



Ellesmere Port Badminton Club

November 2013

Update

As we head to the half way point of the season, it is good to see that all our teams have met with at least some success. The C team, in particular, have made their presence felt in division 3, so well done to them, and to their super sub, Andy, who is on permanent stand by, waiting for the call from Alex, stuck on the M25, M6, M42, M74, M3, M2 etc .Only joking, Alex. I know you are a much appreciated member of the team.

The A team has had a mixed start, and the loss of both Anna and Kim has effected them and this is reflected in the results. The super subs are trying (some would say they are very trying) but are not always quite good enough!

The B team have won all the four games played but so have Rossett A and Christleton A so all games and points are going to be vital.

The D and E teams have both made a good start. Long may it continue!

So, well done everybody, and, don't forget, the tables are up on the Chester and District League website if you would like to see how all the other teams are doing.

A team - won 2	drawn 1	lost 1
B team - won 4		
C team - won 5		
D team - won 4	lost 1	
E team - won 1	lost 2	

Club Nights

It is fantastic to have so many members down to club nights and long may this continue. However, to ensure that we all get the most from club nights, we need to keep the courts occupied. To help achieve this, here are a few suggestions:

- If you are at the top of the list, choose your game before a court becomes available and let the other "chosen ones" know, so that you are ready to go on as soon as a court becomes free.
- Cross off the names of the players picked.
- Pass the board to the next player to choose, rather than put it down on the bench.
- Help new members and visitors to select suitable games as it must be quite bewildering for them.
- And, lastly, if you share a name with another player, THEN CHANGE IT!!! Or, at the very least, put the initial of your surname.

Fund Raising

More clothes needed! More clothes needed! More clothes needed! Need I say more? Andy will be getting them weighed soon so any more contributions will be gratefully accepted, and thanks to those people who have helped fill up Andy's garage. Please keep doing it!

The M and S vouchers run out in January so make sure you use them by then and get some more from Brian before he runs out of them.

Many thanks to both Andy and Brian for all their efforts and, as mentioned in earlier editions of this worthy newsletter, if you can help raise some funds for the club, **PLEASE DO.**

Well attended club nights and fielding an extra team means extra shuttles and, at more than £16 a tube (Go on then, do the maths. How much does one shuttle cost??), a large part of our income is quickly swallowed up.

Delving into the minutes of meetings in the 1970s has been entertaining and shows that the need for additional revenue is nothing new. In 1974, samples of badges were shown and a design submitted. 8 dozen were ordered at a cost of 20p each. Looking further into the minutes, it does not seem to have been a particularly profitable exercise as there are repeated reports of how many were still unsold. Happy days!

Thanks to all who paid their subs promptly. It appears we only have 5 outstanding.

Website

The website continues apace. Dates of matches and other information are to be found there. Try out Facebook and Twitter and get yourselves involved.

<http://www.eportbc.co.uk>

Go on. Just have a peep.

Social Events

Thanks again, Joan, for organising yet another night out. Those who are joining in the festive fun need to see Joan asap to choose their menu.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 19th December - last club night before Christmas

Monday 6th January - first night back and B team home match

On both Monday 16th December and Monday 24th February, there are 2 home matches so court space for club players will be limited.

Team Practice Night

We have a match free evening on **Monday January 13th** as Belgrave have dropped out of the League, so it seems an ideal opportunity to run off those Christmas pounds and enjoy a team bonding experience! These have proved popular evenings, with some hard fought games, so make sure you are there.

And for those observant ones amongst us, did you see our very own Kirsty making a guest appearance on the programme about Leahurst fronted by Ben Fogle?

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