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Training Night
Waratah Sports House
Saturday 4.00-6.00pm
Call Elaine on 0405 103 165



JUNIOR BADMINTON

Monday 6-7pm
Contact: Coach Fiona
Ph 0403 830 284
Ages 5 yrs & up welcome



MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder that membership for 2005-06 is due. Please contact your local club to organise.



NEW PLAYER FEES

Darwin Badminton Club
(Monday & Friday social nights)

Senior (Non-Member) \$8.00
Senior (Member) \$5.00



STRINGING

NTBA is interested in purchasing a racquet stringing machine. If you're interested in adding stringing to your baddy skills please

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Message from the President...

Hi Everyone,

Phew... the last few months have been very busy for NT Badminton!

In May 2005, teams from Macau, Brunei, Chinese Taipei, NT and West Victoria contested the Arafura Games. The event was a great success, with many spectators coming along to watch. Visit www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au for results. Special thanks to Russell Williams who (as usual) did a sterling job in putting the event together.

In June, we had a promotional display at Casuarina Square, members of the public were encouraged to "Come along & try badminton!". Our new banner was unveiled, promotional flyers handed out and many hits on the NTBA website have been reported. We received many positive responses from juniors which was encouraging (and a little dangerous when they got too excited hitting the shuttles on our makeshift court!!), and from this we have re-started junior coaching.

And finally, I'm pleased to advise that NTBA has secured a substantial increase in funding from the NT Government to develop and promote the sport. For the first time, that I can recall, we have specific funding for a part-time Junior Development Officer. If you're interested in developing our existing juniors and finding new players, please contact me (0438 281 228). Thanks to all those involved in these projects in recent months!"

Arafura Games

In May we welcomed neighbours from Chinese Taipei to West Victoria to the Arafura Games. While it was the friendly games, Chinese Taipei proved to be far too strong for the competition with the team winning all the events... Fiona Dunbar Smith did the NT proud by winning the Bronze medal for Ladies Doubles. The week was capped off by a night of karaoke and dancing at the Loong Fong Restaurant.

Huge thank you to Russell Williams who did a super fantastic job in organising the Arafura Tournament!

Upcoming Events...

Ede Clendinnen Shield & Australian Closed Tournament
Kilsyth, Victoria 6-11 Sept 2005
For more information contact:
Elaine Loh Email: elainecloh@gmail.com

TELL YOUR MATES!!!

NTBA has launched its new website... visit www.ntbadminton.org.au for details about playing baddy in the NT or email: admin@ntbadminton.org.au

Winners are Grinners!!!!

Congratulations to all winners of the **NT Open** which was held on Saturday 30 July at the Waratah Sports House. Participants from around Darwin, Alice Springs and South Australia contested the day long event. Big thank you to the Tournament Committee for their tireless work! Check out the results & winners at the Hall!

Promoting Badminton

CASUARINA SQUARE

In June, shoppers were enthusiastic to grab a racket and give it a go at our baddy display in the Eatery. We recorded significant interest from junior players thus prompting NTBA to reinstate a Junior Badminton session. We were also happy to see some senior players both new and old come down for a hit at recent social nights! Very big thank you to all that helped out on the day...

ASC WORKSHOP

Alan attended an Australian Sports Commission workshop for promoting the sport of badminton. The workshop brought together members from most Australian badminton associations. Memberships was identified the key issue affecting the associations. Ideas for promoting badminton was also discussed. NTBA is keen to try out some of the initiatives such as membership cards. Please feel free to chat to Alan for further details.