

Development Coordinator's Report to HBA AGM 2017

Introduction

Some of the badminton events and programmes are countywide, some are local to the Community Badminton Network, Local Authority or School Sports Partnership.

In the past year our four Community Badminton Networks s have continued to provide local promotion and delivery across the county. The makeup of our CBNs comprises badminton club representatives and other professional staff such as, BE head office staff, school teachers, local authority sports development officers, facilities operators representatives, Herts Sports Partnership, Herts colleges and Herts Uni. The mix of representatives varies in each CBN. We are very grateful to all of these and the rich opportunities and sometimes resources they bring to support and develop our game.

Below, are reports of county-wide and CBN activities..

County-wide

Below are examples of projects and programmes this season that are essentially countywide.

Junior

County Primary Schools PE Conference: 24th January at HSV. It was opened by two prestigious keynote speakers, Baroness Sue Campbell, Chair of the Youth Sports Trust and Elaine Wyllie of the Daily Mile Foundation. 250 delegates attended a wide choice of workshops designed to help primary schools deliver high quality PE and School Sport. 30 external commercial and sporting partners exhibited in the lunchtime marketplace. The new BE junior resource replacing Bisi, 'Racket Pack', was presented to the 250 delegates by Brian Jackson, Ken Winchester, Mike Piggford, Gobi Ranganathan and Dave & Gill Bartlett.

Herts Primary Schools Team Tournament, Sunday 6Mar17 Organised by Barbara Lewczynska and with help from Mike Newlove, almost 70 children participated with a prior hour's coaching by Brian Jackson, Doug Clark, Ken Winchester, Hazel Levins, John Stobo Nick Goode and Dave Bartlett.

InterDistrict Secondary School Championships County Round 6th December: at HSV It was very successful again thanks to HBA-HSBA helper-scorers. U16 Girls – Queenswood School celebrated after becoming the first badminton players in the school's history to reach the national finals in Milton Keynes on May 6.

Herts FE Colleges Tournament 28th March at HSV: West Herts College won the overall SEN and Mainstream trophy. Thanks to Barbara, for overall (badminton) tournament organisation with help from Nick, John Stobo, Christine Adey and Paul Widdicombe.

National Junior Championships - InterDistrict Tournament, 19th March had fewer districts competing than last year but overall was successful, Herts Coaches facilitated this.

Young Leaders Award Course, July 2016, for 14 HSBA squad and some club 15-17 year-olds was run by Cherie Wiper, Stanborough School. Some of these participants have gone on to start after-school sessions, help at leisure centres, and take the UKCC L1 coach qualification.

Young Coach of the Year The trophy was presented to Jonathan Larkworthy, for his support of school and club sessions, at Marshals JBC 30Nov. He was also very grateful of the 2 free All England tickets (took his dad).

Senior

Badminton 4 MacMillan Work-Place Challenge Tournament (organised by BE, HSP with HBA and HSBA volunteers), 24 Nov., attracted 40 players and 'raised a decent amount of money'.

Olympians Chris and Marcus Tour Friday 16th December at HSV

The Olympians were very well received at Stanborough school, Welwyn Hatfield by students, leaders and staff and at St John's Primary school Q&A. In the evening tournament, in Chris' absence, Zach Daniels paired with Marcus and provided an entertaining evening playing junior and senior squads and some 14 club pairs. The audience of some 120, were very appreciative and of the entrance collection, £57 went to English Federation of Disability Sport and the balance of £50 to our Ray Learney Fund.

Potential County Badminton Facility, Birchwood Leisure Centre: Hatfield Town Council Leader, Lenny Brandon, is still waiting to hear whether their revised outline planning bid has been accepted by WH BC. So progressing our interest in expanding the proposed new facility to 8 courts or to increase the 4 court footprint for tournaments and a viewing gallery is on hold. The current centre will not be demolished until the new one is functional (so the HBA-HSBA use should be secure).

Workforce Development DB and BJ met Mike Piggford and Rob Flack to progress Herts WfD 25 January: 1 A revised coach pathway has been produced not least to show where those who qualify can use their qualification and with links to on-line resources (see final Draft attached). 2 Herts Coaching Academy has been established to promote coaching and assist coaches. Startup funding (£1000) has been received from BE and first meeting held: see HBA Coaching Coordinator's report.

Herts Sport Partnership: HSP Sports Awards 1st December, UoH: Bob Green, Baldock JBC, Marion Conway, Swifts and David Brown were nominated for Awards with David Brown third for Disability Coach of the Year.

This Girl Can, June 2016, a county-wide scheme to encourage more girls to playing sport: WH CBN entered two events. To be repeated this year, 3-11th June, it is an opportunity for clubs and organisations to promote badminton, particularly to women and girls with resources (support, flyers, promo, t-shirts) from HSP's Lucy Carey, l.m.carey@herts.ac.uk).

East Herts CBN

Over the past 12 months we have spent £347.80 on two tournaments, a juniors only and a parent/child competition and court hire for coaching and selecting our team for the Herts Junior League match. The East Herts CBN has, up to now, been concentrating on bringing the junior clubs in the District closer together. Our aim in the coming year is to try to integrate all the senior clubs into the CBN (or as many as are interested!).

Plan for 2017-18

The East Herts CBN would like: to run two tournaments, one for juniors only and a parent/child event, we will need prizes for the older players (we already have medals for the younger ones) and we want to produce some pamphlets to publicise the CBN. The costs will be:-

Hire of Ware Drill Hall - £96 per tournament	£198
Prizes for the older players	£30
Production of pamphlets	£60
Total	£288

Funding

Bank £67.54 currently.

If we didn't get funds from HBA/HSBA, it would be very difficult to complete our programme as planned. I guess we would have to try to get funds from other sources such as Active East Herts. However these organisations usually only give matched funding, so we would have to find the other half. Most clubs are having trouble finding enough money to do what they want to do without contributing to the CBN's coffers. So, I think it very unlikely we would be able to continue.

Sue Clarke

Herts West CBN

It has been a problematic year trying to get access to the HSBC bank account owing to authorisation papers being lost, and in the meantime the bank mothballing the account (owing to lack of use!) which then required further authorisation in person including by Malcolm Fraser. The transfer papers to a Barclays account were also lost: the transfer was completed by 15th February this year.

Beaumont school after-school sessions set up by Level 1 coach Jonathan Larkworthy and YLA Joe Vernon initially had 30 to 35 at both upper and lower school sessions but slot was replaced by netball: it hopes to resume after exams

Marshals JBC was handed over in January to DKway: nearly all children have continued.

Development funding: there have now been 6 requests for funding, 2 from clubs (Gadebridge and Abbey), 1 from a coach (Phil Adams) and 3 from SDO/facility operators for No strings/Essentials. The applications have been queried, then revised and then some agreed.

Oaklands College Participation Figures for Oaklands Badminton for September to Christmas were as follows (from Kirsty Armstrong, College Sport Maker): Monday session at St Albans Campus: 78 unique students have attended (17 female/61 male). 23 are part of our disability provision here at the college. 11 sessions were run and throughput was 290. Tuesday session at St Albans Campus: This is part of our multisport session where students are able to access badminton, table tennis and trampolining and usually have a go at all of them. (41 female/112 male). 65 students are part of our disability provision at the college. 11 sessions were run with a throughput of 518.

Support for Project Funding Requests

Gadebridge Junior Badminton Club: to facilitate new adult pay as you go session, based at Ashlyns, Berkhamsted: 21Feb17, £860.00

Hertsmere Leisure: badminton essentials course at Bushey Grove 23Feb2017 £285.00

Hertsmere Leisure: 2nd badminton essentials course at Bushey Grove 15May17 £348.00

Bank account balance 15May17: £3,165.75

Plan for 2017-18

Our plan is to continue to support schools, colleges, clubs and sports facilities to maximise participation. There is no current need for financial support (e.g., from HSBA/HBA) this season.

Chairman: Alex Varran, SDO, St Albans.

North Herts CBN

As you will see we have mainly focused on the junior players, specifically those under 11. The aim being to promote Badminton in junior schools, as it does not often get played at this stage. The

activities that incurred a cost have been list below, there were several others where volunteers gave time freely to promote the sport in our area.

Income (1/6/2016 - 31/5/17):

Satellite club funding - £675

North Herts District Council Community Fund (for junior school coaching sessions) - £500

North Herts District Council Community Fund (for promoting women in Badminton) - £500

HBA grant (for junior tournament) - £109

Sport North Herts - £50

Total = £1,834.00

Expenditure (1/6/2016 - 31/5/17):

Satellite club coaching from previous year - £300

Satellite club coaching - £680

Sport North Herts tournament - £50

Special needs session - £25

Wilbury community coaching session - £20

Junior coaching session = £20

Equipment - £50

Junior school coaching - £200

DBS coach check - £53.60

Total = £1,398.60

2017/18 Plans (from 1/6/17-31.5.2018)

In addition to investing in the younger players, we aim to put a lot of effort into getting more ladies into the sport. We also plan to create the opportunity for players who are not up to local club standard, to get some coaching such that they might eventually join local clubs.

Current Balance = £2984.93

Plans for 2017-18

This Girl Can session - £150

Ladies only sessions - £350

Junior school coaching - £200

Junior schools tournament - £100

Junior singles tournament - £109

Local club feeder sessions - £500

We have just under £3000 in the account at the moment, we will not be asking for anything from HBA or HSBA this year. Next year might be different, so I hope there will be the same opportunity to ask for some then ;-)

Regards, Bob.

[Welwyn Hatfield CBN](#)

The development efforts largely reflect those of the clubs and organisations that attend meetings: junior clubs, schools, facility operators, Uni, HSP.

Participation:

No Strings sessions at all 4 main sports facilities are at or near capacity (waiting Becky's HSV/UoH report). Sir Frederic Osborn school sports centre organised badminton (Tuesday) session was not successful and has reverted to a booking period.

Woolmer Green Village Smashup restarted 30Nov: Paul Woodley (Comets JBC member 2009) qualified as SmashUp Activator for the revamped sessions and as Level 1 coach in February.

Oaklands College, WGC Campus Kirsty Armstrong (Sports Maker) reported: Tuesday session: 64 unique students have attended (10 female/54 male). 10 sessions were run with a throughput of 153.

Hatfield LC: Ian reports sessions are full or nearly full: Saturdays 16 on 3 courts, Tuesdays could take more. Adults 'Workplace Challenge' held on 24 November. Badminton Tots is a 30-minute coordinator-led class for pre-school toddlers aged 3 to 5 years old with games and exercise, which incorporates badminton 'Racket Pack'. A new 8-week Essentials course was successful: Red Nose Day Junior Badminton Tournament, 18th March '23 - junior badminton players battled it out with prizes for winners...

New 4-Court Facility at Bishop's Hatfield Girl's School: DB met Head of PE, Nicola Cameron (ncameron@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk), 11Jan17. Business manager - Emma Welsh: ewelsh@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk . The facility (with cream-coloured walls) is now available for hire: <http://bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk/facility-hire>. Ian Robinson is discussing after-school sessions.

Schools

Road To Rio, July 2016 at Gosling Sports Park: 18 Welwyn Hatfield primary schools (220 children) participated in 20 sports. Ian Robinson lead the school leaders in the badminton sessions. This year the event is renamed 'Gold Coast Games' and will be held 14th July (IR Leading).

Primary Schools fun tournaments, November 2016, for the Stanborough school's 9 primary schools were assisted by Stanborough school leaders, John Stobo and DB: the school also ran a primary schools Gifted and Talented tournament. In November.

AIM (junior) project, is jointly funded by HSBA and WH CBN, to provide weekly sessions at 4 primary and one secondary school (Monks Walk). In January, owing to Ian Robinson no longer able to continue with after-school sessions, John Stobo has continued at Commonswood (and after school sessions at GSP, supported directly by HSBA), Chris Adey who passed his L1 may be helping at Monks Walk: additionally, Nick Goode is at Templewood. The project will restart in September (to include John Stobo's sessions).

Schools InterDistrict County Finals Tournament 6 December (as County-wide above) U16 Girls – Queenswood through to Regionals and came 4th at National Finals.

Clubs

Most of the clubs appear to operate near capacity for most of the year. Swifts could take some at the lower ages. Knebworth is at capacity and has expanded to an additional evening session (Wednesdays) at GSP. Comets JBC could still take more at all ages above 11 years: following the loss of about a third of club nights at HSV to other higher priority events Birchwood has been booked for replacement sessions. Knebworth BC reported that their Gosling Sports Park venue's floor is now maintained acceptably.

Comets JBC's Micky Mahbubani, has organised inter-club tournaments with Hatfield LC, Knebworth JBC, Gosling SP and Swifts.

Promotion of all the CBN badminton has taken place at many community events, for example 'This Girl Can' at the Shoppers Badminton, Hatfield Galleria, and Welwyn Garden Fire-station, both June 2016 with 1-minute hitting prizes for U12, U18 18+; Woolmer Green Village Day, 6th June 2016, etc. Most of these are reported on the WH CBN webpage.

Finance

This is not the end of the FY, so a simple, incomplete income/expenditure is presented:

Date	Expenditure	Development Category	By/from whom	Exp. £Amount	Inc. £Amount
09-Jul-16	Peartree Fun Day coach/activator (2h)	Participation - all ages	IR	20.00	
15-Jul-16	Road to Rio – WGC Primary Schools Olympics (6h)	Schools, primary	IR	60.00	
01-Sep-16	No Strings Essentials course - coaching	Participation - clubs	R White	100.00	
04-Sep-16	Prizes for No Strings Hatfield Singles tournament	Tournaments - adult	IR	52.83	
10-Sep-16	Teachers Course at Stanborough School May 2015 (invoice just presented)	Schools - Teachers Ed.	F Morrison (Chiltern & 3R)	50.00	
08-Oct-16	Hatfield Galleria, 4 hours @£7.50/h	Participation all ages	Alex Curtis	30.00	
08-Oct-16	Racket Prizes for Hatfield Galleria	Participation all ages	DB/Goode Sport	77.76	
30-Oct-16	WH CBN U18 tournament Birchwood – court booking	Tournament - teen/adult	HBA	100.00	
30-Oct-16	Organize/deliver a WHCBN U18B tournament, Birchwood LC	Tournament - teen/adult	IR	25.00	
30-Oct-16	Medals for WH CBN U18B Tournament	Tournament - teen/adult	DB	12.50	
?	HBA support income for CBN	Support income	HBA		?
?	HSBA support income for AIM	ditto	HSBA		£1,000
02-Mar-17	Trophies for Red Nose Day Junior badminton tournament at HLC	Tournament - junior	IR	27.71	
01-Apr-17	YLA support at HLC coaching sessions	Teens ed/coaching	CW	230.00	
26-Apr-17	Rackets & shuttles for Dame Alice Owen	Schools - 2ndry	Adrian Leung/DAO	172.40	
13-May-17	Assisting with WH CBN at WHSPAA stall at Healthfest, WGC.	Participation - all ages	IR (91)	30.00	
15-May-17	Rackets, BWF Tournament prizes and Tiny Tots kit	Participation - junior	IR (93)	71.84	
Sub-Total				880.04	nil

The current balance is approximately £900 and the expenditure reported above is subject to CBN Treasurer, Mike Newlove's, scrutiny.

Plans for 2017-18

In 2017-18 we plan to continue to support similar projects and the AIM project in particular, assimilating BE's new junior 'Racket Pack' and which will incorporate John Stobo's GSP sessions requiring a potential additional £122.50. Overall, then, we would be glad of support from HSBA/HBA for £500.

Conclusion

There is clear synergy of purpose between our CBNs, our junior and senior committees, BE Head Office, and, with other organisations with a stake in badminton, such as School Sports Partnerships, Herts Sports Partnership, local authorities, sports facilities operators, colleges and Herts University. Together we achieve much.

Looking towards season 2017-18, BE strategic objectives 2017 – 22 as laid out in their soon to be launched 'Discover Badminton' strategy are:

Top Level Vision

- To be one of the nation's most popular sports and consistently win medals at World, Olympic and Paralympic levels
- More people taking part in badminton.
- Grow grass roots badminton

Strategic Priorities

- 1 More young people playing badminton
- 2 Grow our core market
- 3 Increase the numbers of players competing
- 4 Increase the number of people joining clubs
- 5 Increase the number of people playing league badminton
- 6 Build capacity & capability (volunteers, clubs, officials, coaches and facilities)

There are BE grants for 'Hubs' to facilitate, for example, school-club links.

While BE Head Office have not obtained Elite Funding from UKSport and they will need to find funding for this from elsewhere, they have none-the-less, been able to put forward and support this useful and pro-active strategy.