

HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON REPORT 2014/2015

HSBA has again concluded a most successful season due to the very hard work put in by both volunteers and players alike.

For the first time in our history each of our 4 squads has been able to train on the same evening at a single venue, which will continue to confer important benefits for all of our members.

Our ongoing challenge must be to attract the better young athletes into the sport to take advantage of the ever-improving strength and quality of our coaching personnel.

We have continued to expand the number of junior national tournaments held in the county in spite of a dependence upon a reduced number of volunteers; further evidenced by the fact that HSBA has recently stepped in to replace the Herts Youth Games (which is no longer being externally financed) with an Inter-district event.

Our program of junior badminton playing opportunities has been further enhanced this year with a weekly coaching session running throughout the summer period at Birchwood. Parents are also invited to benefit following on from these events, which are being expertly managed by Nick Goode. We shall be carefully monitoring this extension to our program in the hope that it may be perpetuated in the future.

The season has also seen an important change in the way that we manage our finances and we are grateful to our new honorary treasurer, Mrs Ying Lee for her valuable contribution in effecting these improvements.

The massive contribution made by each of our Squad Managers and their assistant coaches has again resulted in some highly respectable achievements, which should, in turn, continue to benefit HBA for many years to come.

In conclusion, I should like to congratulate Paul Kempster on successfully completing his first full season as Chairman and to thank HBA for their continuing support.

Ken Winchester
Chair - HSBA