Islanders fare well in badminton tournament

BAR HARBOR — Bar Harbor residents Nishi Rajakaruna and Line Rechholtz took second place Saturday morning at the annual Badminton Open Doubles Tournament held at the Mount Desert Island YMCA.

The duo of Andrew Then and partner Raditya won the final games with scores 21-19 and 21-10.

Ten teams from across the state joined together for more than five hours of play.

"The event was a lot of fun," YMCA Youth and Adult Programs Director Nicholas Ty- moczko said. "We had teams come from as far as Calais. It was a great way to showcase what we offer here."

The tournament consisted of four different rounds beginning with a round-robin style competition in which each of the five teams in two pools played one another. The three highest ranked teams from both pools proceeded to the quarter finals, from which two were eliminated before the semifinals. The victors faced off in the final round.

The semifinal round was the climax of the tournament, with two close matches between Then and partner Raditya and the duo of Kent and Phandeendra Chennampally.

Following a victory by a narrow margin, Then and Raditya entered the final round and were matched against Rajakaruna and Rechholtz.

The first round ended in a close 21-19 victory for Then and Raditya, followed by a final 21-10 win.

Adult pick-up badminton is held Tuesday and Friday at the YMCA from 10-11:30 a.m. and Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From left, Nick Tymoczko, poses for a photograph with second-place finalists Line Rechholtz and Nishi Rajakaruna at the annual Badminton Open Doubles Tournament held at the Mount Desert Island YMCA on Saturday, April 9.