

# Badminton in Herts



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Welcome to the New Season  
Reports of Leagues  
Development, Juniors,  
Coaching  
Around the County

Leagues are in full swing again: SWHIBL Mixed Match Gadebridge v Comets at Lockers Park

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## WELCOME

The new season is well under way, but not too late to welcome all new (and established) members to another year of badminton enjoyment! As usual, thanks to all those who contributed to this newsletter, and a plea to more of you to send in news about your clubs, future events, individual successes (especially with accompanying photographs), suggestions, gripes, cartoons, illustrations – in fact anything other badminton players might be interested in and you have the time and energy to send in!

## 2011 Dates for your Diary

**15 January Newsletter copy deadline.**

**8-13 March Yonex All England Open,**  
National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

**8-14 August Yonex BWF World  
Badminton Championships,**  
Wembley Arena, London

## HBA COMMITTEE

Following the AGM, the Committee welcomed two new members: Eddie Lintott (Tournament Secretary) and David Rowe (County Match Secretary). Best wishes and thanks to both of them.

Please note Malcolm Fraser has changed his home tel. and email. His mobile remains the same.

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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 :

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Herts SDO Rep	Matt Rayner, Welwyn Hatfield Youth & Sport Partnership Manager.
Herts SSP Rep	Tony Marmo, Herts Schools Competition Manager

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Affiliation Report

By the time you read this I hope to have sent an e-mail reminding club secretaries that the affiliation year starts 1st.November from this year on. The affiliation and insurance has been extended for a further month. However new members should be registered as soon as they join your club so that they are covered by the insurance, and also have a BE number for playing league matches.

BE allegedly sent out 2 e-mails to club secretaries during the summer, to keep you informed, but I regret that they did not, in my opinion, make it very clear that you were asked to advise by e-mail that you were still the main contact for your club. (And not all clubs appear to have received the emails.)

I am also sorry that when they closed Vision in September it was not until the end of the month that they added the link that told you that it would be up and running again on 4th.October. Just a small point, but BE still have a great deal to learn about keeping the membership informed.

They have listed the major changes that have been made to the system, but it is still not clear if the annoying default items, such as the random order on the listing has been changed, and also increasing the display to more than 10 names to a page.

I am always available to help should you still be experiencing problems with the Vision system.

Malcolm Fraser Registration Secretary

### Vision Update

Further to our items last season about the new Customer Resource Management system, although not on line on 4 October as promised, Vision was up and running the next day. Unfortunately, five of my personal Seven Sickening User-Unfriendly Whinges (see June's newsletter) still apply unchanged. The black screen was not apparent, but too much thought still takes the system back to the previous screen. The search appears more reliable BUT the system now requires the address fields for all members to be completed. The fields cannot be left unfilled – even if the member is a junior.

As a junior club organiser, I find that inconsistent with current duty of care and child protection advice.

When I queried this requirement with Head Office, I was advised to fill in the venue address or my own, which gets around the registration problem, but doesn't help an effective search much.

I also encountered a new whinge which appears to have been introduced in this VISION version: I could not enter Date of Birth when registering new junior members who are already on the system but lack this information. Not only is DOB used in many large organisations (such as the NHS) to facilitate effective searches, but it is essential to have this information about junior members in order to enter them for any competitive play.

Am I being unreasonably picky? Do other Club Organisers have problems registering members and using Vision? Please send in any problems **you** have which you find make it more difficult for you to run your club!

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## LETTERS

*Well only one! And that was primarily in response to an email from Malcolm Fraser to all county league clubs asking for comments on the question of match cancellations (which was raised at the AGM this year). But it's so gratifying to hear anything from anybody out there – even if it's not in agreement with everything we publish!*

"....While I'm writing I thought I would also take the opportunity to give feedback on the newsletter I recently received. I'm not sure who is the target audience. It seems to be overly focused on the Herts County team which consists of 60 players and a couple of tournament results of which 120 may have attended. There is a page devoted to Gobi who I'm not sure what his affiliation is with the HBA. According to your website there are 2000 members, so only 10% are being addressed. The league news was one line "League results – please refer to the website for League results." This is where I suspect the other 90% of the HBA members play in or have an interest in through their club. The time and effort spent in maintaining these leagues I think deserved more than one line. My members ask me why they even get this newsletter.

I think it would be helpful if some focus could be spent on how clubs can avoid folding, retain and increase its membership base. How we can get funding for coaching for our members to improve at the club they play at. The feeling you get is unless you have a youth development policy then no one is interested. The reality is if we can improve the standard of the all club players (especially parents) and make it more enjoyable for them, they are likely to encourage their children into the sport.

Kind regards"

Jessen Chen Harpenden BC

To answer some of the points raised in the letter: the target audience is all our affiliated members, who range from County level competitive players to the casual recreational club members. So we try to include something of interest from beginners and grassroots to County level, as well as trying to keep all members informed of badminton-related activities and developments within the county which are likely to affect playing opportunities. All HBA members contribute through their affiliation fees to support events such as running the county teams so we print team results and details of their fixtures so club members can watch the matches. Similarly with tournaments, which last season included a first Bonanza for social players.

As for information about financing, coaching and development of playing standards in clubs, these are regular items, and were last addressed in the June 2010 issue - page 7 was devoted to funding from various sources, and page 8 had details of coaching courses (to become a coach) and Get Back Into sessions with coaching. We are sorry if readers did not find the information helpful. For individual help, you could contact the Coaching co-ordinator or our BDO, whose contact details are always shown in every issue

League results have been published regularly in the Newsletter since it started about 15 years ago. The special circumstances last season (including no reliable distribution list until June, lack of space, and last-minute rush to get out a timely end of season issue) meant league tables (which are published online on league websites) weren't included. I apologise for not having explained why sufficiently.

Having said that, the Newsletter has changed considerably over the last 10 years. What started as a couple of pages of mainly County league results posted only to Club Secretaries, has become 10 or 12 pages including photographs and colour pages posted to all known individual HBA members. Now up-to-date League results are accessible on-line at any time. Printed results are rarely up-to-date – even in the final newsletter of the season (which has to be published before the AGMs are due) there are often one or two results still missing.

Moreover, league tables cause real problems in Word if they get too close to pictures, causing either pictures to jump around/disappear, or chunks of table to become garbled. They add an extra day's work (and big increase in my blood pressure!) to the final pagination and formatting. Gill Bartlett

**Everybody out there - what do you think? What do you want in this Newsletter? Do you want colour, pictures, league results, development items and comments? The mix as before or something new? PLEASE LET US KNOW. LETTERS, CLUB NEWS, YOUR VIEWS - ALL WELCOME AND PUBLISHED. Next copy deadline 15 January 2011.**

## SENIOR COUNTY TEAMS

First team matches will be played at the National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes or at Nottingham University. All other teams play home matches at Herts Sports Village, Hatfield. Come to watch and support our team players even if it's only for half an hour.

2010/11	Team	Against	Venue	Time
31 Oct	2 4	Leics 2 Suffolk 2	A A	
13 Nov	1	Middx/Warks	MK	
14 Nov	1 3	Glasgow Kent 3	MK A	
28 Nov	3	Sussex 2	A	
5 Dec	2 4	Norfolk 1 Essex 3	HSV HSV	10am 12.30
19 Dec	2 4	Middx 2 Lincs 1	A A	
15 Jan	1	Essex/Yorks	NG	
16 Jan	1 3	Notts Beds 1	NG A	
30 Jan	2 3 4	Leics 2 Beds 1 Suffolk 2	HSV HSV HSV	10am 10am 12.30
13 Feb	2	Essex 2	A	
20 Feb	4	Bucks 3	A	
20 Mar	2 3	Norfolk 1 Oxon 2	A A	
3 Apr	2 3 4	Middx 2 Kent 3 Lincs 1	HSV HSV HSV	10AM 10AM 12.30
9 Apr	1	Surrey/Leics	MK	
10 Apr	1	Lanark	MK	

### Senior County Team Managers:

Paul Widdicombe reports: "It is with regret I inform you of the resignation of Margaret Cooper for personal reasons as a selector for Hertfordshire senior badminton. Margaret has been involved with the county teams for over 20 years and will be greatly missed especially by me. The senior county 3rd team have lost a great stalwart. Liz Austin has kindly agreed to manage the 3rd team in the interim. Please give Liz your full support. her new capacity."

1<sup>st</sup> team - Paul Widdicombe

2<sup>nd</sup> team – Ian Mulligan

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Liz Austin

4<sup>th</sup> team – Colin Walker

## LEAGUE NEWS

### Herts County League

The leagues have started this season with the same number of teams as last year, and results have started to come in without problems.

Robert Heuting, who administered the league for a couple of years, and masterminded a very smooth transfer to on-line results, is unable to continue this season. We owe Rob a very big thank you for all his hard work.

We are therefore looking for a new League Coordinator, if anyone feels able to take on this role can they please contact me. In the meantime I am acting as league contact. Malcolm Fraser

### LDBL

web site [www.ldbl.org.uk](http://www.ldbl.org.uk)

Letchworth & District Badminton league matches started last month and some results are already on the website. We will be having the usual three tournaments and our handicapped cup competition during the season.

Full details can be viewed on our web site at [www.ldbl.org.uk](http://www.ldbl.org.uk) and you can now register on the site to receive email updates/news, so you do not miss out on what is going on.

If you do not have internet access and want to know more, please contact Bob Green on 01462 640647

### SWHIBL

web site [www.swhibl.co.uk](http://www.swhibl.co.uk)

### Hertford Area League

web site [www.HABL.org](http://www.HABL.org)

Pam Newman reports that, "Having been "Secretaryless" for a couple of years, clubs unanimously voted in Simon Carter of Lingwood Badminton Club as Secretary to the League at the AGM back in May. He is very keen and willing and I'm sure he will be a great asset."

## Tournament Reports

### Herts Open Tournament

The 2010 Herts Open Tournament took place at HSV on the weekend of 4 and 5 September and yet again it was a well supported tournament, with over 200 players from all parts of England plus Wales, Jersey and Northern Ireland too. Hertfordshire was well represented with both juniors and seniors looking to getting their seasons off to a flying start.

**Saturday – Men's and Ladies Singles:** Starting on all twelve courts at 10.00 with the finals finishing around 7.30pm. With over 90 entries, the men's singles main event had to be restricted to 72, 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, as you'd expect, the standard throughout was high. The final

itself was a classic three set match between Toby Penty (Surrey) and Neil White (Northamptonshire), with Neil taking charge early on and winning the first game. The second game could have gone either way but Toby dug in to make it one game all and then controlled the third game to win 12-21, 21-14, 21-13.

In the ladies singles final Georgina Bland (Surrey) played Hertfordshire's Emily Westwood who had beaten the number one seed on the way. Again the match was a really hard-fought three game tussle with Emily winning the first and getting tantalisingly close to winning the second. But Georgina never gave in and ended up winning 17-21, 21-18, 21-16.

**Sunday – Mixed and Level Doubles:** The day started with the mixed competition, again on all twelve courts, and as the day progressed the mens and ladies doubles competitions were started. All in all 108 games were played during the day with the last final coming off court just after 8.00. In the mens doubles final Joe Morgan & James Philips (Wales) played Geoff Ball (Avon) & Adam Porter (Surrey) with the Welsh pair showing why they have been ranked as high as 41 in the world and winning comfortably 21-8, 21-18.

The ladies doubles final was another tough three setter with number one seeds Caroline Harvey & Carissa Turner (Wales) losing to Jo Dix (Hampshire) & Gemma Whiting (Kent) 13-21, 21-18, 21-19

By the time the semi-finals and final of the mixed competition were due to be played, the weekend's activities was starting to take its toll on a few of the players. Emily Westwood & Arthur Cheung (Buckinghamshire) made it to the final courtesy of a walkover in the semi-final where they faced Joel Gayle & Caroline Westley (Essex). Unfortunately for Joel cramp took a hold while he was warming up and he had to concede, making Emily & Arthur the winners.

Overall it was another successful Herts Open tournament, 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, Margaret Cooper, Graham Hall, Tim Jalland, Barbara Lewczynska, John Herdman and the staff at HSV for their time and effort over the weekend.

Eddie Lintott

### Herts Restricted Tournament

The Herts Restricted Tournament was played on 19 and 26 September at Hemel Hempstead, in the John F Kennedy Catholic School sports hall which was opened in September last year, and proved to be an excellent venue. Apart from a lack of entries for Ladies Singles, the event was even better supported than last year, including by the juniors once again. - youngest competitors were two 13 year old girls in the ladies doubles, and a 14 year old boy in the mens doubles. All matches were played as best of 3 games to 21points. First round was played in groups.

**Men's Singles:** 17 entries played in 4 groups. In the final Ryan McCarthy beat Andy Walden 21-12, 21-8 to retain his last year's title.

**Men's Doubles:** 14 pairs played in 4 groups. In the final Ryan McCarthy & David Westwood beat Andy Walden & Chris Holt 14-21, 21-16, 21-17.

**Ladies' Doubles:** 8 pairs played in 2 groups. In the final, Kelly Matthews & Isabel Sadler beat Charity Barnes & Michelle McClements 21-14, 21-16.

Shown below: Doubles winners and runners-up: Chris Holt, Charity Barnes, Andy Walden, Michelle McClements, Isabel Sadler, Kelly Matthews, Ryan McCarthy, David Westwood



**Mixed Doubles:** 12 pairs played in 4 groups. In a hard-fought final, Ryan McCarthy & Kelly Matthews won through 21-14, 16-21, 21-9 against last year's winners, Andy Walden & Charity Barnes.

Congratulations to Ryan McCarthy for completing a county treble and Kelly Matthews for her two county titles. Commiserations must go to Andy Walden, who reached all three finals open to him, but found Ryan in the way each time!

Paul Widdicombe

## Bangladeshi Tournament

It's always good to hear of other badminton



associations which, for one reason or another, currently operate outside the County Association.

Malcolm Fraser recently learned that there is an extensive network of Bangladeshi clubs throughout the country, and they hold some 15 tournaments in a

year. Apparently most of the players are restaurant workers who are able to play only during the afternoon and are therefore not able to enter many events or leagues. Malcolm found this out in the summer when he was asked to attend and make the presentation at a tournament held at Herts Sports Village and run by the London Colney Bangladeshi Badminton Association, as he reports below.

"Unfortunately on the day a power cut in the area caused the tournament to be abandoned. This may have seemed merely inconvenient, but I later learned that players had travelled from as far afield as Birmingham and Derby. The call came again in September and I duly attended to find a very vigorous tournament of mens doubles taking place. It was fitting that the final was keenly contested, ending in a 28 - 26 victory to the winning pair from Birmingham.

If there are any clubs who could raise a team of mens doubles during an afternoon, the Bangladeshi players would be pleased to play a match. I am happy to pass on any details. HBA will be following up as a result of our contact and offering help to develop their club and players."

Malcolm Fraser

## DEVELOPMENT

### Get Back Into's

**On offer this season at Marks & Spencer's.....  
Badminton??**

New for 2010/11, M&S have teamed up with the six County Sports Partnerships to put some real muscle behind the Get Back Into programme which for the past three years has given thousands of people in the East of England the opportunity to pick up the sports they loved all those years ago. Get Back Into offers a wide range of sports from Archery to Tennis but it is Badminton which has been a consistent top performer.

For those who have so far missed Get Back Into, the typical Badminton scenario is 8-10 weeks of activity, run by fully qualified Level 2 coaches, offering basic coaching to up skill your game, then the opportunity to put it into practice. Sessions are fun, relaxed and go at your pace. So, I hear you asking, where does M&S come into this? M&S have invested over £100,000 in local media advertising for the sessions and – perhaps more importantly - offer a money-off in store voucher reward scheme for regular attending participants.

Sessions currently running in Herts are:

- Hemel Hempstead - JFKennedy school, Fridays 7:30-9:30pm, Hollybush Lane, HP1 2PH
- Letchworth – Letchworth Tennis Centre, Fridays 8-10pm, Muddy Lane, SG6 3TB (Women only)
- St Albans \* – St Albans Girls Schools (STAGS) Sundays, 7-9pm, Sandridgebury Lane, AL3 6DB
- St Albans \* – Charters Health Club, Wednesdays 8-10pm, St Edmunds Way, AL4 0DB
- Ware – Ware Drill Hall Fridays 8-9pm, Amwell End, SG12 9HP

\*Sessions currently offering voucher reward scheme.

### **No Strings**

No Strings badminton is currently sweeping the nation with its pay and play badminton opportunities. As the name suggests it is No Strings attached badminton. Simply look up your local session via the website [www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk) and just pop along to enjoy fun, friendly No-Strings-attached badminton - with the chance of winning a Center Parcs holiday!

Sessions currently running in Herts are:

- Welwyn Garden City : Gosling Sports Park – Mondays & Tuesdays 10-12noon; Fridays 7-8pm
- Hatfield : Herts Sports Village – Tuesdays 10-12noon; Thursdays 5-6pm (students only)
- Hemel Hempsted : John F Kennedy Catholic School – Wednesdays 8-10:30pm

\*Terms & Conditions apply, see website for details.



*No Strings at Gosling Sports Park*

### **Change 4 Life School Clubs**

As many of you may be aware Change 4 Life was introduced over a year ago by the then Government to help reduce the cost to the NHS by getting more people active. This initiative has now hit the schools in the form of extracurricular clubs, working with badminton and six others sports. Schools across the UK chose which sports to offer on a regular basis. In Hertfordshire 21 schools have signed up to run badminton clubs which are spread across 11 of the 12 school sport partnerships in the County. A full list of clubs can be found on the HBA website.

### **Community Sport Networks**

Is your club doing everything it can to attract new members? If not have you looked up your local Community Sports Network (CSN)? All ten districts of Hertfordshire have a CSN which can offer help and support for local clubs ranging from funding grants to workshops on how to get the most out of your club. For more information on your specific CSN please take a few moments to follow the links and browse their website:

- Broxbourne [www.active-broxbourne.co.uk](http://www.active-broxbourne.co.uk)
- Dacorum [www.dacorumsports.net](http://www.dacorumsports.net)
- East Herts [www.activeeastherts.org](http://www.activeeastherts.org)
- Hertsmere [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/leisureculture/sportsclubsandcentres](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/leisureculture/sportsclubsandcentres)
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- Stevenage [www.sportstevenage.co.uk](http://www.sportstevenage.co.uk)
- Three Rivers [www.threeriverssport.com](http://www.threeriverssport.com)
- Watford [www.activewatford-csn.org](http://www.activewatford-csn.org)
- Welwyn Hatfield [www.welhatsports.org.uk](http://www.welhatsports.org.uk)

### **Publicity via BADMINTON England**

Want to highlight your hard work, success on the court or show off that your club offers something special to the whole badminton community? Well now you can! Simply send any publicity material along with a photo to [community@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:community@badmintonengland.co.uk) and the commercial team will look to utilise it in Courtside or the e-newsletter.

If you or your club would like to get involved in running a Get Back Into programme to create a development section of your club, to create a club/school link, or for further details of any of the above initiatives, please contact Malcolm at [malcolmjellows@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:malcolmjellows@badmintonengland.co.uk)

### **New HBA Website**

Our current website has about 15000 hits per month about this time of year and was probably the first county badminton association website starting in 1995, hosted by HP in the US.



However, it is suffering from lack of standards that allow they likes of Google to find it easily and we have an opportunity to upgrade it with the help of FixturesLive. Last minute fixes and the moving of data from the old to the new are taking place and any time soon our new site will be up and running. The new site will allow us to take advantage of improved club lists and locations, new links to show video, photos from Flickr and allow those who want up to the minute information on league results to have RSS links.

### **BHDC Report**

Our Badminton Herts Development Committee (BHDC), which comprises HBA and HSBA representatives, the Senior (Schools) County Tournaments Manager, Herts Sports Partnership and our Regional Badminton Officer, met for the first time this season early in October.

The main development focus for BADMINTON England (BE) and us this season is increasing participation by the general public. This will eventually lead to more clubs and club members as

well as help minimise the current health costs to the Government and local authorities. While support for the wide variety of development will continue, the focus is on those 16+ - this is the age range in the Sport England Active People Surveys carried out by Mori. Furthermore, Sport England's continued investment in badminton nationally depends on improving our current static participation situation.

Our BHDC has been fortunate in obtaining funding from various sources, such as Herts Sports Partnership, our Community Sports Networks and BE itself, for several increasing participation programmes such as 'Get Back into Badminton'.

Our Community Badminton Networks comprise the main local organisations that focus on increasing and delivering badminton across all ages. The current three current CBNs are Welwyn Hatfield, St Albans & Dacorum and North Herts: East Herts is likely to start in early 2011. CBNS in other areas are being planned.

What this all means for our clubs is that there should be more people wanting to join: if they are not yet of a suitable standard for your club, then consider finding a coach and setting aside some court time for beginner-improvers, or as some of our clubs have, starting a separate development club. The opportunities have never been better. If you need help contact our Regional Officer, Malcolm Jellows.

## Singles Games Anyone?

HBA have joined up with SportMeets.com, an online service



that helps sports players get together for games and events, find suitable partners and compete in sport ladders. Creating an event or challenging someone for a game takes only a minute. People get notified instantly and can RSVP via their preferred method - be it SMS, Email, Facebook or Twitter.

Members can challenge each other (up to 3 places above) for matches and move up and down the ladder as they win or lose (swap places if you win). Ladders are a great way to develop your game and meet new players. The only criteria are that you are an HBA member and 16+ years old.

Joining the SportMeets community is free and easy. Just head over to <http://sportmeets.com/join> to create your account. Then you can join the 'HBA Mens Singles ladder' by visiting <http://sportmeets.com/ladder/hba-menssingles>.

You will also be able to find your way there via the HBA website 'Singles Ladder' link. Join in, or let us know what you think. [Dave-HBA@Bartlett1.plus.com](mailto:Dave-HBA@Bartlett1.plus.com)

## The Government's Spending Review

Following the announcements on Wednesday and the interpretations in newspapers and websites on Thursday, the implications for sport are:...

**Sport England will be hard hit.** They will receive 33% less in grant aid revenue funding by 2014/15. They acknowledge this will be a significant cut, which will be tough for those who love sport and give up their time working as volunteers to help others take part in sporting activities. To achieve the required 33% savings Sport England will:

- Set a target of reducing their administration costs by 50% by March 2015
- Protect the revenue funding for national governing bodies of sport until 2013, and reduce 2013 – 17 funding for NGBs by no more than 15%
- Reduce the funding to other organisations, including national partners, by around 30% over four years
- Protect Sportsmatch for the next two years, with a full review in 2013.

In addition, SE have received a reduction in their capital grant budget of around 40%.

The Government's Lottery reforms will see the share of the good causes funding for sport rise to 18 per cent in 2011-12 and then 20 per cent in 2012-13.

## The Youth Sports Trust and School Sports Partnerships

The two main features appear to be the impact on the School Sports Partnerships, and opportunity for greater freedom for schools. There will be:

- no funding for school sports partnerships
- an immediate lifting of the many requirements of the previous Government's PE and Sport Strategy
- removal of the need for schools to plan and implement the "five hour offer" and collect information about every pupil for an annual survey
- no need for schools to report to the YST on various performance indicators
- no need for schools to conform to a national blueprint how to deliver PE and Sport and how to use staff and resources.

The intention appears to be to work closely with the DCMS over the next year to develop a model to assist "an Olympic-style approach to school sport."

## HBA Development Co-ordinator's Comments

The Sport England implications are not that serious for sport and Badminton in particular, currently. However, the YST demolition will have almost immediate and far reaching impacts. The removal of measurement and reporting on children's sport, in school, out of school and in leading/coaching and volunteering will mean that it will not be managed in any coherent manner. We, in badminton, have benefited from the increase in all these strategic



threads: primary and secondary schools have run school tournaments using their primary Link Teachers, School Sport Co-ordinators and Tournament Organisers. Across the 12 School Sports Partnerships in Herts last season there were 21 different county-wide sports tournaments, not to mention the development of school volunteers, leaders and coaches, managed by these people. These resources - the very people who could have delivered the SSCOMS' 'Olympic-style approach to school sport' - will all disappear.

In addition, the Public Health impact of a removal of SSP's, the reduced funding to Sport England and to local authorities, will hit sport hard in many ways. We have already heard of sports centres closing at 6pm because of reduced local authority support.

Big Society! It will need to be a Very Enlarged Society indeed to cope! David Bartlett

## COACHING

### Trip to Milton Keynes

Brian Jackson, our Coaching Co-ordinator has 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. So far about ten Herts coaches are expected to go.

### Level 1 Coaching Course

Following the recent Level 1 course, congratulations to the following who are now Level 1 Coaches: Stuart Bowman (Knebworth BC), Max Crouch (Comets JBC), Thomas Dion-Fehily (Junior On court), Isabella Sadler (Individuals BC), and Deborah Tyrrell (Harpenden JBC)

### 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Adrian Christy, BADMINTON England CE issues regular Updates (posted on HBA website). Earlier in the year he included the following news of the 2012 Olympics:

"As we countdown to the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, my update will be one of the communication tools we will use to ensure you are kept up to date with the latest information on how you can get close to the greatest show on earth.

**Tickets:** Tickets for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will go on sale in 2011 and LOCOG have launched their sign up campaign. More than 1 million people have registered their interest which will not guarantee anybody a ticket but will ensure they are among the first to hear about ticketing news. We naturally want to ensure as many Team GB fans fill Wembley Arena to support our athletes so click [http://www.tickets.london2012.com/?camefrom=CFC\\_UK\\_LONDON2012\\_L2012\\_SIGNUPSPLASH](http://www.tickets.london2012.com/?camefrom=CFC_UK_LONDON2012_L2012_SIGNUPSPLASH) to register your interest

### Volunteering

London 2012 will depend on up to 70,000 volunteers to make sure the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games are a great success and we hope many of our loyal volunteers will play their part. LOCOG will shortly begin recruiting both

specialist and general volunteers and we will be ensuring our volunteers are fully aware of the opportunities as they are recruited. In addition to this update, we will be promoting opportunities through our website and our member e-news. The latest information including timescales for recruitment and how to register can be found by clicking <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/volunteering/the-volunteerprogramme/index.php>."

His Sept Update included the following:

**"Games Makers at 2012 :** Twenty-nine (BADMINTON England) employees, representing approximately one third of our workforce (!) have applied to be either Specialist Support Volunteers (SSV) and/or General Volunteers at the Olympic/Paralympics Games in 2012

LOCOG are dealing with SSV applications first and will notify us in due course how many of our staff have been successful. This process will be followed up with the results of the Generalist applications, anticipated to be by the end of the year

As previously advised, we hope to release up to ten staff across the organisation to volunteer at 2012 providing it does not cause any unnecessary risk to our business. Once we receive notification of LOCOG's decisions we will be in a position to develop our plans further

Good luck to all those of have applied! "

HBA would like to hear from any of our members who have applied as volunteers. (email Malcolm Fraser or Gill Bartlett)

## JUNIOR NEWS

### Herts Youth Games

On Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 Herts Sports Village played host to hundreds of school age participants who gave their all in a range of different sports, including badminton.

This year winners of the Herts Youth Games Badminton Cup were Three Rivers, who won for the first time with a sound win over their nearest rivals North Herts, who were last year's winners.

Ten districts, with teams of ten youngsters each, played in a round robin format, singles doubles and mixed. Considering some of the youngsters had not picked up a racquet until six weeks ago, the standard of badminton was outstanding!!!!

All the players were a great credit to their parents and managers, who were:

Broxbourne – Geoff Daniels

Dacorum – Carol Gahan

East Herts – Doug Clark

Hertsmere – Rickie Karman

North Herts – Robert Tucker

St Albans – Liz Bateman

Welwyn Hatfield – Hannah Fletcher/Andrew Butterworth

Three Rivers – Frances Morrison

Watford – Jay Marshall

Stevenage – Ben Vranjkovic

## HSBA Tournament Dates

All tournaments on a Sunday at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage. SG1 1LZ

Date	Tournament	School Year	Start time
2010/11			
21 Nov	U10 B & G singles	Y5 & below	9.30am
21 Nov	U18 B singles	Y13 & below	9.30am
21 Nov	U18 G singles	Y13 & below	11.00am
21 Nov	U18 B & G doubles	Y13 & below	2.00pm
21 Nov	U18 Mixed doubles	Y13 & below	5.00pm
23 Jan 2011	U13 B & G "B" singles	Y8 & below	9.30am
23 Jan 2011	U15 B doubles	Y10 & below	9.30am
23 Jan 2011	U15 G doubles	Y10 & below	11.00am
23 Jan 2011	U15 Mixed doubles	Y10 & below	2.00pm
30 Jan	U15 B & G singles	Y10 & below	9.30am
30 Jan	U11 B singles	Y6 & below	9.30am
30 Jan	U11 G singles	Y6 & below	11.00am
30 Jan	U11 B & G doubles	Y6 & below	2.00pm
13 Feb	Coaching Primary Schools Team Tournament	Y6 & below	9.30 11.00
27 March	U10 B & G doubles	Y5 & below	9.30am
27 March	U13 B & G singles	Y8 & below	9.30am

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. Otherwise you can enter any competition in your age group or above.

HSBA Tournaments contact: Barbara Lewczynska: 01923 856539/ 07979 384603; hbsa@gmx.com

## 2011 Dates for your Diary

**15 January Newsletter copy deadline.**

**8-13 March Yonex All England Open**, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

**8-14 August Yonex BWF World Badminton Championships**, Wembley Arena, London

## Membership cards

Club renewals appear to be 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. The letter also promises that all affiliated members will receive their own BADMINTON England membership card. (Draft shown above). You will be able to show this card to our discounting vendors to receive your discounts.

## 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.

**New internet discounting Vendor: Badminton and tennis – see advert on back page**

**All Herts BA affiliated clubs and their members can claim a 5% discount at:**

[www.tennisnuts.com/shop/clubs.html](http://www.tennisnuts.com/shop/clubs.html)

**User Name: hertfordshire Password: discount**

### Berkhamsted:

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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Buryhill Physiotherapy (01462 438853) Suite 1, Bancroft Manipulative therapy and Sports Injury Clinic. Open 8am-8pm. 10%

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http://www.badmintonnuts.co.uk. 10%

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**Stevenage:**

Tomoko Morrall (01438 749834) 44 Grenville Way, Stevenage, SG2 8XZ. ITEC qualified Masseuse & Aromatherapist. 10% discount on all treatments.

Sangeeta Dhall, (01438 218 222) State Registered Chiropodist, Health First Group, King George Surgery, 135 High Street, Stevenage 10%

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**Internet:**

Pro-Badminton Ltd. Tel: 0871 277 5072 - www.pro-badminton.co.uk Enter discount code of 'HBA10off' at checkout to receive 10% discount on equipment. For quotes on bulk purchases of shuttlecocks and team wear e-mail: customer.services@pro-badminton.com

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**User Name: hertfordshire Password: discount**

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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 2011.

**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 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

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