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Dates for your Diary

HBA AGM: Monday 6 June 2011 at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield. 7.30 drinks & nibbles. Meeting 8pm start.

HSBA AGM: Wednesday 15 June 2011 at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield. 7.45 for 8.00 pm

U17 and U15 Squad Trials: Sunday 5 June at HSV, Hatfield

Online League & Team Links

Click on the links for league and team results:

[Herts County League](#) [Hertford Area League:](#)
[Letchworth & District](#) [Stevenage League](#)
[South West Herts IBL](#) [HSBA County Teams:](#)
[InterCounty 40+](#) [InterCounty 45+](#)
[InterCounty Teams, Premier A and B:](#)

Apologies - again!

A combination of priority family commitments, and fewer contributions from the usual contributors delayed publication of a newsletter earlier this year. So this brief newsletter is mailed only to Club Secretaries, to keep you in touch, and will be posted on the HBA updated website for all members to access electronically.

Goodbye and Welcome

Farewell to Malcolm Jellows.....

Many of you may already know that Malcolm, our Badminton Development Officer since Summer 2008, has been seconded to the Competition and Events team at the National Badminton Centre as the new Competition Manager. Malcolm will be in this position for 20 months! This is a fantastic opportunity for him and I am sure you will share in congratulations to him

and thank him for the great strides badminton has made in our county, thanks to his hard work.

.....and **A Warm Welcome to Jenni Crisp, our New Badminton Development Officer**

Jenni says about herself:

'For the past year I have been working in Essex as a Sports Development Officer for a local council running projects focused on increasing activity levels of children through to adults and promoting clubs to increase their membership through Open Days and taster sessions.

I have a keen interest in Badminton. I played at county level as a Junior and Senior, and currently coach at Redbridge Sports Centre Performance Centre.



The nation's interest in Badminton is phenomenal and should be celebrated and encourage us to continue pushing forward and raising the profile of our fantastic sport. With the World Championships this year and the Olympic Games next year, both being held in London, this is a very exciting time for us all and I am thrilled to be involved.'

Jenni officially started work in Herts on 14th March, and is already making contact and coming to grips with her new role. I am sure you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome. Dave Bartlett HBA Development Co-ordinator

HBA COMMITTEE

Please note: Malcolm Fraser recently changed his home tel. and email. His mobile remains the same. Correction to Brian Jackson's email address.

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Development Committee

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

Badminton Development Officer	Jenni Crisp 07769 143989 JenniCrisp@badmintonengland.co.uk
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Herts Sports Partnership Rep	Peter Simmons, HSP Liaison Officer for NGBs A-L
Herts SDO Rep	Matt Rayner, Welwyn Hatfield Youth & Sport Partnership Manager.
Herts SSP Rep	

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Young Officials

There are literally thousands of young people nationwide who have been trained as Badminton Young Officials. In the East region alone we have over 450 young people qualified as Badminton officials, with about 60 registered in Hertfordshire! They are all over 16 and are keen to get involved and gain vital experience as they progress through their education. Could you use their help? It could make a real difference to competitions being run in our region.

The person to contact is the Young Officials Co-ordinator for Herts, Angela Blowers, who has a list of local young officials. So please contact Angela, and let's see more young people officiating at our Badminton competitions and events in Herts.

Contact Herts YOC, Angela Blowers :01707 656572
email: blowersa@tinyworld.co.uk

LEAGUE NEWS

County League

County league matches have been proceeding without too many problems, even taking into account the snow in November and December.

Mixed

In the top division Ware have won all four of their matches played. Comets have played five and lost one. Hawks have only won one and Redbridge none of their four matches.

In division 2 Ware 2 are top at present with five wins in 6 matches, followed by Bishops Stortford four of 7, and Stanstead Abbots three of 6. Both Boomerang, Flying Feathers and Hertford are trailing with two wins in six matches.

In the third group Asteroids have won all six of their matches, with Epping and Academy both at present with four wins.

Mens

Unfortunately the beginning of the season saw some changes to the first and third division of the men's league.

In division 1 Northwood, winners of the mens event for the past few years, withdrew from the league (so we are bound to have new mens champions). The likely new champions are Ware or Asteroids, both losing only one of their seven matches, with Hawks at the bottom with no wins from six.

In division 2 Wizard have five wins in six matches, with Cobra three of six, Comets 2 four of five, and Bishops Stortford and Epping only one win in five outings.

In the third division one of the new teams was unable to find a hall in the county so have not been able to take part, but thanks to the cooperation of the other teams in that division they have agreed to play each other twice at home and away to give more matches. To date Hadley have won seven of eight and Ware 2 five of seven

Ladies

Cobra are in pole position in the top division with 7 wins from 9, followed by Comets four of six and Sunnyside three of six. At the bottom Redbridge have only two wins in six and Boomerang Flying Feathers no wins in their six matches.

Division two has Ware with an undefeated 6 wins followed by Hawks having lost two of their six.

League Organisation

Just a reminder that we are looking for someone to take on running of the County league. It is proving to be quite easy to administer as the FixturesLive website is efficient and easy to operate.

If anyone is interested please contact Malcolm Fraser by email at frasermalcolm1@virginmedia.com or telephone: 01727 752739

LDBL

This year's Letchworth and District Badminton League Pairs Tournament took place on Saturday 19th March at Barnwell School, Shephall, Stevenage. Players rotated partners each game, so they got to play with and against different people, accumulating their own score as they played. There were three Ladies groups and two Mens groups. Well done to the Ladies for a good turn out; not so well done to all the men who did not enter! Eventual winners were:

Ladies A	1 Hannah McLaren	2 Jingle Lau
Ladies B	1 Justine Lau	2 Marilyn Martindale
Ladies C	1 Hannah Kelley	2 Amy Willetts
Mens A	1 Andrew Hobbs	2 Mark Cook
Mens B	1 Jason Coyne	2 James Ward

The full tournament and league results can be seen on the web site at www.ldbl.org.uk Bob Green:

COACHING

Level 2 Coaching Course

A Level 2 Coaching Course is scheduled for 8 May at John F Kennedy Catholic School, Hemel Hempstead. Cost to Level 1 coaches currently on the coaching register is £355. Other discounts/funds may be available. Contact Jenni Crisp.

Trip to Milton Keynes

Brian Jackson, our Coaching Co-ordinator organised a free trip to the National Badminton Centre at Milton Keynes on 16 November to watch England's top players being coached, talk with their coaches, and tour this unique facility. About ten Herts coaches took up the offer and enjoyed an instructive and rewarding day.

Membership cards



Club renewals appear to have been processed in a more timely manner this year. The letter from the BADMINTON England Membership Team thanking clubs for renewing affiliation and enclosing the insurance certificate, also

reminds club organisers that **all club members** must be listed and affiliated to BADMINTON England in order to validate the insurance, and that cover is valid until 31 October 2011. By now all affiliated members should have received their own BADMINTON England membership card (shown above). You will be able to show this card to our discounting vendors to receive your discounts. See previous newsletters or our website for list of vendors.

Get in touch!

Vision complaint

Vision is now nearing the end of its third year. And it seems to HBA Committee to be no nearer to providing what Club and County Organisers need and want. In fact it appears to us to have introduced some **new unhelpful gimmicks**. We are preparing an official complaint. If you didn't respond to our last appeal for your opinions, **please send your input NOW to Malcolm Fraser or Gill Bartlett.**

Next newsletter: Copy deadline 15 June 2011.

Please send articles / copy / corrections for inclusion to the Editor at: Gill@bartlett1.plus.com

Without your input there is no newsletter.

2010-2011 Affiliation Form

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

Name: _____

e-mail : _____

Phone no. _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

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 JICs 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

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

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Quill Plastic	£12.99	£ 9.00

*minimum quantity 12dozen collection only

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	Normal	HBA
ZyMax 62	£18.00	£16.00
ZyMax 67	£18.00	£16.00
ZyMax 70	£18.00	£16.00
MicroPower	£16.00	£14.50
MicroLegend	£16.00	£14.50
Rally 21	£14.50	£13.00



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