

Regional Officer Update for HBA AGM 06.06.11

Bonanza's-

The Bonanza Franchise has stopped. There will now be three major Bonanzas in London, Liverpool & Birmingham. London Bonanza' -Saturday 9th July at Sobell Leisure Centre. Details on HBA Website. The bonanzas are aimed at beginner and club standard players (mass participation) Nothing stopping a CBA from running a Bonanza of some sort. Just have to be careful with names.

Community Badminton Network (General Update)

CBN's are BE way of ensuring a structure is in place to ensure growth. CBN's aim to unite the four key groups, Clubs, Schools, No Strings Badminton & Participation projects.

BE have created 3 different levels to CBN's (Start Point, Improving, and World Leading) and steady progress has been made against the targets which reflect the CBN level.

There are Four CBN's within Hertfordshire; Welwyn Hatfield, Dacorum/St Albans, North & East Herts. New CBN being created (Stort Valley) in B.Stortford area around Leventhorpe School (new 4 court hall). These CBN's are currently performing at Start Point level with the exception of Welwyn Hatfield which is a Improving and by March 2012 the aim is for Welwyn Hatfield to be world leading, Dacorum/St Albans and North Herts to be at Improving and East Herts and StortValley to be at Start Point.

CBN Targets from BE (100 new adults playing once a week in each CBN Area) were all reached in Hertfordshire in the last year. East region was the best performing region in the country.

Where there is a focus on CBN's and increasing the amount of activity in each CBN (as this is what we are measured on), we aren't forgetting other areas. There is work being done at the moment with leisure centres outside of CBN's with NSB, and I am here to support all clubs, not just those in CBN areas.

Center Parcs Inter Schools Championships

The tournament nationally stayed pretty much the same (entries wise) as last year, BE is pleased with this taking into consideration the shakeup with the schools. 50 Hertfordshire Schools entered (11 SSP's), with 147 teams. This year all 588 participants in the first round received details of their local clubs. Two Herts schools, St Clement Danes & St Francis' College reached the National Finals and Finished.

2011-12 - It has been agreed to charge an entry fee of £15 per school, rather than entering through the SSP's (With the hope of increasing the amount of Independent entries). This will give schools the opportunity to enter up to three teams in each of the four categories, and will give benefits such as discounted resources along with the shuttles, certificates, posters and a contribution towards venue cost for county/regional rounds.

CPNSC- Going to fit in with School Games Structure;

Level 1- Intra School Competition (Year 5- Bisi) (Year 6- Team Singles/Doubles)

Level 2- Inter School Competition (Year 7-11) League Format played by the end of December.

Replaces SSP round of CPNSC

Level 3- County Round Competition (Runners up from Level 2) Winners of Level 2 go through to CPNSC

Level 4- National Multi Sport Residential Event (separate from Level 3)

Looking for CBA Involvement on County Round of CPNSC, with potentially running the event. A percentage of fees will go to CBA.

Young Officials Award Coordinator

Thanks goes to Angela Blowers who volunteered to be the Young Officials Coordinator, who has access to the Young Officials List and publicises opportunities at local events. This has come about since BE have produced a checklist that has to be completed after the Young Officials course in order to finish the award by completion of Voluntary hours.

Hertfordshire has produced over 120 Young Officials as a result of over 10 courses

Coaching

25 new Hertfordshire coaches passed the Level 1

2 people passed their Level 2 from Herts.

A Level 1 course is planned at Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre on 23rd Oct, 30th Oct, 13th Nov. Course Code is L1AC/12/36 and is up on the BE website. I will send round details to all clubs, and details will be put on the HBA website. Please push, there are 16 places to fill.

Level 2 Course at JFK (8th May, 22nd May, 19th June, 3rd July). 7 Candidates booked on, 2 are Hertfordshire coaches. Looking for players for the assessment day, if anyone can help please let me know.

The Regional Lead for Coach Education has now produced an annual calendar. This helps us to ensure there is no duplication and courses aren't too close together. It is now the responsibility of the Regional Officer to work with the CBA to decide on courses

Disability manager

Tom Webster has been in post for just over one year now. Hertfordshire is benefiting directly from the Disability Manager, as Knebworth BC are on the Inclusive Club programme, which means they are part of a network of clubs who are being supported to increase their provision and attract more disabled players. They have received a bursary and have direct support from Tom, which will continue throughout the year.

4 Nations Parabadminton Series 2011 English Championships was successfully held 13-15th May at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, with a record number (60) of physically disabled competitors. English players won 23 of the 25 Gold medals available.

Badminton Development Officer (University)

Fiona Kelly has been employed from Sep to July. Her role involves using NSB and other mechanisms to activate the student body to take part in more badminton.

There are of number of University BDO's nationally funded jointly through BADMINTON England and the University. Due to Fiona's influence there are now 4 new BDO employed, Anglia Ruskin, Uni of Bed x2, Uni East Anglia

Funding for this year has been confirmed. The BDO will be employed for 10 months starting in September at 12 hours a week.

Active Universities

University of Hertfordshire were successful and will receive £359k over three years. Informal activities with the aim to increase participation in activities.

Activators are being employed at Universities and colleges to get students into sessions. This will impact each college and benefit each CBN and also push NSB as NSB is perfect for students. Develop another club out of this programme.

No Strings

142 No Strings badminton franchises sold nationally. Over 150 sessions being delivered, over 1500 participants

2 Nationally operating partnerships (GLL & Circo). 4 in September, Leisure connection, fusion, DC leisure & SLM

15 franchises sold in the East. Uni of Herts one of the most successful in the country.

2 Hosts of No Strings in Hertfordshire over the last year.

Gosling Sports Park- 4 Sessions occurred since April 2010. Numbers were low. This was due to not employing a Coordinator. I have re-visited NSB, and are looking at employing a coordinator and advertising the sessions better.

University of Hertfordshire- Very successful sessions. Community & Student Sessions (Tuesdays & Thursdays 5-6pm) have been very successful. Sessions have now finished for the summer, but it is hopeful that sessions will be successful next year also. Family Session has just started (Monday's 6-7pm) and will run from June- September. There will also be staff sessions running on Thursday's which will be starting in June. Overall for no strings this year so far we have 142 weekly no strings participants.

This year;

Westfield Community Leisure Centre (Session starting end of June)

Potential other centres