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"A NEW ARRIVAL"

With "tongue in cheek" and "fingers crossed", we launch this new department. How do you like it?

We think there is a definite need for a publication of this sort as a means of drawing us closer together and becoming better acquainted. We look forward to the day when a full-fledged periodical may be published and distributed, gratis, to all A.B.A. members.

But, as the old proverb goes, "you must creep before you can walk," so let us first see what can be done in a small way. If you like the idea, let us know. Send us your suggestions, gratefully received.

Don't let the department die for lack of interesting material. Tell us about your association, your clubs, your players, -not only scores and statistics, but "newsy-bits," (gossip, to you) etc. The only thing we positively refuse to do, is conduct an "Advice to the Lovelorn" column.

Let's hear from you!!

J.H.C.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION:

Another indoor badminton season is getting under way. It should be one of our best. Your Association is fully aware of its responsibility to badminton players and is doing everything possible to promote enthusiastic play all over the country.

Plans are already under way for the National Tournament next year. Association members will hear of it from time to time. It is going to surpass any yet held, if such a thing is possible.

I have found many who feel that the troubled conditions abroad and the activities of the Army and Navy in this country would curtail badminton. To the contrary, there is a decided movement afoot to have all supervised sports in this country put on vigorous campaigns to develop the health and physical welfare of the people. Badminton can certainly play an important part in any such plan.

Let's all talk badminton, play badminton and help do our bit for National Defense by making people physically fit for their duties, whatever they may be.

(s)Ward Starrett
PRESIDENT
AMERICAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

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Included with this mailing is a copy of the REVISED Rule Book. This was reprinted during the past summer, incorporating all of the important changes adopted at the April 5th meeting. The playing rules have not been basically changed, but a clearer interpretation has been made where it was felt necessary.

There have been quite a few changes and additions made in the section dealing with "Amateur Status" and you are cautioned to familiarize your members with them.

While we obtained support from several manufacturers, the total commitment was somewhat below that obtained when the first edition was published. For that reason, our printing order was smaller, and the price proportionately higher.

We have a very limited number of these books available for free distribution to member clubs. Send us a request for your requirements, but we ask that you keep it to the absolute minimum.

According to available statistics, the physical condition of the average draftee is somewhat below U. S. Army standard. This is a sad commentary on "our way of life". Can it be that we are becoming a nation of "softies"? Perhaps we of the Badminton world are partly to blame. If there were more Badminton Clubs, there would be more opportunities for "Mr. and Mrs. America" to get that much needed exercise.

Do your part towards building up Public Health and National Defense. Don't just play Badminton, but—

"Talk Badminton"
"Live Badminton"
"Sell Badminton"

Help organize more clubs in your district!!!

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James F. Crafts of 10 Post Office Square, Boston, Mass., is chairman of the committee appointed "---to study the present constitution and to recommend to the next annual meeting such changes or clarifications or restatements that might appear proper to bring the constitution up to date"---

If you have any ideas or suggestions on the subject that might be helpful to Mr. Crafts and his committee, we are sure they will be happy to receive them.

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Have you seen the splendid series of pictures on Badminton in the November 4 issue of "Look"? There are six series of "shots" illustrating six strokes, three "shots" on grips and five ~~fixa~~ high speed multiflash "shots" of strokes.

The pictures were posed by Jack Purcell, and were taken in the research laboratories of A. G. Spalding & Bros. in Chicopee, Mass.. A complete description of each stroke, written by Jack Purcell, is given below each series of pictures.

This is the kind of publicity we need to help "spread the gospel." We hope there will be much more like it.

Do your part by helping your National ~~Defense~~ Publicity Committee. If you haven't already done so, organize a live-wire publicity Committee in your association.

Write your National Chairman, Millard Dorntge, 122 West Chippewa Street, Buffalo, New York, and he will gladly send you a suggested plan for co-operative action.

Start now by gathering a file of action photos of your players, in duplicate, one copy for you and one for A.B.A. Start talking Badminton to your local sport editors. They will be glad to cooperate. (We've personally tried it, and were surprised to learn how human they really are.)

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Elsewhere in this booklet is a copy of the new revised 1941 Rule Book with instructions for obtaining additional copies. There are several important changes, particularly in the rules governing "Amateur Status". Be sure that all your member clubs obtain them.

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We don't want to jeopardize our "Amateur Status" by asking for money on our first appearance (are you listenin', Roger Morse?), BUT --- DON'T FORGET!!

"DUES IS ALMOST DUE!!"

So, get your clubs lined up and be on the lookout for our next mailing. It will be entitled, "Just My (Our) Bill." "with apologies to the late Helen Morgan).

Seriously-- your National Tournament Committee is preparing a series of snappy mailing pieces to be released at periodic intervals. These will publicize the forthcoming tournament at Durham, N. C. on April 2, 3, and 4, 1942.

We want to begin this campaign as early as possible. Please cooperate by lining up your members a little earlier this year, so we can complete our mailing list. We want to be sure all mailings reach the right parties.

We recently solicited and received from all Class "A" associations, a current list of officers. Be sure and advise us immediately of any changes that occur so our files will be kept up to date.

The procedure for sanctioning tournaments, as approved by the directors at the April meeting, will be put into effect as soon as forms are received from the printer.

These forms, together with a copy of all rules pertaining to the conduct of tournaments, will be mailed direct to all member clubs in addition to each Class "A" Association headquarters. This, of course, is not to be construed as an attempt at "short-circuiting", it is being done solely in the interest of speed, due to the late date.

We call your attention to Paragraph "I" Section 2, on page 14 of the new Rule Book. This rule states that a player is jeopardizing

his (or her) amateur status-- "by participating in an exhibition or tournament that has not been ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ truly authorized or sanctioned."

To assure quick action on all applications for sanction, the following Regional Chairmen have been appointed, with power to act for the Association:

- John E. Garrod 47 Colburn Rd., Wellesley Hills. Mass.
New England Region
- Bill Edgar 165 Broadway, New York City
Middle Atlantic Region
- Edgar Forio P.O. Box 1734, Atlanta, Georgia
Southern Region
- Winchester Kelso Milam Bldg., San Antonio, Texas
Western Region
- W. R. Abbott, Jr. 400 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mid Western Region
- L. Winchester Jones 351 California Terrace, Pasadena, Cal.
Pacific Region

All applications should be made out in triplicate, two copies to be sent to your regional chairman and one to the National Chairman (Adon Smith, 131 Brevard Court, Charlotte, N. C.)

We hope, by this procedure, to avoid the many unpleasant incidents that have arisen in the past, to avoid conflicting dates in the same area, and to have on file, available to all, statistics on results that will be helpful in establishing rankings and the seedings of Players.

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Have you noticed that we have a new committee this year?

Don Richardson is heading a committee appointed "--to review the present rules and regulations regarding the selection of shuttlecocks for use in the annual championships and the approval of shuttlecocks, and to report their recommendations for action to the Board of Directors,"---

This committee is deliberating this much discussed subject with the care it deserves. They are trying to formulate their recommendation for action so it can be presented to the Board in the December meeting.

If you have any helpful suggestions, pass them along to Don at once. We must get this matter settled as early as possible.

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Those letters from H.A.E. Scheele of England and J.L. Johnston of Canada, reproduced in this mailing, are, we think, striking examples of British courage and strength of character.

We can retire each night with the assurance that we will not be rudely awakened by the roar of motors and the crashing of bombs.

Let us all remember this fact when we start to groan about of taxation and the curtailment of luxuries that have be

A few cheerful lines to England or Canada will, we are fully received.

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Henry J. Heffernan, Marion Bldg., Augusta, Ga. is chairmanship Membership Committee. They are preparing a pamphlet advantages of membership in the A.B.A., with instructions application. Included will be an application form, nearest Class "A" Association.

If you have any helpful suggestions, we are sure to hear from you.

When this literature is ready for distribution, it will be Class "A" Associations. It will then be squarely up every desirable playing group in your area receive

"Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and push!"

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"A" ASSOCIATIONS	17	0	0	0

(*HITS * NEW CLUBS)

"HMM-- Looks like Brooklyn!!!

How about bringing up that batting average before we go to press again?"

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As we write this, it is a cold, bleak November day in Chicago, but we have a special remedy for that. We read for the "umpteenth" time that masterpiece of eloquence, -a description of spring in North Carolina, written by Adon Smith, in his bid for next year's tournament.

We close our eyes and dream, -and LO! -the grass is green, the birds are singing and flowers are blooming on both sides of Pershing Road,

Boy, oh Boy!! We can hardly wait--

We'll be seein' ya there!!

J. H. C.