

Shuttle News



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Hello everyone,

I hope the New Year has started out well for all. With the 2010 Winter Olympic Games quickly upon us most British Columbians are buzzing with excitement. I'm sure most of the interest will be to see if Canada can win gold in hockey. Excitement is also a word we can use for the Shuttlesport Badminton Academy. Once again our club is continuing to grow in number of participants and also locations. Our newest partnership has been formed between Shuttlesport and the North Central Badminton Academy. I have known head coach Lisa Davison for several years now and through many discussions I have felt her frustrations in trying

to build a competitive club. With limited resources and support Lisa has persevered and continued the fight to build a strong foundation. I am extremely proud to say that today the club has a strong foundation and am very proud to officially announce that they will now be known as Shuttlesport North Central Badminton Academy. One of the first joint projects was to have the Prince George group visit and train with us as was the case in November. The group joined us for exhibition play at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis And Badminton Club followed by a full day of training at our club on the Saturday (see page 3 for all Shuttlesport NCBA details). I just want to say a big THANK YOU to the parents committee for organizing the weekend and also to those families who helped out with billeting. We look forward to visiting our newest partner and look forward to having Lisa's group visit us soon. Shuttlesport now has badminton academies in Coquitlam, New Westminster, Maple Ridge and Prince George.

December was a hectic month for us. After successfully hosting the Junior 'A' tournament at our club where we were proud to have a team from Seattle (Bellevue Badminton Club) take part in the tournament. Following the tournament we held our own club tournament - The China Open. For the first time we had an adult tournament and a team competition which included our coaches playing AND extremely competitive team owners!!! After all was said and done Team Raymond (Alan Luk's dad) which included club coach Shawn Zhang came out on top after some very close matches. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Thomas for organizing the adult competition and the Shuttle 1 tournament. December madness continued with one of the club highlights coming right at the end of the year where we had 4 players qualify for the 2010 BC Winter Games to be held in early March. Congratulations to Allan Ng, Bryan Ng, Nathan Wong, and Chantelle Stewart. Congrats. also to Ian Chan who has made the team as an alternate.

Along the way we also had some fantastic individual results with Jacky Chan, Kevin Lim, Alan Luk, Laura Tacon, Melinda Ng and Vinnu Aniyam winning tournaments. In addition, our senior players won several big competitions including Lynn Huang winning the US Open, Melody Liang the Atwater International and Alvin Lau/John Vandervet the Saskatoon & Toronto Open (see page 2 for all the results). Congratulations to all. You make us all at the club very proud.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the badminton court over the next few months.

Sincerely,

Al Mawani, SSDCA Performance Director

TEAM
SHUTTLESPORT

Yonex AB Senior EliteSilver

WD - Stephanie Ko/Melody Liang

XD - Melody Liang/Partner

Semi-Final

XD - Alvin Lau/Partner

MD - Alvin Lau/Richard Liang

Yonex BC Senior EliteSilver

XD - Alvin Lau/Partner

Bronze

MD - Alvin Lau/Richard Liang

WD - Stephanie Ko/Melody Liang

Semi-Final

XD - Melody Liang/Partner

Yonex SK Senior EliteGold

MD - Alvin Lau/John Vandervet

Silver

XD - Alvin Lau/Partner

C1 Thanksgiving TournamentGold

U17BS - Jacky Chan

U17BD - Alan Luk/Kevin Lim

U17XD - Alan Luk/Melinda Ng

Silver

U17BD - Jacky Chan/Newman Lam

Bronze

U17BD - Alex Lim/Partner

VRC Remembrance Day TournamentSilver

U16BD - Alex Lim/Partner

U16MX - Alex Lim/Partner

Island Junior OpenSilver

U16XD - Alex Lim/Partner

Bronze

U16BD - Alex Lim/Partner

Shuttlesport Winter InvitationalSilver

U14BD - Ian Chan/Nathan Wong

U19BD - Alan Luk/Newman Lam

U19XD - Alan Luk/Melinda Ng

Bronze

U16BD - Allan Ng/Bryan Ng

U19BS - Newman Lam/Michael Moo

C1 Boxing Day TournamentGold

U19BS - Jacky Chan

Silver

U17BD - Jacky Chan/Partner

Bronze

U17BD - Devon Louie/Partner

Yonex Ont OpenGold

MD - Alvin Lau/John Vandervet

XD - John Vandervet/Partner

Silver

XD - Alvin Lau/Partner

Yonex Canadian National ChampionshipsGold

MD - Alvin Lau/John Vandervet

WD - Melody Liang/Partner

XD - John Vandervet/Partner

Silver

XD - Alvin Lau/Partner

Bronze

XD - Melody Liang/Partner

Lau & Liang win National Championships

Alvin Lau continued his fantastic season by winning the 2010 Yonex National Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Alvin teamed with fellow Shuttlesport club mate John Vandervet to win a thrilling 3 set match by a score of 17-21, 21-13 and 22-20 over rivals Toby Ng and Adrian Liu. After losing a hard fought mixed doubles final to partner Vandervet, Alvin used his experience from previous championships to re-focus and play a strong match to win his first senior National title. Alvin and John teamed up in October last year and have been undefeated winning 2 National Grand Prix events and the National Championships. Up next for Alvin is the Seattle Open before teaming up again with John for a trip to Peru for the Thomas Cup qualifiers.

Shuttlesport club mate Melody Liang also won her first National title at the 2010 Yonex National Championships. Melody with partner Xuelian were dominant throughout the Championships, winning the Women's Doubles event without dropping a game.



Shuttlesport's China Open

Our very own China Open had a different twist this year. Four teams with parent-owners were formed:

- Team Rondo/Coach Stephanie
- Team Jeff/Coach Lynn
- Team Raymond/Coach Shawn
- Team Chin/Coach Alvin

Team owners came with their own tricks and treats. Competition started off with a serious tone with Team Chin producing a list of impressive player credentials. Team Rondo enticed with a basketful of goodies. Team Jeff offered intimidation factor while Team Raymond just stayed 'cool'. All matches were close with a 6-5 tilt. The winner was **Team Raymond** and the fun-filled evening was capped off with a meal at Westwood café.



Addidas/Big Kahuna Player of the Month

- Oct 2009: Jacky Chan & Hilary Mak
- Nov 2009: Alan Luk & Melinda Ng
- Dec 2009: Ian Chan & Nathan Wong
- Jan 2010: Vinnu Aniyang & Li Ya Wang

NORTH CENTRAL BADMINTON ACADEMY

~ Lisa Davison

In 2000 Prince George began the first city youth badminton club thanks to the vision of Lisa Davison from the PG Racquets Club. Her passion for the sport and recognizing the demand from kids of all ages prompted the idea. In previous years, youth Badminton only existed in the high school and no other opportunities for recreational or competitive play.

Over the last 9 years, Lisa's vision has evolved not only to offering lessons to high school students but also elementary students and adults of all ages and levels of play. Thanks to Al Mawani, his guidance and support as Technical Director at Badminton BC & through Shuttlesport, the **North Central Badminton Academy** was inaugurated and has since built a partnership with the College of New Caledonia as the NCBA's home.



In 2002 for the first time in many years, Zone 8 entered a team into the BC Winter Games and has ever since. In 2003 PG began hosting Badminton BC sanctioned tournaments. In 2006 the College of New Caledonia began it's first ever BCCAA team. In 2008 Lisa began the NCBA Development Squad starting with 9 players and this year it has grown into two squads, under 14 and 14+, a total of 25 players.

The NCBA is the largest youth club in Northern BC and thanks to this new partnership with Shuttlesport Academy, Lisa's vision is finally a reality. The academy is looking forward to the many events, tournaments and camps already in the works!

Player of the Month



October 2009

Congratulations to Brittany Lank for her outstanding performance at the North Central Season Opener which qualified her to attend the Northern BC Winter Games as well as her exemplary attitude and effort playing and coaching on and off the courts. Honourable mentions to Amanda Tomm (qualified for BC Winter Games) and Jonathon Goodkey (qualified for Northern BC Winter Games).

South Kamloops Jr Tournament

Junior

Gold

GD A - Chelsea Starck/Brittany Lank

Novice

Gold

GS A - Courtney Lank



November/December

Tom Webb is 13 and in Grade 8 at Heather Park Middle School in Prince George. Tom started playing only last year, joined the development squad this September and has since qualified for the 2010 BC Winter Games coming up in March in Terrace, BC. He had good results during November and December at the Vancouver Camp and China Cup ... Congratulations on your results!





Badminton carries into the tourney a #1 National Ranking

~ Sean Velasco, Feb 15 2010

The Royals Badminton squad heads up to Vancouver Island University this weekend to take on the province's best at the BCCAA Provincial Tournament. The Royals have contenders for the Provincial tournament in each category and have their eyes set on gold!

Hard Work and Motivation are Keys to Success

~ BCCAA Dec 2 2009 Press Release

Kai Lai Zhang (Shawn) is an integral part of Douglas Royals badminton team. Zhang is primarily a singles player but has also established himself as a very good doubles player. He works very hard in practice and is highly motivated to become one of the best players in Canada. He won the Jack Underhill, a provincially ranked tournament and has also reached the 3rd round of the US Open.

Zhang won his second straight tournament in December and running his singles winning streak to an impressive 12-0. He defeated teammate and former national champion Richard Liang in the singles final. He finished off the weekend by partnering Alvin Lau and winning a thrilling 3-set men's doubles final. Zhang finished the weekend a perfect 11-0 and the results gave Zhang 3-individual 'A-flight' titles this season.



Rui Lin Huang (Lynn) nominated for Sport BC Award

~ CCL Jan 19 2010 Press Release

Lynn has been selected as a finalist for the Sport BC College Athlete of the Year award. She was nominated alongside Loren Liden of Langara College and Carmen Laphorne of Camosun.

In her second year at Douglas college, Lynn has amassed an impressive record at the college, national and international levels. She is currently undefeated and has won over 13 titles, including this year's US Open. She has dominated the BCCAA Badminton scene since entering the league and hasn't dropped a set in college competition!



Lynn joins Lyndsay Thompson as the only other Douglas College athlete to have been nominated for the award.

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Royals Player of the Week

- Nov 2: Stephanie Ko & Alvin Lau
- Nov 30: Shawn Zhang & Melody Liang
- Jan 19: Alvin Lau & Ruilin Huang



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