

Deep River WINS Prestigious Findlay and Wiser Cups

On Saturday April 13, 2019 two long running, team badminton tournaments were held in the Mackenzie High gym in Deep River; the Findlay Cup (the longest continuously run badminton tournament in Canada, played since 1931); and the Wiser Cup (cup donated by Wiser Distilleries in 1960).

These tournaments are run as two teams from each club. The teams are made up of 6 players for each cup: 4 men; 2 women. In a round robin format each team plays each other team. This year there were teams from Deep River, Petawawa, Renfrew and Pembroke. Each round starts with 2 men's doubles and 1 women's doubles. Then two of the men join the two women to play two mixed matches and the remaining two men join to play the remaining two men of the opposing team. There are a total of 6 matches played against each team. In this case there would be 3 opposing teams requiring 18 total matches for each team. A match is the best two games out of three.

The tournaments change venue and are rotated through the different clubs each year. Next year the tournaments will be played in Petawawa.

Players ranged in age from 13 to about 60 this year (previous years included players even into their 70's). The picture below includes four generations of badminton players from Deep River (left to right is On Ting Woo (Club President, Derek Wang (the youngest player in the tournament), Al Herriot {special guest who has played in the past since the 1960's}, and Michael Sullivan (former member who still comes from Bowmanville to play each year).



Thanks go out to all who played this year with special congratulations to the Deep River teams which won both the Findlay Cup and the Wiser Cup. Petawawa was the runner up for both cups.

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