

Shuttle News



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Hello everyone,

Well here we are at the end of another hectic BUT exciting season. Usually by this time of the year I usually feel a bit of sadness that I will miss seeing the athletes that we work with weekly but I also feel burnt-out and in need of a break to get re-charged for the up-coming season. NOT this year! I'm all excited, charged up and ready to go!!!! No I haven't lost my mind!!! Then why you ask? I'm very excited at the potential that many of our club members have shown during the past 12 months and with several changes already in place for the summer and next season I feel it will be our clubs best year yet!! We have decided to revive our 1C program for our young club members. 2 years after opening the Shuttlesport/Douglas College Badminton

Academy we formed our first competitive group. Today I'm proud to say that most of those kids are now in the 3C program and some have even gone on to the Elite Team!! In fact, this year the club's first 'homegrown' provincial champion came out of that original competitive group - Alex Lim(Under 16 Provincial Champion). With over 50 members in the Shuttle 1 program we felt a need to review and change our programs to provide better training and competitive opportunities for those with higher aspirations.

Once again our club continues to grow with a record number of participants. Numbers are up at all 4 locations with the Coquitlam academy having a waiting list for Shuttle 1 & 2 programs. A key to our numbers being up for the 7th year in a row is the work of our coaches. Lisa Davison at Prince George does a fantastic job with the kids there. She was rewarded for her hard work by being named the manager for the 2011 Canada Winter Games Team that won the Silver medal at the recently completed Winter Games. Thomas Wong has been instrumental in not only providing strong leadership here in Coquitlam but also directing the Maple Ridge Academy and developing the Elementary Schools Program along with our recently hired schools co-ordinator, Pat Ewart. Lynn Huang & Stephanie Ko have taken on bigger roles at the club and have worked very hard to develop and train our 2C and 3C athletes. Melody Liang did a wonderful job with the New Westminster Academy this past year. Thank you to all of you and the other coaches for your hard work and dedication over the past 12 months.

2010/11 provided many highlights for our club. Alex Lim won the club's first ever Jr. Provincial title by winning the Under 16 event at our club in April. Alex, was also named to the BC Team that participated in the Western Canada Team Championships. Congratulations Alex on an excellent season. Lynn Huang, Melody Liang, and Stephanie Ko all won CCAA National titles as all 3 defended titles they won last year. In fact, that was Lynn's 3rd straight title, Steph's 4th straight, and for Melody a record 5 in a row!!! Lynn was also named the CCAA Female Athlete of the Year for a third straight year to go with her 3rd Douglas College Female Athlete of the Year. Darren Hong, Rey Luo, and Jensen Ly won their first CCAA National titles after dominating performances at this year's national championships in New Brunswick. The Douglas College Badminton Team won a record 6th Provincial title along with a 6th straight National title. The Pinetree badminton team had another very successful year and almost defended their provincial title they won last year. The team reached the finals and lost a close match to St. Georges. I think there will be many successful years to come for Pinetree AND perhaps Port Moody. There were many other highlights and tournament wins this year. Visit our web-site for more details.

A few comments in closing. First a BIG THANK YOU to the parents committee for all their hard work this past year - always appreciated!!! Also, thank you to our sponsors and partners, Douglas College, Pinetree Community Centre, Adidas, Big Kahuna, and Black Knight. Without support from the above there would be no Shuttlesport Badminton Academy. THANK YOU!! Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer. Check out our web-site for continuous up-dates and summer camp information. Take good care & have a safe, enjoyable summer!!

Sincerely,

Arif (Al) Mawani
Shuttlesport Badminton Academy, Performance Director

Black Knight BC Jr Elite**Semi-Finals**

U16BD - Alex Lim/Partner

Yonex AB Series #6**Gold**

WS - Ruilin Huang

WD - Ruilin Huang/Melody Liang

MD - Alvin Lau/Jensen Ly

XD - Alvin Lau/Melody Liang

Semi-Finals

MD - Darren Hong/Partner

XD - Jensen Ly/Ruilin Huang

2011 Black Knight BC Provincial Championships**Gold**

U16BS - Alex Lim

Silver

WD - Stephanie Ko/Melody Liang

Bronze

XD - Stephanie Ko/Partner

U12BD - Jarin Davison/Clarence Liu

Semi-Finals

XD - Melody Liang/Partner

U19GS - Melinda Ng

U19GD - Melinda Ng/Partner

U19XD - Newman Lam/Partner

U16BD - Alex Lim/Partner

2011 BC School High School Provincials**Silver****Pinetree**

(Alan Luk, Newman Lam, Adrienne Tan, Carol Leung, Andrew Le Binh, Jacky Chan, Alex Lim, Oscar Zhen, Allen Lee, Ian Chan, Emma Liu)

Thank You Volunteers!

Shuttlesport Parent Committee ran another highly successful concession during the BC Provincial Championships. A big Thank You to all the volunteers that helped raised funds that will go towards subsidizing our year-end social.

We also like to acknowledge those that helped with setups, cleanups and draw desk duties during the College Provincials and the BC Provincials. You contributed to the smooth running of the tournaments. Thank You!

Addidas/Big Kahuna Player of the Month

Mar - Alex Lim/Laura Tacon
Apr - Anson Wong/Coco Lau
May - Curtis Liu/Andrew Le/
Nicole Yuen

RE-CAP OF THE VICTORIA ROAD TRIP (MAY 28-29)

- Stephanie Ko



After many weeks of speculation, the Victoria road trip has finally happened! On May 28-29, a few members of the Shuttle 2C team went to Victoria to have two days of fun with their friends! The trip consisted mainly of picture-taking and walking around the Inner Harbour. Our first stop was at the Pacific Undersea Gardens where we saw a variety of

marine life living around us. We even watched a little show introducing some of the animals, but it was unfortunate the diver's microphone was so muffled! Next up, we walked back to the hotel where the girls wanted to get ready for the dinner (and for some more picture-taking), but first, we had to stop by the candy store because there was a FUDGE SALE!



Our dinner went by quickly, because we had a movie to catch. Let's say, whatever happens in Victoria, stays in Victoria? I'm not sure what the kids did afterwards, but I slept while they roamed the streets and around the hotel. It seemed like no one slept that night and when it was morning, they were all so tired and didn't want to do anything! We had some time in the morning, so we went to the mall to walk around and buy lunch. We ended up watching a very interesting IMAX film called "Journey into Amazing Caves" where a certain person (who shall remain nameless) slept through the entire movie! After the film, it was almost time to go and although our bus was late, we still managed to get onto the ferry an hour earlier than scheduled!

I think this picture of you guys and girls jumping at the same time really captured the mood of our trip, EPIC! Thanks to everyone who was very well-behaved and who all made this trip enjoyable for everyone. So, where should we go next time?



SHUTTLESPORE NORTH CENTRAL BADMINTON ACADEMY

- Lisa Davison

Since our visit at the end of April, Shuttlesport PG (NCBA) has been very active out on the courts. For the first time in 3 years one of our players attended the BC Junior Provincials. It was Jarin's last year in the under 12. He walked away with a great experience and a bronze medal in doubles with Clarence. Our younger squad headed to Terrace in mid-April. Jarin, Oliver, Amanda & Courtney played both singles & doubles in one or two age categories up. Their results are outstanding & promising for next year. In Kamloops Jonathon & Ben secured a huge upset in the U19 Doubles putting themselves into the semi-finals. This is a new record for our team ... congrats! They put up a hard fight against a top team from Kelowna and walked away feeling good about the match even though they lost. They now realize IT IS possible. Many of the players continued to play on their high school team in May. Brittany was unbeatable in doubles, Jon & Ben continued their winning streak, Lisa found her groove in doubles, Amanda demonstrated extreme determination in singles & Oliver was the rock that brought his team to 1st at zones. All squad players participated in our local North Central Junior Tournament. Jon & Ben took the U19 Boys Doubles & they took 1st & 2nd respectively in the Singles. Jarin & Garrett took the U14 Doubles & Courtney came out with the Gold in U14 Singles. At the High School Championships, Jon & Ben once again played extraordinarily. They won 8 out of their 11 matches ... another new record for their team!!!! SSNCBA is already planning next year. We are looking forward to and excited that three Shuttlesport coaches and Anna Rice will visit PG in October. What a way to start our season!!

Player of the Month

March - Courtney Lank
 April - Jarin Davison
 May - Jonathon Goodkey & Ben Cooke

Kamloops Invitational

Gold

WD B - Lisa Barber/Partner

XD B - Ben Cooke/Partner

MS C - Ben Cooke

Semi-Finals

MD A - Jonathon Goodkey/Ben Cooke

Quarter-Finals

MS A - Jonathon Goodkey

WS A - Lisa Barber

XD A - Jonathon Goodkey/Lisa Barber

Terrace Invitational

Silver

U14BS - Jarin Davison

U16GS - Amanda Tomm

U16BD - Jarin Davison/Partner

U16GD - Amanda Tomm/Partner

U19GS - Amanda Tomm

Bronze

U14GD - Courtney Anderson/Partner

North Central Jr and Open

Gold

U14GS - Courtney Anderson

U14BD - Jarin Davison/Garrett Ainsworth

U16GD - Brittany Lank/Partner

U16XD - Brittany Lank/Partner

U19BS - Jonathon Goodkey

U19BD - Jonathon Goodkey/Ben Cooke

U19GD - Britany Lank/Partner

Silver

U14XD - Jarin Davison/Courtney Anderson

U16XD - Oliver Bergen/Amanda Tomm

U16BD - Oliver Bergen/Partner

U19BS - Ben Cooke

U19GS - Amanda Tomm



Royals regal at badminton college nats

- Tom Berridge, Burnaby Now March 9, 2011

Douglas College came through again at the Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association national badminton championships. Douglas Royals won three gold medals at the collegiate nationals hosted by Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, including a fifth consecutive women's doubles title by Melody Liang of Burnaby.

Liang's doubles partner, Stephanie Ko, earned a fourth straight national title, while three-time provincial women's singles champion RuiLin Huang of Burnaby garnered her third Canadian collegiate title in a row. Prior to the nationals, Huang was named the CCAA female player of the year for an unprecedented third time.



B.C. men's doubles runners-up, Darren Hong and Rey Luo, also won gold, avenging an earlier loss at the B.C. college provincials to Pierre Tang and Chris Chung of Langara.

All five Douglas players swept their combined opposition without dropping a single game. "To tell you the truth, I expected it to be much harder this year," said Douglas head coach Al Mawani. "

Huang, who has lost just once in 120 games in her three-year collegiate career to date, was the class of the tournament, said Mawani. Huang defeated her main rival, Sun Yang of Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, 21-11, 21-13 in the championship final. Huang gave up double-digit points to just one other player in the competition, that a 21-12 victory over Ontario's Tracy Wong of Humber College in the final round-robin match. "I think when (the others) saw her fitness, they beat themselves. She was so determined," Mawani said. (Huang) knew what she could accomplish. ... She was confident she could do well. She knew it was her tournament."

Liang and Ko were equally dominant, but had to overcome a difficult first day of competition. Liang was unable to accompany the team to Sackville, N.B., and had to catch a late plane, which arrived at the airport less than two hours before her opening match. Liang went straight to the hotel, changed and went right to the court, said Mawani. "It showed her guts." It also showed the leadership skills of Ko, who controlled the play through the early rounds, Mawani added. By the fifth round, Liang told Mawani "not to worry, they were not about to let this title go."

But perhaps the most satisfying victory was the men's doubles play of B.C. wild card entry third-year Hong and freshman Luo, who took over from graduated five-time medallist Alvin Lau. "They just played brilliantly in the final," said Mawani of the 21-14, 21-17 win over Tang and Chung of Langara in the gold-medal final. "They were just so confident. Once they had beaten them in the round robin, they wanted to play them again. They wanted Langara."

Mawani was also buoyed by the results in the mixed doubles final, which saw Jensen Ly, a player he helped coach as performance director at Shuttlesport International Academy, win a gold medal with Kwantlen teammate Ashley Jang.

B.C. won the overall team aggregate over Alberta with a 21-4 record. Dan Kai of Alberta won the individual men's singles over B.C. champ Peter Huang of Capilano University.

Although 2007, when Douglas won all five disciplines at the nationals, still stands as the program's highlight, Mawani says that this year is right up there. "I'm very, very proud of the team. It shows we have a program and not just the individuals within it," he said. "(2007) Melody's first year, that's got to be the highlight, but I'd say, this was No. 2. It was sweet."



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