



Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club



Affiliated to Badminton England for the 2016/17 season as JNR/1403(now CL000029)

Ray Phipkin - Head Coaches Report (31 December 2017)

For year 2017, there have been three main club Wednesday night sessions as 4:00pm to 5:00pm; 5:00pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm. These have all been subject to the £13.00 monthly payments, the same conditions and opportunities. The club committee did agree that a third child would only have to pay £10.00 per month. A waiting list has operated throughout the year especially for the 5:00pm to 6:00pm & 6:00pm to 7:00pm sessions and as at 31st December 2017, we still have four on the waiting list for the 6:00pm to 7:00pm session.

- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 4/01/17 - 8/02/17 had attendance between 7-11 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 4/01/17 - 8/02/17 had attendance between 17-26 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 4/01/17 - 8/02/17 had attendance between 16-25 players.
- The 7 weeks 4-5pm session 22/02/17 – 5/04/17 had attendance between 10-15 players.
- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 22/02/17 – 5/04/17 had attendance between 21-26 players.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 22/02/17 – 5/04/17 had attendance between 21-28 players.
- The 5 weeks 4-5pm session 26/04/17 - 24/05/17 had attendance between 11-18 players.
- The 5 weeks 5-6pm session 26/04/17 - 24/05/17 had attendance between 16-22 players.
- The 5 weeks 6-7pm session 26/04/17 - 24/05/17 had attendance between 15-22 players.
- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 07/06/17 - 12/07/17 had attendance between 7-14 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 07/06/17 - 12/07/17 had attendance between 17-24 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 07/06/17 - 12/07/17 had attendance between 13-18 players.
- The 4 weeks 4-5pm session 02/08/17 - 23/08/17 had attendance between 1-8 players.
 - 6 Non – Club players attended & 3 then joined club for 30/08/17 sessions.
- The 4 weeks 5-6pm session 02/08/17 - 23/08/17 had attendance between 3-16 players.
 - 10 Non – Club players attended & 3 then joined club for 30/08/17 sessions.
- The 4 weeks 6-7pm session 02/08/17 - 23/08/17 had attendance between 1-7 players.
 - 0 Non – Club player attended.
- The 7 weeks 4-5pm session 30/08/17 - 11/10/17 had attendance between 9-13 players.
- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 30/08/17 - 11/10/17 had attendance between 20-25players.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 30/08/17 - 11/10/17 had attendance between 21-28 players.
- The 8 weeks 4-5pm session 25/10/17 – 13/12/17 had attendance between 8-16 players.
- The 8 weeks 5-6pm session 25/10/17 – 13/12/17 had attendance between 18-30 players.
- The 8 weeks 6-7pm session 25/10/17 – 13/12/17 had attendance between 23-27 players.
- At 31/12/2017 potentially at the 4-5pm session 6 girls & 10 boys, at the 5-6pm session 14 girls & 16 boys and at 6-7pm session 10 girls & 22 boys.

Further joint ventures between Harborough District Council and the club on “Just Get Involved”, and “Harborough by the Sea” projects have continued to introduce badminton into the community. These projects helped to have new members join all the weekly Wednesday night’s sessions on the four courts at Harborough Leisure Centre. We now have

registered at 31st December 2017 a total of 85 Junior Badminton England “Club” members for the 2017/18 season. Currently attending are 78 and for the sessions 4-5pm are 16; 5-6pm are 30 & 6-7pm are 32. In addition, we have 3 volunteers attending who are Junior “Club” members. The other 4 Junior “Club” members have left which were one player and three volunteers.

The club shirt incorporating the badge designed by Anna Cadwallader are owned by 36 out of the 78 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 owned by 13 out of 48 and the club skort is now owned by 8 out of 30. 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 2018, but the following could be a start of a way forward.

I consider it would be an advantage to the players, and the club profile if every player was to wear a club shirt at their weekly session. **I will be proposing at the AGM that the committee consider the Junior members of the club could be given this free club shirt as part of their joining package and advised this must be worn every week as part of the club rules.** We could consider for members who already have purchased a club shirt then they should (i) be given the £10.00 refund or (ii) be given £5.00 refund and also have the opportunity to exchange their shirt for a larger size if their current one is too small to wear.

The current cost for sizes 9/11; 12/13 is £6.65 and sizes small, medium, large is £8.40.

- Assuming we had to purchase for every member then could be 32 @ £6.65 and 46 @ £8.40 = £599.20 plus 36 @ £5.00 refund = a further £180.00 for a total of £779.20.
- Assuming the existing 36 members shirts sizes are ok then would only purchase say 11 @ £6.65 and 31 @ £8.40 = £333.55 plus 36 refund of £10.00 = a further £360.00 for a total of £693.55.

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 Ella Bills & Leah Denning** in the U16's Girls Doubles at the Whitwick Badminton Tournament held on 04/02/17.
 - Well done to all club members who took part in U12's U14' U16's events.
- LSBA Junior American Girls/Boys Doubles Tournament held on 3/12/2017 at Babington College.
 - We had **runners up of Elliot Baker & Mitchel Adams** in the U17's Boys Doubles.
 - Well done to all club members who took part in U14s' U17's events.
- This year there was no “Rock on the Rec” or “Harborough by the Sea” which the club could take part in.
- The Head Coach on behalf of the club did participate in the “Just” project and offered badminton sessions on a Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The “Just” project is aimed to engage previous inactive females aged 14years +. The participants can just turn up and join in, no need to book. They can attend any of the sports and could change this from week to week or just stay with the same sport.
- The Head Coach also on behalf of the club carried out after school badminton coaching at Robert Smyth Academy. This led to Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club and Robert Smyth Academy receiving “Runner Up School and Community Partnership Award” from the Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership Celebration Event 2017 held on 5th July.

South Northants Junior League (from 2016/17 & 2017/18 seasons)

- Due to health reasons Peter McCallum the tournament organiser of the South Northants Junior League was unable to continue and needed others to take over this role to allow the previous U11, U13, U15, U17 (now would be U12, U14, U16, U18) to take place for season 2016/17. The lack of support has resulted in the league not being held for season 2016/17.

This was re-introduced for season 2017/18.

These tournaments were 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 U12 & U16 play on one day. The under U14 & U18 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. Each club paid an affiliation fee of £20.00 for junior league to cover some costs and each player paid a fee of £4.00 on the day.

- In the U14's Event held on 2nd December 2017, "Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club Team consisted of Euan Smith, Toby Baker, Matthew Thompson, Brynn Smith and James MacDonald with Tracy Jones (Euan & Brynn's mother) as Team manager. Lost all 4 matches as 68 points to 79 points; 58 points to 79 points; 36 points to 90 points and 68 points to 82 points. All five players took part in different matches and all performed well especially as their first time at this type of event.
- In the U18's Event held on 2nd December 2017 the Team "A" consisted of Elliot Baker, Mitchel Adams, Harvey Lloyd-Williams, and Ben Wooding with Ray Phipkin as Team manager. Won all 4 matches as 90 points to 50 points; 90 points to 22points; 90 points to 40 points (against our team B) and 90 points to 44 points.
- The U18's Team "B" consisted of Leo Harland, Ella Bills, Ellis McKeown, and Ben Highcock with Pat Bills (Ella's mother) as Team manager. Won 3 out of 4 matches as 79 points to 69 points; 74 points to 72points; 40 points to 90 points (against our team A) and 80 points to 76 points.

In respect of internal club tournament events

- At the 4:00 – 5:00pm sessions, a total of 45 games played; 5:00 - 6:00pm sessions a total of 103 games were played. At the 6:00 – 7:00pm sessions a total 68 games played. The results are as follows:-

U10's Boys Singles (6 -15)

- Runner Up: Liam Gamble, Winner: Brynn Smith

U12's Boys Singles (11 – 15)

- Runner Up: Oliver Redman, Winner: Euan Smith

U14's Boys Singles (4 - 15)

- Runner Up: Adam Bowditch, Winner: William Earland

U17's Boys Singles (8 – 15)

- Runner Up: Harvey Lloyd-Williams, Winner: Mitchel Adams

U11's Girls Singles (13-15) Note: for this year no U10 has so changed to U11's

- Runner Up: Mia Fannon Winner: Gracie Cattell

U12's Girls Singles (Group & 13-15 against opponent)

- Runner Up: Lottie Goodman, Winner: Jasmine Stacey

U14's Girls Singles (13 – 15)

- Runner Up: Caitlin Sullivan, Winner: Emily Hayes

U17's Girls Singles (14 – 15)

- Runner Up: Ellis McKeown, Winner: Emma McGregor

U10's Boys Doubles (Group & 6 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Daniel Betts & Daniel Cairns
- Winners: Liam Gamble & Brynn Smith

U12's Boys Doubles (Group both 3 wins but total points scored 54 -59)

- Runners Up: Oliver Redman & Jamie Trevorrow
- Winners: Oliver Pickering & Euan Wright

U14's Boys Doubles (8 - 15)

- Runners Up: Ted Eastman & Charlie White
- Winners: Robert Ovens & William Earland

U17's Boys Doubles (13 - 15)

- Runners Up: Harvey Lloyd- Williams & Ben Wooding
- Winners: Elliot Baker & Mitchel Adams

U12's Girls Doubles (14- 15)

- Runners Up: Mia Fannon & Lottie Goodman.
- Winners: Jasmine Stacey & Gracie Cattell

U14's Girls Doubles (5-15)

- Runners Up: Lucy Goodman & Emily Hayes
- Winners: Ellis McKeown & Caitlin Sullivan

U17's Girls Doubles (5 - 15)

- Runners Up: Emma McGregor & Ellis McKeown
- Winners: Leah Denning & Ella Bills

“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 presented annually. **2017: Elliot Baker.**

Shuttles

- We purchased a total of 4 dozen Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles for the 4-5pm sessions. These have been £15.50; £17.00; £17.50 and £18.50 per dozen. We currently have the income from 16 players & with the cost now in 2017 of £28.80 to hire, now 4 courts plus coach's costs of £20.00 means this session no longer needs to be subsidised. However, it does not cover for Free Club Hoodies. A combination of plastics / feathers have and will be used at the session.
- With 30 members, the income at the 5-6pm sessions means we have been able to purchase and use Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles. These have been £15.50; £17.00; £17.50 and £18.50 per dozen and over the year we have purchased 16 dozen which are a total cost of £274.00. The cost to hire 4 courts is now £41.20 plus coach's costs of £20.00 means this session pays for itself including the Free Hoodies, Presentation night, Christmas Party, Trophies and helps to subsidise the 4-5pm session.
- With 32 members, the income at the 6-7pm sessions means we have been able to purchase and use Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles. These have been £15.50; £17.00; £17.50 and £18.50 per dozen and over the year we have purchased 20 dozen which are a total cost of £342.50. The cost to hire 4 courts is now £41.20 plus coach's costs of £20.00 means this session pays for itself including the Free Hoodies, Presentation night, Christmas Party, Trophies and helps to subsidise the 4-5pm session.

Badminton England – “The Racket Pack” award scheme.

- Children in school years 3-6 will have the opportunity to take part in “The Racket Pack” award scheme.
- “Tink” award for between 7-9 years old; “Flo” award for between 9-11 years old.
- At present at the 4-5pm session 3 are on the “Tink” award & 8 of the “Flo” award.
- At present at the 5-6pm session 1 is on the “Tink” award & 7 of the “Flo” award.
- In 2018 there should be a new “Wise” award aimed at Club focused level for older children.

Consider again over year 2018, 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 will attend the 4-5pm weekly sessions. The majority of 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 to look at booking courts 7-8pm (at present only court 3 could be available) or more courts on another night to offer a further session for older members? This could be essential from Autumn Term 2018 when 3 boys will be too old to be club members but 12 girls will then be in school year 10 and normally would take their places at the 6-7pm as they have moved to Senior Schools? However, it would seem they would have to stay in the 5-6pm session.

Club Coaches & Volunteers

John Fannon obtained his Badminton England UKCC Level 1 award in Coaching Badminton in January 2016 and is a proactive coach at the 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions. Steve Chapman who attended the same course has been unable to date, due to unforeseen circumstances, to attend the evaluate day. Steve intends as soon as possible now in 2018 to completely attend the course again followed by evaluate day all at his own expense. Steve again is proactive and attends as many 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions as he can.

It would be of benefit to the club if any Junior member over 16 years wanted to become a Badminton England Coach. I am sure the club would be able to obtain a suitable grant to attend the course to obtain the Badminton England UKCC Level 1 award in Coaching Badminton. Also for any older current Level 1 coach who wanted to upgrade to Level 2.

Club members have been attending other sessions free of charge to help as volunteers. At the end of 2017 for the 4-5pm session then Ellie Southwell & Lydia Dickenson; for the 5-6pm session then Naomi Benson, Emma McGregor, Hannah Farr, Harvey Lloyd-Williams and Rolph Eastwood; for the 6-7pm session then Ben Jones.

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts & updated Welcome Leaflets the club received on 7th August 2017 renewal accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

Club Web site & notice board

- Due to the continuing great efforts of John Fannon, the club now has a great web site <http://www.harboroughlcjuniors.org.uk/> via "Easyspace Starter Plus Yearly, Easyspace Domain".
 - This site has details of the past clubs AGM minutes with coaches & treasurer reports, BACS Bank payment details for 2017/18, Club Kit order forms, details of weekly session programmes. External tournament event forms & photos of players winning trophies at American Tournament.

Badminton England provided a notice board to Harborough Leisure Centre, which the Leisure Centre fixed to the wall in the corridor in the entrance to the Sports Hall. This notice board is now being used solely by the club. However, at the end of 2017 this was taken down for the walls to be repainted and needs to be re-fitted.

In addition the web sites of both Harborough Leisure Centre and Leicestershire Rutland Sport are being used to advise all the club details and weekly sessions.

Pathway to Adult league

Steve and John have invited some of the older players to participate in the Harborough Feathers club nights. To date one player – Elliot Baker has taken up this opportunity.


Automatic Shuttlecock Launcher

Ray Phipkin purchased this equipment in 2016 with an update in 2017 and players have had the benefit of its use again with the new routines for 2017. To date no charge has been made but it may mean in 2018 a charge is made for any replacement Shuttlecocks needed.

Would like to thank all club coaches, volunteers and committee members, for all their help & support over the last 12 months.

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 group of players and people & continues to make the 45 mile round trip each week worthwhile.



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