

Anyone out there a history buff? I know I am, and particularly badminton history. So here is a bit of nostalgic information that some of you (very few) may recall when you read the following memory tickler, and others should find rather surprising in certain aspects. NOTE: There was no date on the following report, but judging by some of the clues I have to believe that it should be around 1941.

Once Upon A Time ----

....there was a group of fine people dedicated to a sport which needed some sort of organization to help and police and promote it. So.....

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BADMINTON ASSOCIATION IS FORMED

Continuing with its very rapid progress as the fastest growing game played with a racket, Badminton stepped forward last week when the Southern California Badminton Association was organized in conjunction with the California State Badminton Association. At a meeting held in Hollywood on May 22nd, the present voting member clubs of the state association and the members from last year's Southern California Badminton League were on hand to steer the new organization into being. These representatives were from the following Badminton Clubs:- Santa Barbara, San Diego, Pasadena, Alhambra, Wilshire, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Compton, Long Beach and the Racqueteers.

The Board of Directors and the officers who will head the new association are: President - Don Eversoll of the Beverly Hills Badminton Club, and the present California State Badminton Champion; Vice president - Frances Zweiner of the San Diego Badminton Club; Secretary-Treasurer - Winchester Jones of the Pasadena Badminton Club; Clyde Walker of the Compton Club; Tex Mays of the Santa Monica Club; Rob Noble of the Alhambra Club. The publicity is being handled by Carl Plate.

This new association is purely an amateur organization to promote the sport of Badminton. It will govern the affairs of the game in Southern California by controlling tournaments and matches and maintaining connections with the California, American and International Associations. Each member club will have one vote regardless of size of classification. These clubs will be divided into two classes. Class A clubs that are permanently organized, and Class B clubs that are loosely organized groups connected with churches, YMCA's, YWCA's and schools. Both of these classes will have the same advantages and voting power. Dues in class A will be determined by the number of members (\$30.00 for over 55 members, \$10.00 between 36 and 55, \$5.00 between 26 and 35, and \$3.00 under 25) and Class B will be charged a flat rate of \$3.00 dues.

Winchester Jones presided over the opening meeting and, as usual, handled everything in a very efficient and diplomatic manner. Major H H Gaver acted as secretary for the open meeting. Discussion from the floor by the various clubs in Southern California was very helpful in forming ideas on which the new organization was founded. Guy Reed, prominent Pasadena professional, acted in an advisory capacity and his ideas were very helpful. The new Board of Directors held a meeting immediately after the open meeting and elected the above officers. Don Eversoll, the new president, then took charge. The necessary items for discussion were settled and the details for the next Board meeting arranged. The meeting was out as short as possible so that the representatives from the 'far away' clubs (San Diego and Santa Barbara) could reach home at a reasonable hour.

Badminton organizations interested in joining in the work of this association may communicate with Winchester Jones, 351 California Terrace, Pasadena, California.

Send all Badminton news regarding individuals or clubs to Carl F Plate 1228-30 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

Badminton in Southern California is now organized on a firm basis, so the game will undoubtedly take even greater strides than it has in the past few years. Some of the nation's outstanding players have been developed here. For instance, David Freeman, Pomona College freshman from Pasadena, invaded the Eastern territory and returned home with the national singlos championship. Two years ago Don Eversoll and Chet Goss won the national doubles title. HERE'S TO BIGGER AND BETTER DAYS FOR THIS GREAT GAME.

Carl F Plate

After the accomplishment of the formation of S.C.B.A, the young association proceeded to put together By-Laws, good membership, and eventually something they felt must be provided - a newsletter to help spread the badminton word & keep all interested parties informed. So.....

You can thank a flat tire for this bit of nostalgia. Had a flat, dug through my trunk to find the jack, came up with a box of Old Badminton Goodies.