

## SOUTHERN TASMANIAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INC

# THE SHUTTLE FEED NEWSLETTER

13 January 2017

### **New Tournament...**

A new tournament, the **Gosen Hobart Summer Invitational**, will be running in February on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. It's exciting to have a tournament earlier in the year and a great way to get into the season. This tournament is open to all players and entries encouraged! A link to the online entry form is available on the STBA website, [www.southerntasbadminton.com.au](http://www.southerntasbadminton.com.au).

### **The Floor...**

The floor in the badminton centre is due for replacement of the existing court surface, and this is currently intended to occur over the 2017/18 Christmas and New Year period. Currently the STBA committee is looking into surface options to determine what the best fit for the centre is.

In doing this a number of factors are being considered, such as: hardness (how it wears), playability (impact on players, and grip), maintenance (upkeep costs and regularity), and overall cost to install. The cost for this is expected to be substantial, and is intended to be covered through existing funds (the STBA has been saving for this floor for a considerable period of time), grants and potentially some fundraising over the course of the year. Updates will be provided as we progress this activity.

### **The Survey...**

Thanks to all members who participated in the survey. The results are available for anyone interested, and are currently being analysed by the committee. Some of the key responses include:

1. Strong support for social events.
2. Strong support for earlier start times, and starting on time.
3. Some good responses on the question of court surface preferences and thoughts.
4. Interest in other casual sessions (different formats, organised, different times)
5. Feedback on areas to improve around progression of juniors/school players into coaching and rosters.
6. That registration fees are reasonable, but members would like to see efforts made to lower or offset court and shuttle costs.
7. Feedback on issues around divisional selection and promotion or progression
8. Preferences around game types, including cross overs and other combinations sometimes used.

Again, the committee thanks all respondents and we will endeavour to act on the feedback provided.

### **Registration and Casual Sessions...**

Casual Session and Registration details will be posted on the board and the door of the centre, and are included at the back of this newsletter.

On casual sessions, remember kids play free, racquets are available at no cost and members get a discount to 2 hour sessions.

On the registration front, we have introduced a student membership, and have new rules for fill-ins, requiring a smaller registration of \$15 to be paid on their third fill in night, and making them eligible for the remainder of the current roster including finals.

## **Coaches and improvement-**

Think you'd like to improve your game? Aspire to climb the divisional ranks? Or just want some extra fitness? It's never too late for old or young dogs to learn a new trick or two. You can contact any of the coaches below about joining their weekly coaching session.

Greg Meaghan – 0404436337

Robert Brockman – 0417156385

Rowan Henderson – 0410842779

## **ROSTER INFORMATION-**

We would like to welcome you to the new Roster and hope you enjoy the experience.

Just a few things to make it a little easier for you.

Registration for the season is **\$80 per year** or you may pay a roster registration of **\$35**.

This should be paid before 3<sup>rd</sup> February or a late fee of \$10 will be charged.

Match fees are \$6 per person (plus the cost of shuttles) -\$36 for a 6-person team or \$42 for a 7-person team. The Association will provide score books free of charge.

## **TEAM COMPOSITION-**

Div. 1 - 4 males, 2 females- all games best of 3 to 21.

Div. 2 - 3 males, 3 females- all games best of 3 to 21.

Div. 3 - 4 males, 2 females- all games best of 3 to 21.

Div. 4 - 3 males, 3 females- all games best of 3 to 21.

## **FINALS –**

Semi- finals- 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017(week beginning.)

Preliminary final- 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017(all grades)

Grand final-5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (all grades)

**ROSTER 2 COMMENCES** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Fill-ins:** A team member must pay \$6 court fees for their fill-in. The fill-in to help with the cost of the shuttles. **It is the player's responsibility to arrange their own fill-ins.**

## **FILL-INS FOR FINALS MUST HAVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**

Committee Representatives for the divisions are:-

Division 1- Nathan Bevin, Daniel Downham, Will Ponsonby.

Division 2- Robert Brockman, Rose Meaghan, Garion Weller.

Division 3- Peter Stewart.

Division 4- Daniel Downham, Daniel Millar.