

# Badminton

USBA Northwest Region

December 1995

*Bird*  
**NOTES** 

## "New Concepts" in Salem

*Tom Jakubowski*

The second annual New Concepts Badminton Tournament was held on September 23rd in Salem, Oregon. Fifteen players competed in the singles division and 22 in the doubles, which was adequate for this tournament format but not quite enough to produce optimum competitive conditions. Socially, however, this event again produced the desired effect of a friendly, fun and full day for everyone concerned.

Halfway through the singles competition, it became clear that it would be a close race for first place between Dave Grusy of

Gresham and Roger Hedge of Sunriver. It was exciting to watch their rankings keep pace right up to their final matches; and although both won all their games, Dave came out on top based on score and opponent rank differentials.

The doubles division was also very close. Etta Foote of Salem was on top until the last hour of play. But Dave Grusy somehow managed to find the three matches he needed to bump her out at the very end. (Especially nice here was his win with Michele Marquis of Medford from a 1-13 deficit!)

So Dave went home with two medals and \$100 cash. All other players who finished their division matches selected their awards from a prize pool. And, as hoped, everyone seemed to enjoy badminton that day at the level they liked best.

### Top ten results:

#### Singles

- 1st: Dave Grusy, Gresham
- 2nd: Roger Hedge, Sunriver
- 3rd: Tom Jakubowski, Salem
- 4th: Phil Zollman, Dallas
- 5th: Steve Albin, Salem

#### Doubles

- 1st: Dave Grusy, Gresham
- 2nd: Etta Foote, Salem
- 3rd: Phil Zollman, Dallas
- 4th: Steve Prothero, Salem
- 5th: Sheena Fischer, Bend

## New Growth ... Pikes Peak 5th B-C Open

*Jim Stabler*

The fifth annual Pikes Peak B-C Open was held on October 29 at Liberty High School, Colorado Springs, Colorado. What used to be a fairly small, quiet Sunday tourney of some 30-40 players from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico, blossomed this year into one of major proportions. When the deadline was reached on Friday afternoon, the tournament directors, Jim and Kathy Stabler,

found themselves looking at a list this year of over 70 players. There were two major areas from which players came that had not attended prior to 1995. A group of foreign students from Taiwan, attending the University of Northern Colorado, got wind of the B-C Open and sent 11 players. Another group from Colorado Springs were athletes and coaches of other sports living and working at the

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### Editor's Note:

Send in articles, pictures, cartoons, comments and tournament info anytime. This is a great vehicle to get information to a lot of people in the Northwest. Send to USBA Regional Director Don Boje  
P.O. Box 91534  
Portland, OR 97291.  
(503) 690-6837

## SHORT SERVES

Joyce Jones and Jack Harvey appeared in an article in the 1995 October/November issue of *World Badminton Magazine*, a publication of the International Badminton Federation.

In this Canadian tournament, Jack Harvey won gold in the over 65 category.

Joyce captured four gold medals ... singles, women's doubles with Claire Bowyer, two mixed doubles, one with Jack Harvey and one with Mark Grantham. Joyce stole the show when she and Mark played against the strong team of Claire Bowyer and Ray Cornish. Joyce called a halt during the match and after serious consultation with Mark, she put him at the net while she took over the rear court. After losing the first game 12-15, they came back in the second from 2-13 to score 15 consecutive points winning 18-15. They went on to finish the third game 15-2.

Way to go Joyce and Jack!

## Northwest Regional Association

### 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)
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- join the **NBA** as a family (parents & children) (send \$10 check)

Make check payable to **Northwest Badminton Association**  
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**Portland, OR 97291**

**Join**

**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. Take a minute and join now.

**Welcome new members:**

Bill Boyer, OR  
 Dwight Bussman, OR  
 Cecil Hodges, OR  
 Soon Tat Jason Lee, OR  
 Sharon Moore, OR  
 Burt Peterson, OR  
 Ram Sil, OR

### Northwest 1995-96 Badminton Tournament Schedule

Event	Date	Location	Contact
Oregon Open	Jan. 19, 20, 21	Portland, Oregon	Don Boje (503) 690-6837
Region 4 Classic	Jan. 19, 20, 21	Pikes Peak, Colorado	USBA (719) 578-4808
Oregon Closed	February 10	Eugene, Oregon	Dave Rodman (503) 669-1574
Washington Closed	February 10 (open) February 24 (vets)	TBA, Washington TBA, Washington	Gene Kumekawa (206) 783-4098 " " " " "
Washington Open	March 15	TBA, Washington	Steve Ellis (206) 323-6436
High School/College	Tentative Date March	Bellevue, Washington	Steve Ellis (206) 323-6436
C/Novice	Tentative Date April	TBA, Washington	Gene Kumekawa (206) 783-4098
Daffodil Invitational	Tentative Date April	Tacoma, Washington	Joe Moelders (206) 272-9883
Eugene/Springfield Seniors/Masters	July 27	Eugene, Oregon	Dale Crawford (503) 343-6625

# 1995 USBA Board of Directors Meeting

Don Boje

The USBA Board of Directors met in Chicago Sept. 22-24. The topic dominating the meeting was the 1996 budget. Like most organizations, the yearly budget plan always starts with everyone's wish list. The pie-in-the-sky items were immediately eliminated when expenses exceeded revenue by around over \$50,000. It really got tough when we thought we had reached bare bones but were still over budget by \$10,000-\$20,000. At that point

many of the programs planned to develop our elite and juniors to reach the next level had to be pared back.

One of the changes membership will see as a result of the tight budget is the USBA newsletter being published 8 times a year instead of 12. It will be issued during the months when there is no magazine. The magazine may be printed on a less 'glossy' stock.

Also discussed at the meeting was the eminent departure of Jim Hadley as our executive director. Jim has done a great job for us in the last two years. He received an offer from Cycling that was just too good to turn down and will have left us by the time you receive this. The executive committee has interviewed applicants and at this time has made an offer to a past executive director of Volleyball who has accepted.

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## Make Us Count

Don Boje

If you are a member of the USBA, congratulations and thank you for your support. If not, WHY NOT? The reasons I have heard ... What do they do for me? I don't like the way it's run. It's only for the top players.

Take away the hyperbole of providing a national governing body, structure for the sport, blah, blah, blah, an underlying goal of the USBA is to lift the stature of badminton in the USA. This can only be done with money. And, no, your membership dues do not keep the USBA afloat. The USBA has membership which varies from 2000 to 3000 each year. With dues of \$20-30 that means the USBA receives \$40,000 to \$60,000 from dues. That pays for the cost of your magazine and newsletter with virtually nothing left. Your membership has many advantages for you and your national organization. Where your membership becomes important in helping the USBA in attaining its goals is in the effort to acquire corporate sponsorship. Without money, the USBA cannot

provide the training opportunities for our athletes to compete on an international level. Without money the USBA cannot help grassroots efforts in the USA. Without money there is nothing the USBA can do for you. To get this money, we go to corporations to get their sponsorship. A corporation is only interested in sponsoring an organization when there is some advantage to the corporation. When we get to that part of the presentation and mention our membership is 2000 or 3000, we have been literally laughed out of the room. Mentioning badminton is the No. 1 participation sport in the world does not help in the USA. A membership count of 2000-3000 in the USA indicates it has no marketability here. We need to go to Coca Cola, Nestle, GM with a membership count of 10,000 then we can be taken seriously.

I have not heard anyone tell me it costs too much for membership. If you want to see our sport grow and gain recognition in the USA, it costs too much not to join.

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## New Growth *(from Page 1)*

Olympic Training Center. This group plays at lunchtime many days each week and has become hooked on our game. The taekwon-do coach even has his athletes playing badminton so they will improve their footwork.

Play began at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday and continued non-stop for over ten hours when the last shuttle fell at the end of the last mixed doubles game. Seventy-two players played 101 matches at the B and C level, and included this year were two senior levels of 55-64 and 65+. The youngest player was 12 years old and the most senior was over 75. The day started with 12 dozen humidified high altitude shuttles and ended with three. That's three, not three dozen. (Too close for comfort!)

Some strong players that will make their presence known in B and C levels in the (Region 4) Pikes Peak Classic in January at the Olympic Training Center will include Dustin Jones of Aurora; Andrew Mitchell, newly arrived in Golden, Colorado from Toronto; Stacy Spletzer and Lam Tran of Colorado Springs and David Ross of Boulder.

## Northwest Juniors' Tournament

The Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland Oregon, known locally as the MAC and 1995 host of the Junior Nationals, was once again the site of a major junior tournament. West coast juniors from California to Canada met at the MAC in October. Canada sent 30 from 4 different clubs. Northern and Southern California sent 17 while 2 came from Washington and 10 from Oregon.

The U14 and U16 had large draws including several national champions from the US and most of the top ranked BC juniors. The U18 draw was disappointing due to a major U18 competition in BC on the same weekend.

With half of the competitors coming from Canada, they had a strong presence in each draw. The quarter finals in the U16BS had James Young of N.Calif., Peter Collins of WA. and 6 Canadians. To reach the finals, James Young defeated the #2 and #5 ranked Canadians and Peter Collins defeated the #3 and #4. Young then defeated Collins in a quick final.

The three most exciting matches of the tournament all occurred in the U14 finals. Andrew Ellmaker, OR had an all Canadian tournament. Every match he played featured a Canadian. In the semifinals of the U14BS, he defeated the #2 ranked player from BC. The final, against Derek Senft, the #3 ranked player from BC, was a knockdown drag-out fight from beginning to end. Every point was fiercely con-

tested. Neither player would give an inch. The crowd, an equal mix from Canada and the USA, cheered every rally as they fought to the end. In the third game the players traded points with no one having a lead of more than 2 points. With the score tied at 13, an exhausted Ellmaker gambled on not setting. The gamble did not pay off. The players traded serves before the Canadian finally prevailed at 15-5,17-18,15-13.

The U14GD final featured the USA national champions Michelle



Boje, OR and Casey Peters, CA and the #1 ranked BC team of Sabrina Lee and Fiona Morris. Boje and Peters started fast using a power game to easily take the first game 15-6 and then lead in the second game 6-1. It appeared they thought they had the victory in hand and began to coast. The tough Canadian team then took control winning 21 of the next 24 points to win the second game 15-9 and lead in the 3rd 7-0. Michelle

and Casey then received their wake-up call. With the same Canadian/USA crowd cheering every rally, they began to fight back. They would win a point and trade serves, win a point and trade serves until finally they won the deciding game and the match 15-11.

The U14MXD final pitted the #2 ranked USA girl, Casey Peters, CA and the #3 ranked USA boy, Andrew Ellmaker, OR against the #1 BC team of Owen Watson and Sabrina Lee. Earlier Watson had lost to Ellmaker in the semis of U14BS while Lee had defeated Peters in the finals of the U14GS.

The match proved to be another crowd favorite with cheering from beginning to end as the teams fought every point. The Canadians played a traditional mixed doubles strategy which Ellmaker and Peters found difficult to penetrate in the first game losing 11-15. Still without success mid-way in the second game, Ellmaker and Peters changed their strategy to straight doubles to come from behind to win 15-11. With the crowd wildly supporting their teams, Ellmaker and Peters then went on the win the third game easily 15-2 to win the match. The tournament was a great success for the juniors. We plan on holding it again next year at the same time. It is a great opportunity to get good competition from the Canadians. If there are juniors playing in your area please encourage them to participate

# 1996 Oregon Open Badminton Tournament

**WHERE**

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

**WHEN**

January 19-21, 1996

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

Wednesday, January 10, 1996

**CONTACT**

Don Boje  
(503) 690-6837

**ENTRY FEE**

\$10.00 per event. Maximum of three events per person. Amounts are in U.S. currency.

**WHAT**

Open - Drop Flight - A, B, C.

Senior & Masters - depending on number of entries, it may be drop flight or round robin. Senior & Masters events may be combined or cancelled with insufficient entries. Seniors - age 35+. Masters - age 50+.

Tournament is sanctioned by the USBA. All participants **must be USBA members or pay a \$5 participation fee.** If you're not a USBA member, you can apply for membership now. As a member, you get a monthly newsletter, a quarterly magazine and are eligible for national ranking. Membership cards **must** be shown at registration, otherwise the \$5 fee must be paid.

One bird is provided per match and three birds per final. Additional birds can be purchased at the desk. Tickets will be used for the purchase of birds. One ticket equals 40 cents. Four tickets per bird.

The 10-minute default rule will be enforced. Please see other side for further guidelines.

Tournament sponsors are not responsible for personal loss or injury. **Scheduling subject to change** based on entries. Tournament committee reserves the right to modify or cancel any event with insufficient entries.

If you request a partner, please call to check if a partner has been found for you (it may affect your starting time/day).

Friday, January 19  
6:30 p.m. - Registration  
7:00 p.m. - Open Mixed  
              Doubles  
              - Senior/Masters  
              Singles

Saturday, January 20  
8:30 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Open Singles  
              - Senior/Masters  
              Doubles & Mixed  
12:00      - Open Doubles

Sunday, January 21  
10:00 a.m. Finals  
(Semifinals if necessary)

Check off event you are entering and circle approximate skill level to help in our ranking or selecting appropriate partners if needed. Maximum of three events per person. An effort will be made to locate partners if requested. If you request a partner, call the tournament director to check if a partner has been found. **Skill Level:**    A    B    C

Men's Singles:    Open\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_ Master\_\_\_

Women's Singles:    Open\_\_\_

Men's Doubles:    Open\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_ Master\_\_\_ Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Doubles: Open\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_ Master\_\_\_ Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Doubles:    Open\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_ Master\_\_\_ Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry to:    Multnomah Athletic Club, P.O. Box 390, Attn:Badminton Tournament, Portland, OR 97207

Tournament contact: Don Boje: (503) 690-6837

Make checks payable to: **Multnomah Athletic Club - payment must accompany entry. Submit your entries on time.**  
**Phoned entries will be an extra \$5.00. Fees are in U.S. currency.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

*pick one* USBA Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Membership \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
USBA One Time Fee \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Tournament Guidelines

<b>Registration</b>	Register at the DESK <u>each day</u> to indicate you have arrived.
<b>In/Out of Gym</b>	Let the DESK know when you leave the gym and when you return. You can be defaulted if you cannot be found.
<b>Match Times</b>	Check for your match times on the drawsheets posted on the wall, not at the desk (desk personnel can get cranky). The match times posted are approximate and are subject to change. Refer to Item #2.
<b>Scheduling</b>	Many hours have been spent scheduling to accommodate as many people as possible. Please do not request your match be played out of order or on a different court than assigned.
<b>Scores</b>	Winners are to report the scores. If scores are not reported, the Desk personnel do not know the court is available.

*Thank you for your help in making this a fun tournament.*

# Just for Fun!

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**Join us** for the last tournament of 1995 ... Food! Drinks! Doubles!  
Enter as an individual. Similar to the Knockabout format, but not quite.  
Please show up at least 15 minutes before the start time (very important,  
so we can start the whole thing).

**WHERE:** Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)  
1849 SW Salmon (18th Ave. & SW Salmon)  
Portland, OR

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 30, 1995  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5.00 Due to limited space,  
only the first 24 entrants will be accepted.

**DEADLINE:** Wednesday, December 27th .



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Send to: Badminton Committee  
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Portland, OR 97207

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Circle one : Skill Level - A B C D

Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAC Member # \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER: I agree to release tournament sponsors from any liability due to injury or loss.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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