

# HBA Development Coordinator's Report to HBA Committee

26 March 2017

## Countywide

Olympians Tour, 16 December

Bronze medal Olympians Chris Langridge and Marcus Ellis provided badminton sessions at Stanborough School and a Q&A at St John's Lemsford primary school. Demonstration matches with squads and clubs were provided by Marcus and Zac at HSV in the evening attended by an audience of about 100: the collection for EFDS and HBA Development amounted to £107.

## HSBA and Junior

### **County Primary Schools PE Conference, 24th January at HSV**

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.

### **InterDistrict Secondary School Championships County Round 6th December, at HSV**

Was very successful again thanks to HBA-HSBA helper-scorers. [U16 Girls – Queenswood through to Regionals from WH.]

National Junior Championships - InterDistrict Tournament, 19<sup>th</sup> March had fewer districts competing than last year but overall was successful.

### **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.

**Herts FE Colleges Tournament 28Mar17 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.

### **Young Coach of the Year**

The trophy was presented to Jonathan Larkworthy at Marshals JBC 30Nov. He was very grateful of the 2 free All England tickets (took his dad).

**Young Leaders Award Licence: is to be purchased by HSBA and available to all clubs, schools and organisations affiliated to HSBA.**

**Fitness sessions for HSBA Squads:** Fitness training is being sought for May to August at Birchwood, Sunday mornings.

## 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.

## Workforce Development

DB and BJ met Mike Piggford and Rob Flack to progress Herts WfD 25 January. Actions:

1 A revised coach pathway was thought necessary 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 is to be established to promote coaching and assist coaches. Startup funding (£1000) has been received from BE.

3 A small Group is needed to manage this Coaching Academy.

Masters Tournament 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Request for help

From Martin Haxton [MartinHaxton@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:MartinHaxton@badmintonengland.co.uk), for the Master's All England at Hatfield Sports Village from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Helpers needed for this international tournament that has over 400 players from more than 15 different countries. We run on 12 courts and have over 600 games to get through.

Helpers needed to:

- look after 4 courts bring match slips back to the desk and shuttle control for that section. Keeping the courts clear of used shuttles giving out new ones
- get players to start play after 2 minutes knock up time

Preferably no one under the age of 16 unless they can handle talking to foreign and English players about starting play etc. Martin can get them food and drink through the shift

HSBA and HBA committees and CBN leads and colleagues have been requested to please respond directly to Martin, copy me.

## HSP

### HSP Sports Awards 1st December

Bob Green, Baldock JBC, Marion Conway, Swifts and David Brown were nominated for Awards with David Brown came third for Disability Coach of the Year.

**Current Strategic Plan** completes in April. New Plan to be launched at AGM, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Owing to reduced funding they are to lose long-serving staff members from 1 April.

**Tackling Inactivity:** Bringing Design Principles to Life in Your Work was the topic of the March Partners' Forum, led by Dr Angel Chater from the Centre for Health, Wellbeing and Behaviour Change at Beds Uni.

**A county-wide Local Delivery Pilot** is a bid (by HSP, HCC and the 10 LAs) to SE to focus on reducing avoidable disability, with clinicians identifying barriers and with physical activity embedded in the care pathway.

### This Girl Can

Following last year's successful TGC that saw many more girls playing sport, TGC week is to be repeated 3-11<sup>th</sup> June: this is an opportunity for clubs and organisations to promote badminton, with resources (flyers, promo, t-shirts) from HSP's Lucy Carey, [l.m.carey@herts.ac.uk](mailto:l.m.carey@herts.ac.uk).

## East Herts CBN

Our CBN was set up in 2014, and the committee is led by representatives of three junior badminton clubs in the East Herts area. From the start junior players have been our main focus, but we are trying increasingly to make links with all of the clubs in our area. We provide practical support for each other in our roles as volunteer leaders of the clubs, by stepping up when for any reason assistance is needed in terms of supervision or coaching, and have set up a bank account for the group.

Several interclub tournaments have been organised for any interested junior players. One of these encouraged parents/carers to partner the youngsters. The verbal feedback from parents and participating youngsters was very positive, and much laughter was in evidence during the proceedings.

We entered a team in the Herts Junior Badminton League last year, and will shortly be running two coaching sessions for youngsters who would like to participate in the event which will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

There are several teenagers interested in attending a Young Leaders Course and we are hoping to set one up for them in the near future.

Sue Clarke, Secretary East Herts Community Badminton Network

### Herts West CBN (meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December, next tba)

The transfer of HW CBN HSB account to Barclays bank has been finalised after many slip ups mainly by HSBC. The finances show there to be about £2500 after current applications are committed.

The after-school sessions set up by Level 1 coaches at the Beaumont school initially had 30 to 35 at both upper and lower school sessions but slot was replaced by netball. They hope to continue after Easter. It will still be run by Jonathan Larkworthy and Joe Vernon

Harpenden Racqueteers had 4 sessions of coaching from DB: they would now like coaching sessions for a small group of players: Brian has been asked to find..

Marshals JBC has been 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 agreed.

### Oaklands College

Figures for Oaklands Badminton for September to Christmas (next update at Easter) are 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.

### Welwyn Hatfield CBN (Meeting 31 January, next 25 April)

Development Plan incorporating Members & Partners Reports

#### *.1 Treasurers Report:*

Finances are still healthy.

#### *.2 Participation*

No Strings sessions are all at or near capacity at all 4 facilities (waiting Becky's HSV/UoH report) and Oaklands College (20, approx., according to David Brown). See also Facilities, below.

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.

#### *.3 Clubs*

Knebworth BC reported problems at GSP have largely been resolved. The floor is now cleaned.

Comets JBC: Numbers have increased but 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 remaining unresolved club nights. HSV have booked all 2017-18 dates in an attempt to reduce other bookings

Swifts: could take a few more U11s.

#### *4 AIM project,*

It is jointly funded by HSBA and WH CBN, to provide weekly sessions for 2 terms at 4 primary and one secondary school (Monks Walk). In January, owing to Ian Robinson no longer able to continue with this project, John Stobo has continued at Commonswood (and after school sessions at GSP), Chris Adey who passed his L1 may be helping at Monkswalk: additionally, Nick Goode is at Templewood.

#### *.4 Oaklands College, WGC Campus*

Kirtsy Armstrong (Sports Maker) reported (update at Easter): 'Tuesday session: 64 unique students have attended (10 female/54 male). 10 sessions were run with a throughput of 153.

#### *.6 Facilities*

**HSV, GSP, SFO and Birchwood Leisure Centres:** anecdotally NS and other sessions going well.

#### **Hatfield LC:**

Ian reports sessions are full or nearly full: Saturdays 16 on 3 courts, Tuesdays could take more. Workplace Challenge on 24 November.

Ian is investigating the potential for:

BADDERCIZE a 40 minute instructor-led studio exercise class set to music involving a range of movements and exercises, some of which are specific to badminton.

Badminton Tots is a 30-minute coordinator-led class for pre-school toddlers aged 3 to 5 years old with games and exercise, some of which is related to badminton. KS1 Bisi cards provided by DB.

A new 8-week Essentials course started last week with rackets funded by Birchwood owing to BE investment in facilities upgrade.

Red Nose Day Junior Badminton Tournament at Hatfield Leisure Centre Saturday 18th March '23 Junior badminton players battled it out at Hatfield Leisure Centre in the Red Nose day tournament...Qaim Ravji won the U14 boys prize and his brother Abid Ravji won the U10 boys trophy....Naomi Latter won the U14 girls section and Aditi Dhelaria was the top U10 girl. Thank you to Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network for providing prizes and to all the parent helpers and junior leaders who helped keep order among proceedings...' Ian Robinson

#### **New 4-Court Facility at Bishop's Hatfield Girl's School**

DB met Head of PE, Nicola Cameron (ncameron@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk), 11Jan17. See his report. Post Meeting: Philip Gray has provided photos of the hall (DB can provide) and name of the facility's business manager - Emma Welsh: ewelsh@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk .

The facility i(with cream-coloured walls) is now available for hire:

<http://bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk/facility-hire/>

#### *North Herts CBN*

Two satellite clubs will finish at May half term.

Two junior schools session completed, two to organise before the summer holiday.

Teachers' end of term badminton event on Thursday after school at Fearnhill. Five teams entered so far, hope there might be one or two more before the day.

Regards, Bob.