



Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club



Affiliated to Badminton England for the 2018/19 season as CL000029

Ray Phipkin - Head Coaches Report (31 December 2018)

For year 2018, 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 for season 2017/18 that a third child would only have to pay £10.00 per month and for season 2018/19, this would now be FREE. 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 2018, we have been able to offer places to everyone and hence none on any session waiting list.

- The 5 weeks 4-5pm session 10/01/18 - 7/02/18 had attendance between 10-15 players.
- The 5 weeks 5-6pm session 10/01/18 - 7/02/18 had attendance between 22-25 players.
- The 5 weeks 6-7pm session 10/01/18 - 7/02/18 had attendance between 21-27 players.
- The 5 weeks 4-5pm session 21/02/18 – 21/03/18 had attendance between 4-17 players.
- The 5 weeks 5-6pm session 21/02/18 – 21/03/18 had attendance between 17-26 players.
- The 5 weeks 6-7pm session 21/02/18 – 21/03/18 had attendance between 21-30 players.
- The 7 weeks 4-5pm session 11/04/18 – 23/05/18 had attendance between 9-16 players.
- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 11/04/18 – 23/05/18 had attendance between 17-25 players.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 11/04/18 – 23/05/18 had attendance between 17-26 players.
- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 06/06/18 - 11/07/18 had attendance between 7-13 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 06/06/18 - 11/07/18 had attendance between 14-25 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 06/06/18 - 11/07/18 had attendance between 11-21 players.
- The 4 weeks 4-5pm session 01/08/18 - 22/08/18 had attendance between 2-4 players.
 - 5 Non – Club players attended & 2 then joined club for 05/09/18 sessions.
- The 4 weeks 5-6pm session 01/08/18 - 22/08/18 had attendance between 7-12 players.
 - 8 Non – Club players attended & 3 then joined club for 05/09/18 sessions.
- The 4 weeks 6-7pm session 01/08/18 - 22/08/18 had attendance between 2-4 players.
 - 1 Non – Club player attended but did not join the club.
- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 05/09/18 - 10/10/18 had attendance between 11-19 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 05/09/18 - 10/10/18 had attendance between 21-29 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 05/09/18 - 10/10/18 had attendance between 19-24 players.
- The 9 weeks 4-5pm session 24/10/18 – 19/12/18 had attendance between 4-13 players.
- The 9 weeks 5-6pm session 24/10/18 – 19/12/18 had attendance between 18-28 players.
- The 9 weeks 6-7pm session 24/10/18 – 19/12/18 had attendance between 11-24 players.
- At 31/12/2018 potentially at the 4-5pm session 5 girls & 10 boys, at the 5-6pm session 14 girls & 15 boys and at 6-7pm session 9 girls & 18 boys.

We now have registered at 31st December 2018 a total of 62 “Junior Play (CLUB)” and 22 “The Racket Pack” Badminton England members for the 2018/19 season. Currently attending are 71 (out of the 84) and for January 2019 the sessions 4-5pm are 16 (one new player to join); 5-6pm are 29 & 6-7pm are 27. In addition, we also have 1 volunteer attending who is a “Junior Play (CLUB)” member.

All club members as part of initially joining the club have a "FREE" club hoodie. In addition, from the start of season 2018/19 all members have been given a "FREE" club shirt, which they are required to wear at the club weekly sessions. When players leave dependant on condition of garment they may be requested this be washed and returned.

Appreciate to buy either short or skort has been reduced from £12.00 to £10.00. I hope that the new price will encourage more sales in 2019, but the introduction of a FREE club shirt could be a start of a way forward to own a full strip?

In respect of external tournaments, events and league

Members have taken a pro-active approach in continuing entering the Non-County Tournaments.

- In the Whitwick tournament on 03/02/2018, many players from the club entered the boys & girls doubles U10's, U14's & U17's events. A special mention to Theo Parsons & his friend who were winners of the U10's Boys Doubles event.
- In the South Northants Junior League, the U14's team of Euan Smith, Toby Baker, Matthew Thompson & Brynn Smith played two matches. Against Mereway B losing 64-126 and against Night Hawks B losing 94-122. A special mention to Euan who won his singles game 21-17. Initially we had 5 players but James MacDonald volunteered to help make up another team, which was not part of our club – a great gesture.
- The U18's B team of Ella Bills, Ellis McKeown, Joshua Ireland & Ben Highcock played three matches. Against Night Hawks losing 76-122, against Mereway losing 75-122, a special mention to Ella & Ellis who won their doubles game 21-17. Against Harborough A losing 76-126 but a great effort as this was the most points scored against the A team by all teams taking part.
- Harborough U18's A team won the South Northants Junior League U18's event, winning against Night Hawks 126-62, Mereway 126-71 and Harborough B 126-76.
- LSBA Junior American Girls/Boys Doubles Tournament held on 25/11/2018 at Babington Academy.
 - We had **runners up of Evie Stokes & her partner (from South Leicestershire Badminton Club)** in the U14's Girls Doubles.
 - Also to **Ria Bhiku & Madison Demirdag** who finished third in same event.
 - Well done to all club members who took part in U12's; U14's 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.

In respect of internal club tournament events

- At the 4:00 – 5:00pm sessions, a total of 37 games out of the 43 scheduled were played; 5:00 - 6:00pm sessions a total of 96 games out of the 119 scheduled were played. At the 6:00 – 7:00pm sessions a total 72 games out of the 81 scheduled were played. The results are as follows:-

U10's Boys Singles (5 -15)

- Runner Up: Daniel Cairns, Winner: **Theo Parsons**

U12's Boys Singles (Group and 14- 15 against opponent)

- Runner Up: Brynn Smith, Winner: **Hal Eastwood**

U14's Boys Singles (7 - 15)

- Runner Up: Harry Butler, Winner: **Rolph Eastwood**

U17's Boys Singles (8 – 15)

- Runner Up: Mitchel Adams, Winner: **Ben Wooding**

U10's Girls Singles (W/O)

Runner Up: Sahib Sandhu Winner: **Mia Fannon**

U12's Girls Singles (Group & 12-15 against opponent)

- Runner Up: Grace King, Winner: **Gracie Cattell**

U14's Girls Singles (13 – 15)

- Runner Up: Loren Harrison, Winner: **Chloe Woodward**

U17's Girls Singles (4 – 15)

- Runner Up: Leah Denning, Winner: **Ella Bills**

U10's Boys Doubles (Group & 5 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Daniel Betts & Daniel Cairns
- Winners: **Theo Parsons & Marcus Southwell**

U12's Boys Doubles (Group & 9 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Hal Eastwood & James MacDonald
- Winners: **Brynn Smith & Theo Parsons**

U14's Boys Doubles (8 - 15)

- Runners Up: Joseph Parsons & Reuben Saunders
- Winners: **Charlie White & Harry Butler**

U17's Boys Doubles (8 - 15)

- Runners Up: Leo Harland & Joe Butler
- Winners: **Harvey Lloyd- Williams & Ben Wooding**

U12's Girls Doubles (W/O)

- Runners Up: Mia Fannon & Sabrina Bond
- Winners: **Gracie Cattell & Grace King**

U14's Girls Doubles (9-15)

- Runners Up: Chloe Woodward & Natalie Boot
- Winners: **Freya Johnson & Ellie Southwell**

U17's Girls Doubles (5 - 15)

- Runners Up: Molly Johnson & Caitlin Sullivan
- Winners: **Leah Denning & Ella Bills**

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

- This award is based on the Club Coaches assessment of players’ contribution to the club rather than playing ability. This trophy presented annually. **2018: Ben Highcock.**

At the Christmas Party held on 19/12/2018 the **new annual club trophies** for the Girls and Boys Singles events were presented to all respective winners since 2016 who were able to attend. As the intent at the AGM is to increase the upper age to school year 13, then the trophy was indicated as U18's in lieu of U17's. In the future further trophies could be purchased for U16. We would then have U10's; U12's; U14's; U16's; U18's. A photo of the group was taken before the trophies were locked away again in the display cabinet.

Shuttles

- In year 2018 for the 4-5pm session 1 - dozen Yonex Mavis Yellow Shuttles Blue & 1 dozen Yonex Mavis Yellow Shuttles Red at a total cost of £40.00. A further sum of £555.00 was in respect of 30 dozen Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles at £18.50 per dozen used over the 4-5pm; 5-6pm and 6-7pm sessions.
- For season 2019 it is considered 1 dozen Babolat No 2 Goose Feather Shuttles at £19.00 per dozen could be used each week for the three sessions so based on 39 weeks would be £741.00. However as players improve in all sessions then they should be allowed new shuttles rather than keep using damaged ones so assume we will use 50 dozen at £950.00.

Badminton England – “The Racket Pack” award scheme.

- Children in school years 3-8 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 and “Wise” award for between 11 – 13 years.
- At present at the 4-5pm session 6 are on the “Tink” award & 6 are on the “Flo” award & 2 are on the “Wise” award.
- At present at the 5-6pm session 1 is on the “Tink” award & 7 are on the “Flo” award and 4 on the “Wise” award.

Consider again over year 2019, 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.

The proposal at this year’s AGM will be to increase the upper age group to school year 13. This means from Autumn Term 1 we may need to look at additional booking courts 7-8pm (at present court 2 could be available) or more courts on another night to offer a further session for older members? This could be essential from Autumn Term 2019 when some members may have moved to Senior Schools? So could consider moving players so that school years 8-9 years are at 5-6pm session, school years 10 & 11 are at 6-5pm session and school years 12 & 13 at 7-8pm.

Club Coaches & Volunteers

John Fannon a Badminton England UKCC Level 1 coach and is really proactive at the 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions. Steve Chapman who attended the Badminton England UKCC Level 1 in 2017, due to unforeseen circumstances was unable to attend the evaluate day. Steve has now booked to attend the course again on the 5th & 6th January 2019 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.

Elliot Baker is in school year 13 so under the current membership upper age of school year 12 was not able to be a member for season 2018/19. However, Elliot has continued to attend as a volunteer as many 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions as he can.

Elliot has also arranged to attend the Badminton England UKCC Level 1 award in Coaching Badminton course on 5th & 6th January 2019 followed by evaluate day. The total cost is £210.00 and the club have paid 50% of the cost to Elliot. Should he receive a bursary from Badminton England for the £107.50 then this will be given to the club. If no bursary then club will not seek any repayment as Elliot intends to be a coach at the club in 2019.

Duncan Ritson-Elliot the father of Benjy attends the 4-5pm session as a volunteer and has a HVO Badminton England membership.

Club members have been attending other sessions free of charge to help as volunteers. At the end of 2018 for the 4-5pm session then Caitlin Sullivan for the 5-6pm session then Naomi Benson, Ben Highcock, Caitlin Sullivan.

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts & updated Welcome Leaflets the club received on 31st August 2018 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 2018/19, 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.

The club now has a glass display cabinet on the wall adjacent to the entry to the Sports Hall. This will contain the annual club trophies.

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 – Elliot Baker & Ben Wooding 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 2018. To date no charge has been made but it may mean in 2019 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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