YMCA hosts badminton open

BAR HARBOR — The duo of Randy Raditya and Andrew Then won the final game Saturday in the doubles tournament at the Kalu Rajakaruna Badminton Open held at the Mount Desert Island YMCA. They beat Bar Harbor residents Nishi Rajakaruna and Line Recholtz by a score of 21-17.

"Competition was fierce, but players on all teams celebrated a mutual respect and admiration for the game of badminton," said Nicolas Tymoczko, director of YMCA youth and adult programs.

The doubles tournament among the seven registered teams consisted of a round-robin style competition of one set per game with double elimination.

The three highest ranked teams proceeded to the finals, where the “Canam” team of Jessica Arseneau and Richard Garant were knocked out by the "Kalu" team of Rajakaruna and Recholtz. They were bested 21-19 by the "Washington County" team 21-19 of Then and Raditya as they advanced through the brackets.

"Canam" battled hard in their bracket, but were eliminated 21-17 by the "Kalu" team.

In the single's tournament, Rajakaruna placed first, followed by Raditya and Phaneendra Chennampally. Chennampally and Raditya squared off in the semifinal. Raditya won 21-16 and 25-23.

Rajakaruna worked his way through the field as well and was able to secure a spot in the finals, where he squared for two rounds of competitive play. He emerged on top in two sets with scores of 21-16 and 21-7 to secure the championship title.

Sponsors for the tournament included Siam Orchid, Side Street Cafe, Galyn's, Choco-Latte Cafe, Epi's Pizza, China Joy, Blaze, Trailhead Cafe and Cadillac Mountain Sports.

 Winners of the singles division at the Kalu Rajakaruna Badminton Open are, from left, Randy Raditya, Nishi Rajakaruna and Phaneendra Chennampally.