



## Shuttle Talk

### – Auckland Badmintons Newsletter to Clubs and Community Partners –

Welcome to a brand new newsletter focused only on our clubs hope you like it 😊. Each issue will have space for clubs to post news, announcements, recognition of people, etc, to do this simply email [cliff@auckbad.co.nz](mailto:cliff@auckbad.co.nz)

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### News Headlines

**Welcome To New GM - John McGregor and New Coaching Manager Tom Armstrong** - John is from Basketball Auckland and is helping to streamline a lot of our systems and processes and put the Association on a footing that will enable its ability to grow the sport at all levels at school, club, rep and beyond. Tom is from BOP and originally from England where he was a top U23 representative and brings a fresh approach to coaching at Auckland – if you would like some coaching in school or club email [tom@auckbad.co.nz](mailto:tom@auckbad.co.nz)

**Sad Passing of William Brian Beynon** – Auckland and NZ has lost a valued Badminton player and administrator. Brian was a former President of Auckland Badminton (1985-1988), Chairman of the Management Committee, and life member of the Association. He served on the NZ Badminton Committee and was Venue Director when the Commonwealth Games were hosted here. He will be sadly missed by friends and family and the badminton community.

**Funding and the Flavell Bill** – we will keep you posted on the progress of this bill and any implications for the sport and future funding.

**Olympics** – Great to see badminton on TV 😊

**Sport NZ's Sport Volunteer Awards** – a chance to nominate those people who work for your club - The Sport Volunteer Awards close on 28<sup>th</sup> August, we are mailing forms to all of our clubs and have some available at Gillies Ave also.

**New Club Website** – Check out Lloyd Elsmore's cool new website [www.lloydelsmorebadminton.co.nz](http://www.lloydelsmorebadminton.co.nz)

**Yonex Roadshows** – free to a club near you. We will bring out a couple of top players, a good coach and some new Yonex rackets that you can try out plus a special rate that you can buy them at all to your club. We are asking interested clubs to make a donation to the Wisden / Slaz Cup team. If interested please email [cliff@auckbad.co.nz](mailto:cliff@auckbad.co.nz)

**Wisden / Slaz Cup** – Michelle Chan and Alan Chan (no relation) back this year reunited with a great list of Auckland players in both teams. It will be a tough challenge with many internationals now playing but a great one for the team to take on. If keen you can head down to Waikato to support them – starts August 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Club Player Profile - College Rifles and Auckland Badminton Rep Makes History



Rachelle Bright – has just made history at the Whanapamata Surf Life Saving Club. She has been made Club Captain, the first time a female in the club's 63 year history – established in 1949. Rachelle has been on the surf club board for 3 years. She runs the junior surf programme and has been with the club for 7 seasons.

Rachelle was also part of the Auckland U23 team that won the National U23 Teams Title earlier this year. She is also a very good netballer. Rachelle

plays at the College Rifles Badminton Club where her Mum Sherilyn is the club administrator.



## Tournament Scene (Congrats to the Following Awesome Results):

### Auckland Teams Successful at North Island Inter Association. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medals and Titles to U15 and U17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bronze Medals to U17 No.2 Team.

U15 No.1 (top pic) - Coach Barry Stevens, Manager Chin Fong, Ben Hillier, Eric Li, Harrison Jin, Alex Qu, Dacmen Vong, Sally Fu, Celina Shao, Iris Chan, Angela Fong, Rebecca Fong.

U17 No.1 (middle pic) - Coach Brent Miller, Manager Danny Ng, Raymond Ke, Kevin Zhang, Daniel Lee, Toshi Chen, Angie Leung, Kaitlyn McLeod, Rowena Devathasan, Jasmin Ng, Vivian Washington, Theresa Yeung.

U17 No.2 (bottom pic) Coach Robbie Thackham, Manager May Chai Philip Ding, Daniel Hillier, Ivan Jin, David Liang, Daxxon Vong, Melissa Chai, Annis Fu, Neha Kolhe, Kristy Ng, Olia Wan.

### Individual North Island Age Group Champ Title Winners

U13 Dacmen Vong (BD), Jacqueline Yu (GD), U15 Ben Hillier (triplecrown), Sally Fu (GD, MXD), U17 Daniel Lee (triple crown), Angie Leung (GS, MXD), Rowena Devathasan (GD), Raymond Ke (BD)

### U23 Team National Title Winners

Ashraf Dhoray, Dhanny Oud, Jonathan Curtin, Anush Pandian Sunil Dahiya, Carmen Yuen, Rachele Bright, Jayana Devathasan, Rebecca Jury, Novita Stokes, Coach- Tom Armstrong

### And to Individual U23 National Title Winners:

MS - Ashraf Dhoray, WS - Angie Leung, WD - Lilian Shih/Carmen Yuer  
(See honours board on our website for more tournament winners)

### International Tournament Titles at SOTX International

**MD** Kevin Dennerly-Minturn (right of the 1<sup>st</sup> picture below) won his first international title with Oliver Leydon-Davis from Waikato.

**MXD** – And to Tom Armstrong – Auckland's Coaching Manager (left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> picture) with Tracey Hallam from England.

Big thank you to all the volunteers and people that helped out at the event – pics are on facebook.



**Masters** - Congrats to the Winners at the Auckland Masters – those from Auckland that took out titles include Open 35+ Burty Molia (MS), Social Combined 40 and 50 Mark Rutherford (MD) /Zali Salleh (MD), Social 40+ Mark Rutherford (MXD), Open 50+ John Lawrence (MD), Social 55+ Neil Bunkall (MXD) / Dawn Amon (MXD), Open Combined 50 and 60 Angus Husin (MS), Open 60+ Angus Husin (MD) / George Pearcey (MD)

**North Island BOP U19** - Congrats to Lilian Shih who won the triple crown - all 3 titles

**Events Coming Up at Gillies Ave** - Secondary Schools Individuals – Tues 14<sup>th</sup> August, 9am to 3pm

**Got a group keen to play during weekdays?** - give us a call 09-524-0872 only \$10 per court per hour for off peak.



## Comments - Michelle Chan – A True Professional



Auckland Badminton was a strong supporter of Michelle Chan's bid to qualify for the Olympic Games. We would like to state how proud of her we are and that it is ABA's belief that she deserved to go. We think this is exactly the sort of athlete the Olympics were designed to foster.

What Michelle shows time and time again is a rare courage, determination and ability to get back up, after a set back, and a thoroughly professional approach to her sport. The improvement in her game from hard work has allowed her to reach a world ranking of 37 and 28 in the Olympic ranking. She is an inspiration to any young player wanting to go pursue their dreams. So Michelle thanks for continuing to be one of the few truly professional athletes in our sport 😊.

## New Stuff – New Tertiary / College Competitions and Partnerships



### Engineering Eagles Win Rhona Robertson Cup

*The Inaugural University of Auckland Interfaculty Badminton Tournament was a 3 way partnership between The University of Auckland, Auckland Badminton and the Auckland University Badminton Club*



Congratulations to the Engineering Eagles who just pipped the Medicine and Health Sciences team – woah it was close 😊.

One of the closest games of the whole competition was between former Auckland team mates Alice Wang and Samantha Zhang with a 24-22 score in their singles match.

Thanks to Nikki Henderson at The University of Auckland and all the team at the Auckland University Badminton Club you were great to work with – full pics on facebook. Thanks to Rhona who came out to present the cup to the winners.



### Adam McFlinn Wins First Unitec Sports Science Singles Tournament

We also had our very first Unitec Competition organised out of the Sports Science department at Unitec run by Andy Dickson - Thanks Andy!!!

We are now in talks with them about setting up something more regular and broader across the campus.

Pictured are Winner Adam McFlinn (left) and Runner Up Steven Ross shaking hands after the final



**Website Work** - On our clubs page on the website you can now search by new club profiles on line – people can scan by area or by hours and day the club is open. We are also working with web site partners Iglu (thanks Iglu) who are helping us streamline and improving the way we bring new information and opportunities to you.

## Badminton Community Stories

### ActivAsian Win NZ Sport and Recreation Award

Congratulations to ActiveAsian one of our community partners who recently won the Community Impact Award at the 2012 New Zealand Sport and Recreation Awards. This was a huge honour in a year that saw one of the largest amount of entries and finalists. It is a tribute to the of the team including Jenny Lim in overcoming barriers to sport participation.



**Connect to Sport Project** - We are working with new community groups through a Connect 2 Sport project and will be feeding them into the club scene. Sport NZ, Sport Auckland, Auckland Council and Auckland Football are all part of the project that is bringing in new support to the sport. As part of this we are collecting age and ethnicity data from clubs.

**After School Badminton** – Would you like to see after school badminton in your school – if your school is interested ask them to email [cliff@auckbad.co.nz](mailto:cliff@auckbad.co.nz) and we'll take care of the rest and link the school to local clubs.



### Club Comments

- **Lynndale Seniors** - This club plays out of the Lynfield College Gym and is run by a very committed group of volunteers. Jennifer Doran knows how much hard work is involved as she puts in a huge amount of time to the club.
- **Bill Reid** – special mention to Bill Reid one of the hardest working players on the circuit, he is always up for a training session or game keep up the good work ☺.
- **More Communication** – we are working on a plan to get round to all clubs in groups rather than trying to meet over 25 clubs individually per year. Will keep you posted but we are listening and are keen to do more of that more often ☺

### Centre Court (Pictured Samuel Ho one of Auckland and NZ's leading singles players)

How you handle the precious points in a game, can determine whether you win or lose. This is when you find out how much effort you put into training. It reflects your aggressiveness, determination and passion. This is the time where you show what you have learnt, when you concentrate, focus and give it your all. This is you on court. This year has started off with many tournaments; they might even be challenges that you are up against (remember not to back out of it). At the end of every year most players, would ready for the important tournaments.

From the start everyone should already be focused but also remember to not lose that FUN in badminton. Being serious is a good thing but don't go overboard. Most times the player that wins is not the player with the stronger skills but the one with a stronger mind. There are times when we need to remember to calm ourselves down and keep on going, the strength of our mind can get us more pumped up for the game. Players should also have a strong mind and get into the mood to give it your all.

Welcome to this sport, badminton, to all those who just started or got into the junior rep teams. The ways above I hope you guys will take in how important it is to have a strong and determined mind. You might be thinking it is not important at all, but through a badminton game we fight our opponents mentally as well as physically. Hope you all have fun during this year and try your best in every game against anyone!



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