

Shuttle News



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Hello everyone,

It feels like only yesterday when we were enjoying the Winter Olympics and celebrating Canada's success. The past few months have gone incredibly fast BUT we have had another successful and exciting season! I am very very proud of the accomplishments of our club at every level.

The club continues to grow in numbers. This year we started a second adult group AND we have also started a program for 6-8 year olds. All I keep hearing from the coaching staff is "they are so cute...so cute". I agree. They are cute! On the competitive side we saw the formation of our

'Elite Team'. Congratulations to the 6 Junior athlete's invited to join the senior 'Elite Team'. Recently, the "Elite Team" also added 2 new members. Yee Theng Lim has joined us from Malaysia and will be training with us full time later this summer. She has had a wonderful start so far teaming up with Lynn to reach the Montreal International final (see report). Luo Wei (Rey) has also joined our club and is already training with us full time AND won the club All England tournament. Rey moved here from China and has been a wonderful addition to our Men's team. Please join me in welcoming both of them to Vancouver and to our club. Last month we also saw several players compete in the junior national championships in Toronto. I hope in the future we can have more players competing at the national level. Well done to those that competed. The club is proud of your commitment and dedication to compete at the highest level. This is also the 2nd year that we have had our parents committee. They have been instrumental in organizing the Seattle trip, the hosting of our Shuttlesport 'A' tournament, and among other things the year-end social. I have yet to meet a more organized and dedicated group. So a big special THANK YOU to the parents committee for your help this season.

As I mentioned earlier, I am very proud of our clubs accomplishments the past few months. What accomplishments you ask? Let's start in February with Alvin Lau, Melody Liang & Jon Vandervet winning senior national titles - a first for our club! In March we won several medals at the BC Winter Games. Congratulations to Bryan & Allan Ng, Nathan Wong and Chantelle Stewart. At the same time the Pinetree Badminton Team won the high school provincials. Most of the Pinetree team are members of our academy (see report and picture).

This was only the start of the medal count for the year as Shawn Zhang, Darren Hong, Alvin Lau, Stephanie Ko, Melody Liang, & Ruilin Huang all won gold medals at the BC Collegiate Provincials. Shawn, Stephanie, Melody & Ruilin went on to win Gold at the CCAA National Championships. Alvin finished his collegiate career with an amazing 4 Gold & 1 Silver!!! We must not forget the outstanding performance of Melody Liang who won the Women's doubles at the at the U23 National Championships in Toronto (see report). With all the outstanding results came some individual recognition. Alvin was named the CCAA player of the year & Douglas College athlete of the year. Ruilin was named the CCAA Female Player of the year & Douglas College athlete of the year. In addition, Melody & Stephanie won prestigious athletic and academic awards. See the results section for all the results.

As our season comes to a close I want to remind you that we will be running summer camps, various fitness programs, adult programs and competitive training. Please check with Thomas or myself to get more details.

On behalf of the coaching staff I wish you all a wonderful summer!!

Sincerely,

Al Mawani, SSDCA Performance Director

TEAM
SHUTTLE SPORT

Li Ning Seattle Open**Gold**

MS - Kailai Zhang

WS - Ruilin Huang

WD - Stephanie Ko/Melody Liang

XD - Alvin Lau/Stephanie Ko

Silver

MS - Richard Liang

MD - Alvin Lau/Darren Hong

XD - Darren Hong/Melody Liang

Bronze

MD - Richard Liang/Brad Davis

BC High School Championship**Gold** - Pinetree Secondary

Kevin Lim, Hason Wong, Newman Lam,

Alan Luk, Jacky Chan, Alex Lim,

Carol Ng, Adrienne Tan, Cynthia Lung

BC Winter Games**Team Bronze** - Zone 3

Allan Ng, Bryan Ng, Nathan Wong,

Chantelle Stewart

Individual Gold

BD - Bryan Ng/Partner

Individual Silver

GS - Chantelle Stewart

Individual Bronze

BS - Allan Ng

XD - Nathan Wong/Partner

Black Knight AB Jr Elite**Semi-Final**

U16BD - Jacky Chan/Alex Lim

RichmondPro Easter Open**Gold**

U14BS - Allan Ng

U14BD - Ian Chan

Silver

U14BS - Nathan Wong

U14BD - Nathan Wong

Semi-Final

U14BS - Ian Chan & Bryan Ng

BC Jr Provincial Championships**Bronze**

U14BD - Ian Chan/Nathan Wong

U19GD - Melinda Ng/Partner

Atwater Canadian International**Silver**

WD - Ruilin Huang/Yee Theng Lim

Semi-Final

XD - Jonathan Vandervet/Partner

Yonex Jr & U23 National**Gold**

U23WD - Melody Liang/Partner

Semi-Final

U23XD - Melody Liang/Darren Hong

BC Closed**Gold**

WD - Melody Liang/Partner

Silver

WD - Stephanie Ko/Partner

XD - Alvin Lau/Stephanie Ko

**Shuttlesport Duo reach Montreal International final**

RuiLin Huang teaming with new Shuttlesport teammate Yee Theng Lim reached the Montreal Atwater International final last month. The duo competing together for the first time were gaining in confidence and getting stronger with each round.

RuiLin and Yee Theng played very well in the semi finals to defeat the #2 seeds from Peru. However; early in the 2nd game RuiLin fell awkwardly and partially tore her ankle ligaments. The two stayed composed and closed out the match in 2 games to reach the finals. Unfortunately; the injury denied the girls an opportunity to compete in the finals. Hopefully this is the start of a long and successful partnership.

Melody's continued success

Melody Liang completed a wonderful season by winning her 3rd national title - in 3 different age categories!! Her run started in February where she won the Women's Doubles event at the Yonex Senior National Championships in Winnipeg. From there she won the Women's Doubles event (with Stephanie Ko) at the CCAA National Championships in Edmonton. Her 3rd title came again in Women's Doubles at the Under 23 Canadian Nationals in Toronto last month.

**Pinetree captures B.C. badminton supremacy**

- Dan Olson, Coquitlam NOW March 11, 2010

The Pinetree Timberwolves proved to be the best on the court. The secondary school's badminton team toppled J.N. Burnett 7-4 in the provincial championship last week in Victoria, led by MVP Kevin Lim. The squad's boys doubles teams finished a combined 23-1 over the tournament, including Jacky Chan and Alan Luk's perfect 12-0 mark, while the team's top girls duo of Carol Leung and Adrienne Tan went 10-2. "We expected to get a medal but just didn't know which one," said coach Chris Adams.



As four-time district champions, Pinetree got off to a good start at the provincials. In the semifinals, they edged Fraser Heights 6-5 in a nail-biter." That was a big win. I saw it in the eyes that they were determined to get that medal... The devotion to the team, to training was superb. They are all honour roll students and they were incredibly focused."



Highlights from the 2010 BC Winter Games

Fraser Valley fielded one of its strongest badminton team in recent history at this year's BC Winter Games. The team included four players from our club: - Allan Ng, Bryan Ng, Nathan Wong and Chantelle Stewart. The players left for Terrace on February 4 full of excitement and anticipation. First up were the individual events.



Bryan and partner waltzed all the way to the gold medal with ease. Chantelle provided the surprise win by ousting the second seed to a well deserved silver medal. Allan and Nathan also came through with bronze medal performances in singles and mixed. Blood, sweat and tears were shed in the team events. During pool play against Vancouver, Allan and Bryan teamed up in doubles; the twins came close but lost to a seasoned Vancouver pair. Nathan and Chantelle fought hard but also came up short against a very strong Vancouver mixed team. Our zone was edged 4-3 and came second in the pool. We subsequently lost to Richmond in the playoffs. However, not all was lost. There was still a bronze medal to be had in the team event. Bryan and partner were up first in mixed. They lost the first game but Bryan picked up his game, took charge and maneuvered home a win in three sets. Allan, Nathan and Chantelle won their singles matches convincingly. In the end, we beat out Vancouver Island 5-2 and made the podium!

Addidas/Big Kahuna Player of the Month

- Jan - Vinnu Aniyon
Christian Dumas
- Feb - Jacky Chan
Alex Lim
- Mar - Bryan Ng
Chantelle Stewart
- Apr - Newman Lam
Cynthia Lung
- May - Christie Wong
Alan Luk

NORTH CENTRAL BADMINTON ACADEMY

- Lisa Davison



Our eventful & successful season came to an end in May. The King's Court League was a huge success with our beginner & intermediate groups. Congratulations FALCON'S on your win!!!

We opened our season in September with great expectations & excitement. Camps this year started with Shuttlesport visiting PG in September, then PG to Coquitlam in November, hosted one of our own in February, & then in March Shuttlesport visited PG to work the kids the "Shuttlesport Way". Thank you to Al Mawani and the Shuttlesport coaches, Lynn, Alvin, and Stephanie for their dedication in helping develop Badminton in northern BC. We are looking forward to August 3-10th, when Alvin & Shawn or Stephanie will be joining us in PG for our summer camps.

Player of the Month

- Jan - Brittany Lank
- Feb - Jonathon Goodkey
- Mar - Amanda Tomm
Oliver Bergen
- Apr - Jarin Davison
Tanner Edwards

North Central Jr B Prince George Gold

- U12BS - Jarin Davison
- U12GS - Robyn Lank
- U14BD - Garrett Ainsworth/Brandon Hanson
- U14MX - Jarin Davison/Robyn Lank
- U16MX - Brittany Lank/Jonathon Goodkey
- U16BS - Jonathon Goodkey
- U16GS - Brittany Lank
- U19BS - Mike Warner

Northern BC Winter Games Prince Rupert Gold

- U16GS - Brittany Lank
- U16GD - Brittany Lank & Aisha Kore
- U16BD - Jonathon Goodkey/Shelby Stewart
- U16MX - Jonathon Goodkey/Brittany Lank
- U19GS - Haylee Seiter
- U19GD - Haylee Seiter/Terra Young



Congratulations to Emily Prouse & Courtney Lank for their Silver Medal in 2010 BC Winter Games

Girls Doubles. This accomplishment surpasses our existing standings with a bronze in boys doubles in 2004. Thanks to Kevin Prouse for helping me coach Zone 8 BC Winter Games Team, Jeff Cunin for receiving his Provincial Umpire's Officials accreditation & Squad 2 for coaching the Beginner & Intermediate players. Players not only trained on the court throughout the year, but they also participated in core, strength, speed & agility programs via Pacific Sport Northern BC.

We held our first ever China Cup & All England. Both were a huge success & we are looking forward to continuing them next year. As a team we also took our responsibility to our community seriously by participating in the Christmas Kettle Campaign and the Cancer 24 Hour Relay For Life Walk in May where we raised over \$1,500. Plans are currently underway to begin the next season! On behalf of the NCBA, thanks Shuttle Sport and we are looking forward to another year working together!



3 Gold and a Silver for the dominant Royals - CCL Press Release Mar 7, 2010 New Westminster

The 2010 National Badminton Championships were held in Edmonton, Alberta this past weekend at the home of Alberta provincial badminton champions NAIT Ooks. BC champions Douglas College Royals were in no mood to give up their #1 national ranking or their national title they have won the previous four years. The team continued their domination by going 5-0 in the team round robin to wrap up their 5th straight national title!!

The individual event followed the team competition with Royals athletes in 4 of 5 finals. First up were defending Women's Doubles champions Stephanie Ko & Melody Liang. The duo had been dominant throughout the round robin competition and continued form through the final. They defeated the Ontario duo 21-9 and 21-7 in impressive fashion to win their third straight national title (4th for Melody Liang).

The men's doubles final followed and the Royals leader Alvin Lau was competing for a record 5th national title along with former Alberta athlete Darren Hong. All looked to be going to plan when Alvin & Darren won the first game. But slowly the Capilano duo fought back and managed to win the 2nd and 3rd games to take their first national title. Alvin Lau completes his collegiate career with an amazing 4 national titles, one runner up medal and numerous individual awards.

One of the highly anticipated matches of these nationals was the Women's singles match between RuiLin Huang of Douglas College and Sun Yang from host NAIT. A day earlier Sun Yang had defeated RuiLin in three intense and hard fought sets. However, there was going to be no repeat upset in this final as RuiLin changed her tactics and played a near perfect game to convincingly defeat her opponent 21-13, 21-9.

The final match of the championships was the Men's singles final between Royals KaiLai Zhang and Timothy Chiu of George Brown College. After a tentative start Shawn took full control of the match by winning 21-15, 21-12 to win his first national

Ko takes Two Wins

-Feb 10, 2010 New Westminster

The Douglas College badminton team put on quite a show at the Seattle's Li Ning Open in winning 4 of the 5 events. The only loss was in the Men's Doubles event where Alvin Lau & Darren Hong lost to former World Champions Tony Gunawan & Howard Bach from USA.

Alvin and Darren put on quite a show for the large crowd against the 2 Americans but eventually lost 21-15 and 21-16. In the most exciting match of the tournament KaiLai Zhang defeated teammate Richard Liang in 3 hard fought intense games. This was KaiLai's first international win. In the Women's singles Rui Lin Huang showed her class by dominating and winning the event without dropping a game. She was in full control throughout the final defeating USA's Renata Baker 21-8, 21-4. Stephanie Ko led the team with 2 wins. She partnered with Alvin Lau to defeat teammates Darren Hong & Melody Liang in the Mixed Doubles final then teamed up with Melody Liang to win the Women's Doubles event.



2010 CCAA National Players of the Month:

Male: KaiLai Zhang

Female: RuiLin Huang

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