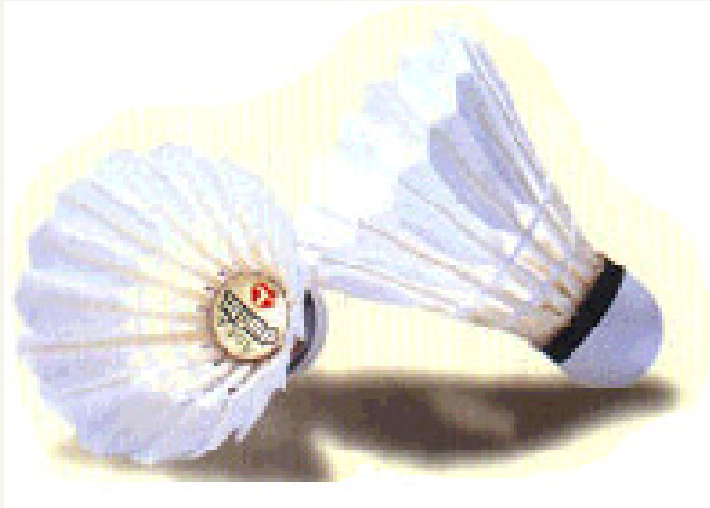


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The 2014 City of Adelaide Badminton Championships will be held at WA Satterley Hall, Badminton SA Headquarters, 42 Rutland Avenue Lockleys on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**B & C GRADE : Preliminary Rounds commence  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm and continue on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Finals on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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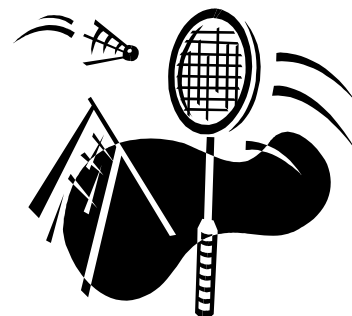
**WHERE:** WA Satterley Hall  
Badminton SA Headquarters  
42 Rutland Avenue  
LOCKLEYS SA

**ENTRIES  
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28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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# JUNIOR AWARDS



## Year 2013

### Kim McKinley Encouragement Award:

Georgia Zhang Sturt

### John Fincham Most Improved Player Award:

Malvika Hemanth PAOC

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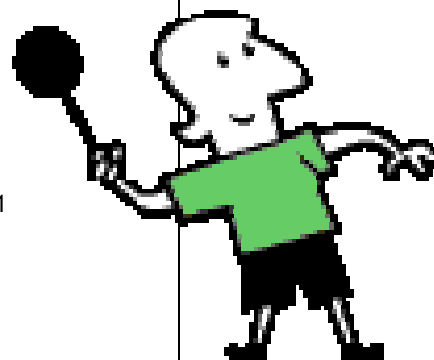
Kim McKinley: Encouragement – This is awarded to a junior player who has attended the majority of the tournaments throughout the year. This player will have shown a commitment to badminton, given their best, but not necessarily reached the finals. Being awarded the Kim McKinley award, will be an encouragement for them to keep trying and improving, but most of all, that they enjoy playing badminton.

### John Fincham Most Improved Player Award

John Fincham: Most Improved – This award is given to a junior player that has improved from the first tournament of the calendar year to the last tournament.

## Under 17 Aged Titles 2013

	Players	Score
<u>Boys Singles</u>		
Winner	Emerson Krstic	21 21
Runner-Up	David Li	18 13
<u>Girls Singles</u>		
Winner	Malvika Hemanth	21 21
Runner-Up	Jessica Wu	16 11
<u>Boys Doubles</u>		
Winners	Emerson Krstic / David Li	17 21 21
Runner-Ups	Harsh Phogat / Arjit Phogat	21 13 7
<u>Girls Doubles</u>		
Winners	Malvika Hemanth / Jessica Wu	21 21
Runner-Ups	Cinsy Cheung / Georgia Zhang	13 10
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>		
Winners	David Li / Malvika Hemanth	21 21
Runner-Ups	Emerson Krstic / Jessica Wu	12 15



Congratulations to : Malvika Hemanth Triple Winner

## KEN HALL VOLUNTEERS AWARD 2013

The Ken Hall Volunteers Award for 2013 was awarded to Maureen Collins. Maureen is an original committee member of the Sturt Badminton Club from when it was founded in 1981. Prior to this she had been involved in the Blackwood Badminton Club.

Maureen was one of the original players in Sturt's first team to compete in the SABA competition back in 1981 and continues to be an active member playing now mainly with the ladies (SALBA) on a Wednesday morning.

Maureen was an active committee member for Sturt when they hosted the inaugural June Bevan Trophy in SA in 1988, assisting in organising the event along with fellow Sturt members.

Maureen has not only been on the committee for Sturt but

has volunteered on the SALBA Competition Committee, was the first Badminton Players Committee chairperson for SABA when it was formed and has been involved in the Ladies Atalanta Jubilee competitions on many occasions.

Maureen is currently the Treasurer of Sturt and has been for over 10 years. Her contribution to Sturt, SALBA and Badminton SA, makes her a worthy recipient of this award.

She was presented with the award by Debbie Gutte, Ken's daughter. Debbie and Maureen have played badminton together over the years.

This award was established in conjunction with Badminton SA and Margaret Hall in acknowledgment of Ken's years of valuable, dedicated involvement with badminton in SA. Ken is recognised as SA Badminton's longest serving volunteer, volunteering for some 50 years.



## SHANNON RIGGS MEDAL 2013



Robert Riggs presented the 2013 Shannon Riggs Medal to Emerson Krstic. Emerson is a member of SPOC and Badminton SA. He is one of our up and coming junior members who has been selected in both the U17 and U19 State Teams.

This medal was created as a fitting memorial to Shannon Riggs, a former Badminton SA member and a member of the Glenelg Badminton Club.

It is open to U17 and U19 State Squad members. Points are awarded to players by their coaches/managers throughout the year for:-

- \* Training attendance
- \* Performance at training
- \* Ability to follow instructions
- \* Willingness to assist
- \* Positive attitude to team spirit
- \* Consideration for others
- \* Consistent effort in all endeavours

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## Aussies Win Third consecutive Oceania Title



Australia has come through a tough final against New Zealand to secure their third consecutive Oceania Mixed Team Championships in Ballarat recently. The Aussies came back from 1-2 down to claim a thrilling 3-2 victory. **Badminton SA member Verdet Kessler was part of this winning team.** She is pictured here last on the right

**Verdet won the ladies singles event beating the top 2 seeds. A great accomplishment. Badminton SA wish her every success in her quest to obtain Commonwealth and Olympic selection.**



Jonathan Wong and Harsh Phogat receive their awards for winning the U15 boys doubles plate event at the Val Nesbit Nationals



L to R Nigel Isherwood (Coach), Angel Cheung, Georgia Zhang, Harsh Phogat, Jonathan Wong, Nitya Gunasegaran, Kevin Yin, Georgia Combe ( Manager)

This event took place from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 and was held at Sydney Olympic Park in NSW.

The Val Nesbitt Trophy comprised eight teams from NSW, WA, SA, Victoria, and Tasmania. Initially we were in group A with NSW Thunder, Victoria 2 and NSW Lightning. SA lost each of those games badly, but learned a lot of valuable lessons along the way. Each of our players was also encouraged to do line-call duty, which proved to be another learning experience. We are grateful to our nominated umpire Gail Davison for schooling our players in the art of making line-calls.

Due to concerns about injuries, the draw was adapted to enable each team to play only two matches per day, and this resulted in SA having a play-off for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> position with Tasmania on day 2. SA had a terrific contest against the Tassies, and won that match by one rubber. A special mention is appropriate for Angel Cheung who played as number two girl that day and still managed to win both of her matches to help her team achieve their victory.

The following day was the start of the Under 15 National event in which all our players participated; Angel was partnered in the girl's doubles with a WA girl and Kevin was partnered with a boy from one of the regional teams.

Sadly, this was not to be our day, and most of our players lost in the first round. Harsh was the exception with a great run through to the quarter finals, losing to the WA boys no 2. Spirits were low as we left Olympic Park, but everyone put the days' problems behind us and we relaxed and had fun in the SA accommodation that night.

The following day, each player went into the plate events and we started the day with a new sense of optimism. Every player had a much better run in the plate events and we had some very pleasing successes. Angel and her partner won through to the girl's doubles final, but not quite winning their final match.

Georgia and Nitya should have gone through to the final as well, except for an attack of serving nerves at the end of their close quarter final. They will learn from this experience.

Jonathan and Harsh went all the way and won the boys doubles plate event in convincing fashion; Harsh and Nitya easily won all their doubles matches to claim the mixed plate trophies. Well done to Harsh for winning both events, and progressing furthest in the main draw.

Our winners were presented with their trophies alongside the main draw finalists which added to the sense of achievement for those players.

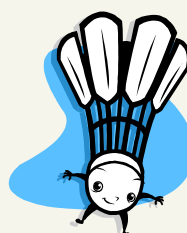
Kevin did not have such an easy time of it, playing some hard matches with little success. However, his effort and his determination received attention from coaches and managers of other states, and Kevin was nominated for the "Best Sportsperson" award with just five other players.

It was not possible to put Kevin on the shortlist as he did not make any finals; but the Victoria 2 team coach said she wanted to adopt Kevin and put him in her team for next year. "You can't have him Jane – he is SA for life".

On the final day, we attended Olympic Park for the main draw finals, which produced some excellent games. Our team was requested to line-judge one of the finals, which our players did with great competence, much to their credit.

This event was a wonderful learning experience for our junior players, and many valuable lessons were learned. In addition, I think they all now understand what is required from them if they wish to compete at that level.

Nigel Isherwood  
U15 State Coach





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**RUSSELL JOHN DEAKIN**  
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Russell Deakin was a respected and well liked member of the South Australian Badminton Association. There are those who aspired to play like Russell. Russell was employed with SA Water and worked under Ken Smith, (a former state badminton player) who introduced Russell to badminton through attending the Barmera Badminton Club. The club consisted of approximately 70 –80 members and played every Wednesday night until midnight. The members would proceed to the scrub for a bbq which resulted in very late Wednesday nights or early Thursday mornings and very poor performances at work the following g day.

Russell was a part of this and enjoyed it all. Greg Stanford attended on occasions and could testify to the enjoyment had by all. Russell's wife Gaynor was a Barmera girl and a member of the club. Russell and Gaynor played in the Riverland teams that were entered in the Country Carnival played at Lockleys. Russell's standard added greatly to the strength of the teams.

Russell was a manger of a State U19 team and helped with running the Country Carnivals when he and Gaynor moved to Adelaide.

Russell was an avid Crows footy fan and enjoyed vacuuming the house.

He is missed by all his badminton friends and opponents.

## Coaching—Motivating Young Athletes

A coach's job can assume many roles within young athlete's life; they can be an instructor, a mentor, a role model and sometimes a friend or confidant. Coaches have the ability to positively influence a youth's decision to continue their involvement in sport. So what do you do if your player or team is lacking motivation for success?



Teams who have strong camaraderie are more likely to be successful in terms of team unity.

**Keep sport fun!** - Young athletes and adolescents love when there are opportunities for high levels of action and being involved in that action. Practice activities can be structured to maximise action eliminating waiting in line, having sufficient equipment and keeping things moving with short but intense and varied activities.

To maximise the motivation, coaches can positively affect their player's motivation by providing positive feedback, creating challenging goals, encouraging social support, and first and foremost ensuring the sport experience is fun and enjoyable for all.

**Provide encouragement**—Acceptance and approval by coaches and peers strongly influences an athlete's perception of enjoyment and motivation. Provide frequent, clear and positive feedback. Focus on increasing skill and giving them information on how to improve the next attempt, rather than pointing out errors.

**Goal setting**—Long and short term goals can be set and should be designed to be challenging but not unreachable. Keep in mind the capabilities of the athlete, set positive goals and ensure goals are attractive to the athlete.

**Establish team camaraderie**—It's important for players to feel comfortable with their teammates and coaches. Team cohesion can greatly enhance the enjoyment athletes experience through participation, as well as their performance.



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