

Piner Badminton 2009 Team Meeting Wednesday, 28 January 2009

Practice starts next Monday February 2!

New Opponents -- Our east bay trip (Tennyson) worked very well last year. They will be visiting us this year and we will be taking a trip to the east bay to visit one of the schools there. **NCS Championships** will be at Piner this year.

First Team Practice - Monday February 2

Time to start getting some exercise so that you will be ready. February practice is irregular since we are competing for gym space. I will let you know practice times as soon as possible. Nominally every day after school. Saturday morning practice is likely during February. Matches will start early March.

Clearance - no practice until I have your clearance form so if you are not yet done you only have a short time to get cleared.

Academics – I expect all players to apply themselves to their classwork as I expect them to work hard at badminton. Accordingly I will be looking for everyone to improve their grades by the quarter report.

Sunday badminton continues to be available for all badminton enthusiasts including prospective team players. The club plays every Sunday from 3-8 PM. See www.worldbadminton.com/piner/club for more information.

Players As always we need more players. The large group of freshmen last year were exactly what the team needs. We appear to have a shortage of guys this year so find some more.

Coaching – Megan Parnow and I will be coaching again this year.

Team Philosophy – We are all here because we want to play badminton. As far as I am concerned you are team members and adults and want to work hard and improve. Team placement is strictly on a merit basis: we will maintain ladders for singles doubles and mixed doubles and you will move up or down depending upon the skills that you develop. The harder you work at practice the faster your skills will develop. Everyone competes on the Piner badminton team. Everything for the team is on the web.

Homework for the week – *Consider that the badminton net is 61*" *high at the edge of the court, which is 20 ft wide. Assume that the rope is weightless and that the net itself can be modeled as a 1-lb weight hanging at the center. What tension in the rope is needed to place the center of the net at the correct height?*

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