



Ellesmere Port Badminton Club

April 2014

The end of the season is fast approaching and what a season it has been. The C team secured the position of front runners early in the season and were never in danger of being caught. Well done. The D team, on the other hand, took it all the way to the final match - and what a match! The sports hall was full of nervous energy, and that was just the spectators. Well done to Peter and Debbie for not buckling under pressure as the score was 4-3 to Ellesmere Port as they went on to play, although there were a few tense moments. A big well done to all of you. The B team looked in danger of top spot and a place in the first division after their defeats of Christleton A and Rossett but, unfortunately, these teams regrouped and came in with all guns blazing for the return matches. Still, not a bad season for a team that was in the third division last season, and has the walking wounded amongst its ranks. The A team also left it late to secure the runner up position, winning their last match 6 - 2, and pipping Britannia to the post by just one game. It shows how important each individual game can be. The E team also had a great season, finishing in 3rd position.

To view the league tables in full, just go on to the Chester league website. It makes good reading this year.

Parker/Capper Trophy

Well done to all who played in the cup matches. The Parker Team, under the guidance of Mike, made it to the semi final. The Capper Team, under Roger's leadership, is in the Plate final but the date has not been finalised as yet. Good luck to them, whenever they get to play.

End of Season Dance

Marion has done good business at Ellesmere Port this season and so the club will have a large turnout at the dance, some to pick up their trophies, others to support and enjoy a chat, dance and maybe a drink or two. It should be a good night.

Club Fun Tournament

The tournament will take place on Monday 14th April and will be a fun night. There will be no club night as all the courts will be needed, so if you have not spoken to Brian or Louise, then come along and watch, chat and help out! And if you have said you are playing, please make sure you turn up as it is very difficult to reorganise. It's good to have members to run this as it involves a lot of organisation, so we need all your support. If you have not already paid the entry fee, please make sure you pay up on Monday. Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

There will be a raffle on the evening, which Debbie is organising so make sure you have plenty of money with you and I am sure any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. I have got my eye on the home made cakes, so hands off!!

Annual General Meeting

We have set the date for Thursday 1st May so get the date in your diary and see us there. We need all the help we can get with making decisions. This is your opportunity to put forwards views, ideas, suggestions and to be involved in the decision making. It is generally a very sociable and lively evening but we would welcome more input. There were 32 members out of 50 present in 1976 so let's see if we can beat that!!

Shuttles

This is a subject that will be discussed at the AGM so if you have any strong views, you need to be there. The Yonex shuttles that we use have gone up from £16.40 per tube at the beginning of the season to £17.10. So far, it has cost us over £1000 for shuttles this season and that is before the summer club starts. We have purchased some Yehlex to try out as they are much cheaper and used by many of the clubs in the League. Try them, see what you think and tell us your views.

Fund Raising

One of the major points for discussion at the AGM is the amount to charge for the subs. We always try to keep it down as far as possible, but, with large expenditure for hire of the hall and for the shuttles, we have to make sure we cover these.

One of the ways we can build up our funds is by fund raising, so thank you to those who have contributed to the clothes scheme (on-going), the M and S vouchers and the raffles. It all helps and keeps our subs very low compared to many clubs. Again, if you have views regarding the subs, then you need to be at the meeting.

Summer Club

Summer Club starts on Monday 28th April and will continue on Monday nights, with the use of 4 courts, throughout the summer. The cost will be £4 a session. Please encourage others to come along as it is good to have a variety of players to play against.

Website

Don't forget to view our website <http://www.eportbc.co.uk> as it has lots of information. Please get involved and add your comments on Facebook and Twitter. We are very lucky to have this but it needs us to use it and keep it up to scratch.

So, well done to all players this season and a big thank you to all team captains, whether it be League or Cup, as it is a very difficult job at times. A big thank you to all club officers who do so much work behind the scenes to ensure the club runs smoothly, and to the Committee members who add their support. Thank you to all those members who get involved: organising social events, tournaments, fund raising, and to all those who make the smooth running of the club easier by putting up and taking down nets, collecting up shuttles at the end of the night, arriving promptly for matches and getting on the court quickly - so, basically, thank you to everyone for making this such a good season and great club.

Finally, congratulations and best wishes to Kris and Kim who will be getting married during the summer.

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