



# Sturt Badminton Club Newsletter September 2007 Edition

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## **2007 Australasian Masters Games**

Don't forget to come and support some of your older fellow team members! Come and and watch us go for gold!



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## **2007 WINTER COMPETITION RESULTS**



**SABA Competition Winter Season 2007:** Sturt entered three teams in State League, one in A grade and two in B grade. Well done to the State League Sturt team who won the premiership and to Michael Foo who was awarded the Coopers Cup.

# SPOC-STURT TEAMS CHALLENGE 2007

The inaugural SPOC-Sturt Teams Challenge was held on Sunday 29 July 2007. This event was originally conceived as a small event ended up exceeding both clubs' expectations in both size and success. 69 players were divided into nine A grade, eight B grade and six C grade teams. In addition 10 children played in their own junior doubles division.

Players were allocated by the respective club committees into evenly matched unisex teams. This gave the less experienced players an opportunity to play with and against some more seasoned campaigners, and in most cases above their usual competition grade.

With every point contributing to a team's overall position, there were many hard-fought battles, but also much good-natured banter between the two clubs. All players are to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Post-presentation pizza and drinks gave the players an opportunity to socialise off-court and relax after a tiring but enjoyable afternoon of badminton. This inter-club event looks set to become an annual fixture!

## RESULTS

### A Grade

Winners **Ben Chong, Anh Pham, Dzung Pham (Sturt)**  
Runners-up **Jin Lim, Blake Alexander, Chris Bierton (Sturt)**

### B Grade

Winners Jonathan Heng, Daniel Thian, Michelle Au (SPOC)  
Runners-up **Aiman Abdul Aziz, Teng Wei Khoo, Josh Ip (Sturt)**

### C Grade

Winners James Chu, Yen Khoo, Anh Tu (SPOC)  
Runners-up **Sokhan Chap, Khuyen Truong, Anna Luong (Sturt)**

### Juniors

Gold **Maddy (Sturt)**  
Silver **Max (Sturt)**  
Bronze **Lee Yen (Sturt)**

### Best Male player

**Anh Pham (Sturt)**

### Best Female player

Michelle Au (SPOC) & Yen Khoo (SPOC)

### Player's Choice

**Jin Lim (Sturt)**

# Hearing Impaired Hit Up

## Come and try the sport of Badminton!

Sturt Badminton Club is once again running FREE badminton coaching clinics for children with hearing impairments and their family and friends.

All equipment (racquets and shuttles) is provided and no experience necessary.

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### VENUE

St Peters' Collegiate Girls' School (Gymnasium)  
Corner of Hallett Rd and Stonyfell Rd.  
(Entrance off Stonyfell Rd)

### DATE & TIMES (Term 3 school holidays)

#### **JUNIORS (6-13 yrs)**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am-12pm &  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11am**

A structured coaching program provided for all standards. Lots of fun and games learning the basics of badminton!

#### **TEENS (14-18 yrs)**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12pm**

Maybe you have played before (eg. school) and want to have another go? Have fun hitting on court and meeting new people. Coaching is available if you want to learn more.

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*Badminton is an indoor, non-contact sport suitable for all ages. Friends and family members welcome to all sessions.*

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**RSVPs are essential. Please contact:**

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# STATE REPRESENTATION

**U17 State Team:** *Teng Wei Khoo, Leanne Choo (Captain) &, Margot Strelan (Manager)*

Congratulations to **Leanne Choo** who won the individual mixed and girls doubles titles and was runner up in the singles.

**U19 State Team:** *Aiman Abdul Aziz, Ryan Montgomery (Captain), Henry Wong, Stephanie Jong, Leanne Choo & Margot Strelan (Manager)*

Congratulations to **Leanne Choo** who won the individual singles and girls doubles titles and runner up in the mixed doubles. Leanne was also a triple title winner at the 2007 Australian Junior Championships held in Ballarat.

## National Representation

Due to strong performances at State and National level, **Leanne Choo** was selected to play for Australia in the U19 Pan Pacific Invitational and World Juniors. Leanne was also selected to represent Australia at senior level in the Whyte Trophy. This is a remarkable achievement for such a young player and is a reflection of the hard work and dedication she has put into the sport.

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## Upcoming Events

Australasian Masters Games  
Sturt Handicap  
Sturt Barbecue

5-14 October 2007  
20-21 October 2007  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2007



**EDE CLENDINNEN SHIELD & AUSTRALIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS  
GERALDTON 2007**



**South Australia**

Back Row: Chris THirlwell (coach), Andrew Harvey, Chad Whitehead, Michael Haese, Simon White(Manager)  
Vincent Choo, Mark Prior  
Front Row: Talia Saunders, Leanne Choo, Margot Strelan, Kate Wilson-Smith, Jeff Green (Umpire)

**Congratulations!**

**Senior State Team:**

*Andrew Harvey, Vincent Choo, Leanne Choo, Margot Strelan (Captain) & Kate Wilson-Smith.*

Congratulations to **Kate Wilson-Smith** who won the individual women's doubles (with Leanne Choo) and mixed doubles title. Kate was also runner up in the singles to **Leanne Choo**. **Vincent Choo** made it to the semi finals of the men's doubles and **Margot Strelan** won the Plate ladies doubles event.

## Newsletter Articles

If you have any articles you would like published or have photos you would like to see in your newsletter – especially funny ones please email:

[cargent@engineersaustralia.org.au](mailto:cargent@engineersaustralia.org.au)



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### The Origins of Badminton by Jagdish Suvarna

Badminton originated in China some 50 years before the birth of Christ. Modern day Badminton originated at a party in India. A few of the guests, soldiers, and statesmen fastened feathers onto a champagne cork, and used the bottles as bats, and thus instituted a game which they called "Poona" (after the city they lived in, in western India). This game received immediate popularity and was taken to England by English army officers stationed in India in 1873. The name of Badminton came from the village of Badminton, the residence of a Duke who was an enthusiast of the sport.