

Battle of the Birdies

Charity badminton tournament raises money for Shelterbox International

by Lily Peterson

On Wednesday, April 12th, Interact club held its second annual badminton tournament. It cost \$3 per person or \$5 per team. All the proceeds went towards ShelterBox International. Over 54 people participated and the tournament raised \$147. Club advisor Ms. Denny describes Interact club as, "A service group, that is affiliated with the rotary club and we try to do projects that involve the school in fundraising for some good cause or going and helping out at events that want volunteers. One of our major things we fund raise for is ShelterBox International."

When asked what ShelterBox International is, sophomore member Christina Ryzhov said, "ShelterBox is a disaster relief charity and every event we do throughout the year is to raise money towards that and at the end of the year we donate all that money."

ShelterBox provides tents, cooking essentials, tools, bedding, and more for individuals and families displaced from their home due to war or natural disasters.

Some teams had fun matching



Holly Trapp and Hui Zhu. Photo taken by Asher Lowrey.

their uniforms. Some of the matching uniforms included matching jerseys, matching t-shirts, or matching colors.

When asked his favorite part of being in the tournament, sophomore Riley Marks said, "Just getting out there and playing some badminton. Typically you only get to play it in PE, so this is a great opportunity to play."

The tournament started off big with lots of students playing and having fun! However, as teams were eliminated, the competition became harder and harder. The final game being between two teams, senior Ben Johnson and junior Helene Collin vs. junior Holly Trapp and junior Hui Zhu. The game was close, but ultimately Trapp and Zhu came out on top as the 2017 badminton tournament champions. The final score was 21-16. They each received \$5 to Ollie's.

Between Crush cans and the bags and badminton tournaments, Interact club has raised \$659 for ShelterBox International. Its goal is to raise \$1,000 and, the club has one event left to reach that goal. You can help!

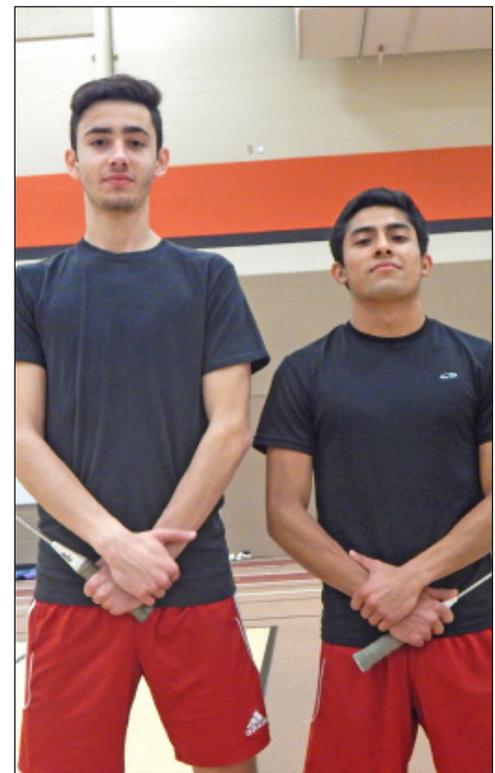
On May 6th, from 5-10:30 pm is the next Shelterbox event. For \$7, each person will receive a grilled brat/hamburger dinner, games on the football field, an outdoor movie, and pizza! All proceeds go to ShelterBox.

Even though there could technically be



Christina Ryzhov and Hanna Hickey photo by Asher Lowrey

only one team that won, anyone who participated should feel great about



Angel Martinez and Benny Redxepi posing. Photo by Asher Lowrey.