



## **Ellesmere Port Badminton Club**

October 2014

### **Update**

We have had a difficult start to the season, partly down to injuries, both long term and more recent, operations and other problems which have needed to be resolved. However, the E team started their season well with a victory over Tarporley. Well done. The D team put in a creditable performance against David Lloyd, losing narrowly 5-3. You will get your revenge on the return!

### **Fees**

If you wish to take advantage of the discount on your fees, then you need to pay up quickly as the reduced fee of £75 only stands until the end of the month. Not only does this enable us to pay the bills but also assists Debbie in her role as Treasurer and this brings me nicely on to the next point...

### **Our Club**

It seems to me that we have a happy, thriving club but this does not just happen. Club Officials spend a lot of time phoning, texting, emailing, even meeting up to discuss a whole range of issues relating to the club to ensure that it runs smoothly. As well as the obvious people (Chairman, Captain and Vice-Captain) there are others who work tirelessly behind the scenes. I have already mentioned Debbie in her role as Treasurer but our secretary, Paula, is constantly dealing with a variety of issues. I have known her boarding a plane on a business trip still trying to sort out a team – not even one she was in! Most members are appreciative of what goes on and do their bit to help the club. If we all have some input (helping new members choose games, putting equipment out and away etc.) then we will continue to be a happy, friendly club.

And this now leads me nicely on to the next item...

### **Team Captains**

The role of team captain should not be arduous as every member knows what team he or she is in and has a book to check the fixtures. Also, the fixtures are on our website and the league website so it is up to each individual to keep those dates free and in large letters on the calendar (for the older members!!) Please inform your captain asap if you are unavailable for a match so he or she is able to find a replacement. Thanks to those who already do this and reply promptly to any text or call. It just makes life so much easier.

## **Shuttles**

We are "flying" through our shuttles at the moment. This is partly because we have such well attended club nights and that is great, but the shuttles are very expensive and take a large part of our income for the year. Please only take a new shuttle if we have exhausted all reasonable ones. We all like to have new shuttles to play with, but our very low subs would have to go up considerably if we are not careful.

And again, leading on...

## **Fund Raising**

If you can suggest, or better still, organise some fund raising, it will be greatly appreciated.

## **General Committee Meeting**

There will be a General Committee Meeting in the next couple of weeks so if you have any thing you think needs discussing, particularly any positive ideas to move the Club forward, please speak to a Committee member.

## **Parker/Capper Trophy**

These should begin at the end of October with Ben P and Roger at the helm. Good luck to both teams.

## **50th Anniversary**

I haven't been overwhelmed with ideas for how to mark this event but I am still hopeful.

Thank you!

***And finally . . .***

*Congratulations to Alex on his engagement and good luck to John and Paula for their wedding on November 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**P.S. We have a great club. Let's keep it that way.**

*Fliss*