



Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club



Affiliated to Badminton England for the 2014/15 season as JNR/1403)

Ray Phipkin - Head Coaches Report (31 December 2015)

In January 2015 the first AGM was held for “Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club” which enabled two new decisions to be made.

(i) It was decided to make the club available for players from aged 8 to under 17 (as classified by criteria for school year 12). This change would also help current members in year 10 to remain longer as Junior Club Members especially bearing in mind that Badminton England classifies Junior Members up to 17 years of age. (ii) To meet the continuing long term strategy and development of the club then in addition to the Wednesday night 5:00 to 6:00pm session introduce a 6:00 to 7:00pm session. This would also enable a splitting of age groups, ability for beginners /intermediate over the four courts at each session.

- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 7/01/15 - 11/02/15 had attendance between 19-25 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 7/01/15 - 11/02/15 had attendance between 13-18 players.
- The 5 weeks 5-6pm session 25/02/15 - 25/03/15 had attendance between 21-27 players.
- The 5 weeks 6-7pm session 25/02/15 - 25/03/15 had attendance between 13-18 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 15/04/15 - 25/05/15 had attendance between 20-25 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 15/04/15 - 25/05/15 had attendance between 16-21 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 03/06/15 - 08/07/15 had attendance between 19-24 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 03/06/15 - 08/07/15 had attendance between 7-16 players.
- The 4 weeks 5-6pm session 05/08/15 - 26/08/15 had attendance between 4-13 players.
 - 12 Non – Club players attended & 6 then joined club for 02/09/15 sessions.
- The 4 weeks 6-7pm session 05/08/15 - 26/08/15 had attendance between 2-8 players.
 - 1 Non – Club player attended but did not join club for 02/09/15 sessions.

With many existing players starting new school gave the opportunity to move 9 players from 5-6pm session to only attend 6-7pm sessions.

- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 02/09/15 - 14/10/15 had attendance between 19-25 players.
 - This included the 6 new players from summer holiday pay as you play sessions plus three further new players. A total of 25 could attend.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 02/09/15 - 14/10/15 had attendance between 18-24 players.
 - This included the 9 existing players from previous 5-6pm sessions plus one further new player. A total of 26 could attend.
- The 8 weeks 5-6pm session 28/10/15 – 16/12/15 had attendance between 22-24 players.
 - A total of 26 players could attend.
- The 8 weeks 6-7pm session 28/10/15 – 16/12/15 had attendance between 21-27 players.
 - A new girl player joined so a total of 27 players could attend.

Further joint ventures between Harborough District Council and the club on “Sportivate”, a “Satellite/Smash-up Club”, “Rock on the Rec” and “Harborough by the Sea” projects have continued to introduce badminton into the community. These projects helped to have new

members join both the weekly Wednesday night's sessions on the four courts at Harborough Leisure Centre. We now have registered at 31st December 2015 a total of 54 Junior Badminton England members for the 2015/16 season of which 53 regularly attended.

We also have a waiting list of 5 with potential 3 very keen to join our main 6-7pm session.

The club shirt incorporating the badge designed by Anna Cadwallader are now being worn by 35 out of the 53 attending affiliated members. Would be nice to see at least all club members owning a shirt but appreciate they cost £10.00. The club short is now being worn by 17 out of 36 and the club skort is now being worn by 9 out of 17. Appreciate to buy either short or skort are £12.00. I hope that the offer of £20.00 for either a shirt & short or shirt & skort will encourage more sales in 2016.

At 31/12/2015 the club hold stock of:-

- 2 - Medium Coaches Polo shirts.
- 3 – Large T Shirts.
- 2 – Medium T Shirts.
- 1 – Small T Shirt (used at South Northants Junior League event).
- 3 – 12/13yrs T Shirts.
- 1 – 12/13yrs T Shirts (used at South Northants Junior League event).
- 1 – 12/13yrs T Shirts (second hand as exchanged)
- 1 – Large Shorts.
- 2 – Medium Shorts.
- 1 – Small Shorts.
- 0 - 11/12yrs Shorts.
- 3 – 9/10yrs Shorts.
- 3 - Size 10 Skorts.
- 4 – Size 12 Skorts.

The selling value of the above (excluding Coaches Polo Shirts) if sold separately is £263.00 or £241.00 if sold as special prices for certain sets.

The club was successful in Sport Grant Applications for Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club towards the cost of sending (i) John Fannon and (ii) Steve Chapman on a Badminton England UKCC Level 1 award in Coaching Badminton. This takes place in January 2016. John has been a volunteer at the club since July 2015 and Steve from September 2015.

With a level 2 coach and soon to be two level 1 coaches (i.e. John Fannon & Steve Chapman) plus additional volunteers (especially at the 5-6pm session of Hannah Farr and Anna Cadwallader) in attendance the four courts at Harborough Leisure Centre are now used by players of beginner and intermediate ability levels.

The club paid for John Fannon, Steve Chapman, Jo Ireland, Lynda Haynes, Hannah Farr & Anna Cadwallader to attend The Sport Coach UK – “Safeguarding & Protecting Children” course.

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts & updated Welcome Leaflets the club received on 5th May 2015 renewal accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

In respect of external tournaments, events and league

- Members have taken a pro-active approach in continuing entering the Non-County Tournaments.
- We had **winners of Tom Conboy & Edward Battersby** in the U14's Boys Doubles at the Whitwick Badminton Tournament held on 07/02/15.
 - Adam Garon & Cameron Franklin entered U16's Boys Doubles.
 - Elliot Baker & Mitchel Adams; James Illeston & Josh Watson; Rhys Lewis & Leo Harland also entered the U14's Boys Doubles.
 - Joseph Parsons & Joe Lumley entered the U12's Boys event.
- In the LBA Junior Club U14's Tournament held on 7/03/15, four boys reached the quarterfinals, two the semi-finals with **Tom Conboy being the runner-up**.
 - Tom Conboy; Mitchel Adams; Elliot Baker; Edward Battersby; Ben Woodward; Rhys Lewis; Alfie Harris; Theo Wright; Tom Fortnum; Joshua Evans all entered U14's Boys Singles event.
 - Rolph Eastwood; Joe Lumley; Joseph Parsons all entered the U12's Boys Singles event.
- LSBA Junior American Girls/Boys Doubles Tournament held on 17/05/2015 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)-
 - Ben Woodward & Alfie Harris (U14's)
 - Rhys Lewis & Leo Harland (U14's)
 - Jonathan Wall & Tom Fortnum (U14's)
 - Theo Wright & Joshua Watson (U14's)
 - Rolph Eastwood & Callum Chapman (U12's)
 - Joe Lumley & Joseph Parsons (U12's)
 - Harry Butler & Joshua Colotto (U12's)
- A total of nine members have attended training sessions during 2014/15 season which comes under "Team Leicestershire Performance Centre " (PC) and is linked to the Leicestershire Schools Badminton Association (LSBA) who run the Junior County Teams.
- During the current 2015/16 season we had **runners up of Mitchel Adams and Elliot Baker** in U16's LSBA Boys Doubles American Tournament held on 29/11/15.
 - Emily Hayes & Lucy Goodman entered U14's Girls Doubles event.
 - Rolph Eastwood & Josh Colotto; Joe Tremlett & Reuben Saunders entered U12's Boys Doubles event.
 - Ben Woodward & Jonathan Wall also entered the U16's Boys Doubles event.
- Rock on the REC event took place on Friday 14th August 2015 between 4:00 to 9:00pm. With the rain having stopped Ray Phipkin started setting up at 12:00. Unfortunately due no doubt to the continuing rain had no other help with the setting up. Despite the poor conditions around 70 people took part in the activities we had to offer. This was two badminton courts, keppy-up area, shuttle run area, SAQ ladders & hurdles area. Had to pack-up on my own. No members of the club came down to the event to take part.

- Harborough by the Sea event took place on Saturday 1st August 2015 and our location was at Welland Park Recreation, near the play area. Started setting up at 8:30am with the help of John Fannon and later Alex & Josh Colotto. The event was from 10:00 until 16:00. Throughout the day, mainly due to the location being 1 mile from the main city centre events only around 30 people took part in the activities we had to offer. This was two badminton courts, keppy-up area, shuttle run area. John, Alex & Josh returned at the end of the sessions to help pack-up. No other members of the club took part in any activity.

- South Northants Junior League

These tournaments held at Elizabeth Woodville School, Roade (just off J15M1). The teams consist of 4 players – made up of either sex-and the current format is as follows:- (i) players are ranked by their captains / team coach (ii) every player plays a single against a similar ranked player (every player plays a doubles – team captains to pick playing order). They play a round robin – so all teams play against each other. Normally – the U11 & U15 play on one day. The under U13 & U17 play on another day. The number of points in a game played and the number of games played per round is dependent on the number of teams entered. As they are limited by the number of hours available in one day – the schedule is adjusted accordingly. Currently each club pays an affiliation fee of £20.00 for junior league to cover some costs and each player pays a fee of £4.00 on the day.

- RP issued to all parents by e-mail a document explaining this junior league and requested they all reply to advise / establish:-
 - **(i) who's child is interested ?, (ii) which parents can provide transport ?, (iii) which parents would be willing to be Team Managers for those age groups on the day ?**
- In respect of U11 team only **three** replied YES so unable to enter a team.
- In respect of U13 team only **five** replied YES so have entered ONE team.
- In respect of U15 team only **ten** replied YES so have entered TWO teams.
- In respect of U17 team only **four** replied YES so have entered ONE team.
- In case of more players interested than required for a team then had to decide who will play, based on some play on the date in 2015 & others on the date in 2016.
- E-mails were issued to all parents of the selected team members.
- The e-mails advise the location, times, teams (singles & doubles) team managers together with parents telephone contact details and also the following:-
 - Every team member needed to pay a £4.00 match fee on the day to the team manager.
 - Team managers were given by Ray Phipkin a folder before the event (i.e. this folder also includes all respective details of players parents in case of any accident etc.)

The club needed all team members to wear a club shirt.

- If players already have their own club shirt they were requested to please ensure that they wear this on the day.
- If players currently did not have a club shirt these could be purchased at £10.00 each via Ray Phipkin.
- Or if they do not wish to purchase a club shirt then they could borrow one, free of charge, which must be washed & returned to Ray Phipkin after the tournament.

- In the U15's Event held on 21st November 2015 the "Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club Team "A" consisted of Tom Conboy, Ben Woodward, Edward Battersby, Tom Fortnum with Julie Conboy as team manager. Won 2 out of 3 in their group as 85 points to 51 points and 85 points to 82 points with the loss being close at 67points to 69 points.
- U15's Team "B" consisted of Ben Wooding, Harvey Lloyd-Williams, Joshua Evans, Joshua Ireland with Mark Evans as team manager. Won 1 of 3 in their group at 86 points to 76 points. The two defeats were 49 points to 90 points and 56 points to 85 points.
- In the U13's Event held on 5th December 2015 the "Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club Team consisted of Joseph Parsons, Joshua Colotto, Reuben Saunders, Joe Tremlett with Mandy Hill (Joseph's mother) as team manager. Drew 1 out of 4 in their group 82 points all. The three defeats were 51 points to 90 points, 52 points to 90 points and 43 points to 90 points.
- In the U17's Event held on 5th December 2015 the "Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club Team consisted of Elliot Baker, Mitchel Adams, Ellis McKeown, Sophia King with Phil King as team manager. Lost all 3 games but other teams had county squad players and older players.
- Need to look at all players for teams in the March 2016 events. Would be good if we could have a U11's team?

In respect of internal club tournament events

- At the 5:00 - 6:00pm sessions a total of 97 group games were played. At the 6:00 – 7:00pm sessions a total 60 group games and 8 quarter finals were played.
- On 8th July at the 5:00 - 6:00pm session the semi-finals & finals were held of the U12' Boys Singles and the U12's; U14's Girls Singles and respective trophies presented as follows:-

U12's Boys Singles (6 – 15)

- Runner Up: Joe Lumley, Winner: Callum Chapman

U12's Girls Singles (5 – 15)

- Runner Up: Alice Ireland, Winner: Ellis McKeown

U14's Girls Singles (9 – 15)

- Runner Up: Nancie Lawrence, Winner: Ellis McKeown

- In addition trophies were presented for events that had already been completed in groups during the weekly sessions as follows:-

U10's Boys Singles (Group & 7 – 15 against opponent)

- Runner Up: Jamie Trevorrow, Winner: Euan Smith

U10's Boys Doubles (11 – 15)

- Runners Up: Brynn Smith & Fraser Ovens.
- Winners: Euan Smith & Jamie Trevorrow.

U12's Boys Doubles (Group & 12 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Joe Lumley & Joseph Parsons.
- Winners: Rolph Eastwood & Callum Chapman

U12's Girls Doubles (Group & 13 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Alice Lawson & Alice Ireland.
- Winners: Emily Hayes & Lucy Goodman

U14's Girls Doubles (Group & 12 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Emily Hayes & Lucy Goodman.
- Winners: Nancie Lawrence & Molly Johnson

“Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club” trophy to the “Outstanding Club Member”

- This is based on the Head Coaches assessment of players’ contribution to the club rather than playing ability. This trophy will be presented annually. **Winner 2015: Anna Cadwallader.**
- On 8th July at the 6:00 - 7:00pm session the semi-finals & finals were held of the U17’ Girls Singles and respective trophies presented as follows:-
U17’s Girls Singles (7 – 15)
 - Runner Up: Ellis McKeown, Winner: Anna Cadwallader
- In addition trophies were presented for the event that had already been completed in groups during the weekly sessions as follows:-
U17’s Girls Doubles (Group & 6 – 15 against opponent)
 - Runners Up: Sophia King & Ellis McKeown.
 - Winners: Hannah Farr & Anna Cadwallader
- **Boys U14’s & U17’s Singles & Doubles Events – were outstanding and had to be carried over to the start of 2015/16 season and arranged many times before they were all completed**
 - The boys U14’s Singles final took place between 6-7pm on Wednesday 14th October 2015.
 - Elliot Baker won against Mitchel Adams (result 15-14).
 - Court number 3 was been booked on 11th November 2015 between 7-8pm to hold the U14’s & U17’s Boys Doubles.
U14’s Boys Level Doubles (13 – 15)
 - Runners Up: Mitchel Adams & Elliot Baker.
 - Winners: Edward Battersby & Tom Conboy.
U17’s Boys Level Doubles (12 – 15)
 - Runners Up: Edward Battersby & Tom Conboy.
 - Winners: Mitchel Adams & Elliot Baker.
 - The boys U17’s Singles final took place between 6-7pm on Wednesday 25th November 2015.
 - Tom Conboy won against Ben Woodward (result 15-10).
- **A completely separate funded Sportivate 11 weeks project** to the club was held from 4:00 to 5:00pm at Harborough Leisure Centre from 7/01/15 to 11/02/15 and 25/02/15 to 25/03/15.
- Equipment has been purchased including rackets, Shuttles, a net & posts (which can all be used by the main club free of charge).
- This has been carried on by Ray Phipkin from 23/09/15 to 16/12/15 **as a combined Satellite / SmashUp Club** and will continue from 6/01/16. This will need to be still self-funding and not form part of the main clubs income or expenditure.
- These 4:00 to 5:00pm sessions can also be used by players on the main club’s waiting list who wish to be new members wanting to join the clubs main 5:00 to 6:00pm or 6:00 – 7:00pm sessions.

Shuttles

- With 26 members income at the 5-6pm sessions means we have been able to purchase and use Ashaway The New Bird Medium White Nylon Shuttles which are £24.99/ dozen but are considered to emulate the flight of natural feather shuttle made from nylon.

- With 27 members income at the 6-7pm sessions means we have been able to purchase and use Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles which are £14.50/ dozen but are considered a top level shuttle for use in Club and League competitions due to the high consistency in the flight and speed.

Consider again over year 2016, 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. The older players now only attend the Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00pm session to have allowed then more younger members space within the 5:00 to 6:00pm session. We now need look at booking courts 7-8pm (at present only court 3 available) or more courts on another night to offer a further session for older members? This could be essential from Autumn Term 2016 when some members may have moved to Senior Schools?

I am carrying out a new project, "JUST" with Harborough District Council which means we are booking Court number 3 on Wednesdays from 7-8pm from January until 13th April 2016. However I consider from 20th April 2016 the club really need to start booking court 3 from 7-8pm for our members. We have sufficient funds from 6-7pm sessions to allow existing members to attend on a rotation bases free of charge or to start to use for new members on waiting list.

Club Coaches & Volunteers

I would sincerely like to thank Paul Callow, the clubs assistant head coach, for his agreement to still be registered with the club despite the fact he now works & lives out of the area, as without a further registered coach at the club we would not have been able to have achieved renewal of Premier Club & Club mark status.

The attendance & help by John Fannon & Steve Chapman and their commitment to attend Badminton England UKCC Level 1 award in Coaching Badminton in January 2016 means in future we will have two Register Level 1 coaches and one Licensed Level 2 coach that will ensure Premier Club & Club mark status. In addition the ability of the club to provide improved coaching on a court by court bases to all our club affiliated members.

Also special mention to Anna Cadwallader & Hannah Farr who help as volunteers at the 5-6pm sessions whenever they can attend. Also Jo Ireland and Lynda Haynes who regularly help to complete the weekly register & collect session fees.

Would also thank all club committee members, for all their help & support over the last 12 months as without them I would still be back to 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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