

NEWSLETTER

May 2006

Welcome to the Otago Badminton Newsletter for May.

In this issue there is information on coaching, junior representative squads, interclub, the High Performance Academy, tournaments, and exciting new competitions.

I have been employed by Otago Badminton for almost 6 months now and am enjoying this busy time of the year, the courts are being used more and more, and plans are being implemented. I have been involved with club visits, junior trials and tournaments, senior interclub and the new academy. As a member and director of the academy, it has been enjoyable to see senior training taken to a higher level than I have been involved with in the past. The players eagerly await their first tournament in Invercargill on the 10th and 11th of June to reap the rewards of their hard training.

The membership group is trying to visit all the clubs associated to Otago Badminton and further enhance the communication channels. Interclub in Dunedin started 4 weeks ago and numbers are up in both A Pool and C grade, D grade is to start this coming week. Secondary School badminton has seen another increase in teams this year and we saw great numbers of juniors trialing for the representative teams.

Steve Wood is doing a superb job of maintaining and improving the webpage, which is the best badminton site in the country!!

Please feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions on the newsletter, our aim is to provide you with the information that you require.

Regards
Jeff Elliotte
Development Officer.

Coaching

The local coaches have been busy on court for the last couple of months, running pre season events for the juniors and now training for the South Island Teams events.

Jeff Elliotte has the 18's team to compete this weekend in Invercargill, Jim Hoffman (A) and Murray Hower (B) are taking the 16's teams and Suzanne Mattingly (A) and Aloysius Oey (B) are taking the 14's teams.

These four teams compete in Marlborough in the first week of July in a teams event then the South Island Individual Championships.

During Term 3 we will be running Ability Squad coaching for all players who are keen to improve their badminton.

If interested please keep an eye out for registrations or contact Jeff Elliotte.

Interclub

A pool is in its 5th week of competition and all players are enjoying the new scoring format and increased levels of competition. B and C grades have been playing for a couple of weeks, with a large increase in players in C grade.

This week the Membership committee are providing PIZZA and drinks for the C grade players after they have finished playing as a social get together. The other grades will experience this during the season as well.

If you would like to play interclub please contact one of the clubs and they will find you a team.

Tuesdays—C Grade, Wednesday— A Pool and D grade, Thursday— D grade.

Tournaments

Already at the Badminton Centre we have seen the Otago 18's Champs, this had small numbers this year but the new scoring system produced some close games. Southlands James Eunson and Anna Rankin were victorious. The Otago 12's and 16's Champs will be played the weekend of June 10 & 11.

The RSL South Island and Otago Open is on the 16th & 17th of June, and will feature the best senior players in the South Island.

And both the Masters and 18's are representing Otago in Christchurch and Invercargill respectively during Queens Birthday weekend. Good luck to those teams and remember to support your local tournaments and improve your game.

Webpage

www.badmintonotago.org.nz is where all the badminton news is!!

This is one of if not the best websites in the country for Badminton and you can find information about both local and national issues.

Interclub results, OBA history and committee members, clubs, tournaments, rep squads, interschools and competitions are all listed here

WIN, WIN, WIN

1. Register your information on the website and be in to win a fabulous prize donated by 'Blackwoods Paykels'. The OBA are trying to update their database and require your help, if you register by the 17th of June, you will be in the draw for the prize. By registering we will also be able to email our newsletter.
2. 'Mainland Photo Competition', at the Mainland AGM in August the winning photo will be selected and prizes awarded. Each association is allowed to submit 5 entries, so we need loads of entries from you guys. Contact Jeff or email directly to web@badmintonotago.org.nz. All photos will be displayed on the website and on August 4th we will select the 5 to be nominated.



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Up and coming

June

All interclub grades are in progress

2-5	South Island 18s Teams Event	Invercargill
2-5	South Island Masters Teams	Christchurch
9-10	Top Shot Open	Invercargill
10-11	Otago 12's/16's Champs	Dunedin
16-17	South Island & Otago Open	Dunedin
16-18	Southland 14s/18s	Invercargill
17-18	Canterbury 12s/16s	Christchurch
24-25	Div 4 Team Two RD 1	Central Lakes
30	<i>Term 2 Ends</i>	(School)
30-1 July	Canterbury Open	Christchurch

July

	CP Maddern Trophy	Melbourne
	Australasian U19 Champs	Melbourne
2-4	South Island 14/16's Teams	Marlborough
5-7	South Island 14/16's Champs	Marlborough

Academy

The Otago Badminton and Sports Institute of Otago, High Performance Academy has been up and running for 8 weeks now with all members enjoying the new atmosphere. Roger Southby is the Head Coach and will call on specialists when required to deliver on specific areas. Members are as listed below and are a mix of young and experienced players. The aim is to have these players at a level to represent Otago in the Senior Team One within two years.

Members are: Kelly Toft, Kelly Menzies, Angela Wright, Lana Perry, Hillary Brown, Catherine Moody, Debbie Bell, Elaine Rose. Nathan Pitcher, Jeff Elliotte, Alan Hoffman, James Bishop, Brendon Cook, Sam LeHeron, Jake Dickson, Edward Taylor, James Sullivan, John Lee and Thomas Parsons.