



1967 Thomas Cup
Champions: Ng Boon
Bee, Yew Cheng Hoe,
Tan Yee Khan, Billy Ng,
Tan AIK Huang & Teh
Kew San (left to right).

REKINDLED MEMORIES

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MY first meeting with Tan Yee Khan was 69 years ago.

It was at the Inter Schools badminton championships in Ipoh. Anglo Chinese School which was my alma mater and we played against Yee Khan's St Michael's Institution.

He was tall and quite an imposing figure and quite chatty. He played both singles and doubles.

We lost contact when I joined the Royal Malaysian Navy based in Woodlands, Singapore.

Then in 1980 we met again. This time around both of us had retired. I took a trip to Pangkor Island and stayed at his Seaview Resort.

It was a rekindling of old memories and I got to know him better.

We spoke about all the Thomas cup escapades, where he and Boon Bee terrorised the world of badminton with their power play.

As a person, I found Yee Khan very pleasant and chatty. His knowledge of badminton was also exceptionally invigorating.