

Dear ODBA District Badminton Championships Participant,

Once a year, the ODBA runs a badminton tournament to determine who are the best in the Ottawa area. This year's Ottawa District Champions are: **Andrew Zhuang** in Men's Singles; **Reshma Bhambhani** in Women's Singles; **Kevin Tseng & Andrew Zhuang** in Men's Doubles; **Reshma Bhambhani & Qufei Chen** in Women's Doubles; and, **Qufei Chen & Kartikay Tyagi** in Mixed Doubles. Each winner was presented a cash prize and a Districts t-shirt. The money and prize will come and go quickly, but the bragging rights and respect earned, will last forever. The accomplishments will be recorded in writing, pics, and videos on the tournament website. Expect at least a few days before all of the media is uploaded.

I want to thank everyone from the RA Badminton Club (Exec & Members) for allowing the ODBA to host this very important tournament at their club facility. I am speaking on behalf of the ODBA Board of Directors, ODBA members, and the Tournament Organizing team. The ODBA is a non-profit umbrella organization, composed of over 35 clubs across the Ottawa region, with the agenda to promote badminton. What you may not know is that if you are a member of an ODBA affiliated club (like the RA Badminton Club), you are an ODBA member. Your affiliation fee goes towards fronting the money needed to host tournaments such as the District Championships.

The District Championships is an important tournament, which brings together the best in the badminton community, and have some healthy competition against one another. Competition can be fierce at times, but at the end of the day, we are all friends with a common love for the sport. We are respectful of one another, old or young, and year after year, a new generation joins the ranks of the best. This is a time honoured tradition dating back to the 1950s, when [Dave Waddell](#) was helping to revive the sport of badminton in the Ottawa region. Over the last 60 years and even to this day, the ODBA District Championships contains the up and coming National Championships, and some of the most important influential players in the badminton community. We are all fortunate and lucky to be part of a tournament with such a rich history.

This year's tournament organizing team was composed of Mike Tran, Jean Wong, Angie Li, Sally Liang, Corey Hum, Tim Wong, Adrienne Ng, Shirley Huang, Stone Huang, and myself. I am very proud of the team I work with. We helped organize this tournament to the best of our capacity - not because we have to but because we wanted to. I hope everyone appreciates that the cost of running the tournament increased significantly, yet your entry fee remained no more than \$35.

According to Tournament Software, there were 119 participants, many playing multiple events, or you can think of it as 158 entries. With 158 entries, each person/pair guaranteed 3 games, we ended up playing 274 matches, in the span of 23 hour (5 hours Fri, 9 hours on Sat, and 9 hours on Sun). Best of all, we ended earlier than expected on Saturday and Sunday, so everyone could go out and enjoy their night with family, friends, and get a good night's sleep.

In the next couple weeks, tournament organizing will begin for the Mark Grantham and the District Masters, although we still have not finalized the venue. If you're interested in getting more involved, please speak to me.

Thank you VERY much for participating, and we look forward to seeing you again at the next ODBA tournament.

### **Full Results of the Tournament**

#### **Men's Singles**

"A" : 1st - Andrew Zhuang; **2nd** - Liam Woodside

"B" : 1st - Minh Pham; **finalist**: Alan Fok

"C" : 1st - Lee Turcotte; **finalist**: Auston Jin

"D" : 1st - Corey Kuo; **finalist**: Trevor Ha

#### **Women's Singles**

"A" : 1st - Reshma Bhambhani; **2nd** - Chinue Dela Merced

"B" : 1st - Rachel Ng; **finalist**: Lina Liu

"C" : 1st - Joletta Cheung; **finalist**: Johanne Plourde

"D" : 1st - Sherry Rose Seymour; **finalist**: Madusha Gamage

#### **Men's Doubles**

"A" : 1st - Kevin Tseng & Andrew Zhuang; **2nd** - Kartikay Tyagi & Liam Woodside

"B" : 1st - Giulian Dela Merced & Austin Flannigan; **finalist**: Stone Huang & Michael Tran

"C" : 1st - Bowei Han & Guillaume Proulx; **finalist**: Vu Dao & Caleb Hui

"D" : 1st - Jean-Kervens Pierre & Assad Zaghrinni; **finalist**: Tyler James Beaudrie-Kyle & Frank Sheppard

#### **Women's Doubles**

"A" : 1st - Reshma Bhambhani & Qufei Chen; **2nd** - Yiwen Jiang & Min Zhao

"B" : 1st - Danielle Cantal & Chinue Dela Merced; **finalist**: Joletta Cheung & Jenny Zhang

"C" : 1st - Nivienne Lim & Nana Sheng; **finalist**: Patricia Gagnon & Lisa Shi

"D" : 1st - Faye Chen & Thuy Nguyen; **finalist**: Vivian Lam & Roxanne Saculles

#### **Mixed Doubles**

"A" : 1st - Qufei Chen & Kartikay Tyagi; **2nd** - Min Zhao & T.D. Nguyen

"B" : 1st - Danielle Cantal & Kenny Yuen; **finalist**: Dominique Guertin & Guillaume Proulx

"C" : 1st - Lucie Zhao & Michael Tran; **finalist**: Fei Tam & Benjamin Schnell

"D" : 1st - Roxanne Saculles & Joshua Macute; **finalist**: Michelle Wong & Faith Gunner

### **Sponsors & Partners**

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### **Tournament Organizers**

- Jean Wong (Head Tournament Organizer, Sponsors, Prize Packages)
- Mike Tran (Head Tournament Organizer, Tournament Software Lead)
- Eugene Lee (Head Tournament Organizer, Sponsors, Website Lead)
- Corey Hum (Accounting Lead)
- Angie Li (Marketing Lead)
- Sally Liang, Tim Wong, Adrienne Ng, Shirley Huang, Stone Huang (Operations & Draws)

### **Umpiring**

- Alan Fok, Fei Tam, Min Zhao, and Vivian Tam

### **Volunteers & Line Judging**

- Mike Yee, Linyang Zhang, Richard Tran, Vincent Mok, Kelly Ye, Faye Chen, Justin Gee, Calvin Cheung, Mary-Lynn Cottee, Jianing Yang, Jack Yang, Matt Yee, Salina Tran, Thuy Pham
- Lihong Zhou, Ran Chen, Kimberly Leung, Bowei, Kevin Tseng, Lisa Shi, Chinue Dela Merced

### **Photographers**

- Ming Lee, Salina Tran, my iPhone

Lastly, if you have pictures you'd like to share, please contact me.

**Bcc'**ed: All Participants, RABC Exec, and volunteers.

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