



Dallas Badminton Club 2008 Highlights

Holiday Greetings:

Happy Holidays!! While we are busy wrapping our Christmas gifts we would also like to put a wrap on the year 2008. 2008 was a year of several first's for the Dallas Badminton Club.

To unite badminton enthusiasts from the Dallas/FortWorth and help improve facilities and services the Dallas Badminton Club conducted its first formal membership drive. The club now has almost a 100 members. This has helped the club to not only better organize and expand its activities, but also provided a common front to work with the city and other organizations to preserve and promote the game.

Training:

The club started the Junior Academy thanks mainly to Carl Khor. Due to frequent requests from several members the program was expanded to include intermediate and advanced levels. We now have over 25 people signed up in the training program. Details and pictures from the program can be found at <http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/Training.html>. training program. Details and pictures from the program can be found at <http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/Training.html>.



DBC Junior players

Dallas League:

To increase interest in the game and improve competitiveness DBC introduced the badminton league. Carl Khor won the Division 1 while Hue Tu was the runner up. Round two of the Division 2 league is currently underway. You can check out the 32 participants and results at <http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/League.html>.

Community:

We end the year with another successful Children's First. Thanks to your participation, the 10th edition of our annual charity tournament was able to contribute over 70 toys to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital and Reverchon. Take a look at this event over the years at <http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/Community.htm>.



Tournaments:



The 2008 Dallas Open was hailed as having set the bar higher for badminton tournaments not only in the region but for the entire country. Thanks to sponsors Ameriprise, Duratile, Yonex and Noi the tournament was held in the state of the art UT Arlington facilities and attracted over 130 players from across the country.



Tournament Results:

2008 Dallas Open

Open Men's Singles - Runner-up: Hue
Open Men's Doubles - Winners: Hue/Simon
Senior Women's Doubles - Winners: Elisabet/Ismat
Senior Women's Doubles - Runners-up: Uma/Avanti
Senior Mixed Doubles - Winners: Deepak/Elisabet
B Men's Doubles - Winners: Aston/Richard

2008 Brushy Creek Open

Open Men's Singles - Runner-up: Hue
Open Mixed Doubles - Runners-up: Deepak/Cindy
B Women's Singles—Winner: Vivian
Senior Men's Doubles—Runners-up: Deepak/Carl
Senior Mixed Doubles—Runners-up: Kong/Elisabet

2008 Houston Open

Open Men's Singles - Runner-up: Hue
Open Men's Doubles - Winners: Hue/Bhaskar
Senior Men's Doubles - Winners: Carl/Garth
Open Men's Doubles - Winners: Rodney/James Lin
B Women Singles— Runner-up: Kai
Under-19 Doubles—Winners: Andrew/Aston
Under-16 Singles—Winner: Aston
Open Mixed Doubles - Runners-up: Deepak/Cindy
B Women's Singles—Winner: Vivian
Senior Men's Doubles—Runners-up: Deepak/Carl
Senior Mixed Doubles—Runners-up: Kong/Elisabet

2008 USABDF Winter Junior International Championships

Under-13 Boys Singles - Consolation Semifinalist: Aston
Under-13 Boys Doubles - Consolation Winners: Aston/Ashwin
Under-19 Boys Doubles - Semifinalist: Andrew/Reynaldi
Under-19 Mixed Doubles—Consolation Winners: Andrew/Chloe



2008 Dallas Open Finalists

Equipments:

To provide a local as well as cheaper source for badminton equipment and accessories the Dallas Badminton Club acquired retailing rights from Yonex and Head. Visit <http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/Equipment.htm> for your needs.



Detailed results are available at

<http://dallasbadmintonclub.com/Main%20Pages/Results.htm>

ON THE HORIZON:

- Starting January 2009 Thursday's hours will be expanded to be from 7pm to 10pm
- We are working on online registration for the 2009 membership drive
- To remain competitive in the current system and improve court turnaround on busy nights we will be moving to the 21-point scoring system
- To engage new minds and imbibe fresh ideas the Dallas Badminton Club will hold elections for President, Vice-President and Secretary

We will keep you abreast of these initiatives with specific mailers..

Thank you for a great 2008 and towards an even better 2009 !!