



# The Half Smash!

**W**elcome back to the Pennsylvania Badminton Association (PBA) Newsletter.

I hope everyone had a great summer, and now it's time to get back into the swing of things at our local badminton clubs. There are many new faces at the Mainline club, Kimberton will be starting soon, and a number of us are taking advantage of the air-conditioned courts at the Phoenixville YMCA every Sunday afternoon at 2pm. The Swiss badminton camp went well again this year, and I highly recommend it to all. Lawrence Chew is a wonderful coach. Good luck to the new PA club at the North Penn YMCA! Looking forward to a great upcoming season, Eric Miller, PBA President

### 3 Mainline BC Players make US top 12 Ranking list!

Of course Vincent Lobo, PA State Champ, made the list. He teamed up with partner Anil Nair from NJ to reach No. 5 on the US Mens Doubles ranking list. The big surprise however, was that Jun Igarashi and Eric Miller, after achieving a razor thin victory in a first round of the NJ Open 15-14, 17-16, gained enough points to reach the no. 12 spot!



Jun Igarashi & Eric Miller capture No. 12 on the US Badminton Doubles ranking list!



Archie Paul & Vincent Lobo  
PA State Doubles Champs 2005

USA Badminton National Rankings List			
August 12, 2005			
Finals Date:			
Ranking Tournament:			
Level (*):			
Type: Men's Doubles			
#	Name #1	Name #2	Total Points
1	Howard Bach	Tony Gunawan	2378.425
2	Khankham Malaythong	Raju Rai	2016.399
3	Daniel Gouw	Daniel Ko	1161
4	Matt Fogarty	Dean Schoppe	651
5	Vincent Lobo	Anil Nair	612
6	Alessandro Rossi	Mike Yang	603
7	Nilay Nanavati	Iliasse Yassine	558
8	Andy Chong	Radu Milevschi	504
9	Neil Davies	Philip Troke	432
10	Bartolo Chen	Arnold Setiadi	306
10	Jack Shu	Steven Wong	306
11	Brandon Lai	Marc Lai	264
12	Jun Igarashi	Eric Miller	192
13	Kamesh Basavaraju	Hiten Chadha	120



## PBA CALENDAR Fall 2005

**Sept 17** Vincent Lobo Clinic at Bryn Mawr GSSW

**Sept.17** A/B Round Robin Tourney – GSSW

ON-Line Registration at <http://USbadminton.net>

**Nov. 11-13** Mid-Atlantic Classic – Bryn Athyn, PA

**Dec. 3-4** Mid-Atlantic JRs – Bryn Mawr, Schwartz Gym

**Feb 25, '06** Mainline Doubles - Bryn Mawr, Schwartz Gym



Vincent Lobo

### LOCAL NEWS

Farewell to Deepak Gulla (aka as either “Dumpy” or “Hot Stuff”) who moved to California, and Jie Yang who moved to Australia. Both were dedicated badminton players and great supporters of PBA! We miss you! Welcome to our new PBA Treasurer, Michael Foo! PBA now has over 30 paid members.

### WESTERN PA NEWS

The report is in from Peng-Hoong Chung and Anu Chopra that about 12 very diverse members play on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Wexford YMCA just north of Pittsburgh. The Y will be relocating next spring to Franklin Park, where they are hoping for 3 new professionally lined courts.

### USA NEWS

Howard Bach and Tony Gunawan win the IBF World Championships! On Sunday August 21, 2005 13th-seeded Bach and Gunawan beat Indonesia's Candra Wijaya and Sigit Budiarto 15-11, 10-15, 15- in Anaheim, California, for a first US World Medal.

CONGRATULATIONS Howard & Tony!!

Likewise congratulations as well to PBA's John Lim who served a line judge during the World Open Championships.



Ioana Butoi from Bryn Mawr College receives PA State Womans Singles trophy from John Lim – March 12, 2005



Tony & Howard at Anaheim.