

# *Badminton*

**USBA Northwest Region**

*September 1994*

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**NOTES** 

## **1994 MBBC International Junior Championships**

The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club International Junior Championships event was held August 17 - 21. Seven excited people crammed into a minivan for an 18-hour nonstop (other than changing drivers) trip from Portland to Los Angeles. The eager group hit the road at 4:30 p.m. and arrived at 10:30 the next morning, a surly bunch.

The tournament showcased some excellent play. Entrants came from Canada, Barbados, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Indonesia and Germany.

Our four juniors, Michelle Boje, Peter Collins, Andrew Ellmaker and Aline Vannarath, coached by Jimmie Long, had an excellent tournament; they all played well and received medals. In Aline's first major

tournament, she placed third in the Under 12 Girls' Doubles and reached the semifinals of the Under 12 Mixed with Andrew. Andrew also reached the semifinals of the Under 12 Boys' Singles. He lost in an intense 3-game match against Raju Rai of Georgia. Raju and Andrew teamed up to easily win the Under 12 Boys' Doubles.

Michelle and Peter each lost in tough first round matches in the Under 14 Singles. Peter played an extremely difficult match against a junior from Peru while Michelle drew the No. 2 ranked girl in the U.S. They each played well and went on to easily capture their consolation titles.

Michelle and Peter paired off in the Under 14 Mixed and cruised through the finals for the gold, beating the

No. 2 ranked U.S. team in the semifinals and a Peruvian team in the finals. Michelle also seized the gold in the Under 14 Girls' Doubles with Caren Hueckstadt from Germany.

Peter and Sean Ruktoume came in second in the Under 14 Boys' Doubles against a Peruvian team. Unfortunately, by this time Peter was suffering from a sprained ankle and Sean from a sore shoulder and they could not withstand the pressure from the Peruvians.

After the week of intensive play, the juniors and their chaperones trooped around Disneyland from 9:00 a.m. to midnight. Then at 1:00 a.m., seven weary people started back for Portland, arriving 19 hours later. Thank goodness this only once a year.

## **Juniors at 1994 Oregon State Games**

The excitement in the Oregon State Games was in the junior events. Michelle Boje won big in the junior division with three gold medals and a silver in the Adults' B Women's Doubles. Aline Vannarath of Portland took two golds and a silver.

Salem sent a large group including: Chad Boswell, Casey Howe, Dahir Jacobo, Dawn Renner,

Chrystal Nelson, David Reynolds, Marisa Varay and Misty Wagner. They all did extremely well with 3 golds, 7 silvers and 6 bronzes. Thanks to Sharon Moore, Andy Stich and Debbie Vassallo in their work with these juniors, badminton will continue to grow.

*Great job juniors,  
keep at it!*

## **Northwest News**

In an effort to promote badminton in public schools and recreational centers, a coaching clinic for PE teachers and recreation instructors is being organized to be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon. This was done successfully a few years ago. If you have any knowledge on how it was previously done or have ideas for this time around, contact Don Boje at (503) 690-6837.

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# Northwest Regional Association

Final touches are being made to our Northwest Badminton Association. The by-laws have been written and a group of people have expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors.

During the Region 4 Classic in Seattle, November 11-13, a meeting will be held to elect officers and to set some direction for the Region. Some topics include: determination of future Classics and national team qualifiers, regional adult and junior championships, and the course the association should take to promote badminton in the region.

**Remember** to join the Northwest Badminton Association now.

Fill out the membership form and return it without delay. Help support badminton in your region. The dues will go toward the cost of the newsletter and other activities, such as the clinics. Take a minute and join now.

**Welcome new members:**

Al & Bev Allott, Bellevue, WA  
 Bob Hammond, Redmond, WA  
 Sue Ann Horton, Seattle, WA  
 Mark Wagner, Laurel, MT

## Northwest Badminton Association Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to:

- join the **NBA** as an adult member. (send \$8 check)
- join the **NBA** as a junior member (22 or under) (send \$5 check)
- join the **NBA** as a family (parents & children) (send \$10 check)

Make check payable to **Northwest Badminton Association**  
 Send to:

**Northwest Badminton Association**  
**Don Boje**  
**P.O. Box 91534**  
**Portland, OR 97291**

## SPECIAL OFFER

Interested in a **free** 3-hour clinic?  
 If 20 -30 people sign up for a Northwest Badminton Association membership together in a geographical area, this clinic can be yours.

Jimmie Long, USBA national level certified coach, will hold this clinic at your location. He has produced 20 junior champs in the last 6 years and has held clinics for people of all ages. Contact Jimmie Long or Don Boje at (503) 690-6837 for details.

## Northwest 1994 Badminton Tournament Schedule

Event	Date	Location	Contact
Veterans' Fun Day	September 15	Seattle, Washington	Rob Brown (206) 775-7342
New Concepts	September 24	Salem, Oregon	Tom Jakubowski (503) 370-8727
Knockabout	October 8	Portland, Oregon	Don Boje (503) 690-6837
Phil Millward Mixed	October 16	Vancouver, BC	(604) 596-3637
Jack Underhill	November 4 - 6	Vancouver, BC	Geoff Atkinson (604) 274-4928
Washington Classic	November 11-13	Bellevue, Washington	Rob Brown (206) 775-7342



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## WHERE

Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)  
1849 SW Salmon  
Portland, OR

## CONTACT

**Don Boje**  
**(503) 690-6837**

## WHEN

Saturday, October 8  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## ENTRY FEE

\$15.00 - Your entry fee pays for birds and dinner (as well as a couple of surprises). Directions to the restaurant will be at the registration desk. Additional guests for dinner are \$6.00 per person.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Saturday, October 1 - **entries will not be accepted after this date.**

## WHAT

Doubles badminton tournament. Enter as an individual. You will be paired with a different partner against different opponents for each game. Everyone will have approximately 10 games, each at 15 points (no setting). For those who want to play but can't stay all day, please indicate one of the shorter time periods.

## WHY

This format is a great mixer - it's a way for players of all calibers to play together as well as play in games where everyone is of equal level.

## WHO

People of all ages and skill levels.

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Make checks payable to: Multnomah Athletic Club

Please check one:

- All Day
- 10:00 - 1:00
- 1:00 - 4:00

Send to: Badminton Committee  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
P.O. Box 390  
Portland, OR 97207

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one Skill Level - A B C D

Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinner Guest(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAC Member # \_\_\_\_\_



Marion Harvey  
E 27-40th St  
Spokane, WA 99203

Badminton Committee  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
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Portland, OR 97207



## Northwest News

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The Junior National Championships for 1995 will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon on April 14 - 18. If you are working with juniors, this is a perfect opportunity for them.

Watch for the 1994 Seattle Classic entry form coming out soon. The event will be held November 11-13. Last year's Classic in Portland showcased some great play and this year's should be even better!

## National News

The USBA has a new National Coach, Goran Sterner, who has just arrived from Sweden with his family and will be living in Colorado Springs.

He may be able to assist in the coaching clinic that is being planned for the Northwest.

The junior age categories have recently had changes: the Under 19 category has been changed to an Under 18 and a new age group has been added - Under 21.

Coca Cola is expressing an interest in sponsoring the Classic Series of tournaments. More on that as it develops.

The USBA is looking for articles for its magazine. If you would like to contribute, please send your information to:

Kate Spence  
United States Badminton Assn.  
One Olympic Plaza  
Colorado Springs, CO, 80909

The Northwest Badminton Association is also looking for articles or bits of information on happenings in your area for its newsletter. Please send them to:

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