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RESUME OF THE PASADENA BADMINTON CLUB

The Pasadena Badminton Club (PBC) was founded in approximately 1933. The club at first played at the Pasadena Armory, 145 North Raymond, Pasadena, and later moved to their own private facility located on the corner of Green and South Raymond. The building which housed the club at that time, was leased from a major oil company. During the war years (1941-1945), the building was taken over by the armed forces. At the conclusion of the war, the armed forces moved from the building, however, left it in such a state that it was no longer suitable for good badminton. From approximately 1946 to 1954, the club played in various high school gyms throughout the city of Pasadena. Since 1954, the club has been renting the National Guard Armory at 145 North Raymond for three hours a night on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For your general information, the first United States National Championships were held in 1937. The first Veteran's U. S. National Championships were held in 1938, and the U. S. National Junior Championships in about 1947 or 1948. All National Championships are held in different locations throughout the country each year.

The first Thomas Cup competition (identical to the David Cup in Tennis), was first held in 1948-1949. These matches are held every three years and each country participating fields a team of not more than six men players. Malaysia currently holds the Thomas Cup.

The Uber Cup (same as the Thomas Cup - only for women), was initiated in 1957. These matches are also held every three years and each country participating fields a team of not more than six women. Until 1966, the United States was the only country to have ever won this trophy. Japan won the Uber Cup in 1966 and 1969.

The All-England Championships held in London, England, each year and the World Invitational Championships held in Glasgow, Scotland, once a year are considered the unofficial world championships.

Since 1937, members of PBC have achieved the following accomplishments, which are unequalled by any badminton club in the United States.

1. Won 72 United States National Championships.
2. Won 21 United States Veterans National Championships. (40 years of age and above).
3. Won 48 United States National Junior Championships. (18 years of age and under).
4. Won 6 World Championships.
5. Have filled 25 positions on U. S. Thomas Cup Teams out of a total of 36, and 2 coaches of U. S. Thomas Cup Team.
6. Have filled 7 positions on U. S. Uber Cup Teams.
7. Have had 7 members selected to the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame.
8. Have had one coach of the U. S. Uber Cup Team.

The financial assets of the PBC as of December 31, 1968, totaled approximately \$15,000.

The officers of the PBC are as follows:

President: Joseph C. Alston, 989 Hillside Terrace,
Pasadena, California
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Treasurer: Russell Young

Secretary: Dr. Alfred W. Hales

Board of Directors: William Kinard
Mrs. Helen Tibbetts
Glen Scofield
Hulet P. Smith

The current members of PBC are as follows:

Joe & Lois Alston

Joe has won two world Championships, 13 U. S. National Championships, has been a member of 6 out of 7 U. S. Thomas Cup Teams, and has been selected as a member of the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame. Current ranked #3 in the United States in mixed doubles with wife Lois, and #2 in Men's doubles with Wynn Rogers.

Lois, a teacher by profession, has won two world titles, two United States National Championships, two Canadian National Championships, and played on three United States Uber Cup Teams. She is currently ranked #3 in the United States in mixed doubles, and #2 in ladies doubles. She has been selected as a member of the Helms Hall of Fame.

The Alstons have two young sons who also play.

Manuel & Beulah Armendariz Manuel, a graduate of UCLA, is a Certified Public Accountant, employed as Director of Finance with The Irvine Company, in Newport Beach. He is a former National Junior Champion. He has held United States national rankings as high as Number Two, and has been a member of four out of seven United States Thomas Cup Teams.

Beulah is a former Canadian National Champion and has been ranked as high as Number Two in the United States. She is currently ranked in the top five in the United States. She has also been a member of one United States Uber Cup Team.

The Armendariz' have one young son who also plays.

Patrick Armendariz Pat, a college student, is a Junior Champion. An outstanding Class A player. (currently serving in Armed Forces in Vietnam).

Tyna Barinaga Tyna, a young high school physical education teacher, is currently one of the most outstanding players in the world today. Although only 23 years of age, she has held numerous national Junior and adult titles and is currently ranked number 1 nationally in both ladies singles and ladies doubles. She has played on three U. S. Uber Cup Teams having made her debut in international play at the age of 16.

Mary Ann Breckell Mary Ann, an instructor at San Fernando Valley College, has held numerous local and state championships and has been ranked in the top four nationally.

Paul Coke

Paul, a retired engineer, has been a member of PBC for many years.

Ada Dang

Ada, an elementary school teacher, is a resident of Long Beach.

Although a relative newcomer to the game, she is a very good "A" player.

Connie Davidson

Connie, widow of all-time great professional player, Ken Davidson, has, herself, won numerous local and state titles. In 1957, she was the manager and coach of the United States Uber Cup Team. Although she no longer plays in tournaments, she still enjoys club play. Connie is a life member of the club.

Alfred & Virginia Hales

Alfred, a graduate of Cal Tech, received his PH.D. in Mathematics there, and went on to instruct at Cambridge, Harvard, and is currently teaching at UCLA. He and his brother, Stan, won many local and state titles during his stay at Harvard.

Virginia, the former Virginia Greene of Altadena, is a graduate of UCLA and a former National Junior Champion. She is currently a high ranking "A" player.

Stanton & Diane Hales

Stan, a graduate of Pomona College, did his graduate work at Harvard. He hopes to complete his thesis within the next year at which time he will receive his PH.D. in Mathematics from Harvard. He is now teaching Mathematics at Pomona College. He is a former National Junior Champion and was a member of the 1967 U. S. Thomas Cup Team. He is currently the number one ranking singles player in the U. S. He is ranked number three in mens doubles with Larry Saben and number six in mixed doubles with his wife, Diane.

Diane, the former Diane Moore of Long Beach, California, is a college student. She is a former National Junior Champion and in 1968 was ranked nationally number five in ladies singles, number five in ladies doubles with Beulah Armendariz and number six in mixed doubles with her husband, Stan. They have one young daughter.

Mike Hartgrove

Mike is West Coast Representative for Bahama Airways. He still finds time for badminton, as he has been a member of three United States Thomas Cup Teams. He was a former National Junior Champion, and has been ranked in the top five Nationally for many years.

William Heideman

Bill, a resident of San Marino, operates a home for the aged in Los Angeles. He has been a long time member of PBC and is also a tennis enthusiast.

Willard Judy

Bill, a graduate of USC, is presently teaching Physical Education and is an up and coming, "A" player.

Ian & Ina Mc Kinnon

Ian and Ina are from Scotland and are currently living in South Pasadena. They are new members of the club. They are experienced players and are considered a real asset to the club.

Mary Mc Murray

Mary, a graduate of UCLA, and now in the employ of the college, is a resident of Santa Monica. She is a top class "A" player and has in the past been ranked nationally.

Everett & June Mies

Everette and June, residents of Arcadia, California, have been active players in the Los Angeles area for many years, and dedicated workers for the game. Their daughter, Diana, although only 16 years of age, is the top ranking junior girls singles player in Southern California. She holds a high national junior ranking and could very well be a future adult national champion.

William Kinard

Bill, a member of the California Bar, formerly taught at Cal Tech and is now President of the Relton Corporation, a Pasadena firm. He has four children who are active junior players. The entire family is very sports-minded and active in tennis, skiing, and swimming.

His son, Chris, now a student at Pasadena City College, was two times a national junior champion. He is considered by the top ranking players of today to be the most promising young player in the U. S. today. There is no question but that he will be representing the U. S. in international play in the near future.

Fred Nelson

Fred, a graduate of USC, is a stockbroker, employed by the Reynolds Company in Los Angeles. He has played since his junior days and is currently an "A" player.

Don Paup

Don, a teacher, is currently working on his PH.D. in Psychology and is temporarily residing in New Orleans. He is expected to return to this area and resume his badminton activities next year. He is a former National Junior Champion. He was co-holder of the U.S. mens doubles title in 1968 and is still ranked number one nationally in mens doubles and mixed doubles. He has also won several Mexican National Championships and played on the U.S. Thomas Cup teams of 1964 and 1967.

Jeanne Pons

Jeanne, who is head of the Physical Education Department at Valley State College, has for years been ranked in the top five nationally. She was formerly a United States National Senior Ladies Doubles Champion. She served on the United States Uber Cup Committee for 1966.

Wynn Rogers

Wynn, a Physical Education Teacher, has won the United States Men's Doubles Championship ten times, the mixed championship eight times, and the veteran mens doubles five times. He was a member of six United States Thomas Cup teams, and was the coach for the 1967 team. He has been selected to the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame. He has also been an outstanding tennis player. He currently holds both mens doubles and mixed titles in Veteran Division.

Larry Saben

Larry, a graduate of Occidental College, will shortly enter medical school. He was a former National Junior Champion and won the U.S. Mixed Doubles Championships in 1968. He was a member of the 1967 U.S. Thomas Cup Team and there is no doubt that he will represent the U.S. many more times in the future.

Glen Scofield

Glen, a contractor, has been a main stay of the PBC since the early 1930's. He is still an enthusiastic and active player.

Hulet & Loma Smith

Hulet, a Phi Beta Kappa from Princeton, retired from Smith and Sons Investment Company of San Marino. He was, for years, the President and "backbone" of PBC, and was a National Veterans Champion in 1947.

Loma held the United States National Mixed title for three years and National Ladies Doubles for one year. In 1964 and 1965, she held the National Senior Ladies gold championship. She has been selected to the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame. For years, she and Hulet devoted countless hours to helping junior players in the area. Although now living in Pebble Beach, California, they are both life members of the club.

Mrs. Helen Tibbetts

Helen has been a member of PBC since her junior days and has been ranked nationally since that time. She was holder of the 1952 National mixed doubles title and is currently ranked number one in both ladies doubles and mixed doubles. She was three times a member of the U.S. Uber Cup Squad. She is also currently the 2nd Vice President of the American Badminton Association.

Dick Van Praag

Dick, a Pasadena resident, has been a good "A" player for many years and extremely active in the administration of the game. He was chairman of the 1968 National championships. His father, Jack, is publicity chairman for the American Badminton Association. Dick has one son, John, who is an up and coming junior player.

Mike Walker

Mike, a young college student, is a former National Junior Champion. He is a player of great promise, and will some day undoubtedly be a National Champion and represent the U.S. in international play.

Russell Young

Russ is a resident of Altadena and is a long-time employee of the State of California (Finance Office). He has five children who actively play badminton and tennis. He is also a graduate of UCLA and a CPA.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (Parents Not Members)

Gary Higgins (currently the 18 and Under National Singles Champion)
Norman Couture (nationally ranked)
Duane Woods (ranked in Southern California)
Leslie Schoppe (nationally ranked)