on some new graphics, but Shannon has relocated to Europe to train. Jess has a friend who can help her, but she now needs to know what kind of funding is available to update the site. Dawn will contact her and let her know funding is available and ask for a proposal as to what she would like to do to the site. Each Board member was asked to send a current photo and short bio to Jess for the website.

## MBA ADULT AND SENIOR RANKINGS

Dawn will e-mail Hanlin to check on the 2005-06 Adult and Senior rankings. They need to be voted on by Board members so they can be printed in a fall Flick along with an explanation of how they were determined.

## MBA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This tournament is scheduled for November 18-19, 2006, in conjunction with the Kalamazoo tournament run by Harry Orr. Harry invited the MBA to hold the Senior events at his facility. The entry is already available on the MBA website. The first Don Ross Senior Award will be presented at this tournament.

**USAB MIDWEST CLASSIC**

The regional Classic is scheduled for January 12-14, 2007, at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. The BCDE events will be held as the Indiana Open.

**MBA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This tournament is scheduled for Terre Haute March 2-4, 2007. The MBA should request a sanction for the tournament to reserve the date on the USAB calendar. The 2006 Midwest Championships were very short on volunteer help from Board members since several were not in attendance. It is the expectation of Board members that they assist with the Closed Championships in some capacity—helping run the desk, helping with the trophies, recording scores, registering players, umpiring, etc. Board members should put the March dates on their calendars.

**2007 MBA BOARD ELECTION**

Board members up for re-election will be Alice Wunderlich and Xianhua Wan. There is still a vacancy left when Elke Haefke's slot was not filled at the last election. Jane Wang agreed to serve as the Nominating committee chair.

**MBA OPEN TOURNAMENTS**

September - Chicago Open  
 October 21 - Ray Scott Memorial  
 November 18-19 - Kalamazoo/MBA Senior tournaments  
 January 12-14 - USAB Midwest Classic/Indiana Open  
 March 2-4 - Midwest Closed Championships

**MBA JUNIOR OPEN & CLOSED**

Dawn asked Jane Wang to serve as the Junior contact for the Board. Jane agreed and will work with Russ Bowles, the MBA Junior committee chair. An Open and Closed Junior Championships are the ideal tournaments to hold for Junior players in the region. Criteria for the MBA Outstanding Junior Awards needs to be created and kept on file for the selection of Juniors in the spring. The Junior funding application on the MBA website needs to be revised. Bob Ericson will pull the application off and e-mail to Board members asking for their input as to needed changes.

**MBA OFFICIALS' UPDATE**

Regional umpires will be notified of the rally point scoring changes and will be e-mailed the new information on the rule changes. An umpiring clinic will be offered again at the March Midwest Championships.

**TROPHY COMMITTEE**

Alice Wunderlich and Tony Powell will continue to man the Trophy committee and make the trophies presentable for the Closed Championships.

**NEW CLUB LOAN FUND**

Funding is available for players interested in starting a new club in the region, especially for needed equipment.

**MBA NET STANDARDS**

The MBA owns two sets of portable net standards. One set is being stored by Terry and Linda Downey in Bowling Green, Indiana, and the other set by Russ and Mary Ann Bowles in St. Louis. A storage and rental policy still needs to be established on paper for the use of these standards. Bob Ericson would like to see a photo of the standards.

Mention was made about reimbursement of travel expenses to the MBA summer meeting. It was decided the MBA would reimburse those who traveled to the meeting. Receipts should be submitted to Alice Wunderlich, Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bowles  
 MBA Secretary

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**Results of Kansas Senior Games**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>Singles-Women</b>			
50-54	Lee Ann Smiley	Denise Metzinger	Linda Farlow
55-59	Carolyn Foster	Bernie Schuette	
60-64	Suzanne Smith	R. Ferne walder	
65-69	Susan Miller	Sandra Bohnsack	
<b>Men</b>			
50-54	Rajeev Trehan	Parush Dasaraju	
55-59	Charles Elkins		
60-64	Oleg Kheyfets	Mahasen DeSilva	Chris Brian
65-69	Bob McFarland	Ford Ross	Bob Ericson
70-74	George Milton	Benny Meyer	
<b>Doubles-Women</b>	Gold only	<b>Men</b>	Gold Silver
50-54	Bohnsack/Metzinger	50-54	Desaraju/Trehan
55-59	Schuette/Walder	55-59	Ericson/Elkins
60-64	Smith/Miller	60-64	DeSilva/Nyfeler
		65-69	McFarland/Milton Meyer/Kheyfets
<b>Mixed</b>			
50-54	Foster/Trehan	Ericson/Smiley	Desaraju/Farlow
60-64	Nyfeler/Smith		

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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