

# Hunter Badminton News

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## The Newcastle Open ..... and the winners are -

### Upcoming tournaments

#### 2009:

- 18-19 July - Sydney Veterans
- 12th Sept - Doug Gill Trophy Newcastle
- 10-18 Oct - World Master Games (over 35's) Sydney
- Doubles Comp - Newcastle date to be advised

The 2009 Newcastle Open was held on Saturday 23rd May with a good number of entries, which included some new faces and players from Sydney.

There was some great badminton played on the day and the winners this year were -

#### A - Grade

- Mens Singles - Nicholas Foong
- Mens Doubles - Eric Dharmawan & Hendra Karmodi
- Ladies Doubles - Kelly French & Ashleigh See
- Mixed Doubles - Sugita Kunalan & Jonathan Low

#### B - Grade

- Mens Singles - Wing Low
- Mens Doubles - Wing Low & Wai Low
- Ladies Doubles - Di Dellar & Lyn Azzopardi
- Mixed Doubles - Malcolm Austin & Lyn Azzopardi

#### C - Grade

- Ladies Double - Bi-ling Phua & Sonu Raslogi
- Special thanks to tournament organizer Yvonne Kavanagh (pictured right hand at work) and to all the helpers & umpires on the day .

(apologies if any names are spelt incorrect)

**Check out our website for more Tournament photos.**



Mens A grade singles winner Nicholas Foong accepts his trophy from Kelly French. And below (L to R) Wing Low, Wai Low, Sugita Kunalan and Jonathan Low.



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## Board Games Night - back by popular demand

**Book the babysitter .... Free up your dairy ....**  
& start brushing up on your favorite board games.

By popular demand Hunter Badminton will host it's 2nd Board Game / Fun Night on

**Saturday 13th June.**

Come along and enjoy classic board games such as Pictionary, Scabble, Scattergories, Bingo, Scene It (and more) in a team orientated challenge.

Get together 5-8 people or make up a team on the night to compete for prizes.

Will our defending champions of Matt, Kirsty, Geoff, Bron & Brad be up for a rematch and will "Bingo Champ" Robert Phua continue his lucky streak ..... only time will tell.

**Cost--\$7 per person**

**The games and fun begin @ 7.30pm**

(upstairs in our hall)

To confirm your attendance or for further information please contact

Tony Morgan on 0401 989954

Or e-mail - [littlewookie5@bigpond.com](mailto:littlewookie5@bigpond.com)

## Junior Spotlight - Jonathan Low

Jonathan Low took up badminton as a social sport at the age of 10 with his father Kin. Now just a month off his 15th birthday, Jonathan boasts a record of having been selected to represent NSW 3 times (U'13, U'15 & U'17 teams).

Later this year Jonathan will try out for the state team again. If successful Jonathan can expect a training program of up to 5 days a week and a trip to Perth for a national competition which also fields teams from Singapore & New Zealand.

The Hunter Badminton Association and all its members would like to take this opportunity and wish Jonathan all the best for the future.



Mixing it with the best - Jonathan Low

### Jonathan's profile -

**Nickname** - Jono

**School** - Hunter Valley Grammar

**Fav. TV show** - The Simpsons

**Fav. Movie** - X-Men - Origins

**Fav. Food** - Curry

**Other Interests** - Computer Games (Warcraft)

**How often do you play badminton ?** Twice. Socially on Monday and training Friday nights

**How long have you been playing ?** 5 years

**What do you enjoy the most about badminton ?**

It's a fun sport and it keeps me fit.

**Fav. Badminton discipline** - Singles

**How could badminton be improved in Newcastle ?**

I would like to see more junior players locally

## Get the kids involved

### Badminton is -

Affordable  
 Develops coordination  
 Improves fitness  
 Held in a friendly, safe & secure environment  
 Played indoors / all year round  
 and is a  
 Commonwealth & Olympic sport

### Junior Badminton Training

Ages 6—16 years  
 Every Thursday  
 (excluding school holidays)  
 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm  
 All equipment & racquets supplied  
 Registration - \$15 Weekly fee only \$2  
 For further details contact  
 Murray Gooch - 0415 045488



Keen juniors in training -  
 (L to R) Hannah-8, Bailey -6  
 and Cody -8

## Corporate & Business support needed

**Do you run your own business ?**

**Do you know anyone who does ?**

**Do you work for a generous employer ?**

The Hunter Badminton Association is currently seeking corporate and business sponsorship.

Funding will be used to **improve our facilities**, provide ongoing support to our **junior development programs** and to **grow the Olympic sport of badminton** throughout the Hunter region.

Corporate sponsorship packages start from as low as \$150 per year and include several forms of advertising and business promotion.

Further opportunities also exist for business / product exposure in the form of supporting any one of our events, competitions & tournaments planned for 2009/2010.

For details contact Tony Morgan anytime on 0401 989954 or a meeting with the Hunter Badminton Committee can be arranged.

**Get behind our great sport.**



## Carpet Lift ..... Good bye orange, Hello blue

On Tuesday 19th May the Newcastle Badminton Centre received an image boost in the form of new carpet. The previous carpet had serviced players at our Wickham hall for more the 25 years.

As well as a fresh look the new carpet provides a safer and more comfortable area for spectators and players.

The work was carried out by David Longhurst (of Longy P/L) husband of Yeni, one of our regular social players. If anyone has any carpet needs, David can be contacted on 0414 235447 or by email longhurst.david@yahoo.com.au

The Hunter Badminton Committee would like to thank David not only for a awesome job (at a great price) but for completing the job with short notice, prior to the Newcastle Open.



Hard at work... David Longhurst (and son) laying the new carpet .  
And pictured left the finished result....da da !

## Racquets anyone ?

### For Sale

#### Carlton Badminton Racquets

**Aeroblade TT - \$141**  
**Aeroblade FX - \$130**  
**Powerblade 7000 - \$115**  
**Powerblade 5000 - \$70**

**New Grips \$7.50**

**See Murray Gooch**  
**on Monday & Thursday Nights**  
**or call - 0415 045488**



## Member Profile - Malcolm Austin

**Name** - Malcolm Stewart Austin  
**Nickname** - None (lets give him one)  
**Age** - 53 years  
**Occupation** - Truck driver (soon to be buses)  
**Fav. TV show** - Time Team on ABC  
**Fav. Movie** - Step Brothers  
**Fav. Food** - Spaghetti Bolognaise  
**Other sports** - Orienteering, Golf and Gym 2-3 times a week

**How often do you play badminton ?** 2-3 times a week  
**How long have you been playing ?** 2 years  
**What do you enjoy the most about badminton ?** It's a great social and active sport - the fitness  
**Highest badminton achievement** - 2008 & 2009 Division 2 Mixed Doubles titles. 2008 Mens Doubles  
**How could badminton be improved in Newcastle ?** I would like to see more tournaments played.  
**What are you looking forward to ?** The World Masters later this year in Sydney.



Malcolm enjoys the competition and fitness that badminton offers.



## Organization information

**President** - Yvonne Kavanagh  
**Vice President** - Allan Monroe  
**Treasurer** - Kelly French  
**Secretary** - Norm Tyack

**Committee Members** -  
Jacinta Tang, Konard Kot, Joice  
Hall, Tony Morgan & Todd Applyard

This group meets on the first Monday of each month. Suggestions, questions & concerns can be raised through any of the above on your behalf.

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**Newcastle's Fastest Racquet Sport**

### When can I play ?

#### Social games

##### Day:

Monday 9.30 - 12.30

Thursday 9.30 - 12.30

Sunday 9.30 - 12.30

##### Night:

Monday 7.30 - 10.30

**Tuesday - coming soon**

Friday 7.30 - 10.30

#### Competition

Thursday 7.30 pm

#### Other

Junior Training - Thursday 6 pm  
(excluding school holidays)



**Social games are only \$8 per session.  
Yearly registration is required.  
\$25 or \$15 for concession/student/juniors.**