

Hunter Badminton News

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Festival of Fun

As part of the 2009 nib Hunter Festival of Sport a badminton junior coaching clinic was held on Saturday 18th July. 8 energetic kids enjoyed a training session which included the basic skills of racquet control, correct grip, serving, footwork and a stack of fun activities and games.

Regular junior coaches **Murray Gooch** and **Tony Morgan** lead the group but were assisted on the day by local sporting icon **Helen O'Neil**.

Helen a junior & senior state badminton player herself, not only provided coaching, support & advice but also enjoyed swinging the racquet around again. We hope to see her back on our courts soon.

Thanks to this program (and the volunteers) all 8 kids had a blast , developed some new skills and continue to train on Thursday nights.

Upcoming tournaments 2009:

- 3rd & 10th Sept - Doubles Comp - Newcastle
- 19th Sept - Doug Gill Trophy Newcastle
- 10-18 Oct - World Master Games (over 35's) Sydney

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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

Game On - no racquets required

It was a miserable winters night in the middle of June but 20 enthusiastic gamers braved the cold and enjoyed a competitive night of board game fun.

Fighting for movie tickets, chocolates and sledging honors, the 4 x teams on the night contested in games such as Celebrity Head, Scatteragories, Pictionary, Scene It, Bingo and answered music trivia.

The title of Board Game Champions went to Noel & Victoria Hiller, Trish Owen & her friend Naz and two time board game master **Geoff Harborne**.



Work exchange - brings international friendship

Rouven Otte came to Newcastle in September 2008, on a 1 year Engineering work exchange program with his German based company Bucyrus Pty Ltd.

But it wasn't long before he stumbled into our hall and was challenging the local players.

Although he hadn't picked up a racquet in almost a year prior to coming to Australia, Rouven thought it might be a good chance to meet new people and to keep busy after work.

Many of us have gotten to know Rouven as a friend (including his unique badminton style) and it's a shame that his year here is almost finished.

The Hunter Badminton Association and all his badminton buddies would like to wish Rouven all the best for his return to Germany. Keep in touch and we hope to see you again in Newcastle.

Anyone wanting to see Rouven off in style please contact Steve Turner for more information about a farewell dinner (and a few drinks) on Saturday 5th September.



Bis wir uns wieder treffen -
(Until we meet again).

Rouven's profile -

Age - 31

Home city - Hamm

Fav. TV show - 2 and 1/2 Men

Fav. Movie - Lord of the Rings

Fav. Food - Steak or a good BBQ

Other Interests / sports -

Riding my Yamaha 600cc (back home)

Watching soccer (good quality German games not the Newcastle Jets hahaha).

How long have you been playing badminton ?

Started playing with friends at school, so about 14 years now

What do you enjoy the most about badminton ?

The strategy / team play and the fitness. It's a good social game

What have you enjoyed the most during your stay here ?

The Australian summer and the beaches. Meeting new people and improving my English.

If you only had \$20 left in your wallet how would you spend it ?

Most likely on beer at the airport before going home.

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Newcastle veterans compete in Sydney

A small Newcastle team consisting of **Malcolm Austin, Lyn Azzopardi, Stanley Tang, Xiao-yan Zhu** and **Allan Monroe** recently competed in a veterans tournament in Sydney last month.

Although success alluded them this time, the tournament provided great experience in the lead up to the World Masters Games (over 35's) which will also be held in Sydney later this year - October 10th to 18th.

We wish this dedicated team and everyone else completing in the upcoming games - the best of luck and a great time.

Special Announcements

It's a Boy !

Hamish Christian Edward Searles

Born 20/6/09

Weighing in @ 3.7kg

Our congratulations go out to the families & the parents

Mathew and Kirsty

Volunteers needed

Geoff Harborne is overseeing a beautification project of our badminton hall entrance & car park gardens

If you can help in any way, contact Geoff ASAP on 0417 491420

Get your entries in NOW !

Doubles Competition - Thursday 3rd & 10th Sept.

Doug Gill Trophy - Sat 19th Sept

(Newcastle closed tournament)

See a committee member for further details

Thursday Night Competition.

The winners of the 2009 Winter Competition were -

Brenton Haskard

Allan Monroe

Lyle Weaver

Barry Dellar

Jacinta Tang

After this comp a knockout challenge run for 3 weeks and was won by -

Daniel Soo, Tony Morgan, Kerry Kennedy,

Kelly French & Xiaoyan Zhu

Well done everyone.

End of Year function / presentation

Will be held on

Sunday 30th November

More information on it's way but keep this date free everyone.



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Organization information

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

Committee Members -
Jacinta Tang, Konard Knot, Joyce Hall, Tony Morgan & Todd Appleyard

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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When can I play ?

Social games

Day:

Monday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Thursday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

Night:

Monday 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

New !!! Tuesday - 7.30 pm —10.30 pm

Friday 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Competition

Thursday from 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.**