

# Acton badminton ace strikes Gold in Florida

By Frances Niblock

Power and endurance helped Acton's John Hunter and his badminton partner capture Gold and Silver medals at the U.S. Open Senior men's badminton tournament in Florida earlier this month.

Hunter and John Lee of Mississauga battled to Gold in the 40-plus category, with close wins over some of the best players for their age in the world. In the 45-plus category, Hunter/Lee "ran out of steam" and earned Silver.

Hunter, 49, is a retired Chrysler engineer who works with his wife's clothing sales businesses and plays badminton three times a week.

He also coaches badminton on Monday nights at Acton High School, sharing his badminton skills with students, two of whom won the mixed doubles gold at the provincial high school championships last year.

"Badminton has taken me all over the place and somebody took time to start me off, so I thought I'd volunteer at the school," Hunter said.

He began playing badminton as a pre-teen and credits early, good coaching with giving him solid skills. He played through high school, university and at club level until taking eight years off when his children were young.

In the Gold medal game in Florida, Hunter and Lee downed Pakistan and the United States to reach the final and face a team from Kitchener that they downed



**MEDAL WINNER:** Acton's John Hunter and his badminton partner earned Gold and Silver medals at a mens' senior open championship in Florida in January. – Frances Niblock photo

in three matches, 25-23, 21-15 and 21-12. In the Silver medal game, Hunter said they ran out of steam and lost the final match 21-12.

Hunter said there were players over 80 at the competition, something he likes to see as he plans to keep playing.

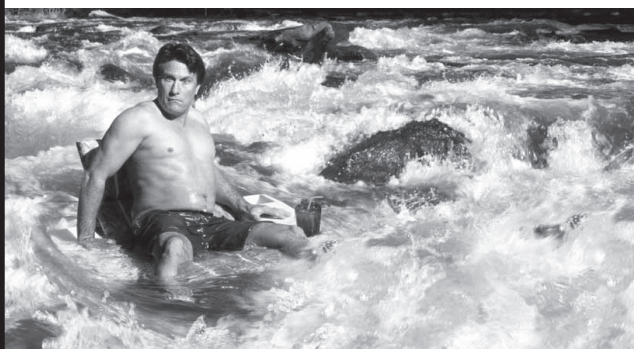
"It is a sport that you can actually play right until the end.

Although Hunter said he can hit as hard as he could in his 20s, playing three times a week allows him a day off in between to recover.

Hunter enjoys the competitions, but he said badminton is fun, win or lose.

"It is a very quick game, especially in doubles, it's a lot of pounding the bird and I enjoy the aerobic workout."

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**Members Needed:** 2 representatives from human and social service agencies serving Halton

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**Contact:** Kate Johnston, Manager of Customer Service Improvement Projects, ext. 7230

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Monica Wallenfels  
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This new program is another way to increase the amount of bottles being recycled. By returning bottles to The Beer Store you free up space in your Blue Box which means you'll have more room to recycle other materials around your home. Thank you for your participation.

Currently about 68 per cent of wine and liquor bottles are diverted away from the landfill and are recycled through the Blue Box. The Ontario government expects that by the fifth year of the new deposit return program, an additional 80 million bottles will be recycled.

For more information about the program or for a list of your nearest The Beer Store locations, please visit [www.bagitback.ca](http://www.bagitback.ca).

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