



Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club



Affiliated to Badminton England for the 2013/14 season as JNR/1403)

Ray Phipkin - Head Coaches Report (31 December 2014)

The continuing development of “Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club” in January 2014 lead to the forming of a club committee which includes both male and female Welfare Officers with a Paramedic as the First Aid Leader.

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts & Welcome Leaflets the club received on 24 April 2014 accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

Joint ventures between Harborough District Council and the club on “Sportivate”, a “Satellite Club” and “Try a Sport” projects have introduced badminton into the community. These projects also continued to help to have new members join the weekly Wednesday night 5:00 to 6:00pm session.

The 6 weeks session 8/01/14 to 12/02/14 had attendance of between 14 to 18 players.

- At the end of this session, a total of 6 players had failed to comply with the clubs, “Players Code of Conduct” and their parents were advised they need to comply if they wished to attend the next term sessions.

The 10 weeks session 30/04/14 to 9/07/14 had attendance of between 9 to 13 players.

- The main reasons the numbers were down for this sessions was due to the 6 players not wishing to return / comply with “Players Code of Conduct”. Also a further 4 further players decided not to continue and 4 new players joined.

The 4 weeks Summer session “Pay as you Play” from 6/08/14 to 27/08/14 had attendance of between 1 to 10 players. This included 5 none register members.

The 7 weeks session 3/09/14 to 15/10/14 had attendance of between 15 to 18 players.

- 6 new members joined and affiliated to Badminton England.
- A further 6 players attending in weeks 6 and/or 7 to try-out the club.

The 8 weeks session 29/10/14 to 17/12/14 had attendance of between 18 to 23 players.

- 8 new members joined and affiliated to Badminton England.

A **new 6-7pm** session for aged 11 to 16 years was held for 4 weeks from 9/11/14 to 10/12/14 and had attendance of between 12 to 15 players. This included 4 new guest members who will be joining in 2015 this time session.

We now have registered 27 Junior Badminton England members for the 2014/15 season of which they all are regularly attending. With level 1 and 2 coaches in attendance the four courts at Harborough Leisure Centre are now used by players of beginner and intermediate ability levels.

The club shirt incorporating the badge designed by Anna Cadwallader are now being worn by 19 out of the 27 affiliated members. Would be nice to see at least all club members owning a

shirt but appreciate they cost £10.00. A total of 16 affiliated members also have either shorts or skorts and to buy are £12.00. I hope that the offer of £20.00 for either a shirt & short or shirt & skort will encourage more sales in 2015.

At 31/12/2014 the club hold stock of:-

- 4 - Large T Shirts.
- 1 - Large & 2 - Medium Coaches Polo shirts.

Ray Phipkin has purchased & still holds:-

- 1 - Medium, 2-12/13yrs T Shirts.
- 5 - 9/10yrs; 1 - 11/12yrs; 1 – Small; 2 – Medium; 1 – Large Shorts

In respect of external tournaments and events

- Badminton Community Games 2014 held on 8 /06/2014 at Hermitage LC, Silver Street, Whitwick, Coalville, Leicestershire.
Blaby & Harborough District - 15 Years Team finished in third place and included Alanah Lenten (Guest); Hannah Farr (Harborough); Elliot Baker (Harborough) & Adam Garon (Harborough). Over the three events the district teams representing aged 13; aged 15; aged 17/adult finished third overall.

- LSBA Junior American Girls/Boys Doubles Tournament held on 6/12/2014 at Babington College.

The club had the following players who entered the events.

- Anna Cadwallader & Hannah Farr (U16's).
- Elliot Baker & Mitchel Adams (U14's runners up).
- Tom Fortnum & Rhys Lewis (U14's)
- Joshua Ireland & Joshua Evans (u14's)

This was the first external event that allowed most of the players to form new doubles partnerships. All these partnerships did well & were a credit to themselves & the club. Special mention for Elliot & Mitchel who finished runners up in the boys U14's, especially winning all their groups games on the way to the quarterfinals.

- Rock on the Rec held on 15/08/2014 was very well attended event, with over 100 people participation on the day trying out all the six activities. Ray Phipkin purchased some club banners for the event at a cost of £50.00, which the club intend in the future to purchase from Ray once the club have obtained suitable funding.
- A completely separate Sportivate project to the club was held at Welland Park Academy from 4/11/14 to 16/12/14 and has led to new members wishing to join the clubs own 6 – 7pm session.

As stated before we now have 24 players registered for the 5:00 to 6:00pm session, and 16 players registered to attend the 6:00 to 7:00pm session. A total of 12 out of the 16 are registered to attend both sessions.

Consider over year 2015, the club's strategy should be to work with local Junior Schools to give younger children a taste and fun of the sport that hopefully means more weekly sessions are required to meet the demand and age groups of all members. Also could consider that the older players only attend the Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00pm session to allow then more younger members space within the 5:00 to 6:00pm session. Then look at another night to offer a further session for older members?

Club Coaches & Volunteers

I would sincerely like to thank Paul Callow, the clubs assistant head coach, for all his help and support throughout as without a further registered coach at the club we would not have been able to have achieved Premier Club & Club mark status. I also acknowledge that Paul attends the badminton sessions as often as work allows & when he cannot attend then normally he has arranged for someone else (i.e. Lloyd Lyon) to come along in his place.

Ewan Waddington attended the first six months of 2014 as a volunteer but I was able during this period to obtain funding for him from LRS (i.e. Leicestershire & Rutland Sport) to attend the Badminton England Level One course in May. However due to him now attending college away from Market Harborough we have not received the benefit of this now Level One coach. Hopefully whenever he returns to the area he will come and help the club as a coach?

Would also thank all club committee members, especially Christine Barrett, Alex Colotto & Tony Cadwallader, for all their help & support over the last 12 months as without them I would still be trying to running a club on my own & no chance of ever becoming self-supporting club, which would become a Premier Club & having Club mark status.

Finally a very, very big thank you to all parents & players as without their interest, dedication & commitment we would not have a junior badminton club to serve Market Harborough area.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a great crowd of players, people & makes the 45 mile round trip each week worthwhile.

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