



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



BOP U15 Junior Rep Players – Olivia Shefferd & Mackenzie Reid

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lee-Anne Fraser

2024 was another extremely busy year for our organisation!

I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers that enable people to continue to participate and enjoy badminton across our region in clubs and schools. This is where a player's journey starts and the great experience you provide keeps them coming back. Thank you for your time, commitment, and passion to our beloved sport – without you all, badminton would not be as strong as it is across the BOP region!

I would also like to acknowledge the care, support, and assistance that we received from both Badminton New Zealand and Sport BOP throughout the year, along with our generous grant funders – Bay Trust, Lion Foundation, NZCT, Pub Charity, One Foundation, Four Winds Foundation, Aotearoa Gaming Trust & TECT for their financial support in 2024 – without their support, we wouldn't be able to achieve what we do.

People are at the heart of what we do, and we continually look to see how we can support and grow badminton through events that we run and player and coach development. The demand for badminton is high in our region, especially in the secondary schools and junior players space where we experience growth in numbers of people trying badminton.

The work will continue in 2025 – watch this space!



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Graeme Neilson

Introduction

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of the Bay of Plenty Badminton Association. As chairman, I am proud to share with you the progress, achievements, and challenges that have shaped our journey over the past year. This report reflects our commitment to nurturing a vibrant badminton community, continuing our massive growth in school participation, advancing competitive excellence, and promoting inclusivity within our association.

Overview of the Year

Over the past year, our association has seen significant growth within school participation, AIMS games, local tournaments, interclub and national competitions. These accomplishments are a direct result of the dedication of our board, staff, coaches, volunteers, and the unwavering support of our member clubs, players and parents.

Delwyn is a driving force behind our association's success! Her commitment, passion and connections within badminton circles and communities is highly effective in gaining access to halls, schools and community events.

It is particularly pleasing to see that Badminton is continuing to rank highly (and trending upwards) as a preferred sport within Bay of Plenty schools. This bodes well for the future of Badminton within the "Bay"

Strategic Focus

- The board is looking to build on the work done in past years as it reviews the current strategic plan and develops a new 4-year strategic plan which will take us through to 2030. It is anticipated that we will be working with a purpose-built facility in Tauranga and Rotorua and looking at Whakatane next!
- The board is also working through a new constitution as part of complying with the Incorporated Societies Act. It's pleasing to hear that our associated clubs are well on their way to having their constitutions updated as well!
- The annual Delegates meeting with the board was once again, very successful and enlighten us to the challenges and needs of our member clubs. The resounding concern was being overwhelmed with club members and casual players. This is both exciting and problematic. Financially, this is very beneficial! However, the downside is, diminished court time and player satisfaction! This is of real concern!

- The board, alongside Delwyn and the trustees of BOP Badminton Facilities Trust are focused and working hard to ensure that our member club capacity issues are addressed! The purpose-built facility in Tauranga is making great progress with both the resource and building consent applications underway! We are targeting a June 2025 funding window with NZ lotteries, this is critical to our success. The board and Trust appreciate to support that we have received from both member clubs and Tauranga City Council.
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Financial Health and Sustainability

- The 2024 Financial year has been particularly challenging! The association relies heavily on grant funding for both events and salaries/wages. This last year has seen a notable shift for some funders away from funding salaries/wages which is highly problematic for the association given that we have limited sources of income generation. The board is very focused on ensuring that all events are profitable and are equally insistent that there is a “user pay” principle applied, but it’s simply not enough! The new facility can’t come soon enough! However, in the meantime, the board is focused on ensuring that we don’t lose our current momentum, which fuels our future!
 - The BOP Badminton Association finished the Financial year with a loss of (\$60,124) which is a product of two key items: Final facility development expense of \$35,350 (covered by hall funding account) and less than anticipated grant revenue (funded by reserves). The forecast cash budget shows a modest surplus which is important to our current financial needs.
 - The greatest challenge for the board is to develop a strategic pathway towards financial sustainability as we transition from our reliance on grant funding which is becoming too unreliable and uncontrollable.
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Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success this year:

- **Member Clubs and Players:** Your passion and dedication are the lifeblood of our association.
 - **Coaches and Volunteers:** Your expertise, enthusiasm, and hard work make all of our achievements possible.
 - **Management and Staff:** Your support has been invaluable in sustaining our operations and facilitating our growth.
 - **Board Members:** Your vision and leadership have guided us through both prosperous and challenging times.
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Conclusion

In closing, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. The Bay Of Plenty Badminton Association stands stronger than ever, ready to take on the future with renewed energy and a clear focus on excellence and community spirit. Let us continue to work collaboratively, support each other, and strive for new heights in the sport we all cherish.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Serving together,

Graeme Neilson

Chairman, Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Board



Graeme Neilson

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Delwyn Cooper

It has been an extremely busy and productive year for the BOP Badminton Association.

I firstly would like to say thanks to all the Club committees across the BOP region for the time and effort you consistently put into providing a positive place in your local communities for people to be able to come and play badminton. Player numbers across the region keep growing which while fantastic can also create some issues. Keep up the good work!

I would like to acknowledge Tarryn Espitalier for her hard work and commitment to the work she does with both the Events that she runs across BOP and the Coaching work she does with schools and young players. Our numbers of players in the intermediate and secondary school space continues to grow and we have seen badminton rank #2 played sport (after games) in the 2024 Voice of the Rangitahi.

It was Donald Koh second year working for us as the CoachForce Coach & Development Manager. He brought with him a wealth of playing and coaching experience to Bay of Plenty, and he continued to grow his influence in the coaching space for our rep players and in the schools that he has visited!

I would also like to thank all the people who coach, manage, and support our rep players and players in clubs and schools and the volunteers at our events throughout the year – we couldn't do or achieve everything we have without your contributions.

I would also like to thank the BOP Board members for their continued belief and support that they give me in this role – it means a lot. Badminton is continuing to grow in the Bay of Plenty and I'm excited to see what challenges and successes we will see in 2025!

FUNDING & FINANCES

FEES

We are very reliant on the payment of affiliation fees from our member clubs, the receipt of player fees for inter-association, fundraising initiatives, and entries from local competitions. To remain viable, it is essential that all clubs within the BOP affiliate and share the costs of running our Association.

BOPBA started using the Friendly Manager platform for all the pre-season event registrations, trial registration and rep team information and invoice generation in 2023 and now is our standard way for people to register with us.

We now have a good database of people and made invoicing for these things more streamlined in 2024.

BOPBA pays for the Friendly Manager platform for all affiliated clubs, but to date, only a few are using this consistently. With the changes to the Incorporated Societies Act and the updates that clubs are required to do with their constitutions, using the system ticks the box for some of the requirements under the act.

Friendly Manager has also confirmed that they are working on the links between clubs and associations in 2025, so we look forward to being able to get more certainty around who is playing badminton across our region and be able to get information out to them.

This will also give us an avenue to attract & develop sponsorship \$\$.

GRANTS

We currently have limited income streams, and we depend on the successful outcome of our many applications for grants from Charitable Trusts and are extremely grateful for the support we received from these sources. Without these grants, the cost of participation in competitive badminton would be prohibitive for many.

In 2024 we received funding or partial funding from:

- **LION FOUNDATION** - shuttles for teams, school tournaments, training, and junior development
- **NZCT** – support for Events & School Programs Coordinator & CoachForce Coach & Development Manager Wages
- **PUB CHARITY** – new Representative Playing Shirts
- **ONE FOUNDATION** - Hall Hire & Shuttles for BOP Masters Champs & Teams Events
- **FOUR WINDS FOUNDATION** – Hall hire and shuttles for BOP/North Island U13 & U17 Champs
- **AOTEAROA GAMING TRUST** – Travel & Accommodation for NZ Junior Age Group Championships in Palmerston North
- **TECT** – Operational Costs
- **BAY TRUST / SPORT NZ / SPORT BOP** – Continued support for the Coach Force Program and Tu Manawa sport Program

RESERVE ACCOUNT

We continue to put money in monthly to a Saving Account which was established for the purpose of accumulating an emergency fund.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / HARDSHIP ACCOUNT

We developed a Financial Assistance policy and application so that we might be able to support younger players to play badminton whose families struggle financially. We have a separate bank account for which we can take donations from clubs and individuals who would like to support this initiative.

COACH FORCE / TU MANUWA SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

We have successfully negotiated another fixed term agreement to the end of 2026 with an option to renew for a further year cycle in August 2026.

It is imperative that we continue to be involved with Sport BOP and the Coach Force program as it has made a significant difference to the profile of Badminton in the region.

We received some support from Sport BOP through the Te Manawa Major Fund. We were successful in securing funding so that we could run 'After-School' Sessions and 'Nor-Rep Tournaments'. We received this funding towards the middle of 2023 but were unable to

secure hall bookings until 2024. We organised 'Have a Go' sessions and nine non-rep tournaments (3 in each sub-region) in the 2024 season which were well received.

TAURANGA HALL

We have been making steady progress on the Tauranga Facility!

A new BOP Badminton Facilities Trust has been set up and we have managed to secured funding with Tauranga City Council for the next phase of work which is the Resource Consent, full building plans and costings and Building Consent.

Apollo Projects will be undertaking all this work late 2024 and the first few months of 2025. We are hoping to have building consent by June 2025 which will allow us to approach NZ Lotteries and other funders (as we have been advised that we need building consent for these applications).

We will be pushing hard in 2025 to raise the significant funds that will be needed!



BRANDING

We are still working hard to get our brand out in the public with both the sign written cars and also across our website and social media posts.

Our new representative player shirts have our new branding also!

This is an area that we still need to develop further – we will be looking at how we can market ourselves better in 2025! Watch out for regular newsletters this coming year!



BAY OF PLENTY WEBSITE

COACHFORCE COACH & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Donald Koh

My second season with BOP Badminton just passed in March and I'm looking forward to greater heights in 2025 and beyond at BOP Badminton.

As I pen down my thoughts for 2024, I reflected on my first year, how things have changed and evolved for the better. In 2023, we implemented a basic coaching structure with training programs mainly targeting fitness, basic techniques, awareness on court etc. for our players in Rotorua, Whakatane and Tauranga. This is to ensure that our players are getting some form of training, guidance, motivation etc. to start with and to continue this process for years to come. The overarching message is to have badminton players connected to BOP Badminton and Badminton is for Life.

In January of 2024, we had our first summer camp in Rotorua Hall and about 25 juniors signed up for the 3 days camp. The players, coaches and parent volunteers stayed overnight at Rotorua Hall for the duration of the camp, and they all had great fun! The takeaway for the camp was to build team cohesion within the juniors leading up to Nationals at Palmerston North and we were particularly pleased to see leadership initiatives emerging from some of the U17 and U19 players during the camp.

The training programs we implemented in 2023 resulted in better skilled players, higher consistency on court and stronger fitness resilience and this was evident during the 2024 Nationals at Palmerston North.

Overall, our players performed well with some good wins, our U17s blue team were champions in Division 2 and our U19s blue team were runners up in Division 2 also! Winning is great but it is the transformation of our players we see changing, the belief that they can now compete to win against players from other regions. We are all very proud of our players' achievements and these results hopefully would motivate our players to work harder and commit to more training.

2024 also saw some good individual achievements from our junior players, in particular Ansen Bee and Caleb Lim. Ansen Bee has numerous individual badminton achievements, and he was part of the 2024 Badminton New Zealand U17s National Squad and currently the U19s National squad. Ansen played an instrumental role in our U17 blue team at the Nationals not just winning all his matches without dropping a set but also rallied the team and elevated his team mates at crucial moments to win the Division 2 title.

As for Caleb Lim, winning a bronze medal at AIMS Games in 2024 was a huge boost for him considering he was struggling to know how to smash a year ago! Caleb is currently selected into the 2025 Badminton New Zealand U15s National squad, and we hope these achievements will inspire more juniors to follow their pathway and pursue their dreams.

The implementation of basic coaching structure and training programs in 2023 has helped us see some success in 2024. We don't see improvement in our players overnight but it's a long-term investment to build skills, consistency, fitness, trust between players and coaches etc. BOP region is huge, unique and often I refer to it as the "Bermuda triangle" (Tauranga/Rotorua/Whakatane).

To date, I have added another 46,000kms in 2024 to my work horse car and now sitting at almost 90,000kms... and more to come.

True to our tag line "Badminton for Life", whether you are beginner players, social players, competitive players or performance players, we hope to inspire lifetime enjoyment playing badminton. 2024 also saw an increase in badminton participation for AIMS Games, non-rep competitions as well as more BOP School teams sent to the NZ Secondary Schools Nationals. Overall, it was great and rewarding to see our players improve and perform well at competitions and enjoying the process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BOP Badminton board for their continuous support and trust in me, both Delwyn and Tarryn, for their awesome support and keeping us going, and lastly, to all our players, parents and volunteers, without you, there would not be a badminton community. I look forward to an exciting 2025 together with BOP Badminton!



Donald Koh with his BOP Badminton Car

EVENTS & SCHOOL PROGRAMS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Tarryn Espitalier

On my laptop I have labeled my file for all the events we had, "2024 - The Year that Was!" And it really and truly was the year that was!

There were 31 (I stand to be corrected) events that were run in 2024, while also doing some school sessions and trainings where I was able to.

We introduced non-rep junior tournaments in each region during the April, July and October school holidays. These were well supported with numbers in total across the 3 holidays being as follows: CBOP 88 players, EBOP 101 players and WBOP 122 players, showing once again that people in all communities just want to play. We had some players from Taupo that played in all the CBOP and WBOP tournaments, which meant they travelled quite a lot to get the opportunity to play in more competition. These tournaments will continue in 2025.

In 2024 we had an increase once again in the Zespri Aims Games, with 328 players. When I initially saw the numbers, I was like there is no way we are going to get through the week but surprise, surprise we sure did. It was an awesome week where 1607 matches were played but could not have been done without the support and massive hours from our volunteers and Delwyn Cooper and Donald Koh.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers that have assisted with the tournaments this year, whether its popping in at the school's tournaments and assisting for a few hours, or assisting with whole tournaments or just listening to some of the nonsense that gets spoken and having a laugh at the tournament control desk, trust me it helps more than any of you know.

To Delwyn and Donald, thanks for all you do and the ongoing support and often the calming ear that I need, because let's be fair, I need to be calmed down sometimes, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bring on 2025!



Tarryn Espitalier

PARAFED BADMINTON

Tarryn Espitalier ran sessions for Tauranga Parafed once a month at QEYC on Thursday's. Bit of a change of venue for this session but was well supported. We also started running sessions in Rotorua for the Parafed community down there from August once a month. These sessions were attended well, and fun was had by all.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo Jackson and Suzanne Hardie who are with BOP Parafed who we have worked with to make these sessions happen.

Tarryn was also selected to be part of the para sport collective that is run by Paralympics New Zealand. The Para Sport Collective is a 3-year programme, co-designed with Para athletes, coaches and other stakeholders. The central purpose of the Para Sport Collective is to connect Para athletes and coaches, while surrounding them with support and a range of learning and development opportunities. Tarryn is part of the second intake which will be completed in May 2025. It has been an awesome experience with loads of learning and connections.



Our BOP Para Participants in action

We once again had 'Have-a-Go' courts at the Festival of Disabilities held in Tauranga at Mercury Bay Park. This ran for 2 days 27 April – 28 April. Thanks to Josh Espitalier & Delwyn Cooper for assisting on those days.



INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

NZ JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPS – PALMERSTON NORTH

Results:



Under 13's

Bay of Plenty Blue – 7th Place Division 2

Boys: Robbie Wu, Jacob Lim, Kingston Zhong & Taju Hase

Girls: Didi Nyugen, Maia Gurung & Aria Evans

Coach: Camereon Murray



Bay of Plenty Yellow – 7th Place Division 3

Boys: Enzo Gurung, Vinayak Saraswat & Albin Joseph

Girls: Shady Tucker, Jurnee Williams & Cathrine Jung

Coach: Jordan Bonner



Under 15's

Bay of Plenty Blue – 4th Place Division 2

Boys: Nathan McCardle, Will Dippie, Arthur Bell, Caleb Lim & Maxwell Martin

Girls: Season Gurung, Olivia Shefferd, Helena An, Meiji Aupathamchat, Jayde Phillips & Payton Grewe

Coaches: Kesh Gurung & Josh Espitalier

Manager: Stacey Shefferd



Bay of Plenty White – 10th Place Division 2

Boys: Asher Cao, Aidan Antony, Kimi Zhao, Skyler Franz-Kean, Alvin Biju & Vincent Le

Girls: Che Cardia Taoho, Lily Howes, Keisha Caridad, Ann Joseph, Hannah Maria Jomis & Atarau Hill

Coaches: Cheryl Chye & Kai Wang



Bay of Plenty Yellow – 11th Place Division 2

Boys: Reon Blommerde, Ryan Baveystock, Sven Van Der Wagt, George Hiini, Te Raukura Herewini-Graham & Kupai Jones

Girls: Kitana Kowhai, Lillian Puomako, Tara Chalmers, Kare Codlin & Tiku Codlin

Coaches: Harry Singh & Tarryn Espitalier



Under 17's

Bay of Plenty Blue – 1st Place Division 2

Boys: Samuel Markara-Fang, Priyash Gurung, Robert Hermano, Sagar Dhakal & Ansen Bee

Girls: Elizah Olimpo, Lor Majestral, Mackenzie Reid, Eve Maniapoto & Anji Pillay

Coaches: Donald Koh & Alex Coumbe

Manager: Kirsty Reid



Bay of Plenty Yellow – 9th Place Division 2

Boys: Mansimar Singh, Alan Antony, Alex Bayliss, Mickey Wu & Nathan Reihana-Asquith

Girls: Maddy Sharma, Jasdeep Dol, Zeta Ronquillo, Tara Akurangi & Maggie Kwok

Coaches: Sharon Wall & Chakrit Liamsuksri



Under 19's

Bay of Plenty Blue – 2nd Place Division 2

Boys: Audric Tibus, Gaurang Yadav & Taurian McConnochie

Girls: Gemma Peake, Catelyn Santos & Ayaka Tominaga

Coaches: John Peake & Matthew O'Connor



Bay of Plenty Yellow – 6th Place Division 2

Boys: Morgan Xiao, Lachlan Shefferd & Charles Nacar

Girls: Fuwa Gao, Prachi Patel & Jin Lee

Coach: Shane Espitalier



Bay of Plenty White – 10th Place Division 2

Boys: Xavier Reid, Cole Kettelwell & Jhon Borja

Girls: Emily Dippie, Jorja Fenwick & Jorja Henderson

Coach: Chris Mills

Manager: Lyndon Reid

BOP SENIORS / MASTERS / VETERANS / SUPER VETERANS

Results:

2024 BNZ Inter-Association Senior Teams:

Northern Region Division 1 Team 1 – 2nd Place

Alex Coumbe, Chakrit Liamsuksri, Chris Robinson, Shane Espitalier & Josh Espitalier
Emma Chapple, Libby Nicholls, Renee Ainsley, Sharon Wall & Talita Clapperton

Northern Region Division 1 Team 2 – 9th Place

Ethan Roux, Harry Nguyen, Joshua Shoebridge, Kyle Ace Deloverjes, Taurian McConnochie
& Zheran Li
Artem Everall, Cheyl Chye, Gemma Peake, Nikita Torrens & Ayaka Tominaga

2024 Masters' Teams:

North Island Masters' Division 2 Team 1 – 3rd Place

Clive Seine, Donald Koh, Kesh Gurung, Riki Clement & Shane Espitalier
Deidre Bartels, Delwyn Cooper, Lee-Anne Fraser, Nik Budd-Clement & Sharon Wall

North Island Masters' Division 3 Team 2 – 4th Place

Ariston Acedera, Hori Erueti, John Peake, Vincent Pham & Vinod Padmanabha
Abby Delaney, Lalar Quilty, Rowena Crowley, Talita Clapperton & Zoe Ellett

2024 Veterans' Teams:

North Island Veterans Division 1 Team 1 – 4th Place

Kesh Gurung, Kevin Bartels, Rik Clement & Stuart Icke
Deidre Bartels, Delwyn Cooper, Lee-Anne Fraser & Nik Budd-Clement

North Island Veterans Division 2 Team 2 – 3rd Place

Brian Christensen, Russell McCandlish, Tony Hall & Wayne Jefferson
Erin Swanson, Leigh-ann Smith & Lisa Blomquist

North Island Veterans Division 3 Team 3 – 4th Place

David Taylor, Graeme Neilson, Ian Nicholson & Indran Pillay
Jenny Elliffe, Katie Marchant, Lalar Quilty & Sue August

2024 Super Veterans Team:

North Island Division 2 Team 1 – 2nd Place

David Taylor, Graeme Neilson, Noel Stevens & Peter Beckett
Leigh-ann Smith, Sue Stevens & Karen Blank

North Island Division 2 Team 2 – 9th Place

Bevan Boyce, Graeme Miller, Keith Miller & Scott Black
Liza Hughes, Sheryl Miller, Sue August & Vianne Miller



Montage of some of the BOP Seniors/Masters/Veterans/Super-Veterans Teams

EVENTS



2024 BOP & NORTH ISLAND UNDER 13 & UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was held 19th – 21st April at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre.

We had 84 players enter from across the country, which was a bit disappointing but because the junior NZBL was being run on the same weekend.

It was the first tournament of the year where we were following the Balance is Better Let Them Play Campaign. This applied to the U13's, no coaching on court or behind the court was allowed. We had Donald Koh walking around to make sure this was being adhered to. It worked out well.

For the U17's on the other hand, coaches had to be Association accredited coaches, they were the only ones allowed court side.

Our Bay of Plenty players had some tough games but held their own in the division 2 & 3 section of the tournament. Ansen Bee the standout with winning the Boys Doubles U17, semi-finals for the Mixed Doubles and winning the U17 Boys Singles Division 3.

It was great to see our local kids on court playing competition, was some good practice for those who were in teams heading to Junior Teams Nationals in July.

Well done to all the players and a big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that assisted with the running of this tournament.

A big thank you goes out to Delwyn Cooper, Tarryn Espitalier, Matthew O'Connor for the long days and making it a successful tournament.



ZESPRI AIMS GAMES

We welcomed back 328 players, the biggest number of players we have ever had! I know I said that last year but just shows how our sport is growing across the country.

Among those players were the Cook Islands, a few who came over from Matakana Island, they had to be back on the ferry by certain times to get back home every day.

We once again had the mixed doubles which is something we will carry on doing for the years to come.

We played 1607 matches over the 5-day tournament. There were a lot of long days, early mornings and late nights, but was worth it.

Thanks to all those BOP Junior Rep Players who helped as Court Controllers for the event – without you, this tournament would not run as smoothly as it did!

Thanks, must also go to some of our senior rep players who jumped in where and when they could, whether it was court control or running around sorting out problems, they really stepped up, thanks to John Peake, Ethan Roux, Josh Espitalier, Sharon Wall and Cheryl Chye (who was there as a teacher in charge but helped out where she could).

Thanks to Matt O'Connor who once again was at tournament control day in and day out, Donald Koh for keeping the crowds under control. And lastly thanks to Delwyn Cooper who kept us all going throughout the week.



Helpers for Aims Games: Donald Koh, Matthew O'Connor, Ethan Roux, Grace Gilchrist, Eve Maniapoto, Alex Bayliss, Josh Espitalier, John Peake, Jay Jang, Pat Chaiming, Ayaka Tominaga, Lexey Walker and Gaurang Yadav. Missing: Victoria Au Jong, Sharon Wall, Anji Pillay, Skyler Franz-Kwan, Helena An

BOP ABCD CHAMPIONSHIPS

We again ran the ABCD Championships in 2024 held on 16th – 18th August at Rotorua Badminton Hall.

We started the tournament on Friday evening and finished up on Sunday. This worked out well as gave us just a little extra time to get through matches.

We had 122 players enter across all the grades, and there were 260 matches played which was made easier by having the extra time.

There were some awesome games and people really enjoyed being able to play where they were able to be successful and comfortable.

Results were:

A Grade

Men's Singles:	Winner:	Jay Gowda
	Runner Up:	Chakrit Liamsuksri
Woman's Singles:	Winner:	Libby Nicholls
	Runner Up:	Ayaka Tominaga
Men's Doubles:	Winners:	Jay Gowda & Kain Spiers
	Runners up:	Josh Espitaler & Ethan Roux
Woman's Doubles	Winners:	Tracey Hallam & Libby Nicholls
	Runners-up:	Elizah Olimpo & Fiona Sun
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Kelvin Ngim & Tracey Hallam
	Runners-up:	Josh Espitalier & Sharon Wall



Tracey Hallam & Libby Nicolls



Chakrit Liamsuksri & Jay Gowda

B Grade

Men's Singles:	Winner:	Kesh Gurung
	Runner Up:	Audric Tibus
Women's Singles:	Winner:	Ellizah Olimpo
	Runner Up:	Victoria Au Jong
Men's Doubles:	Winners:	Kesh Gurung & John Peake
	Runners up:	Joseph Pham & Vincent Pham
Woman's Doubles	Winners:	Victoria Au Jong & Delwyn Cooper
	Runners-up:	Talita Clapperton & Lalar Quilty
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Audric Tibus & Elizah Olimpo
	Runners-up:	Zac Maniapoto & Eve Maniapoto



Audric Tibus & Kesh Gurung



Delwyn Cooper, Victoria Au Jong, Lalar Quilty & Talita Clapperton

C Grade

Men's Singles:	Winner:	Robert Hermano
	Runner Up:	Caleb Lim
Woman's Singles:	Winner:	Olivia Shefferd
	Runner Up:	Tara Akurangi
Men's Doubles:	Winners:	Jay Jang & Yeh Lee
	Runners up:	Alan Antony & Mickey Wu
Women's Doubles:	Winners:	Zoe Ellet & Supawadee Jantaruecha
	Runners-up:	Jasdeep Deol & Olivia Shefferd
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Robert Hermano & Tara Akurangi
	Runners-up:	Caleb Lim & Helena An



Jay Jang & Yeh (Alan) Lee



Zoe Ellet & Supawadee Jantaruecha

D Grade

Men's Singles:

Winner:

Te Raukura Herewini-Graham

Runner Up:

George Hiini

Men's Doubles:
Hiini

Winners:

Te Raukura Herewini-Graham & George

Runners up:

Ryan Baveystock & Sven Van Der Wagt



Te Raukura Herewini-Graham & George Hiini



Ryan Baveystock & Sven Van Der Wagt

BOP MASTERS CHAMPS

The BOP Masters' Champs were held at Rotorua Badminton Hall on Saturday, 6th April. Total of 56 entries. We had 3 age groups playing but players were only allowed to play in 1 age group and not across 2 age groups.

Results were:

35+

Men's Singles:	Winner:	Reon McFarlane
	Runner Up:	Eugene Yew
Men's Doubles:	Winners:	Rob Batty & Kane Spiers
	Runners up:	Giles Moeckli & Victor Zhu
Woman's Doubles	Winners:	Rachel Caine & Kirstie Campbell
	Runners-up:	Alpha Fe Deloy & Aloha Sison
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Kanwal Sandhu & Rachel Caine
	Runners-up:	Reon McFarlane & Aloha Sison

50+

Men's Doubles:	Winners:	Peter Brown & Peter Manders
	Runners up:	Kevin Bartels & Stuart Icke
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Peter Manders & Lynnette Carruthers
	Runners-up:	Kevin Bartels & ee-Anne Fraser

60+

Men's Singles	Winner:	Brian Christensen
	Runner up:	Michael Scheib
Women's Doubles	Winner:	Lynette Carruthers & Sue Farmer
	Runners up:	Sue August & Kris Fleurty
Mixed Doubles	Winners:	Mark Carter & Sue Farmer
	Runners up:	Loyseng Chan & Sue August

Div 2 Grade

Men's Doubles:	Winner:	Kam Wai (Joe) Chan & Ry Po
	Runner Up:	Vincent Pham & Ben Stern
Mixed Doubles:	Winners:	Vincent Pham & Abby Delaney
	Runners up:	Ben Stern & Lisa Blomquist



BOP Teams Tournament

We held our first team's tournament in Rotorua on 25th May (postponed from Easter Weekend). We had 8 teams enter, which was not as many as what we had hoped for. The grades were split into Premier, Division 1 and Division 2. There were 6 matches in a tie with a golden game to be played if matches were tied.

Results were as follows:

Premier

1. Rotorua 2
2. Happy Birthday Donald!
3. Rotorua 1
4. 3 + 1

Division 1

1. Tables
2. Fabulous Five

Division 2

1. Brownie Girls
2. Cookies



Rotorua 2 Team



Tables Team



Brownie Girls Team

Junior Non-Rep Tournaments

For the first time we had a series of non rep tournaments across Tauranga, Whakatane and Rotorua. They were ran during the April, July and October school holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that helped with these tournaments. Without them once again this would have made difficult. These people are, MacKenzie and Xavier Reid, Emily Dippie, Alex Coumbe, John Peake, Cameron Murray, Josh Espitalier, Alex Bayliss and Donald Koh.

Results as Follows:

EBOP Non-Rep Tournament 1 – 16th April 2024 at Whakatane Intermediate School

U13 Girls Singles	Winner: Misa Hyndman Runner-up: Scarlett Holding
U15 Boys Singles	Winner: Keon Ocumen Runner-up: Lyndon Cutamora
U15 Girls Singles	Winner: Annabelle Plunket Runner-up: Summer Martin
U17 Girls Singles	Winner: Hermione Natividad Runner-up: Nikita Erasmus
U19 Boys Singles	Winner: Son Dang Runner-up: Handro Gravi
U19 Girls Singles	Winner: Payton Lawrence Runner-up: Olivia Hyndman
U15 Boys Doubles	Winners: Keelan Dawson & Luka Drayson Runners-up: Lyndon Cutamora & Keon Ocumen
U15 Girls Dougles	Winners: Ella Copeland & Annabelle Plunket Runners-up: Lara Barton & Summer Martin
U19 Doubles	Winners: Sophia Hall & Olivia Hyndman Runners-up Jayden Dagoc & Faithful John Ramales

EBOP Non-Rep Tournament 2 – 16th July 2024 at Whakatane Intermediate School

U13 Girls Singles	Winner: Mia Hyndman Runner-up: Willow Peden
U15 Boys Singles	Winner: Keelan Dawson Runner-up: Ryan Heiberg
U15 Girls Singles	Winner: Lara Barton Runner-up: Summer Martin
U19 Mens Singles:	Winner: Nathan Reihana-Asquith Runner-up: Son Dang
U19 Womens Singles	Winner: Annabelle Plunket Runner-up: Hermoine Natividad
U13 Girls Doubles	Winner: Emily Croad & Olivia Hathaway Runners-up: McKenzie Nurkka & Jayde Simmons
U15 Boys Doubles	Winners: Lyndon Cutamora & Ryan Heiberg Runners-up: Keelan Dawson & Dillon Ford
U17 Girls Doubles	Winners: Lara Varton & Summer Martin

Runners-up: Emma Hayes & Annabelle Plunket

U19 Doubles

Winners: Callum Ives & Nathan Reihana-Asquith

Runners-up: Son Dang & Vy Phan

EBOP Non-Rep Tournament 3 – 8th October 2024 at Whakatane Intermediate School

U15 Boys Singles

Winner: Anthony Boswell

Runner-up: Dillon Ford

U15 Girls Singles

Winner: Jayde Simmons

Runner-up: Parker Taare

U17 Singles

Winner: Annabelle Plunket

Runner-up: Oli Harris

U19 Mens Singles

Winner: Nathan Reihana-Asquith

Runner-up: Son Dang

U13 Doubles

Winners: Manaia Jobe & Kupai Jones

Runners-up: Antony Boswell & Isabella Mitton

U19 Doubles

Winners: Nathan Reihana-Asquith & Mansimar Singh

Runners-up: Son Dang & Annabelle Plunket



EBOP Non-Rep Tournament Photos

CBOP Non-Rep Tournament 1 – 17th April 2024 – Rotorua Badminton Hall

U15 Boys Singles	Winner: Te Raukura Herewini-Graham Runner-up: Jo Gentle
Girls Singles	Winner: Hannah Maria Jomis Runner-up: Ann Joseph
U19 Mens Singles:	Winner: Thomas Ramsay Runner-up: Keidyn Yamagishi
U15 Girls Doubles	Winner: Lillian Puomako & Kitana Tekowhai Runners-up: Hannah Maria Jomis & Ann Joseph
U15 Boys Doubles	Winners: Jo Gentle & Johan Shine Runners-up: Ann Maria Manoj & Alex Minoj
U19 Mens Doubles	Winners: Thomas Ramsay & Keidyn Yamagishi Runners-up: Brodie Purvis & Cameron Purvis

CBOP Non Rep Tournament 2 – 17th July 2024 – Rotorua Badminton Hall

U15 Boys Singles	Winner: Te Raukura Herewini-Graham Runner-up: Johan Shine
U17 Boys Singles	Winner: Alex Lam Runner-up: Callum Ives
Girls Singles	Winner: Emma Matsuo Runner-up: Leesa Yadav
U19 Mens Singles:	Winner: Robert Hermano Runner-up: Thomas Ramsay
Girls Doubles	Winner: Emma Matsuo & Leesa Yadav Runners-up: Gracelyn Gibi & Adline Zeffrin
U15 Boys Doubles	Winners: Jo Gentle & Johan Shine Runners-up: Alvin Biju & Alex Monteith
U19 Mens Doubles	Winners: Robert Hermano & Nathan Reihana-Asquith Runners-up: Thomas Ramsay & Keidyn Yamagishi

CBOP Non Rep Tournament 3 – 9th October 2024 – Rotorua Badminton Hall

U15 Singles	Winner: Gracelyn Gibi Runner-up: Adline Zeffrin
U17 Singles	Winner: Katie Langeveldt Runner-up: Leesa Yadav
Girls Singles	Winner: Emma Matsuo Runner-up: Leesa Yadav
U19 Mens Singles:	Winner: Nathan Reihana-Asquith Runner-up: Mansimar Singh
U19 Womens Singles	Winner: Emma Matsuo Runner-up: Annabelle Plunket

U17 Doubles

Winner: Gracelyn Gibi & Adline Zeffrin

Runners-up: Zaki Hirota & Vinayak Saraswat

U19 Doubles

Winners: Mansimar Singh & Nathan Reihana-Asquith

Runners-up: Thomas Ramsay & Cameron Purvis



CBOP Non-Rep Tournament Photos

WBOP Non-Rep Tournament 1 – 23rd April 2024 at Tauranga Boys College

U13 Boys Singles

Winner: Charlie Stone

Runner-up: George Bayliss

U13 Girls Singles

Winner: Kyla Jones

Runner-up: Nikita Hennessey

U15 Boys Singles

Winner: Sven Van Der Wagt

Runner-up: Keelan Dawson

U17 Boys Singles

Winner: Francis Hawkes

Runner-up: Te Raukura Herewini-Graham

U19 Mens Singles: Winner: Thomas Ramsay
 Runner-up: Beau Condon

U19 Womens Singles Winner: Lillian Poumako
 Runner-up: Sascha Percival Moore

U15 Boys Doubles Winner: Sam Ellis & Te Raukura Herewini-Graham
 Runners-up: Keelan Dawson & Luka Drayson

U17 Girls Doubles Winner: Lillian Poumako & Kitana Te Kowhai
 Runners-up: Payton Grewe & Atarau Hill

U19 Doubles Winners: Thomas Ramsay & Keidyn Yamagishi
 Runners-up: Beau Condon & Sascha Percival Moore

WBOP Non-Rep Tournament 2 – 18th July 2024 at Tauranga Boys College

U13 Boys Singles Winner: Vinayak Saraswat
 Runner-up: George Reed

U13 Girls Singles Winner: Silvie Brunetti
 Runner-up: Willow Peden

U15 Boys Singles Winner: Keelan Dawson
 Runner-up: Dillon Ford

U15 Girls Singles Winner: Mia Hyndman
 Runner-up: Ella Copeland

U17 Girls Singles Winner: Annabelle Plunkett
 Runner-up: Grace Spencer

U19 Mens Singles: Winner: Nathan Reihana-Asquith
 Runner-up: Heath Smart

U13 Girls Doubles Winners: Willow Peden & Parker Taare
 Runners-up: Olivia Hathaway & Isabella Mitton

U15 Girls Doubles Winner: Ella Copeland & Annabelle Plunket
 Runners-up: Sophia Hall & Mia Hyndman

U15 Doubles Winner: Keelan Dawson & Dillon Ford
 Runners-up: Ben Fairweather & Vinayak Saraswat

U19 Doubles Winners: Jasdeep Deol & Nathan Reihana-Asquith
 Runners-up: Grace Spencer & Dwayne Vasquez

WBOP Non-Rep Tournament 3 – 10th October 2024 at Tauranga Boys College

U13 Boys Singles Winner: Lewis Muller
 Runner-up: Matteo Deckers

U15 Boys Singles Winner: Skylah Franz-Kwan
 Runner-up: Vinayak Saraswat

Girls Singles Winner: Emma Matsuo
 Runner-up: Annabelle Plunket

U19 Mens Singles: Winner: Sabian Labalan
 Runner-up: Thomas Ramsay

U15 Doubles Winner: Zaki Hirota & Vinayak Saraswat

U19 Doubles

Runners-up: Jade Bayon & Seth Sutton

Winners: Sabian Labalan & Dwayne Vasquez

Runners-up: Sascha Percival Moore & Thomas Ramsay



WBOP Non-Rep Tournaments

BOP YR 7 & 8 SCHOOLS TOURNAMENTS

In 2024 for the Eastern Bay area, we had 2 qualifying day's a boy's day and a girl's day. This was done due to the volume of players we were getting for these qualifiers.

The boy's Day was held on the 9th of August with 22 teams and the girl's day was held on the 14th August with 30 teams.

We ran the CBOP qualifying champs on Wednesday, 31st July with 24 pairs participating. The WBOP qualifying champs were held on Friday, 2nd August with 53 pairs participating.

The BOP Year 7 & 8 Finals were held on 28th August 2024 with a total of 63 Teams from the 3 sub-regions.

Results as follows:

Boys Division 1

- 1st: Aquinas Masters
- 2nd: Ots Whitesox
- 3rd: BC Buddies
- 4th: JPC Avengers

Girls Division 1

- 1st: Whaka High Flyers
- 2nd: OTS Tribe
- 3rd: JPC Angels
- 4th: Whaka Pacesetters

Boys Division 2

- 1st: JPC Aces
- 2nd: Kaitao Cyclones
- 3rd: ACG Dukes
- 4th: OTS Aces

Girls Division 2

- 1st: Whaka Flickers
- 2nd: Whaka Ice Punch
- 3rd: ACG Squad
- 4th: Kaitao Roses

Boys Division 3

- 1st: Mount Rebels
- 2nd: ACG Pirates
- 3rd: OTS Cavalry
- 4th: Kaitao Rams

Girls Division 3

- 1st: Whaka Moonshooters
- 2nd: Katikati Queens
- 3rd: Papamoa Troop
- 4th: Papamoa Cool Cats



SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

BOP JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPS

EBOP Qualifying Champs – Division 1 & 2 were held in Whakatane on 16th May – 19 Teams
EBOP Qualifying Champs – Division 3 (Dev Day) were held in Whakatane on 27th May – 9 Teams.

CBOP Qualifying Champs were held in Rotorua on 15th May – 11 Teams participated
WBOP Qualifying Champs were held in Tauranga on 24th May – 23 Teams participated, there was a huge increase in teams due to the work being done by teachers in charge at the schools in Tauranga, in particular, Tauranga Girls College and Otumoetai College.

BOP Junior Secondary School Finals were held in Tauranga on 7th August – 35 teams participated.

Results:

Division 1 Boys

- 1st: Whakatane High B
- 2nd: Otumoetai Hornets
- 3rd: Whakatane High A
- 4th: Bethlehem College Blue
- 5th: JPC
- 6th: Trident 1

Division 2 Boys

- 1st: Taupo Boys Team
- 2nd: Whakatane High D
- 3rd: Edgecumbe Boys 1
- 4th: Te Puke Boys Team
- 5th: Tauranga Boys College
- 6th: Edgecumbe Boys 2

Division 3 Boys

- 1st: Otumoetai Pacers
- 2nd: Otumoetai Raptors
- 3rd: Whakatane High E
- 4th: Tridents Boys 2
- 5th: Whakatane High F

Division 1 Girls

- 1st: Te Puke – Eve's Team
- 2nd: JPC Girls Team
- 3rd: Bethlehem College
- 4th: Whakatane Girls B

Division 2 Girls

- 1st: Otumoetai Wizards
- 2nd: Tauranga Girls College 1
- 3rd: Tauhara Girls Team
- 4th: Edgecumbe Girls 1
- 5th: Whakatane Girls A
- 6th: Edgecumbe Girls 2

Division 3 Girls

- 1st: ACG Girls Team
- 2nd: Tauranga Girls College 2
- 3rd: Tauranga Girls College 3
- 4th: Whakatane Girls C
- 5th: Taupo Girls Team
- 6th: Rotorua Girls
- 7th: Trident Girls Team
- 8th: Tauranga Girls College 4



BOP SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPS

EBOP Qualifying Champs were held in Whakatane on 12th June – 25 Teams participated (increase by 4 team from 2023)

CBOP Qualifying Champs were held in Rotorua on 19th June – 15 Teams participated (increase of 3 teams from 2023).

WBOP Qualifying Champs were held in Tauranga on 26th June – 40 Teams participated (increased by 17 team from 2023).

BOP Senior Secondary School Finals were held on 21st August in Tauranga – 34 Teams participated.

Results:

Division 1 Boys

- 1st: JPC Filos Boys
- 2nd: Papamoa College
- 3rd: Tauranga Boys College 1
- 4th: JPC Boys Team 2
- 5th: Bethlehem College Blue
- 6th: Taupo Boys A

Division 2 Boys

- 1st: ACG Tauranga 1
- 2nd: Trident Blue
- 3rd: Te Puke Boys Team 1
- 4th: Whakatane High Boys A
- 5th: Taupo Boys B
- 6th: Trident White

Division 3 Boys

- 1st: Katikati Boys Team
- 2nd: Trident Navy
- 3rd: ACG Boys Team 2

Division 1 Girls

- 1st: JPC Girls Team 1
- 2nd: Tauranga Girls 1
- 3rd: Whakatane High Girls A
- 4th: Bethlehem College Girls Red
- 5th: Trident Gold

Division 2 Girls

- 1st: Otumoetai Rams
- 2nd: Edgecumbe Girls 1
- 3rd: Tauhara Girls Team
- 4th: Whakatane High Girls B
- 5th: Tauranga Girls 2

Division 3 Girls

- 1st: Whakatane High girls E
- 2nd: Otumoetai Eagles
- 3rd: Katikati Girls Team 1

4th: Otumoetai Giants

4th: Whakatane High Girls D

5th Whakatane High Girls F

6th Otumoetai Seahawks

7th Tauranga Girls 5

8th Otumoetai Bengals



BOP INTERCLUB

BOP Interclub was held over 2 Sundays in 2023, 18th June and 6th August.

There were 39 teams in total (an increase by 10 teams from 2022), 8 x Premier teams, 20 x Division 1 teams and 12 x Division 2 teams. Thank you to all the clubs for supporting this event.

Results were as follows:

	Premier		Division 1		Division 2
1	Avenues BC Red	1	Mount Number 1	1	NABOP 7
2	Rotorua Aces	2	Tauranga BC 2	2	NABOP 6
3	Avenues BC Blue	3	Turangi	3	Avenues BC Green
4	Rotorua Smashers	4	NABOP 1	4	NABOP 5
5	Tauranga BC 1	5	Avenues BC Orange	5	Rotorua KJT's
6	Avenues BC Black	6	Rotorua Dangers	6	Avenues BC Yellow
7	Mt The Good the Bad & The Ugly	7	Avenues BC Purple	7	Tauranga BC 4
8	NABOP Premis 1	8	Avenues BC Pink	8	Avenues BC White
		9	Mount Hullabaloo	9	Whakatane Team 2
		10	Whakatane Team 1	10	Whakatane Team 3
		11	Tauranga BC 3	11	Awakeri Onyx

		12	NABOP 3	12	NABOP 8
		13	Mount The Shuttle Whisperers	13	Awakeri Emerald
		14	Mount Right Hand Man	14	Avenues BC Silver
		15	Rotorua Misfits	15	Awakeri Malachite
		16	NABOP 2	16	Tauranga BC 5
		17	Awakeri Topaz	17	NABOP 9
		18	Awakeri Amethyst	18	NABOP 4
				19	NABOP 10
				20	Rotorua ALT's
				21	NABOP 11



Premier Winners

Avenues BC Red
Ethan Roux, Shane Espitalier & Josh Espitalier



Division 1 Winners

Mount Number 1
Benji Samuela, Joseph Samuela & Nathaniel
Jacob



Division 2 Winners

Nepalese BC 7
Meiji Aupathamchat, Season Gurung & Eve
Maniapoto

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPS

This was held in Porirua 2nd September to 5th September. There were 5 schools from the Bay of Plenty who attended, Otumoetai College with 1 boys team and 1 girls team, JPC with 2 boys teams and 1 girls team, Whakatane High School with 1 boys team and 1 girls team, Papamoa College with 1 boys team and Tauranga Girls College with 1 girls team. The teams were all in Division 2 and did well. The stand outs were John Paul College Boys Red team who finished 2nd and Papamoa College who finished 4th.



John Paul College #1 Boys Team

BADMINTON NZ MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NZ Masters was played in Porirua on 29th August – 31st August in 2024. There were several BOP Players who competed in the tournament. Here are some notable mentions:



Women's Doubles 50+ Runners-up

Deidre Bartels & Delwyn Cooper



Women's Singles 35+ Runner-up

Sharon Wall

Women's Doubles 55+ Runners-up

Deidre Bartels & Lee-Anne Fraser



Mixed Doubles 55+ Winners

Kesh Gurung & Lee-Anne Fraser

Runner-up: Deidre Bartels & partner Alvin Loo

Club Tournaments

The Rotorua Club Tournament was held at Rotorua Badminton Hall on the 8th of June. There were some awesome matches and was well supported.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The BOP End of Season Awards/Beats by Bingo night was held on Friday, 22nd November.

The Theme this year was 'Come as something beginning with your first initial' which made for some interesting outfits with everyone dressed up!

Lots of fun was had by all!



Fun Dress-up photos from End of Year Awards / Music Bingo

Award Recipients:



2024 Administrators of the Year

Julie Dippie & Kirsty Reid
(Awakeri Badminton Club)

Coach of the Year

John Peake



2024 Volunteer Recognition

Sharon Wall

Josh Espitalier

Renske Forsyth

Cheryl Chye

Stacey Shefferd, Fuwa Gao & Erin Swanson (not pictured)



2024 Volunteer Recognition

- Xavier Reid
- Will Dippie
- Emily Dippie
- McKenzie Reid
- Lyndon Reid
- Robert Hermano
- Zoe Calkin
- Charles Nacar



Junior Player of the Year

Ansen Bee

Senior Player of the Year

Libby Nicholls

Veterans Player of the Year

Lee-Anne Fraser

Masters Player of the Year

Sharon Wall



Teams of the Year

BOP U17 Blue Team

Priyash Gurung, Ansen Bee, Robert Hermano, Anji Pillay, MacKenzie Reid, not in picture - Sagar Dhakal, Samuel Makara-Fang, Eve Maniapoto, Lor Majestral & Elizah Olimpo
Coaches - Donald Koh & Alex Coumbe,
Manager – Kirsty Reid



Club of the Year

Awakeri Badminton Club



Outstanding Contribution to Badminton

Graeme Neilsen