

January 2012 Newsletter

Thank you to our
94 Adult members
3 Student members
55 Junior members



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Cancellations

Monday, January 2
Wednesday, January 4
Friday, January 6
Monday, January 30

Welcome Back

We hope all our members and their families had a wonderful and safe holiday. Our first badminton session is **January 9**.

Winter Doubles Tournament Update

Thank you to all who participated in the December 12 tournament. Congratulations to the winners:

Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
Flight A – Ornell/Wanda	Flight A – Ly/Loui
Flight B – Mala/Indra	Flight B – Harish/Kun
Flight C – Cindy/Bajinder	Flight C – Winston/Charles
Flight D – Susana/Jing	Flight D – Colin/Joe.M

During this tournament we noticed that many people were wandering around, wondering what flight they were in or if they were still in the tournament after suffering a loss. With the ABCD, three-match guarantee format it is quite simple to figure out: you will play at least three matches unless something unforeseeable happens such as an injury or default. Your first two matches determine which flight you end up in: if you won your first and second matches (WW) then you stay in flight A; WL will put you in flight B; LW puts you in flight C; LL relegates you to flight D. Following your first two matches, the first loss you suffer will eliminate you from the tournament. Another way of looking at it is: the first two matches puts you in your caliber-group (flight) and after that you have to keep winning to stay in the tournament.

Euchre Tournament Fundraiser

We will be running our annual Euchre Tournament Fundraiser on **Friday February 24, 2012** at the [Knights of Columbus Hall](#) in Cambridge. You get an evening of euchre, good company, prizes, and a simple buffet! Please see an executive member for tickets.

Please see our online [Calendar](#)

Tips of the Month

Protect yourself. In doubles, after losing a point and waiting for your partner to retrieve the shuttle at the back of the court please **do NOT turn around** to look at your partner or the shuttle. Your partner may be in the process of returning the shuttle to your opponents; he/she may be frustrated at losing the point and/or careless when trying to deliver the shuttle back over the net. If you turn around at just the wrong time, under the wrong circumstances you may take a shuttle in the eye. I have not seen this happen yet but I have seen and experienced some close calls. A good habit to get into would be to always deliver the shuttle to your opponents by hitting the shuttle under the net rather than over it. I know, I know, "it will never happen to me."

If you have any questions about the rules of the game, please don't hesitate to ask one of the executives. We would like to put together an FAQ for our club.

Winter Mixed-doubles Tournament

We are planning to hold a mixed-double tournament in February. More details to come but it will be the same format as the doubles tournament we held in December, 2011. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the equipment box or email [Ly Lam](#). Again, this tournament is open to all members of the club. It will be **free to enter**. If you don't have a partner then we will do our best to match you up. If any generous souls out there could find it in their hearts and wallets to donate prizes for this tournament we would be delighted; otherwise, like the last tournament: fun-filled but prize-less

House League Update

There were no House League sessions in December. Play will resume **January 18** with Team Ophion taking on Team Prometheus.

Guest and Membership Fees

As of January 1, 2012 guest fees paid in 2011 by a person will no longer be deducted from his/her new-membership fees should he/she decide to become a member. Membership fees for the remainder of the season are now **\$80 per adult member** which includes a ticket to our year-end banquet. Any new members for this season who have not successfully challenged to a colour will now be assigned the 'Black' colour. Please Challenge!

Challenges

Please **request the challenge before 8:00pm** on the night they wish to play the challenge matches. This will help ensure that there is enough time (and people to be around) to complete all the challenge games as they must all be played on the same night.

Congratulations to **Colin Henninger** for successfully challenging to Green in December. We strongly encourage you to challenge in order to make it easier for players to choose more evenly matched games. Successful challengers may also win prizes at the year-end banquet. To further encourage you to challenge to your representative colour the executives have decided to **ban the use of 'temporary' colour descriptions** that some players have been taping onto their name tags. Therefore, if you're a member and you think you're a red/blue/green level player then please challenge to those colours instead of writing red/blue/green on a piece of masking tape and sticking it on your name tag. Guests, however, may still indicate their level of play by using colour descriptions on their guest name-tags.

The Board System

We have made a small amendment to the rules regarding what players you may choose when picking games: you may choose your partner and opponents from the **first ten ELIGIBLE** players from the list. You may still only choose up to one colour above your level but the change means that you are no longer restricted to picking from the first ten players in the list. For example, if you are a Green player choosing a game then you may ignore any players in the list that are Red or are in a challenge and choose from the **first ten players from the remaining subset**. Of course, in this case, you still have the option of asking Red players if they are willing to play in your game.

Badminton Shorts

Shoe tags - This year we have gone with PINK 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.

Have you purchased a **Cambridge Badminton Club T-shirts** (the ones with our new logo)? Are you wondering if you will ever get them? Sorry for the delay. We are still finalizing numbers, colours and sizes for our suppliers. We hope to get T-shirts soon. Please support your club by purchasing or encouraging your family and friends to purchase new **Cambridge Badminton Club T-shirts** for \$10.00 each. There are various colours to choose from. Please see one of the Executives to place your order.

Please do not illegally park in wheelchair spots and in places which are not marked as parking spots. Please respect other patrons using the school facilities and park in the correctly designated spots.

For those who **put up the nets** at the beginning of each session, thank you very much. Please **do NOT tie knots** or do anything fancy with the net chord, just loop it around the steel pegs a few time and the friction from the chord will be more than enough to keep it in place. Knots may be easy to tie but are a real pain to untie.

We will be taking suggestions for **prizes** for year-end winners. If you have any ideas for potential prizes, please take a moment to see one of your Executives to pass along your suggestion. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a fundraiser please talk with an Executive member.

There is a **suggestion box** on our website. Please help us run the club better with constructive input.