The Sixth MDI YMCA Badminton Open was held on Saturday, Oct. 5. The tournament was the largest to date, attracting players from Colby College, Bates College, College of the Atlantic, The Jackson Laboratory, and the MDI community. The tournament was organized by Aaron Long (YMCA) and was sponsored by local businesses including Siam Orchid, Galyn's Restaurant, Hannafords, Window Panes, Opera House, Reel Pizza, Cadillac Mountain Sports, A&B Naturals and Sage Grass Gallery. The MDI players dominated the tournament by reaching the finals in both the singles and doubles division. Nishi Rajakaruna (COA) won the singles championship beating COA player Surya Karki, holding onto his singles title for the 6th consecutive time. The doubles finals was between Line Reicholtz (MDI) and Nishi Rajakaruna (COA) and COA's Sean Todd (who also reached the Singles quarter finals) and Surya Karki. After three sets of intense battle, Reicholtz and Rajakaruna held on to their second consecutive doubles title with Todd and Karki securing a very close runner-up position. The tournament highlighted new players from MDI, including COA students Daniel 'Issac' Shaw and Shira Caitlin. Shaw reached the quarter final in the singles division beating some advance players from Colby and Bates, showing the potential for being a competitor to watch-out for in the upcoming tournament this spring. Four players from The Jackson Laboratory, Ryuta Ishimura, Shimpéi Kajita, Gabor Nagy, and Sriramulu Pullagura were also new to the tournament, all playing competitively in the doubles division showing much promise to excel in the upcoming turneys. Doug Dubois and Jeri Spurling, regulars on the MDI YMCA courts, also represented the MDI team, competing in the doubles division. Stop by the YMCA 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays to join the fun.