



Ellesmere Port Badminton Club

October 2013

The new season has begun and how fantastic to see so many players, both old and new, at club night. I have never before seen a Thursday night so well attended in the many years I have been at the club.

A big welcome to all new members.

Team Practice

The team practice proved to be a great success and many players expressed a wish to have another one soon. So, always listening to the wishes of our members, we have arranged for another one on Monday 21st October, as there are no matches that night. Please let your Captain know if you are able to make it, as it is a good opportunity to try out pairings and just get used to playing together. It would be good to see more C team players there this time as only three were available last time. However, very well done to the C team who have started off in competitive mode and won their first match 7 - 1.

Annual Subs

The subs are £78 for the season, with a reduced price of £73 for those who pay up before the end of October, which is fast approaching.

It's "Be Kind to Debbie Week" so get those subs paid and put a smile on her face!

Fund Raising

The M and S vouchers are going well and this has already generated £30, which pays for 2 tubes of shuttles. With Christmas soon approaching (sorry!) why not invest in some vouchers for all the delicacies required over the festive season. Please see Brian for your vouchers.

A big thank you to all who have taken part so far and enjoyed their meals for two and a very big thank you to Brian for organising this and using his powerful salesman skills.

Any other fund raising schemes would be greatly appreciated.

I keep seeing Andy disappearing off to the car park with different people. The word is that he is collecting clothes from them but who knows?? Thanks to all who have contributed, and keep clearing out your wardrobes and filling up Andy's garage. And thank you Andy for your hard work.

Website

The website continues apace. Try out Facebook and Twitter and get yourselves involved.

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

Social Events

The legendary EPBC Christmas night will, this year, be on Saturday 14th December at the Woodcote Hotel, Hooton. It was a great evening last year so get your names down on the list or contact Joan. Many thanks to Joan for all her hard work sorting out venues, prices and dates.

Parker Trophy/Capper Trophy

We have entered one team in each competition, with Mike and Roger as captains.

Some reminders

- Please write your name on the list as soon as you arrive to ensure you get some games!
- We are responsible for putting up our nets, and the sooner they are up, the sooner we can play so please give a hand. This will be especially important when the home matches begin as we are supposed to finish at 10 o' clock. We don't want to be forfeiting matches because we started late.
- Please help the Team Captains, who do a great job, by letting them know in advance if you are unavailable for any matches as this gives them time to find a replacement.

And many thanks from all members of the Committee to all those wonderful members who do all these things on a regular basis. It really helps with the running of the club. Thank you.

And finally...

Congratulations to Mike and Siobhan on the birth of their son Thomas James Fairclough. Pictures to be found on Face book.

And if anyone has anything else to add to a newsletter, please let me know and I will put it in.

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