

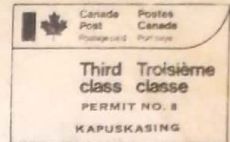
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## Notes from the President

Welcome back to the badminton circle. I hope everyone had a good summer and will now be able to concentrate on getting ready for an active year of badminton.

New legislation for Wintario grants has made it essential that membership in N.O.B.A. be stressed, especially for those wishing to participate in tournaments. I would also like to encourage everyone to join as soon as possible this fall in order that we can have a larger voice with O.B.A. in acquiring more programs and benefits for the North. Please talk to your club representatives. A slight increase in fees has been included this year to offset the increasing costs of our operation and decreasing bank balance.



Gord Field

The registration fee for Juniors (under 19 years of age as of October 1, 1977) is \$ 1.00, while for Adults it is \$ 2.50. This fee includes a subscription to the "Shuttle", O.B.A. and C.B.A. Newsletters, and permits entrance to clinics and tournaments. Please help your executive in the North by joining N.O.B.A.

Considerable planning has been done over the summer months to bring an interesting, active, and, we hope, satisfying program to you. Consult the timetable of events in the "Shuttle".

I would like to encourage everyone to read the articles and tips from the "Coaches Corner" recently appearing in the "Shuttle" and "Racquets Canada", particularly recreational players. You can't help but enjoy the game even more if you establish a better understood working relationship with your partner.

Why not bring your neighbour or a friend to your next badminton club meeting?

## 1977-78 Budget

Each year O.B.A. receives a grant from the Sports and Fitness Division of the Ministry of Culture & Recreation to help finance its activities. A substantial amount of this budget will be spent in N.O.B.A. this season.

1. 2 Executive Meetings, Sudbury	\$ 500.00
2. Junior Development Meeting, North Bay	400.00
3. Annual General Meeting, Sudbury	569.00
4. 8 O.B.A. Clinics (Umpiring & Coaching)	1,557.00
5. 1977 Summer Camp	1,080.00
6. Player Clinics and Exhibitions	1,000.00
7. Advanced Player Clinics	500.00
8. The Northern Shuttle	500.00

In addition, N.O.B.A. will receive a portion of a \$ 1,000 "communication subsidy" to be shared among the districts; N.O.B.A. players will participate in 'elite' and 'B squad' junior training camps; N.O.B.A. officials will attend a Provincial Umpires Seminar and Provincial Umpiring Clinic; and members of the N.O.B.A. Executive will attend Representative Meetings in Toronto. We also have access at all times to the fine office facilities of the Sports Administration Center and O.B.A.'s two full-time staff members, Anne Frickleton and Ann Thompson.

We can all feel proud that the good organization and continued growth of our district have brought about this excellent support from O.B.A.

(Note: The areas of travel to tournaments, equipment, and trophies are funded by Wintario, not through the O.B.A. budget. N.O.B.A.'s "internal budget", which covers mainly postage and office supplies, comes from the fees paid by its members.)

Gino Gonnella,  
5 Wellington,  
CREIGHTON MINE, Ont.  
POM 1P0

## O.B.A. CLINICS

A record number of 8 O.B.A. Clinics will be hosted by N.O.B.A. this fall, and we hope that very many of our players will make a special effort to participate in them. They provide a grand opportunity to meet some of the leaders of our sport in Ontario, and to add to your enjoyment of badminton through increased knowledge.

**UMPIRING:** is one area where all sorts of players can get involved - club players, tournament players, coaches, juniors, even retired players can all become excellent officials. The clinics in Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury are all timed to precede invitational tournaments in those areas, so the clubs will be well-prepared to handle the officiating duties. A new feature of Umpiring Clinics this season will be a slide presentation highlighting such things as common faults. This project has just been completed and will be a welcome innovation.

**COACHING:** whether or not you are presently involved in coaching, you are sure to enjoy the Level I Clinic. Instruction is given in an on-court setting, rather than in a classroom, so the emphasis is on the practical. After the clinic, you will be able to assist fellow club members, start or help with a junior program, or, if you prefer, just coach yourself and improve your own game.

These clinics are for fun, so let's get out and enjoy them!

For further information on any of these clinics, call the local contact concerned, or get in touch with O.B.A. Technical Director Ann Thompson, 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto. M4Y 2J1 Phone: 416-964-8355

- TIMMINS:** Level I Coaching } September 24, 25  
 Regional Umpiring }  
 Instructors: Jim & Nancy Lynch  
 Local contact: Jim Bielek, P. C. Box 248, Porcupine.  
 PON 1C0 Phone: 235-8355
- SAULT STE. MARIE:** Level I Coaching } October 1, 2  
 Regional Umpiring }  
 Head Instructor: Gord Smith  
 Local contact: Margie Erkkila, 1274 Queen E., Sault Ste.  
 Marie. P6A 2E8 Phone: 253-7288
- SUDBURY:** Level I Coaching } October 15, 16  
 Level II (Part 1) Coaching }  
 Regional Umpiring }  
 Head Instructor: John Gilbert  
 Local contact: Cesar Battochio, 1450 Kelly Lake Road,  
 Sudbury. P3E 4L8 Phone: 522-1579
- NORTH BAY:** Level I Coaching } October 22, 23  
 Head Instructor: to be announced  
 Local contact: Emmanuelle Gunter, R. R. No. 3, North Bay.  
 P1B 8G4 Phone: 472-5664

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# UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

## Porcupine Open

The opening tournament of the new season will be held in Timmins on October 21-23. This event was started last year and is completely open to any players wishing to challenge for the five beautiful trophies donated at that time. It is sanctioned by the Ontario Badminton Association, so Wintario grants to cover 50% of travel costs (20¢ per mile) are available to clubs.

Play will take place on the 7 courts of Roland Michener S.S. in South Porcupine and the starting time is 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Carleton green-band international shuttles will be used and trophies will be awarded to winners, runners-up and consolation event winners.

Entry fees are \$ 3.00 for 1st event, \$ 2.00 for each additional event and must be received no later than Tuesday, October 18. A party will be held on Saturday night with music, bar and midnight buffet, all for \$ 5.00.

The following rates for accommodation have been arranged:

1. Bon Air Motel - 4 miles from gym: Single \$18; Double \$24 plus \$2 per extra person.
  2. Porcupine Inn - 8 miles from gym: Single \$18; Double \$22 plus \$5 per extra person.
  3. Senator Motor Inn - 5 miles from gym: Single \$20; Double \$23 plus \$5 per extra person.
- (Both Senator and Porcupine Inn have swimming pools.)

To obtain entry forms or further information, contact: Tournament Chairman, Jim Bielek, P. O. Box 248, Porcupine, P.O.N 1C0 Phone: 705-235-8355

## Interdistrict Team Championships

There will be no Ontario Winter Games this year, so O.B.A. is planning to stage its own team competition. A detailed proposal re format has been prepared by Ottawa's Ian Bishop, and final arrangements will be approved at the Rep. Meeting on September 10th.

Preliminary plans call for each district to send an 8 member (4 men/4 ladies) team to a round robin tournament either in Ottawa or Toronto on November 11-13. Each player would enter 2 events; i.e. doubles plus singles or mixed.

No government funding is available other than through Wintario which will pay 50% of travel costs. Therefore, each N.O.B.A. participant will have to cover his own expenses.

The announcement of this tournament raises some questions for N.O.B.A.: Can we form a team? How should our team be selected? If this competition becomes an annual event, should we try to raise funds to support our team, buy uniforms etc.?

Undoubtedly, team play introduces an extra, and important, dimension to badminton. In England, for example, inter-county play and the honour of playing for a "county team" are cornerstones of the development system. On the international level, world supremacy in badminton is determined by team play for the Thomas and Uber Cups. We have many fine players who would represent us well in interdistrict competition and would no doubt benefit from the experience as well. If successful, the interdistrict team concept could be expanded in future to include A teams, B teams, and Junior teams.

For the present, though, the date of November 11-13 is approaching quickly. For starters, let's find out which players are interested in playing on an N.O.B.A. Team and/or helping to form one. IF THAT INCLUDES YOU, PLEASE CONTACT N.O.B.A. President Gord Field, 1043 Grandview Blvd., Sudbury. P3A 2H5 before September 24th.

### FALL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next N.O.B.A. Executive Meeting is scheduled to be held in Sudbury on Saturday, September 24th, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

If you would like any questions raised, please contact President Gord Field (566-7996) or Secretary Norma Maynard (673-5206).

## N.O.B.A. Seniors Tournament

This very special tournament will be run on a fall date this season, to see if it might be convenient for more of our "seniors" (women 35 & over; men 40 & over). The last two editions featured lots of very closely-contested matches, reminiscing, and just plain good fun.

Seniors # 3 will be held once again in Sudbury, on November 19-20. Cesar Battocchio is the Tournament Chairman.

Right in the middle of things at last year's Seniors is Nancy Yamniuk of the North Bay BC. She's surrounded by Ilze Reimer, Kapuskasing; Gino Gonnella, Creighton Mine; Jack Dempsey, Noranda; and Trudy Tully, Ottawa.



Nancy & husband Joe (not yet a Senior!) dropped in to Kap on their way out west to Red Deer, Alberta, where they have been stationed by the Armed Forces. Nan would like to return for the upcoming Seniors, but 1,900 miles ... ?!

We hope you'll be planning to get out and participate in this fun event. Don't worry about partners! Everyone is very congenial, and the tournament committee will pair you up if you wish. Watch the October and November Shuttles for further details or contact Cesar Battocchio (522-1579).

### TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

Most tournaments in N.O.B.A. this season are "sanctioned" by O.B.A. This means that participating clubs can obtain Wintario travel grants, and that the tournament committees can obtain Wintario grants for trophies.

It also means that all participating players will be C.B.A. members, and that recognized draw procedures will be followed. If you have any questions regarding "Tournament Sanctions", write to Shuttle and we'll get the answers for you.



Northern Ontario Badminton Association

### HILDA ROSS FEATURED IN TIMMINS EXHIBITION

Some of the trophies won by Hilda Ross, and scrapbooks of her achievements in Badminton are on display from August 30 - September 11 at the Timmins Museum: National Exhibition Centre. The display is in conjunction with an exhibition entitled "Sports in News '76", a cultural Olympic project featuring outstanding sports photography.

In reporting on this event, Lillian Williams of the Porcupine BC notes that "in a brochure related to this exhibition, I was able to look at the exciting and excellent photographs that will be on display. To my dismay, there is not one of badminton! Does this indicate a need for more photographing of terrific badminton?"

**ELLIOT LAKE** - Several experienced players from the Elliot Lake S.S. BC are leaving the area this month: Dan Udeschini and Andy Charbonneau - University of Toronto; Bruce & Steve Faulkner - Hailleybury College; Lois O'Hanley - Trent University, Peterborough; Denis Piché - University of Waterloo; Ron Hurley - work and travel for one year; Marco Udeschini - Ottawa for Grade 13 (not Brazil, as previously announced); Karen Lewkoski and Sandra Pilon - University of Western Ontario, London. They'll be missed!

Another badminton player chosen by his school as "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" was Dan Udeschini. Congratulations to Dan, and to the other fine players who were recognized by their schools this year.

President - Jim Bielek  
1st Vice President - Linda McTurk (in charge of badminton activities)  
2nd Vice President - Dwight Eide (in charge of social activities)  
Secretary - Linda Bielek  
Treasurer - Sharon Bielek  
Drawmaster - Ron Brochu

We made an error in the printing of Jim's home address in last month's Shuttle. It should be P. O. Box 248, Porcupine. PON 1C0

Joining Sue Robinson in Timmins is Deb Robillard, who also is looking forward to playing with the Porcupine BC. Both are recent graduates of Cambrian College, where they were very active in the badminton program.

Jim Bielek reports that the Porcupine BC has a new logo (reprinted elsewhere in this issue) which will appear on club sweat suits and shirts.

**CREIGHTON MINE** - Recent visitors in Creighton were Larry and Joel Gonnella. Joel will be staying with uncle Gino Gonnella while attending St. Charles College in Sudbury this year. His return will be welcomed on the junior badminton scene! Larry is re-joining the family in Guatemala where they have a short-term posting with INCO.

**GARSON** - Congratulations from Shuttle and from the members of the Garson BC to Rene and Cecile Paquette, who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Rene has been the coach of the Garson BC for many years and his work there has certainly been appreciated by the many young people involved.

**SAULT STE. MARIE** - A brand-new tournament is making an appearance on the N.O.B.A. circuit this season. The SAULT STE. MARIE OPEN will be hosted by the Soo BC on December 2-4. Although no other details are available yet, you can be sure that the local players will go all out to make it a big success.

#### PLAYER CLINIC IN TIMMINS

First player clinic of the new season is scheduled for Timmins on Saturday, September 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roland Michener S.S.

Coaches Jim Bielek and Frank Boulanger have planned a program divided into three parts:

- A. Conditioning
- B. (i) Basic Skills - 1. Grip 4. Overhead clear  
2. Forehand flick 5. Backhand push  
3. Singles serve
- (ii) Strategy - 1. Singles, 2. Doubles, 3. Mixed
- C. Tournament

Anyone interested should contact Frank (264-2514) or Jim (235-8355). Sounds like a great way to get limbered up for the new season!

## WANTED

### Teams for Pepsi School Playdowns

Teams are comprised of 4 players (all boys or all girls) who attend the same school. Don't think they should all be "superstars"! All you need is steady players who will try hard and play with a team spirit.

TEAM PLAY IS DIFFERENT! AND IT'S FUN!

Talk to your schoolmates or your coach; line up a foursome; then write to:

Steve Chen, 23 Mississauga Avenue,  
Apartment # 21,  
ELLIOT LAKE. P5A 1E1

In a few weeks, Steve will arrange a playoff schedule. N.O.B.A. champion teams will participate in a provincial round-robin tournament next spring.

DO IT NOW!

## Drops 'n clears

\* Congratulations to Geniek Ksiazkiewicz and his new bride. Formerly of Creighton Mine, where he was coached by Ev Staples, Geniek recently obtained a post-graduate degree from York University and has moved to Ottawa.

\* Congratulations also to Ed Hreljac and his new bride, Debbie, of Sudbury. Ed too is a former star of the Staples-Creighton program, winning the Canadian junior doubles crown in 1972. He is often referred to as "Ed Hreljac Jr." in order to avoid confusion with his uncle of the same name. "Ed Hreljac Sr." was the dominant figure in N.O.B.A. through the 50s and 60s.

#### TAKE SHUTTLE TO UNIVERSITY WITH YOU

Leaving for school this month? Keep up on all the badminton news, back home by renewing your membership in N.O.B.A. before you go. Send us your new address and we'll keep "Shuttle" coming your way!

## Shuttletime in the Porcupine

by Lillian Williams



A little "racqueteer" weighing 6 lbs. 12½ oz. has arrived! His name is Michael Bielek. This happy event occurred at St. Mary's General Hospital on August 13, 1977 to proud parents Jim and Sharon. Jim was a busy coach this past season with the Porcupine Club and Grade Four, Five and Six students at Mattagami Public School. Sharon spent many pre-natal hours involved with badminton. Thus Michael's first words might sound like SHH SHH SHUTTLE! His first sentence will probably be "Keep your eye on the bird!" The very best wishes of all badminton enthusiasts go to the Bielek family.

There is a radiant glow in the gentle smile of Judy Robichaud as she monitors the busy switchboard at Northern College. Look at the third finger of her left hand and you will see a sparkling diamond. Judy and Rick Osipenko were engaged on August 16. Best of luck to Judy and Rick!

Bill Forman, runner-up of the Porcupine Club Tournament's Men's Singles Title in April 1977 is continuing his second year studies in Biology at the University of Guelph after an interesting summer as a unit fire fighter with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Kapuskasing. As Bill's parents are moving to Mississauga for the year, he will be missed. Good luck studying Bill and keep up the footwork!

While observing the Legion All Ontario Track Meet at Roland Michener High School's Tartan Track, I couldn't help but notice the number of athletes and coaches who would talk excitedly about an athlete's achievement of his or her personal best. Do coaches stress this enough in badminton? Especially among younger badminton players who may not have the natural ability or agility of another player, the personal best approach would be helpful. Also, I am impressed with the total team approach of coach Vital Shank and the Timmins Track Club. By committing themselves to the team concept the Timmins Track Club recently won the North Central Region Track and Field Championship, and 13 athletes from the club have qualified to be a part of the main contingent from the North Central Region competing at the Summer Games in Kitchener. Young people in badminton need not only good coaching to win but mainly to increase their love of the game and develop a healthy physical and mental attitude in sports. Older players who have not been winners could be helped to see their progress or maintenance of the level of game they have achieved.

Frank Boulanger has been guiding a group of approximately twenty high school students every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at T.H.S.V.S. This should encourage the development of a good high school team and a core of junior players for the Porcupine Badminton Club.

Jim Bielek has begun to compile an interesting history of the Timmins Club in the form of press articles and photographs. This will be a priceless documentation of the Timmins Club's past and present activities. If you have any articles or photographs please forward them to him so that they may be recorded and Jim will gladly return them. Any information would be appreciated.

# 2nd ANNUAL N.O.B.A. SUMMER CAMP

## AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

by Julie Babineau,  
Camp # 2

Gord Smith and John Gilbert teamed up to provide 29 aspiring badminton players an intense course in the skills of the game. By using different exercises, both coaches demonstrated the finer points of badminton.

Even though every player had sore muscles and felt like sleeping all day, courts were full every morning at 8:45 a.m. with enthusiastic players. Each and every morning started with stretching exercises and drills. Both coaches would then demonstrate certain drills which the players would then try to complete the same as Gord or John.

In addition to this daily schedule, every afternoon at 2:30 p.m. a "ladder" of singles games was played. Only the ones on the top had an opportunity to challenge the staff. The reward for those who could win over John or Gord was a steak dinner. Some people were very close to that dinner. They had the fork and knife in their hands, but John or Gord managed to keep the money in their pockets.

Every player from N.O.B.A. district attending the camps has a chance for a place with the 1977 Junior "B" team. The coaches did not pick the two girls and the two boys; they only suggested to the Junior Dev. Chairman. Attitude on and off court, how the player wanted to learn and play, helped John and Gord to make their decision.

At the second camp, players had a chance to try and win C.B.A. badges from level one up to level five. Activities were organized each night of the week for the ones staying in residence. "Mr. Green" (Mr. McClelland) did a tremendous job in keeping the N.O.B.A. and JSANO residents occupied throughout their stay at camp.

The week proved to be a successful one, and that you'll be able to tell when you see those badminton players on court at the next tournament. Once more, thanks Gord and John!



CAMP # 1



CAMP # 2

### SUMMING UP

A total of 59 players participated in the second annual N.O.B.A. summer camp held at Northern College in Kirkland Lake on August 15-26. Instructors were John Gilbert and Gord Smith, and from all accounts, the players were delighted with the instruction they received, as shown by these sample comments from the evaluation sheets completed by each player: "excellent, very thorough, excellent teaching ability, perfect, concerned about the students, sure knew what they were doing, available and responsive to our needs, funny and interesting, terrific, enjoyable to be with, just great, super-fantastic (and good-looking too!), superb to say the least, you couldn't ask for any two better, they work you hard ... but it's worth it."

Camp Chairman Don MacKenzie, and counselors Pam Fleming and Gisèle LeBlanc were also given top marks by the players and coaches for camp organization and efficiency.

Of course, the actual gymnasium situation is the main feature of any camp, but the support facilities for meals and accommodation are also important. In this area there was some disappointment as the anticipated semi-private rooms did not materialize and dorm-type accommodation had to be used instead. There was also some question as to whether the cafeteria diet could be better suited to young people involved in vigorous physical activity, and at more moderate prices. These are the most difficult aspects of any camp situation, but certainly every effort will be made to improve both areas next year.

Almost all players indicated they would jump at the chance to return to the camp next summer, and most wished they had been able to stay longer than their allotted five days. A special treat was the presence of Mark Freitag, a top junior from Toronto, who assisted John and Gord and taught the players a great deal about conditioning. Many players mentioned the making of new friends as being a key feature of their week at camp. This, and the experience of being on their own for a few days, are probably as important as the things they learn in the actual program. We hope they'll continue to benefit both on and off court in the coming years.

### Camp Counselors

Pam Fleming,  
Cobalt



Gisèle LeBlanc,  
Val Caron



Mark Freitag, Toronto  
"special assistant"



Wayne O'Hanley (E.L.)  
Kent James (Liv.)  
GORD SMITH

Enlarged reprints of the "Class photos" are available by writing to Shuttle.

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	8 x 10 . 5.50

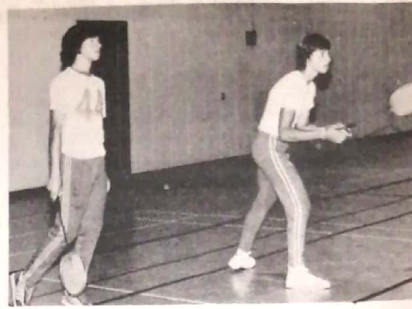
CAMPS CAN BE FUN TOO

REMEMBER WHEN .... Mary fell out the window into the wet grass .... Fritz came into close contact with the "apple juice" .... Heather struck Anne in the eye with a green pepper .... Anne did her Grover, Bay City Rollers, and Kermit the Frog imitations .... Gisèle slept in her clothes in case of an emergency .... the moon was close to the girls' dorm window; hey, Wayne! .... Sue was anxiously waiting for one o'clock to come .... the Ouija Board split up two good friends and discouraged Anna Marie about her figure (what figure?!). .... Julie showed off her new shorts .... Anne couldn't control herself while playing "look" with Sue .... Sue killed her frog .... the girls were brutally attacked by the "mafia" .... "Mr. Green's" wheels came in handy .... we saw a perfect imitation of Sweeney Todd's 'Roxy Roller' .... Edith's powerful throw totally destroyed Mary's pillow case .... Gisèle and "Mr. Green" rocked all night .... John's stomach muscle tipped over his Adidas shorts .... Gord was so sleepy he tried to open an Oldsmobile with a Plymouth key .... Conrad was close to being used as a Gong .... Fritz was chasing rats .... "I fail to find the humor!"

by Julie Babineau



St. Joseph's College BC players camped out while attending Camp # 1



Eddie Church & Chris Evans, Cobalt  
"Keep your racquet Up! Up! Up!"



Suzanne Udeschini  
(E.L.)



The Coach! ?\*#c etc.



Concentration ...  
or exhaustion?

Photos by Sally Barrette & Edith Gagnon

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*Badminton at Korah*

by Dan O'Connor,  
Sault Ste. Marie

As we all know, badminton in Northern Ontario is developing more and more with every passing year. Certain individuals have made colossal contributions to the sport in the past few years. One of these individuals is LARRY BOBBIE, who is coaching the Korah Club.

Larry originally came from Creighton Mine, where he attended St. Charles College and Laurentian University. It is interesting to note that Larry never played any form of badminton during his early life at Creighton Mine.

Before Larry came to Korah, the sport was played on a recreational basis. When Mr. Bobbie came to Korah as a guidance officer he was clueless about badminton, but he did know that the sport was more than just two players trying to put a shuttle over the net. Larry took over coaching responsibilities and set out to learn how to play the game correctly. Weekend after weekend he travelled to Toronto and Sudbury to attain the correct skills and drills. At the same time, he was attending referee clinics so he could become an umpire.

Larry now began to coach the players. Even though he was a beginner, Larry could inspire his players. Players like Billy Maclean or Rick Wilson, who did not have the prowess or finesse of a Jamie Paulson, could give anyone a tough battle.

As Mr. Bobbie progressed, so did his players. The past three years at Korah have seen a steady development

in the number of players and the quality of the players. The Korah team now practices up to 20 hours per week with approximately 15 hours of drills. Larry is always there, teaching new skills or improving old ones.

Thanks to Mr. Bobbie, Korah is now participating in many more tournaments and clinics. Larry is known for his attempts to get as many players as possible involved in the tournaments. Once he packed 15 team members in a 12-passenger van which travelled all the way to Elliot Lake.

Mr. Bobbie also tries to host as many big tournaments as he can. Working together with the Soo Badminton Club he has hosted the Ontario Winter Games, The Northern, and the Ontario "A" Championships, all in the last 3 years. Next year he hopes to host the O.F.S.S.A. finals in Northern Ontario.

The Soo Badminton Club plays an important role in the functioning of the Korah Club. The Soo BC secures gyms, clinics and provides excellent competition for the Korah Club. If the Korah Club keeps practicing the way it is, then there should be a few respectable players in a few years.

The Korah Club would like to take this chance to thank Mrs. Bobbie for her understanding and generosity. Thank-you, Mr. Bobbie and the Soo BC, who have given us so much help in our badminton development.

# SHUTTLE REBUTTAL

WITH

Alan Baird



It was with great interest that I read Gordon Smith's recent interview with the first Canadian ever to win the World Championship, to wit, A.E. "Wits" Sterner. I remember very clearly the first occasion on which I came into contact with Wits, at the Canadian Nationals in Winnipeg in 1973.

I was taking a shower after a sweat-drenching session as umpire for a men's doubles semi-final when I was set upon by Wits. He pulled all of the tricks in the book; you know, scalded my cheeks by turning off the cold water tap, anointed the walls with my hair shampoo, and practiced his backhand action by flicking a towel at me in a fine imitation of Lash Larue. It was only after I had managed to subdue him by retaliating with a nearby fire hose that I was able to talk to Wits about badminton and his own game.

And now the truth is out. Yes, I believe it was my few words of wisdom bestowed upon A. E. Sterner on this occasion which propelled him to international fame and glory. I must admit that I have not mentioned this incident to anyone else and was prepared to take it to the grave as a little secret between Wits and myself, but I am forced to speak out following the last article issuing from the poison pen of that little snitch, Gordon Smith, indulging in another bit of bird (Baird)-baiting.

You may wonder what anyone as recreationally minded as myself could say to a player that would start them on the

road to world class badminton. Well, it was simply this: "Play and play hard as long as you enjoy it; when you stop having fun, quit - because it's no longer a game, it's work."

You see, Wits set his own goals, lofty though they were, and then went about achieving them by doing things that made it fun. He enjoyed chopping wood and shovelling snow; running up and down that slag heap gave him more chuckles than watching the Bugs Bunny Comedy Hour. As for grape seeds, I've never seen anybody polish them off like Wits - he'd have them raw, boiled, sautéed, fricasseed and mashed. Besides, all that roughage promotes regularity.

Through it all, Wits had fun. He didn't consider the gruelling training schedule as hard work and suffering; it was a challenge that he set for himself. Reaching that goal involved a series of realized satisfactions pursued unflinchingly in a spirit of personal amusement. Once Wits hit the top and reached his goals, he lost interest in all that tough training. (Besides, a guy has to earn a few bucks to keep himself in grape seed.) Once the challenge was gone, so was the fun. Thus Wits wisely headed back to the mines.

The advice I gave to Wits just four short years ago I still offer to players today, and at no charge. Play, train and drill as hard and as often as you like ... as long as you enjoy the game! If it ever seems to be merely hard work and suffering, then ease off, take a break, or do something else. If the spark of enjoyment that lights the fires of most successful competitors doesn't ignite your kindling, then try a different pastime or just goof off until that good-time feeling re-emerges. You'll live to play a lot longer, with a healthier attitude, if you heed my suggestion; and you might even have as much success as easy-going Wits did.

## "Your Astrological Guide to Better Badminton"

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Persons born under this sign have great difficulty in retaining water and must take salt pills prior to competition. Aquarians tend to fold under pressure in third games and need much practise on net play and doubles serves. Compatible with Gemini and Scorpio partners.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 20): Born a pisces you will have great difficulty in attracting mixed partners due to your quick temper. Pisces players are known as suckers for deceptive shots and are constantly being fished in. Known for good high serves and poor overhead clears, you must seek better coaching.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19): All Aries players lack the discipline to excel in badminton and much work must be done in this area. Noted for singles play and relatively smooth stroking, you are easy prey for players that exhibit a wide variety of cuts, slices, and changes of pace.

**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20): August will be a bad month for you but December should prove to be rewarding. You must listen carefully to the advice of people close to you more frequently or the results could be dangerous. You are stubborn to change and clumsy afoot, yet talented. Persevere!

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 20): Your future lies in doubles play on the Provincial scene, due to your deep affection for doubles and mixed partners. Do not give up in October and avoid body contact sports this winter. Gemini players should work on their backhand more and attempt to befriend a player born under Cancer.

**CANCER** (June 21 - July 22): Psychological aspects of competition will need more of your attention this season. Success will come in March if you are not discouraged in February. Work on leg muscles and forecourt footwork. Not compatible with Capricorn and Pisces.

**LEO** (July 23 - August 22): Due to an ever increasing desire to be a leader of the pack you will make enemies if care is

not taken. Try competing in earnest on the court only. A trip away from home is in store for you this season but beware of other Leos - they know that you are weak at smash returns and may try to take advantage.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Virgos have many unexploited talents. Repetition and practise with someone who cares about your game will sow seeds of victory. Try playing more mixed doubles - singles is not for you. Compatible with Cancer and Pisces.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Born under the sign of the scales, your line calls are noted to be fair. Take care of your health in September as October will be an important month for you. Ignore jealous rumours and concentrate on singles prowess.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): As a scorpion, you should seriously consider a career as an umpire. Your net play and quick drives are especially effective against Aries players due to your quick reflexes. You must try to get along better with doubles partners before they leave you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The Sagittarius player, as the Archer, must hold back harsh criticism of others; your words cut too deeply. More practise is needed on doubles forecourt play and overhead clears. This will be a poor season for you as you will be unable to restrain your ego from ruining play.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Guard against arm injuries by doing a thorough warmup - especially in January. Beware of Virgos - they mean well but enthusiasm makes them slaves to irrational behaviour. Spend more time on physical training - there is a long match in store for you this season.

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# MEET THE OTHER DISTRICTS

## PART THREE: "OTTAWA"

The Ottawa District Badminton Association has a long tradition for providing leadership for badminton on both the provincial and the national scene. Keith Hollands and Dave Waddell are two who have given a large portion of their lives to volunteer work in our sport. Keith is renowned for his diplomacy and soft-spoken approach, and his skills as a chairman have been put to use recently on C.B.A.'s highly productive Technical Committee. Dave is one of the foremost coaches and officials in Canada, has served as President of O.B.A., and originated O.B.A.'s first newsletter "Feather Preenings" in the '60s. For the past couple of years, he has coached O.V.B.A. to unmatched success at the Ontario Winter Games. The tradition is being continued by players such as Alan Baird, now Recreation Coordinator for C.B.A., and Marg Thom, presently serving as Secretary on the O.B.A. Board of Directors.

The district is in a favourable position geographically, being relatively small in area and dense in population. It comprises the city of Ottawa and all the Ottawa Valley communities, from Deep River to Hawkesbury. Last season, O.V.B.A. affiliated 26 clubs for a total membership of 1,935 (N.O.B.A. had 1,019), including one of the three largest clubs in Ontario, the RA Club ("Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association") with 553 members.

Top players from Ottawa just now are Barbara O'Brien (Ontario "A" L.S. champion), Lyn Goudie and Sally Gadd, all nationally-ranked and in Ontario's Top 8; and John Czich, who is currently stationed in Ottawa with the Armed Forces. Ottawa players also captured two Ontario "B" titles last season: Dan Wintle (M.S.) and Anne Wist & June March (L.D.).

Bob O'Reilly is the new President of O.V.B.A. for 77-78, but this report on the past season was submitted to the OBA Annual Meeting by Past President Marg Thom.

The following is a brief summary of our District's activities during the 1976-77 badminton season:-

**Tournaments (Senior):** Six tournaments in all were conducted, including five "closed" (A,B, C, Senior and Handicap) together with one "open" tournament. The computerized draw was used for the District A,B and C championships.

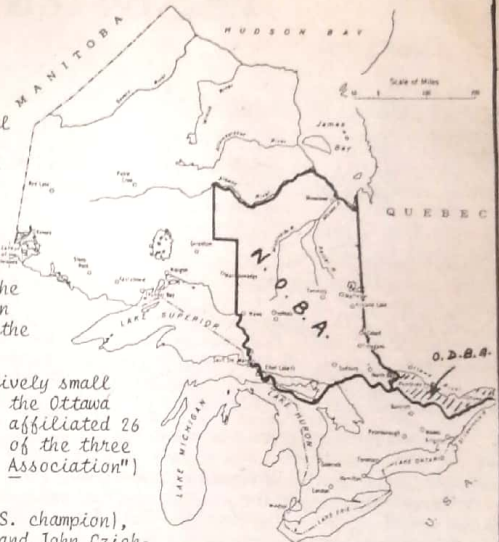
**Leagues:** The leagues operated with five mixed divisions this season, with an average of six teams per division. We were not able to get a "valley league" in operation this year. The league season concluded with a playoff round.

**Juniors:** The District Closed Championships included Under 14, 16 and 19 age groups. A junior league was in operation this season with good results. Regular coaching/practice sessions were again carried on a weekly basis on Mondays and Saturdays. The District juniors participated in the "Pepsi" playdowns, the "Provincials" and a number of other out-of-town tournaments. We appear to have a good base now in the under 14 age group and are looking forward to their performance in future years.

**Clinics & Coaching:** A level I clinic (coaches) was held, but a level II clinic had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. A regional umpires clinic was held as was a player clinic. There was also a weekly training session for the Winter Games team, and a number of "demonstration" clinics held in several clubs.

Aside from District activities in clinics and coaching we should add that we are very proud of Dave Waddell and his wife Barbara for the time and effort they have put into research in biomechanics and stroke production, culminating this year in a presentation to the World Coaches Seminar in Malmo, Sweden.

**Publicity:** We received reasonable coverage in the newspapers for tournament results, but failed to publish any editions of the district newsletter. Racquets Canada has received some negative comments as far as the badminton



OTTAWA DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

coverage is concerned, however the Clubs enjoy receiving the newsletter being published by the C.B.A., and I am sure the Ontario Badminton Association newsletter recently received by the Clubs will be a welcome addition to the scene.

**Meetings:** The usual Fall and Annual General Meetings were held, along with a President's "Work Party" and a number of Board of Directors

and Executive meetings.

**Membership:** Twenty-six clubs were affiliated this year, 18 senior and 8 junior for a total of just over 1,935 members, a decrease of about 200 from the previous year, although four new clubs affiliated.

**Winter Games:** a) Regional: Within the District an elimination round was held with 16 teams (8 members each) competing, and the winners of each section advanced to the final round of play against two teams from the Central Ontario District. We understand that the Central District also held elimination matches to declare its two teams to enter the final round of play, which was held at Carleton Place on the first weekend in January, 1977. Ottawa teams won the gold and silver medals, with Central taking the bronze. With the combined totals from each District, approximately 200 players took part in this event.

b) Ontario: Using a round-robin method of selection the team was finally declared and then had six weekly training sessions prior to the Games. The team placed second for a silver medal and individual gold medals were won in the mens doubles and mixed events.

In conclusion, we have had our Annual General Meeting (May 11th) and the officers have been elected for the 1977-78 season with several new faces on the Board. We are looking forward to another active badminton year, hopefully to include a few programs that could not be accomplished this season.

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### SENIOR OLYMPICS IN OTTAWA

The municipal recreation department in Ottawa held a Senior Olympics last month with badminton as one of the events. Organizer for the badminton (outdoor!) section was Marg Thom, who had about 50 people signed up to play!

There's a lot of good years in us all yet!

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# THE SCIENCE OF BADMINTON

by Ev Staples

## Part 10 MENS AND LADIES DOUBLES

### Receiving the Short Service

The object is to place the bird either on the floor for a winner or into play so that the opposition will be unable to make an offensive return (that is, a bird that you will have to lift or stroke underhand).

With your left foot from 18-24 inches ahead of your right foot, 18 inches from the front service line, and as close to the centre court line as the server's position will allow, you are in a very good position to receive the service that is delivered from the centre court area. As you become more skilled in receiving, your left, or front, foot will approach the net until it is as close as the rules will permit to the front service line.

The weight should be distributed so that 90% is on the ball of the front foot (none on the heel) and 10% on the right toe with the right heel well off the floor. The body position should be forward so that the forehead is from 4-6 inches ahead of the left toe. The left knee is flexed to control your weight and the right knee is very slightly flexed. The shoulders and hips are placed at 135 degrees from the line between you and your opponent's racket-bird contact.

Your racket head should be higher than, but in front of and in line with, your head. With the turning of the wrist and forearm, the face of the racket should be quite open. The wrist is slightly cocked.

Your weight is now distributed so that if you have to advance towards the net, A FIRM PUSH FROM THE RIGHT TOE IS ALL THAT IS NECESSARY. (NOTE THAT THE LEFT FOOT NEVER TAKES A STEP.)

### Receiving the Flick or Fast Service

By pushing hard with the flexed left leg, you start your motion towards the rear of the court for long services. From this initial push, the right foot will be the first to contact the floor and has moved at least one foot to the rear of the court. The left foot contacts the floor about 4 feet farther to the rear and the last right step will be

long enough to reach the long service line with your full weight on it so that after your stroke your follow-through will lead you forward in the court if necessary. Your left foot does not hit the floor the second time until after the bird has been struck, although on the last right step it may be dragging along it. Your footwork and timing in hitting the bird should be:

Right, pause, left, slight pause, right, pause, hit the bird.

You can now get to the net in one step and have adequate time to retreat and smash the long services. Against the flat fast service, you can make a good return by just bending your knees slightly.

NEVER GUESS WHAT THE SERVICE IS GOING TO BE. You must be positive before you make your move. It is necessary to develop quick anticipation by careful study of each serve you receive. You will be able to detect little flaws in the stance and the way the head of the racket comes into the bird just before the racket-bird contact. Only the very top players are able to cover up all the little flaws. This is where the toss of the bird and wrist action service obtains deception results.

\* Next month: "Strokes to Play from Service"

From 1952-1973, the coaching and guidance of Ev Staples produced over 1,000 championships for the Badminton Club in Creighton Mine, a community of 1,200 which now lies within the Regional Municipality of Sudbury. From 1973 to June 1977, Ev served as Technical Director for the New Brunswick B.A., until this position, for all sports, was terminated by the provincial government there.



He is thoroughly enjoying life in his favourite province and plays at least 36 holes of golf a day! Fortunately for enthusiasts elsewhere, this "second retirement" now makes him available to conduct clinics and camps on a freelance basis. You can write to Ev Staples at 150 Gibson St., Fredericton, New Brunswick. E3A 4E2

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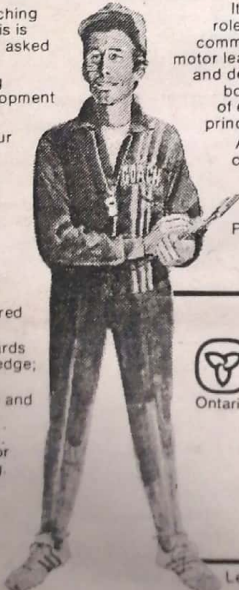
### OBJECTIVES:

- \* to develop a philosophy of leadership;
- \* to introduce material required to be an effective coach;
- \* to motivate the coach towards advancement of his knowledge;
- \* to aid the coach in understanding the psychological and physiological needs of the athlete;
- \* to establish a foundation for further specialized learning.

### PROGRAM OUTLINE:

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The Ontario Sports Travelcade van will be touring N.O.B.A. this fall. Why not drop in and see what they have on badminton. The following schedule has been announced:

Kapuskasing	October 17, 18
Smooth Rock Falls	19, 20
Fraserdale	21, 22
Chapleau	24
Matheson	26
Earlton	27, 28
Sturgeon Falls	30, 31
Walden	November 2
Little Current	3, 4

## SHUTTLE FINANCES

Balance on July 29th .... \$ 1,093.20  
Statement for the period July 29th to September 1st:

Income	Expenditures	
Advertising	Postage	\$ 115.20
Subscriptions	Printing (August issue)	99.03
Donations	Felt Pens	.94
	Bank service chg.	2.25
		\$ 217.42

Balance on September 1st .... \$ 950.15



# COMPETITION ...

Undeniably, the point of sport is victory. The cliché from professional sport that winning isn't everything, but the only thing that counts, is in sport true. But in what context is this victory meaningful and where does the value in victory lie, are questions that everyone involved in sport, especially amateur sport, should attempt to answer.

The following editorial by Dr. Rich Alapack, a clinical psychologist at St. Jerome's College in Waterloo, Ontario,

by Rich Alapack, Ph.D.

Humans naturally compete. Even in societies where adults actively discourage competition among children, it still emerges in everyday activities.

We do not need to teach a competitive spirit, nor can we ever totally extinguish it. Like any other human activity, competition must be put into a balance with the composite of life activities. Thus, the growing child faces the task of learning to handle his competitive feelings. The concrete ways he lives out and comes to terms with these feelings are greatly influenced by the prevailing cultural attitudes toward competition.

Since we are the agents of socialization who must deal with the nature and place of competition, it seems important that each of us reflect upon our attitudes toward it in order to be clearly aware of what it means to us.

There are at least two senses in which we use the term competition. In one sense competition can be a constructive, creative phenomenon which fosters relationships, builds people and facilitates personal integration. Many of us have formed lifetime friendships through competition, and cherish indelible positive memories. However, this positive sense of competition is often inadvertently distorted with destructive consequences by our contemporary society which fosters competition in a narrow sense. Let us then examine both meanings.

The origin of the word competition showcases its permanent place as a positive value in human life. Competition derives from the Latin word *competere* which means "to strive or seek together". The fundamental sense of the word highlights the interpersonal nature of the act: two equal persons come together to engage in an activity which would have no meaning without co-participants to complete each other. Alone one cannot compete. In a radical sense, every competitor needs his opponent. In common jargon, it takes

provides a useful starting point for the required soul-searching necessary to come to grips with one's conceptions and expectations of competition in sport. His observations are especially applicable to competition among young people because here the desirability of winning in its extreme form does not come from the children themselves. Rather, it comes from the coach or the parents and society which put children into adult sport patterns to live up to adult expectations.

## the distortion of its meaning

two to tango (even if for the last time in Paris). The Oriental who honours his opponent ritualistically, demonstrates graphically the respectful interpersonal nature of competition.

Most of us have made the choice to encourage competition in this sense of fostering co-operation and facilitating the building of community. However, our contemporary society has distorted the meaning of competition, making it a matter of setting ourselves against an opponent as an obstacle to be vanquished. "Co-operate with" has been distorted to "strain against". A splendid isolation is encouraged instead of a sharing relationship between competitors.

In this matter, sports mirror society at large. The underlying philosophical presupposition of our technical, mechanistic society is that the human person is defined by his performance or what he produces. Success, achievement, winning are stressed at the expense of the process of competing, the quality of performance, and the style of the performer.

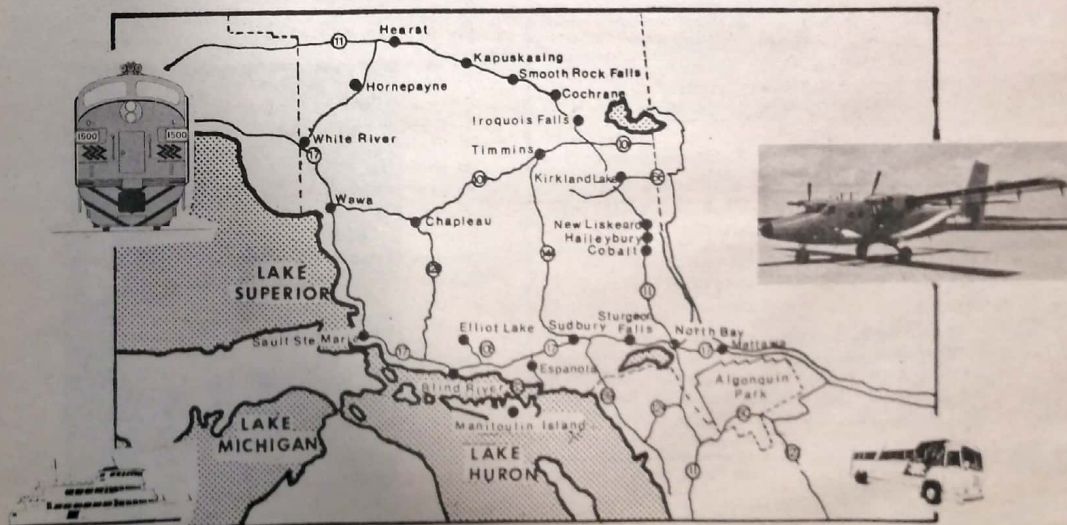
Those of us involved with sport have an excellent opportunity to change this cultural value of performance over personhood. We know that the picture of the world and of fellow man that a child learns from sport is the picture he takes into life as a whole. We can see that the result of presenting the picture of competition as a struggle against others is the development of life style of seeing inappropriately every situation as competitive and other people as obstacles to be overcome. The picture of competition as a sharing relationship should encourage a life style more open for inter-personal intimacy.

Which picture do we want to give? Surely we ought to make our choice explicit so that everyone will know what we are doing.

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### JUNIOR RANKINGS

The O.B.A. Junior Rankings were released with the minutes of the June 20th meeting of the O.B.A. Board of Directors. They were presented by Junior Development Chairman Gord Paull and will be kept updated throughout the season by using results from the junior tournament ranking circuit which has been established for this season.

#### UNDER 19

##### Boys Singles

1. Keith Priestman, Oakville Club
2. Jeff Goldsworthy, Kitchener
3. Brad Wowchuk, Boulevard Club
4. Mike Colic, Niagara Falls
5. Cliff Jansen, Granite Club
6. Mark Freitag, Boulevard Club
7. Colin Dobell, Ottawa
8. Stephen McCoy, Hamilton

##### Girls Singles

1. Linda Morden, Woodstock
2. Susan Hill, Sydenham
3. Diane Woodhams, Boulevard Club
4. Marilyn Van Duffelin, Boulevard Club
5. Susan Pritchard, Peterborough
6. ALANNA LAROCQUE, Garson
7. Jane Wansbrough, Toronto B & R
8. Sandra Morden, Woodstock

##### Boys Doubles

1. Colic & Jansen
2. Freitag & Wowchuk
3. Priestman & Goldsworthy
4. Dobell & McCoy
5. David Drummond & Tom Hunter, Kitchener

##### Mixed Doubles

1. McCoy & Hill
2. Freitag & Pritchard
3. Wowchuk & Van Duffelin
4. Priestman & Morden
5. Dobell & Wansbrough

\* Rankings have also been prepared for the U14 and U16 age divisions. No N.O.B.A. players are included.

\* This is the first year for Anne and Alanna to compete at the U19 level. They captured 2 Ontario U16 titles last season, and finished second in Canada.



## R.A. SUMMER OPEN

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by Ian Bishop

The annual "RA Club" Summer Invitational was held in Ottawa on the July 29 - August 1 weekend. Format was as follows:

**Friday:** All singles matches played to quarter-finals; best match Geniek Ksiaskiewicz d. D. Panchal in a long 3-game match. The playing facility was very warm and sticky.

**Saturday:** All doubles and mixed played to semi-finals; all seeded teams advanced except Marg Thom & Claire Bowyer - they lost a heartbreaker to Jean Polinsbee & Ann Wist after having a 14-10 lead in the 3rd game. Danswith Panchal & Wendy DeSouza lost to Ian Bishop & Lynn Goudie in 2 good games. The evening saw all players, friends etc. gather for a dinner dance at R.A. which lasted till midnight.

**Sunday:** All consolation and main event semi-finals. Finest match - a 1½ hour M.D. consolation semi-final: Cesar Battochio & Richard Chartrand just nosing out Noel DeSouza & Gary Poong.

Softball matches occupied the afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 and these fun games saw host team R.A. dispatch of all comers.

The evening had everyone at the Ottawa Tennis Club for an evening of tennis, Bar-B-Q steak and dance. Between dinner and dance some prize-giving took place:

Longest distance travelled	Carol Wilkinson, Wisconsin
1st Entry received	Steve Chen, Elliot Lake
2nd Entry received	Claudette Gagnon, Sherbrooke
Longest hit from softball	Danny Dominico, Toronto
Shortest hit from softball	Jane Miller, Ottawa
2 heaviest smokers	Pierre Dugal, Montreal
	Babu Panchal, Toronto
Best supporter of the bar	Bill Wallace, Toronto
Worst supporter of the bar	Mark Chartrand, Sudbury

The fun and gaiety broke up about 1:00 a.m.

**Monday:** All finals were interesting but only the mixed doubles was really in doubt. This long match was a fitting climax to a fun weekend of badminton competition.

The awards ceremony was M.C.'ed by Mr. D. Dalton of Labatts Breweries who had provided some lovely prizes.

#### Final Results:

L.S. Sally Gadd d. June March 7,3  
M.S. Alan Baird d. Mike Morrow 9,11  
L.D. Viola Melchiorre & Anne Frickleton d. March & Gadd 8,7  
M.D. Bob Driscoll & Morrow d. Ian Bishop & Baird 17-18,4,6  
X.D. Bishop & Goudie d. B. Panchal & Frickleton 12,10-15,9

#### Consolation winners:

L.S. D. Dumont  
M.S. Richard Chartrand, Sudbury  
L.D. A. M. Creaser & Helen Thomas  
M.D. Cesar Battochio & Richard Chartrand, Sudbury  
X.D. Cesar Battochio & Evelyn Mousseau, Sudbury

#### O.B.A. REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

The fall O.B.A. meeting will be held in Toronto on September 10th. Purpose of this meeting is to finalize details of all programs in the 77-78 schedule, as well as to prepare a 3 year plan for all program areas!

An important question will be that of government funding of sport. In a recent letter to O.B.A., the Minister responsible for sport funding, Robert Welch, said:

"our Government is committed to balancing the Provincial Budget by 1981, which will necessitate prudent fiscal planning for a period of expenditure restraints over the next few years. Also facing us, beginning next year, is the curtailment of proceeds from the Olympic Lottery, from which many Sports Governing Bodies and athletes have been provided with special funding."

Representing N.O.B.A. will be Gord Field, Sudbury; Bev Green and Rosemary Moore, Kapuskasing.

#### JIM & NANCY LYNCH TO BE IN TIMMINS

Instructors for the clinics in Timmins on September 24-25 are Jim and Nancy Lynch of Gravenhurst.

Both Jim and Nancy are Provincial Coaches and National Umpires who have outstanding playing records. As juniors in the early sixties, Nancy (Vincent) won 4 N.O.B.A. District Championship titles, while Jim starred under coaches Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman in Buffalo, N.Y. Once they teamed up, they formed a formidable Mixed Doubles team (still ranked 6th in Canada!), winning countless tournaments. Jim became a national champion in 1971, winning the men's doubles with Dave Charron.

A real treat is in store for all those who attend the clinics, and we hope that some of the many married couples in the Porcupine BC will take advantage of this opportunity to meet Jim and Nancy, and enjoy a weekend of good badminton.



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### RECREATION COORDINATOR

C.B.A. Recreation Coordinator Alan Baird has just completed his first year in the position. Much of that time was spent travelling across Canada talking to Recreation Departments, conducting promotional player clinics, and organizing leadership training sessions in a number of locations. Basic objective of the program is to stimulate new interest and increased participation in badminton.

A somewhat different approach will be tried this season as Alan is undertaking "extended stay projects". He will stay in one area for a period of several weeks, initiating badminton clubs or programs in the surrounding communities, or helping to improve existing badminton programs where desired. Scheduled for this project so far are the Brandon, Manitoba area this fall, and the Nova Scotia - Highland Region after Christmas.

## CANADIAN OPEN

The Canadian Open Championships will be held in Toronto once again this year. The earlier date than usual (October 27-30)

makes it attractive from a travelling point of view, so we hope many northerners will make arrangements to go. How about a combined Christmas shopping & badminton trip? Or just a well-deserved weekend holiday? Shuttle staffers will be on hand, so we should have a full report in the November issue.



A. C. Kessler

Full details of ticket sales and other arrangements are in the enclosed copy of the C.B.A. Newsletter. Chairman of the Canadian Open is Bert Kessler of Mississauga.

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### CALGARY SUMMER INVITATIONAL

The Calgary Summer Invitational tournament was held at the Glencoe Club on August 26-28. It is one of 5 major tournaments in which all national team members compete. (Others are the Canadian Open - October; Eastern and Western Canadian Opens - January & February; and The Nationals - March.)

The Glencoe is a large private club in Calgary, having as its resident professional Channarong Ratanaseangsuang, an ex-Thailander who rated among the world's best before retiring from competitive play. His program at the Glencoe has spawned such prominent players Jamie Paulson, Wendy Clarkson, Sharon Crawford, Tracey VanWassenhove, Greg Carter, Ken Little and Ken Delf.

One prominent player missing from this year's tournament was Lucio Fabris of Creighton Mine, about to begin his second year in Pharmacy at U. of T.

We have only scanty results. A full report will appear in next month's C.B.A. Newsletter.

L.S. JANE YOUNGBERG d. Wendy Clarkson  
M.S. JAMIE McKEE d. John Czich  
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### More Federal \$\$ for Badminton

In a news release from Health and Welfare Canada recently, it was announced that 3 badminton players will be among 70 athletes from the Atlantic provinces who will receive financial assistance through a program to strengthen and improve sports participation and the quality of amateur sport in the Atlantic provinces. The players involved are Brent Cutcliffe and Kevin McQuaid of Prince Edward Island, and Bruce Rawding of Nova Scotia.



## THE INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON FEDERATION

### TAIWAN IN THE NEWS AGAIN

An unusual situation has resulted from a series of events which led to the expulsion of Taiwan from the I.B.F. at its annual meeting in Malmo on May 6th. The Taiwan B.A. filed suit against the I.B.F. in England's High Court of Justice and, on July 5th, received a judgment stating that the I.B.F. rulings had been contrary to its constitution and "that the Taiwan Badminton Association remains a member of the International Badminton Federation and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership". It was further ordered that all court costs be charged to the three members of the I.B.F. Executive named in the action.

According to "World Badminton", "At a subsequent special meeting of the Council of the Federation held following the Court verdict, it was agreed that the finding of the Court must be honoured. It was also decided to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Federation in London on September 29th."

The following editorial, expressing one point of view on the question, was written by Herbert Scheele in the July/August issue of "World Badminton". It seems safe to say that there are other points of view on the issue, in light of the fact that the I.B.F. voted 45 - 35 in favour of ousting Taiwan at its 1976 AGM. (A 75% majority is required to carry such motions.)

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

#### BADMINTON'S BLACK FRIDAY

The Badminton world, and the International Badminton Federation in particular, suffered a very severe setback in reputation on Friday May 6th when at the Annual General Meeting of the world governing body of the game the President of the Federation declared that the Taiwan Badminton Association was no longer a member because it had not re-applied for membership. He made this declaration despite the clarity of the Federation's Rules and despite several remonstrances from others in the hall.

It was indeed a "Black Friday" in the administration of the game, the first blemish in the 43 years' life of the I.B.F.

The declaration and all that had led up to it was, of course, politically inspired, but that is how sports administration is being gently led by reason of the continual and growing financial help which is being poured into sport. Governments of quite a large number of nations are demanding active support for their political policies from their national sports bodies, some of which they have themselves set up. Thus, there are many national sports bodies in many sports apart from Badminton which are not permitted free votes on matters which should be the concern of the general welfare of the game only.

We had hoped to publish in this issue an explanation from Mr. Stellan Mohlin, the President of the I.B.F., of the reason for his action, but he has preferred not to go into print on the subject owing to possible legal difficulties.

There is no justification for dismissing any organisation from membership unless the rules for any such expulsion are properly obeyed. In this case they were not so obeyed, for the required 75% of the votes for dismissal have never been forthcoming.

The political inspirations for the termination of Taiwan's membership are derived from the attitude of the Government of the People's Republic of China which will not permit its national Badminton organisation to affiliate as long as the I.B.F. recognises Taiwan as a separately eligible member. China claims of course that Taiwan is merely one of its own provinces, and to support that allegation she has exerted, and continues to exert, political pressure in many other lands to bring about the expulsion of the Taiwan B.A.

The project is further amplified by the very high standard of play shown by Chinese players, and this has caused a number of other national organisations to support Chinese demands so that China can take its place in the international arena, a desire greatly held by everybody — though not universally if it must mean the non-participation of the players of another country.

The action of the Chinese government is also responsible for preventing all Chinese players from taking part internationally in their chosen sport, a matter much to be deplored everywhere.

It could never have been surprising that the Taiwan B.A. took legal action for wrongful dismissal, and nor can it have been surprising that its claim has been fully upheld, as is reported elsewhere.

Those opposed to Taiwan are largely, though not entirely, Asian organisations, and from the latter, acting through the Standing Committee of the Asian Badminton Confederation, one hears rumours of possible "breakaway" action and the formation of a rival world governing body — certainly an undesirable state of affairs but not one which should cause serious alarm. Such a body could hardly expect recognition from outside the Badminton world.

# 1977 - 78 Season Schedule

\* Sanctioned by O.B.A.  
? not yet confirmed

WEEKEND	TOURNAMENTS (N.O.B.A. & A.B.A.T.)	CLINICS & MEETINGS	OTHER
Sept. 2 - 4			
9 - 11		O.B.A. Meeting (Toronto)	
16 - 18			
23 - 25		Level I & Reg. Umpiring (Timmins) N.O.B.A. Executive Meeting (Sudbury)	
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2		Level I & Reg. Umpiring (Sault Ste. Marie)	
Oct. 7 - 9			THANKSGIVING
14 - 16		Level I & II Prep. (Sudbury) Reg. Umpiring	
21 - 23	* PORCUPINE OPEN (Timmins)	Level I Coaching (North Bay) Prov. Umpiring (Toronto)	Oakville Junior Inv.
28 - 30			World Cup (Toronto)
Nov. 4 - 6	* CAMBRIAN EARLY BIRD (Sudbury)		
11 - 13			Interdistrict Team Championships
18 - 20	* N.O.B.A. SENIORS (Sudbury)		
25 - 27	LA SARRE INV. (LaSarre, Quebec) ?		
Dec. 2 - 4	* SAULT STE. MARIE OPEN		
9 - 11	NORTH SHORE OPEN (Elliot Lake)		K-W Granite Junior Inv. (Kitchener)
16 - 18			
23 - 25			CHRISTMAS
Dec. 30 - Jan. 1			NEW YEAR'S
Jan. 6 - 8	* N.O.B.A. JUNIOR (North Bay)	N.O.B.A. Jr. Dev. Meeting	
13 - 15			Granite Jr. Inv. (Toronto) Eastern Canadian Open (Toronto)
20 - 22			
27 - 29	LABATT INV. (Noranda, Quebec)		
Feb. 3 - 5			O.B.A. Under 16 (Toronto)
10 - 12	O.B.A. UNDER 19 (Sudbury)		
17 - 19	* 26th ANNUAL T.B.A. (New Liskeard)		O.B.A. "A" (Kitchener)
24 - 26			O.B.A. Under 14 (St. Thomas) Western Canadian Open, Sask. Canadian Junior (Regina)
Mar. 3 - 5			
10 - 12	* N.O.B.A. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sudbury)	N.O.B.A. Annual Meeting	
17 - 19			O.B.A. "B - C" (Trenton)
24 - 26			Canadian Nationals EASTER
Mar. 31 - Apr. 2	KAP OPEN (Kapusking)		Ottawa Open
Apr. 7 - 9			A.B.A.T. Régional
14 - 16			
21 - 23			Cdn. Seniors & Masters (Calgary)
28 - 30	OFSSA FINALS (Sudbury)		
May 5 - 7	ELLIOT LAKE OPEN		Cdn. Pepsi Finals (New Brunswick)
12 - 14		O.B.A. Annual Meeting (Toronto)	O.B.A. Intermediate (Toronto) ?
Aug. 4 - 11	COMMONWEALTH	GAMES (EDMONTON)	