



CBC Newsletter

October 2009

Your Club Executive would like to welcome all our former members, and our new members, to a year of fun filled badminton. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or comments to improve our club, you can talk with any of the Executive. Also, any tidbit you would like included in the newsletter please call Kristopher Webb at (519) 498-9996 or email kristopher@webbspace.ca.

Membership

We currently have 61 members, plus 6 students. We ask that everyone be patient as we try to figure out the calibers of our newest players and balance your games.

Calendar

Enclosed with this newsletter is a calendar with scheduled nights of play and special events. Please keep this handy and check it closely. We are at the mercy of the school for our gym time. If we have a last minute cancellation, your Executive will try to notify you by email, or phone if possible. Check our website often for updates and cancellations. Adult gym time is Monday and Wednesday only. Tuesdays and Fridays are exclusively for the Junior Club.

Guests

Guests are welcome to our club for a \$5.00 fee per night. **The maximum times a guest may come out without joining is five (5) within one season.** There is a sign-up book in the equipment box. Please have your guest sign the book, and pay the fee to an Executive member. We will then write up a name tag for them to use for the night. If they decide to join, any paid guest fees would be deducted from their membership fee. We allow 10 students per year to join the senior club, and they must be sponsored by an adult member.

Junior Club

We are off to a slow start with 54 Junior members. This year we are pleased to announce that Andrew Ma will be doing a separate coaching night on Tuesdays at Mother of Teresa School from 7-9 PM for the cost of \$100.00.

Friday nights will be at St. Benedicts from 7-10 PM and is recreational only for \$50.00. The two time slots are 7:00-8:15 PM for the younger members and 8:15-10:00 PM for the older members.

Please remember to ensure that you come ready to play with white T-shirt, shorts, appropriate footwear, a good racquet and proper eyewear (as required by OBA rules-available at sports stores, ask us if you have any questions.) *It is also a good idea to write your name inside your racquet cover as you'll find many duplicates in the Club! See you on the courts! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact Cindy at (519) 632-9134 or cambridgejr@hotmail.com

Club Etiquette

Please respect our facility. There is no smoking on school property. No food or drink is allowed in the gym. Any damage by a club member is the club's responsibility. Do not play with any school equipment. Our contract is for the use of the school gym and change rooms, by adults only, and the 10 student members accepted. Please leave children at home as they are not covered by our insurance or contract. Please help to set up and take down the nets each evening so the same people are not doing it all. The combination to the equipment box is 9-0-9. Poles are stacked behind the door in the equipment room. Birds are put away in their tubes. When setting up nets, use a simple "s" hook. Do not tie knots. The courts should be cleared by 9:50 PM and the last ones off must put the birds, name board and nets away in the equipment box. Lock the equipment box and put it in the equipment room along with the poles. A big must is the bleachers have to be pushed back as it takes more than one person and the janitor cannot do this alone. Also a big must is to please make sure gym doors to the outside are closed properly. Proper gym attire is to be worn which includes non-marking sole running shoes and the absence of ball caps or any head gear.

Board System

Members are coded as follows:

- Red advanced
- Blue advanced Intermediate
- Green intermediate,
- Black beginner
- Black on White new member

New members are encouraged to obtain a color as soon as possible by arranging a challenge match. You can do this by talking with an Executive member. There are many former members that are not color coded to their ability. To make this board system work, we need the co-operation from all members by challenging for their proper color. The Executive will be approaching several members to challenge in the very near future.

On club nights, new members are encouraged to ask for assistance when picking a game. Players' coded black may pick from black & green. Greens may pick from black, green and blue. Blues and reds may pick from anyone. All picks must be from the top ten names on the board. If you must pick outside your color group please, check with that member first.

WE DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL BOARD CAPTAIN THIS YEAR. YOUR EXECUTIVE IS ASKING ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO GIVE A HAND AT ARRANGING GAMES AND KEEPING THE BOARD FLOWING. IF GAMES ARE PICKED IN ADVANCE FROM THE TOP 10 MEMBERS ON THE LIST, COURTS WILL BE FILLED FASTER AND YOU WILL GET TO PLAY MORE GAMES.

Challenges

No challenges for this month. We hope to see a lot more members challenging in the near future.

Upcoming Events

New Members Night

Wednesday September 30 is our New Member's Night. This night has been set aside for all former and new members to enjoy a night of badminton and for the new members to be officially welcomed into our club. We have great prizes to give away, refreshments and arranged games.

Halloween Dress-up

Wednesday October 28 has been designated as our Halloween Dress-up night. All members that dress up will be entered into a draw for some great prizes.

Coaching

Any member that would like some basic coaching can ask an Executive member and we will put aside a court to have someone do some instruction. We will schedule clinics for all calibres of players if there is enough interest

Tournaments

We will keep you informed of up and coming tournaments for any one that is interested. To play in a sanctioned tournament, you are required to have a Competition Card for the current season. Forms will be available in the equipment box. If you obtain a card, please advise Hong Chau so we do not double up on the insurance costs.

Badminton Shorts

- Shoe tags - This year we have gone with BLUE shoe tags to identify members a little easier. At least until we get to know you. They are available on club nights from your Executive.
- Doors at St. Benedicts will be locked at 8:30 PM. To gain access to the gym, please knock on the gym doors.
- Do not leave any valuables in the change rooms. With the library open to the public, anyone has access to these change rooms.
- Did you know a bird (shuttle) costs over \$2.00 each. This is very costly for the club. We are trying to keep our costs down so we do not have to raise fees. We are currently paying \$96.30 per night for the gym. Birds will be put on the courts at the beginning of the night. If one gets well used or broken you may exchange it for a new one from an executive member.
- Did you know that the Cambridge Badminton Club donates \$200.00 to St. Benedicts' Graduation Fund each year? We started this many years ago. It is greatly appreciated by the school and the recipient.
- Please save your Zehrs tapes. There will be a box out on club night to put them in. This is one of the many ways your executive is trying to fundraise.
- We would like to run a Euchre tournament again this year to raise funds. We will keep you posted on dates and times.
- If you would like to purchase a Cambridge Badminton Club T-shirt you may do so for \$10.00. Please see one of the Executive members.
- If you have any ideas or suggestions for a fundraiser please talk with an Executive member.

See you on the courts!