

Hertford Area League

Another smooth running, successful season. 21 clubs made up the Hertford Area League last season which successfully ran 4 divisions of Medley, 2 of Ladies 4, 3 of Mens 4 and just 3 teams made up a division for the Mens 6

There were a high number of entries in the closed tournament held in September

At the AGM held earlier this month, as it was reported the League is in a healthy position financially there would be no increase in team fees next season. At this meeting it was announced that Colin Jackson was standing down from the role as Chairman as he is planning to move away from the area and at the time of preparing this report, a replacement for this role has not been found. All other committee members were re-elected along with Wendy Train who agreed to take on the role of Results Secretary

There was much discussion about the ruling where a club has 2 teams in the same division stating that no player may play for both these teams in the same season. After a vote it was agreed that for a trial season the relevant rule was to be changed to allow players in the lower team playing a maximum of twice in the higher team

Hertford were awarded the Ernest Pearce Memorial trophy, being the club that caused the league organisers the least hassle over the season

Stanstead Abbots Badminton Club recently celebrated their 60th competitive year

Pam Newman

May 2015

Letchworth and District League

It has been a fairly uneventful season, just a couple of matches conceded. The first division was won by Highbury, who still seem to be untouchable, runners up were Norton & Baldock A. The second division was won by Norton & Baldock B, with Cam Gears just behind them. The Fletcher Cup was run on a different basis this season, with teams consisting of 2 men and 2 ladies and the initial matches being played in groups. Generally speaking the committee's handicapping was pretty good, this was certainly the case for the final, where St Johns only beat Codicote by 12 points, 246-234.

We would love to hear from any clubs that would like to join the league to help us grow a little.

North Herts CBN

We have had a busy season, thanks to all those involved. We have run four well attended junior schools taster initiatives, in Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock and Breachwood Green. These were thanks to money from the North Herts Community Fund. Our successful bid for Sportivate funding meant we were also able to run three senior schools initiatives, at Hitchin Girls School, Fearnhill School and Priory School. This season also saw the first Satellite Club being set up at Highfield School. A singles tournament was organised in May and due to the success of this, another will be run at the end of June. All the local junior clubs are still going strong and we have gained a few additional coaches this season. So Badminton is doing well in the area.

Bob Green