

# Badminton in Herts

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## Herts Restricted at Herts Sports Village 1-2<sup>nd</sup> October



Elliott Miles Mens Singles Winner with HBA President Bob Welsh



Anna Collis Womens Singles Winner with Bob



Mens Doubles Finalists with Bob



Womens Doubles Finalists



Mixed Doubles Winners, Jon Austin and Elaine Meagher, and Finalists, Andy Walden and Jana Buhl

Junior Team Wins Area League Challenge  
Sunday 18th September at Birchwood Leisure Centre



## New Season Reports Developments

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 28 January 2012**     **Herts. Wheelchair  
Tournament at Queens School, Bushey WD23 2TY**  
**6-11 March 2012**           **Yonex All England NIA  
Birmingham**

## GRASS ROOTS

### Putting your Club on the Map

The “**Clubs and sessions**” section of our HBA website aims to make available as much information on where to play as possible. It is divided into ‘**Senior Clubs**’, ‘**Junior Clubs**’, ‘**Clubs with Vacancies**’ and ‘**Find a club Map**’. The information comes from BE headquarters and clubs that update us or update their information themselves. On the

‘Find a club Map’ your club can ask for login details to change the information displayed.

### Two new websites

BE have released two new service websites recently, ‘no strings’ for members of the public who want to find places to just turn up and play, and the ‘Playbadminton’ website. We have links to both of these from our ‘Clubs and sessions’ page.

The Playbadminton site allows club organisers to update their information. You register your interest in the ‘My Badminton’ section of the website and as it states: You can add details in the ‘Add your Activity, Club or Venue’ section and once you have done so you can manage them here. Any changes will be updated immediately on PlayBadminton.co.uk \*

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### Confessions of a 2011 World Badminton Championship Driver

So its 5.30 am and I am at terminal 3, Heathrow, to collect Sattawat Pongnairat, an American as you will have guessed. Just one of the interesting assignments I was given during the ten days driving one of the World Championship courtesy cars. There were 14 cars and 4 minibuses in our fleet. Over 350 competitors from 51 countries all had to be collected from airports and railway stations, as well as Badminton World Federation (BWF) officials. The Chinese team was 56 strong and needed two large coaches, but most of the other players and officials were picked up in the cars and minibuses. We also had to provide a shuttle service from where they were staying to the arena, which was only 3 miles away, but along the busy North Circular road. Three hotels were in walking distance of the Wembley Arena, but Westminster University Campus adjoining Nothwick Park Hospital and Premier Inn Kenton housed a lot of the 300 volunteers, while BWF officials stayed at the 4 star Crowne Plaza hotel at Hanger Lane.

On the first evening of the Championships a Reception was held at City Hall at the invitation of Boris Johnson. I was invited as Chair of Herts, and drove 3 VIPs from the sponsor Yonex. Unfortunately Boris was on holiday so I did not get a chance to meet him, but the top floor City Hall building had wonderful views of London, so it is worth visiting if you ever get the chance. That event coincided with the riots, so there was some concern about the threat of violence. I was parked in an underground garage so did not go back with the others who took 30 minutes to clear the building because of security.

Although there was no trouble in the Wembley area, some of the teams were concerned with safety, so I drove the Chief Executive of BE to the local police

station to get advice. All was considered well, but a statement was issued to all team managers that those within walking distance of the Arena would be provided with transport if they wished. The offer was not taken up and there were no signs of trouble in the area. More of a threat was offered by the Community Shield football match on the Sunday before the championships started: some 85 thousand Manchester United and City fans invaded the area, but apart from filling every pavement no trouble ensued.

As it was a world event, meetings of the Badminton World Federation were being held throughout the week, so even up to the Friday officials had to be picked up from the airport, and by mid week early round losers were returning home. So Heathrow Airport was on the menu every day.

My unforgeable memory will be on Saturday in the semi finals. We had a TV screen in our room which was set to the one televised court, so I was able to watch some of the Imogen Bankier/Chris Adcock match. I had to leave at 15 all in the first game to do a run to the Crowne Plaza. I returned some 20 minutes later, and as I passed by the Arena there was a huge roar, so I did not need to be told that our pair were winning, 2 points later finishing off the task. That result lifted all the volunteers and seemed to make all our efforts more than worth while.

We did not finish our driving until the Monday lunchtime as those remaining after the Sunday finish all had to be returned to Heathrow, although most were taken by coaches as there were so many all going at once.

Helping at the Championships was a great experience that I will remember for many a year, especially for the great spirit amongst the volunteers most of whom hardly saw any of the badminton, and the players and officials who were all very pleasant.

I can highly recommend anyone who wants to offer help at the All England in Birmingham in March, and ask that you contact Ian Moody  
ianmoody@globalnet.co.uk.

Malcolm Fraser

### **..and from first-time spectators....**

.....Adam and I went to the World Badminton Championships 2011 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August. It was amazing – we saw loads brilliant matches. Some people we saw included Sarah Walker and Elizabeth Cann. There was one mens doubles which was an exciting match and there was a singles match which went on for ages between Guatemala and China.

By Adam (8) and Elly (12)



.....On Monday 8th August, James and I went by train to the World badminton Championships at Wembley arena. This was the first time either of us had watched competition badminton at this level.

Arriving at 10am we sat transfixed for almost 8 hours watching players we had never seen or heard of. The games were all very exciting, especially the English competitors, being cheered on home soil.

Sitting close to the action, James was able to observe the energy and determination of the players.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and would highly recommend this to all parents and players alike to observe International badminton first hand.

From James (10) and his mum.

**If you haven't seen the Mixed Doubles semifinals already, you can still see Imogen Bankier & Chris Adcock's glorious match by following the link on HBA website.**

## **LEAGUE NEWS**

### **Herts County League**

Paul Kempster took on the role of County League Organiser at the County League Fixtures Meeting. He reported that all the fixtures were now on the system and that matches would be starting soon. There were the same number of Mens teams as last year but the number of Mixed and Ladies teams, both 21, had increased.

### **Hertford Area League (HAL)**

Colin Jackson reported that there were lots of new initiatives following a vibrant AGM. The league rules and scoring system had been overhauled (See the HAL website), and the FixturesLive system should be fully operational by Christmas. The closed tournament had not been held due to a last minute problem with the venue and would now be held in May at Goffs School. He was pleased to report the addition of several new enthusiastic committee members.

### **North Herts and Letchworth area**

Bob Green is currently trying to arrange ladies' sessions at Hitchin Girls' School to boost female players in the area.

### **S.W. Herts League**

No report.

## **COUNTY TEAMS**

### **URGENT APPEAL!**

**We urgently need a replacement County Match Secretary. All fixtures have been arranged (as shown below), BUT we need someone to confirm our home details to the opposition and act as a contact during the season in case of postponement. Like the snow situation last**

**December. Contact: Paul Widdicombe, Chairman of Senior Selectors. Tel: 07776457651 or 01920 484605 Email: [widdicombe@waitrose.com](mailto:widdicombe@waitrose.com)**

Key to home venues: BW= Birchwood LC Hatfield; JFK = JFK School in Hemel Hempstead. Other venues are being used a lot this season due to the unavailability of HSV. With our fixtures being spread, our resources will also be tested.

If you know any one who would like to volunteer as a match day Referee please ask them to get in touch. Training will be given. All county matches are required to have such a position, independent of both teams playing. All the best for a successful season.

Paul Widdicombe, Chairman of Senior Selectors

2011/12	Team	Against	Venue	Time
16 Oct	2	Oxon 1	A	
23 Oct	3	Middx 3	A	
30 Oct	4	Bucks 3	JFK	10 am
12 Nov	1	Cheshire / Avon	SY (Surrey S V)	
12 Nov	1 3	Middx Kent 2	SY Gillingham	1pm
27 Nov	4	Suffolk 2	Ipswich	2pm
4 Dec	3	Kent 2	HSV	1pm
11 Dec	2 4	Cambs 2 Leics 3	HSV HSV	11am 1.30pm
8 Jan	2 4	Middx 2 Middx 4	A	
14 Jan	1	Yorks/Notts	Yk	
15 Jan	1 3	Essex Suffolk 1	Yk Ipswich	2pm
22 Jan	2	Essex 2	Rayleigh	noon
29 Jan	2 4	Oxon1 Suffolk 2	JFK BW	10am 2pm
10 Feb	4	Bucks 3	A	
19 Feb	3	Middx 3	HSV	10am
26 Feb	3	Suffolk 1	JFK	10am
4 Mar	2 4	Cambs 1 Leics 3	A Leicester	2pm
18 Mar	2	Essex 2	JFK	10am
25 Mar	2 4	Middx 2 Middx 4	JFK BW	10am 2pm
31 Mar	1 3	Surry/Glas Jersey (a)	MK JFK	Noon
1 Apr	1 3	Warwick Jersey (h)	MK JFK	10am

## Disability Badminton

### Herts First Wheelchair Championships

Herts first Wheelchair Badminton Championships will take place on Saturday 28 January 2012 at Queens School, Aldenham Road, Bushey, WD23 2TY. Competitor's entry fee is £10.00 per player. In addition to Men's and Ladies' Wheelchair BMW1,2,&3 Singles, Men's and Ladies' Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, it is also planned to have taster and coaching sessions. The event is supported by Herts Sports Partnership, and the hope is to make it an annual event. See HBA website or contact Malcolm Fraser 01727 752739; [frasermalcolm1@virginmedia.com](mailto:frasermalcolm1@virginmedia.com)

### Latest from Gobi

It's been a long time coming but I'm finally back playing and competing in badminton. For those of you that don't know, I've been out of action since last December due to health problems which led to surgery in January and also a major operation in May. I wasn't really expecting to be playing at all this year so being back in action so soon is a real bonus.

I've worked hard in the gym and on court, making my comeback to competitive badminton at the 4 Nations Parabadminton Championships in Cardiff last weekend (9-11 September). Having had only 6 weeks of training prior to the event, I knew I had my work cut out, but the effort I put in during the 6 weeks was rewarded.

In the Mixed Doubles (with newcomer, Fiona Christie from Scotland after my original partner had to withdraw through injury) we lost in the final to the favourites from Nottingham Blazers, Owen Kilburn (Eng) and Paula Robinson (Eng), 11-21, 14-21.

In the Men's Doubles with my regular partner Owen Kilburn we won our group and, after a very hard-fought 3 game semi-final, we defeated David Follett and Rowan Crossman, 21-15, 21-17 in the Final to take the Men's Doubles Title.

For me, the main feature for the weekend was the Men's Singles event where I was aiming to claim a 10th consecutive 4 Nations Singles Title. I won all my group matches, including against last year's final opponent, David Crossman. I beat David's brother Rowan in the Semi Final, to face Martin Rooke (Eng) from Aylesbury Phoenix - who won the Scottish and English Championships this year - in the Final. After a very tough match, I came through to take the Singles Title having dropped a game for the first time in 3 years in all domestic competitions. (18-21, 21-8, 21-13).

I was absolutely delighted with the victory and was somewhat emotional after the match given the tough time I've had over the last 10months. I am now well on my way to getting back on track and have the World Championships in Guatemala to look forward to in November.

I'd like to thank Victor Sport UK, Herts Sports Village (University of Hertfordshire), Stevenage Community Trust, The Follet Trust and Heckford Norton Solicitors, as well as my family and friends for their support in getting me back on track. Gobi

## JUNIOR NEWS

### National U11 Championships

Paul & Alison Widdicombe are delighted to announce they have been selected to act as Referee & Assistant Referee at the National under 11 Championships to be held at the Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield on Sunday 4th March 2012.

"We consider it the highlight of our Refereeing duties to date especially as it is in our home county and wish all competitors and spectators an enjoyable day of Badminton in Hertfordshire"

### HSBA Announcement

As reported in our July Newsletter, Megan Lumb, who has produced the HSBA newsletter for many years, retired at the HSBA AGM. Unfortunately no-one has yet come forward to take her place. The HSBA committee have therefore decided:

- There will be no HSBA club/school affiliation fee this season
- League entry fee will be £2 per team.

### HSBA Junior Leagues

Have you got Juniors playing in your club? Do you want them to get experience of competitive play in a league setting?

Yes. Then enter them in the Junior Leagues run by the Herts Schools Badminton Assn.

**Leagues are run within age groups: Under 18, Under 15, and Under 12, for Boys, Girls, and Medley teams.** We also run an Under 11 Unisex League.

Matches are played both home and away. Teams consist of four players, - all of whom play two Singles and two Doubles, giving a match of 12 games. Medley matches also include Mixed Doubles, as team formats consist of 2 boys and 2 girls. Game formats are 1 game to 21 or best of 3 to 21, with rally point scoring and no setting.

Under 11 matches are run on a unisex friendly basis, to encourage younger players into competitive play. They follow the format of boys/girls matches, but ignore the gender of the players, and they do not have a formal league structure.

**Need more information? Want to enter some teams?** Contact Duncan Conway, HSBA Junior League Co-ordinator: ☎ 01707 652061, Mail : 36 Torrington Drive, Potters Bar, Herts., EN6 5HS E-mail [duncanconway@sky.com](mailto:duncanconway@sky.com),

## HSBA Tournament Dates

**All HSBA tournaments will be played on Sunday at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage. SG1 1LZ.**

Date	Tournament	School Year
16 Oct 2011	U13 B & G singles	Y8 & below
16 Oct 2011	U18 B & G singles, doubles & mixed	Y13 & below
6 Nov 2011	U11 B & G singles	Y6 & below
6 Nov 2011	U13 B & G "B" singles	Y8 & below
6 Nov 2011	U15 B & G doubles, and mixed	Y10 & below
20 Nov 2011	U11 B & G doubles	Y6 & below
11 Mar 2012	U10 B & G singles, and doubles	Y5 and below
11 Mar 2012	U13 B & G doubles, & mixed	Y8 & below
11 Mar 2012	U15 B & G "B" singles	Y10 & below

Club entry or Individual entry forms can be downloaded from [www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk). All forms must be returned (with payment) at least 7 days before the event.

**County players cannot play in "B" events**, so they are particularly suitable for players with less experience.

### Clubs for Juniors

For juniors it's important to find a club which is not too far away, takes place on a suitable day and time (not always easy when lots of other interests and activities have to be fitted in as well!) and where all players feel welcome and have fun. A comprehensive list of affiliated junior clubs can be found on HBA and HSBA websites. With so many to choose from, new players should not be afraid to shop around!

Swifts JBC in Hatfield are currently running the following very special offer.

#### Swifts Junior Badminton Club

### FREE badminton course for junior beginners

**At Hatfield Leisure Centre, Travellers Lane. On Fridays November 4, 11, 18 and 25**

**Primary School potential players 5 – 6 pm**

**Secondary School potential players 6 – 7 pm**

Further details: contact Marion Conway  
mconway2@sky.com or on 01707 652061

Swifts JBC is a highly successful junior club which has been running for 27 years., and introduced a number of international players to the game – and the start of their playing careers. In addition to running the introductory

courses in November, we also have some vacancies for players between the ages of 8 and 18 years

Club sessions are on Fridays 5 pm to 9.30 pm at Hatfield Leisure Centre, Travellers Lane .

## TOURNAMENTS

### Area League Challenge

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Birchwood Leisure Centre in Hatfield saw the annual encounter with the three area leagues in the County, plus an invited team of under 17 county juniors.

Each team was represented by a women's, men's & mixed pair who played against the other pair from each team. Each match was one game to 21 with no setting. This was repeated twice during the evening with each team given the option to alter its pairings at the half way stage if they wished.

At the half way stage North Herts led by one point from the county under 17's who led Hertford Area league by one point with South West Herts still to get off the mark. Three of the teams, with the exception of Hertford, made tactical adjustments to their teams for the second half of the evenings play. This proved fruitful for South West Herts who picked up three points.

The tournament ended with Hertford area on nine points, leaving North Herts and the county juniors to battle it out in a nail-biting finish to end on 12 points each. However, a count back on wins also had them equal.

A deciding playoff match drawn by an impartial South West Herts player meant the two sides were to play a final mixed with any combination of mixed players from their squad.

North Herts went for experience with former county junior and now coach Ben Vranjkovic and his young partner Hannah McLaren, while the county juniors picked Matthew Widdicombe & Izzy Hatt for the one game decider.

A nervous start by both pairs in front of a boisterous crowd soon settled in to a close affair and some excellent mixed play. The county juniors finished triumphant with a 21-16 win to receive a well-deserved box of celebration chocolates for each team member.

#### County under 17's:

Alex English, Philippa English, Izzy Hatt, Lyall Daniels, Hugo Weaver & Matthew Widdicombe

#### North Herts:

Hannah McLaren, Chaya McLaren, Jingle Lau, Ben Vranjkovic, Andy Penver & Phil Skinner

#### Hertford Area

Sue Clarke, Loraine, Dawn, Mark Bayliss, James Lwin & Philip Knudsen

#### South West Herts

Tracy Barnard, Karina Spencer Smith, Caroline Readley, Richard Potter, Jon Kendall & Dave Spring  
Paul Widdicombe, Tournament Referee

## Herts Open

The 2011 Herts Open took place at HSV on the weekend of 3 and 4 September and yet again it was a well supported tournament. Over 200 players took part, coming from all parts of England plus a few from Northern Ireland too. Hertfordshire was well represented with both juniors and seniors looking to get tournament practice early in the season.

The mens and ladies singles were played on the Saturday using all twelve courts to start. The number of entries for the mens singles was restricted to 72 (there were over 80 entries) with 16 players taking part in a qualifying event to get into the main draw. In both draws there were players in the top twenty of the national rankings so the standard was high. In the mens singles Jamie Bonsels (Yorks) and Sam Parsons (Surrey) both got to the final following hard fought three set semi-finals. The final itself was relatively one-sided with Jamie winning 21-10, 21-13.

In the ladies singles up and coming juniors Claire Weaver (Cheshire) and Viki Williams (Hants) both beat seeds on their way to the final. Their match was a really hard-fought three game tussle with Viki winning the first, Claire the second and the third game could have gone either way before Claire edged it winning 19-21, 21-17, 22-20.

Sunday started with the level doubles again on all twelve courts, and as the day progressed the mixed doubles were started. All in all 103 games were played during the day with the last final coming off court just after 9.00.

In the mens doubles final Dean George (Sussex) and Chris Tonks (Warks), both ex-England internationals played Peter Briggs (Surrey) and Ryan McCarthy (Herts). The youngsters pushed the ex-internationals as hard as they could but Dean and Chris eventually won 21-16, 21-19.



Chris Tonks & Dean George,  
Mens Doubles Winners

The ladies doubles final was between the two singles finalists Claire & Viki and Sophie Sankey (Bucks) & Emma Smethurst (Kent). This was another tough three setter, Sophie and Emma eventually winning 16-21, 21-14, 21-14.



Emma Smethurst & Sophie Sankey, Women's Doubles  
Winners

The last game to be played was the mixed final between Dean George & Sam Ward (Surrey) and Peter Briggs & Lauren Bromley (Staffs). Peter & Lauren had played a number of three setters to get to



the final and this took its toll in the final as Dean and Sam (above) ran out easy winners 21-7, 21-6.

Overall it was another successful Herts Open tournament, mostly played in fantastic spirit with lots of excellent badminton. A tournament of this size would not have been possible nor would it have run so smoothly without the help of a number of people, and so I would like to thank Jo Williams, Bob Welsh, Graham Hall, Paul Widdecombe, John Herdman and the staff at HSV for their time and effort over the weekend. Ed Lintott

## Herts Restricted

Thanks to Paul Widdicombe for organising the Herts Restricted Tournament which took place on the weekend of 19 and 20 October, and to Graham Hall and Barbara Lewczynska, who ran the event.

It was again noticeable at the event that Herts juniors were taking the opportunity to gain competitive experience, although Herts veterans were also well-represented.

In a last-minute change to the schedule, Doubles events were played on Saturday, and Singles on Sunday. All matches played to 21 points, extended to 30 points if required.

**Mixed Doubles:** Both pairs of finalists won their three rubbers in their groups without dropping a game: Andy Walden & Jana Buhl in Group 1 and Jon Austin &

Elaine Meagher in Group 2.

In picture: Andy Walden smashing against group



opponents Graham Hall & Emma Stokes.

In the final, Jon & Elaine came out convincing winners 21-13, 21-13.

**Men's Doubles:** After some re-organising, the men's doubles started with three boxes., requiring playoffs in which Maughan & Maughan, the runners-up of Group 3 played Teale & Burden (the runners-up of Group 4), and Lintott & Wong, winners of Group 3 (in which the result was very close) played Bambrick & Sadler (the runners-up of Group 2). In the first semi-final, winners of Group 2, Roberts and Walden, were beaten by Teale & Burden in three games. The second semi-final also went to three even more hard-fought games, with Westwood & Miles coming out on top. In a long and exciting final Jim Teale & Dave Burden beat David Westwood & Elliott Miles 29-27, 21-16.

**Ladies' Doubles:** With 9 pairs entered, the Ladies' Doubles started in two groups.. Again, group winners got through to the final without dropping a game in their groups. In the final Jana Buhl & Kath Walden beat Elaine Meagher & Chris Marsden 23-21, 21-14.

**Men's Singles:** In the preliminary stage, Andy Walden and Elliott Miles both won their groups without dropping a game. Andrei Donko dropped one game, and Conor Bambrick lost two games to win their respective groups. In the semi-finals, Andy Walden beat Andrei Donko 21-12, 21-14, and Elliott Miles eventually beat Conor Bambrick 21-16, 12-21, 21-14, before going on to beat Andy in the finals 21-18, 21-14.

**Ladies' Singles:** Seven ladies battled it out in two groups, with Jana Buhl and Anna Collis winning through without dropping a game. Jana beat Kat Young, runner-up of Group 2, in two straight games, and Anna beat Laura Bygrave, the runner-up of Group 1 – again in two straight games. In the final, Anna overcame Jana in two consistently close games 21-17, 21-17.

## Veteran Successes

*The following observation was also received relating to the notable successes of Herts veteran players in the Restricted and other tournaments:*

"Whilst not wishing to take away from our up and coming stars, I thought it might be an opportune moment to give some recognition in light of all three doubles finals being contested with a veterans pairing in each and two finals being won by the old fogies.

You may not be aware but all five veterans players in the final are part of the county 45+ team which is currently the one of the strongest teams in the country. It's also worth noting that Jim Teale and Don Burdon have won a number of national veterans events and are currently ranked in the top two nationally. It would be interesting to know how many restricted titles Jim has won over the years? He may well be the most successful player ever for the county?

Elaine Meagher and Jon Austin are current national 45+ champions, ranked number one in the country

and recently returned from the World Senior Championships in Vancouver with a bronze medal

Jon Austin is also currently national men's 45+ doubles champion, returning from the World Senior Championships with silver playing with Mark Golds from Cheshire

Liz Austin, whilst not in the restricted final a mention for Liz in that she returned from the World Seniors with three bronze medals achieved in each of the events at 40+

Elaine Meagher and Chris Marsden have won numerous veterans titles over the years, both nationally and internationally, and currently maintain a position as one of the strongest 45+ ladies pairings in the country." Jon Austin

## COACHING

### New on-line Leader Award course

The BADMINTON England Leader Award is an opportunity for leaders to develop skills that will assist them to lead and volunteer in their local badminton environment. The award is aimed at anyone aged 16 and over and is conducted online. For the first year the award will be free of charge to complete. The award covers three learning modules:

1. Event Leader
2. Club Leader
3. Activity Leader

The modules contain information and interactive tasks that can be completed at a time and pace to suit the learner. Learners have the option to complete as many of the modules as they wish but to be certificated they must complete and log a period of practical experience (a minimum of 10 hours per module) paired with a learning buddy to guide and support them. Learners will be signed off and approved for their award only when their buddy feels they are a capable and confident leader. If all three modules are completed then the learners will become a 'Badminton Leader'.

The award is designed for those who have already gained a qualification in leadership, either, a Level 1 in Sports Leadership (SL1), a Level 2 in Community Sports Leadership Award (CSLA), a Certificate from a Day Sports Leader Award, another National Governing Body award or practical experience.

For further information about the award, see BE or HBA website.

## Get in touch! Please!

Please send articles / copy / corrections for inclusion in the next newsletter to the Editor at: [Gill@bartlett1.plus.com](mailto:Gill@bartlett1.plus.com)

Next newsletter out January. Copy deadline 15 January 2012.

Without your input there is no newsletter.

## Coaching courses

Level 1 Course at Stevenage Leisure Centre 23, 30 October and 13 November 2011. Course code L1AC/12/36. See BE or HBA website.

"Time to Listen" Free course for Club Welfare Officers. 9.30-1.30 on 26 November at Herts Sports Village.

Hertfordshire Coaching Conference at HSV: Sunday 13 November 2011. Contact Rob Hardwick 01707 28120 or email [r.d.hardwick@herts.ac.uk](mailto:r.d.hardwick@herts.ac.uk)

Hertfordshire Coach Education Week at HSV: 11-19 February 2012

## DEVELOPMENT

Various No Strings sessions have now started throughout the county: at the new 4-court hall at Roundwood Park School, Harpenden Leisure Centre, Gosling Sports Park, and at Leventhorpe School.

A new session (designed to help players improve their game up to club level) has started at Presdales School at 7-9pm on Wednesdays. John Stobo is leading and coaching sessions.

Get Back Into sessions are starting on Tuesdays at Ware Drill Hall.



Picture taken at UoH Freshers Fair. Committee members promoting badminton at local Freshers Fairs reported keen interest was shown by students at University of Herts and at North Herts College.

## CBN News

CBN (Community Badminton Networks) are now well-established in Dacorum/St Albans, North Herts, and Welwyn Hatfield, and one is just starting in East Herts. Meetings provide an opportunity for groups (including representatives from clubs, schools, and facilities) to share ideas and work together to promote badminton – and their own interests – in the local area. Next known meeting dates are:

Dacorum/St Albans: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Welwyn Hatfield: Monday 16 January 2012.

Contact Jenni Sheehan for times and venues. 07769 143989 (email still

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## Development Committee

The Badminton Herts Development Committee currently consists of those marked \* together with the following representatives of partner organisations :

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Herts Sports Partnership	Peter Simmons, HSP Liaison Officer for NGBs A-L
Herts SDO Rep	Matt Rayner, Welwyn Hatfield Youth & Sport Partnership Manager.

## HBA Discounting Vendors

Please show this Newsletter (or show your membership card when you receive it) to prove you are an HBA member, and check that the vendor you approach is still providing discounts. Please let us know if you find one that is no longer providing discounts, OR if you know of vendors who give good service (not just sports shop or restaurant, but anything you think other HBA members could benefit from). In general, discounts are provided on items not already discounted or in special schemes.

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Berkhamsted Sports, 250 High Street, Tel: 01442 862626. Opening hours 8.30-5.30 Monday to Saturday. Full range of racquets, clothing and Accessories. 10%

Pizza et Pizza (01442 876366) 28-30 Lower King Road Easy parking, private room for hire 20% on food

### Bishops Stortford:

Outdoor Wear 10-14 Potter Street (01279 653694) Clothing for all outdoor activities: riding, camping, ski-ing, work & leisure 10%

### Broxbourne:

Cycledealia (01992 445640) 27 High Road Total cycling solutions Accessories 10%, Bikes 7.5%.

### Hatfield:

Colin King: Mid-Herts Injury And Back Care Clinic 95 Homestead Road (01707 260399) - £5 off usual fee

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## 2011-2012 Affiliation Form

### Herts Badminton Association, BADMINTON England Club Affiliation Enquiry Form and Individual Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete the relevant sections below:**

1 My club wishes to join Herts Badminton Association and BADMINTON England Please send me a club registration form

- **Junior club fee** Fee covers club affiliation to BE, HBA, and HSBA (includes all juniors as JJs and one Senior SCM affiliation) £59.20 per club:
- **Senior Club fee** (cost per individual) : Senior (SCM) fee £13.50 / Junior (JCM) fee £6.75

2 I wish to be an **Individual Playing member** of HBA and BADMINTON England (Membership fee enclosed: adult fee £15; junior fee £7.50)

3 I wish to be a **Social member** of HBA and receive copies of the HBA Newsletter. ( Membership fee of £4 enclosed:

4 I am already a member of the B E via another county/ Oncourt/Courtside/ Registered Coach (please circle membership type)and wish to receive HBA newsletters

I do not wish to have my address provided to selected vendors of badminton goods

Please make cheques payable to Hertfordshire Badminton Association and return the form with payment to:

Malcolm Fraser, 55 Hughenden Road, St.Albans, Herts AL4 9QN. Thank you for your support.

## Get in touch! Please!

Please send articles / copy / corrections for inclusion in the next newsletter to the Editor at: [Gill@bartlett1.plus.com](mailto:Gill@bartlett1.plus.com)

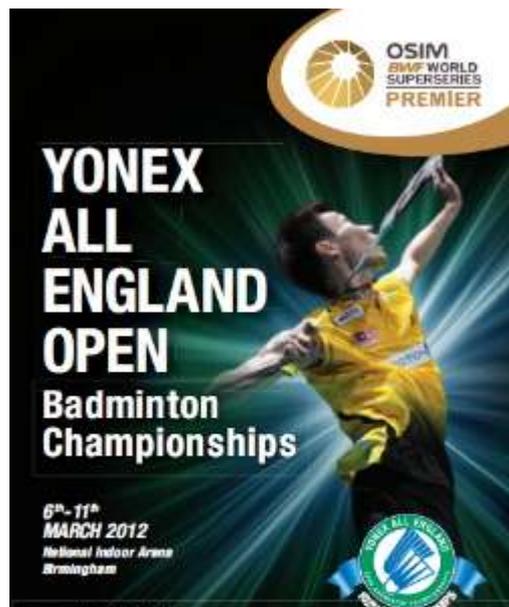
Next newsletter out January. Copy deadline 15 January 2012.

Without your input there is no newsletter.

## VISION

Thanks to those club secretaries and organisers who responded to our appeal for information about your concerns and problems with the current membership registration system. As a result a letter of complaint was sent by Malcolm Fraser to Adrian Christy about Vision, and Adrian Christy and Lauren Blake kindly agreed to travel to Hertfordshire to meet Malcolm and other HBA representatives on Tuesday 11 October. Dave and Gill Bartlett were able to attend the meeting at Birchwood Leisure Centre, where internet access and a large screen were available.

Adrian and Lauren listened carefully and discussed our problems. Although it appears full membership details of all juniors are required, and this cannot be changed, Adrian acknowledged that CRB should be required for anyone given access to the details of juniors, and an implementation process would be considered. Our frustrations concerning the useability of the system will be taken on board, although there is no money for (further) remedial work at the moment.]



Dear Club Secretary

Since our last newsletter there have been a number of changes in the national and local sports scene: they mainly include:

- the reduced resources in schools and the setting up of the WH School Games Partnership,
- the opportunities from the Olympics/Paralympics - and events in 21012,
- the Herts Active Universities programme (£360,000) for more students playing sport and engaged with clubs
- the changed funding opportunities for clubs.

Some of you may already be noticing the impact of these changes, and of the current financial climate, within your club... for good or bad! They may already be discussed at your local CBN (Community Badminton Network) or CSN (Community Sports Network).

Welwyn Hatfield Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (the CSN), for example, is holding a club forum on 2nd November at Herts Sports Village to address all of these topics. All Welwyn Hatfield clubs are invited to come along to discuss them and then decide whether to join in on some or all of them.

**WHSPAA Clubs Forum** on Wednesday, 2nd November 2011 @ 6:30pm  
Hertfordshire Sports Village, Room R110,

### Agenda

6:30pm - 7pm Refreshments and Networking

7pm - 7:30pm Update on the Local Sports Scene

- Opportunities for Sports Clubs, Coaches and Organisations: what's important for you?
- WHSPAA plans including club development - including WHSPAA fund,
- The new WH School Games Partnership – what it is and what it means for clubs and coaches

7:30pm Presentation from Herts Sports Partnership

- Funding for Clubs in the Current Environment – including the Government's CASC update
- Opportunities for clubs from Active Universities 3-year Programme and Sportivate

8:00pm Welwyn Hatfield Olympic/Paralympic Events in 2012

- The Games and WH plans: great opportunities for clubs and organisations to be involved

Welwyn Hatfield clubs and all Badminton Herts Development Committee members are welcome. Places are on a first come first served basis. **Please let Laura Johnson ( [l.6.johnson@herts.ac.uk](mailto:l.6.johnson@herts.ac.uk) ) know by 21<sup>st</sup> October if you would like to come in order that we can plan refreshments.**

Any queries, contact, me, Chairman Dave Bartlett ( [Dave@Bartlett1.Plus.com](mailto:Dave@Bartlett1.Plus.com) )

## Find out what your local CBN or CSN is doing, find out the opportunities for your club, and get involved.

**OK so there was an empty page which I used for an item not directly relevant to lots of you! On the other hand, if more people contributed adverts (£5 for a club advert); news of their clubs or leagues, or stuff of grassroots interest then there wouldn't be an empty page to fill.**

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