



Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club



Affiliated to Badminton England for the 2019/20 season as CL000029

Ray Phipkin - Head Coaches Report (31 December 2019)

For year 2019, 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 2018/19 that a third child 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 2019, we still have two new players wanting to join the 5:00pm to 6:00pm session. In addition, five current players have already asked to move up to the 5:00pm to 6:00pm session.

- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 09/01/19 - 13/02/19 had attendance between 14-19 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 09/01/19 - 13/02/19 had attendance between 19-26 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 09/01/19 - 13/02/19 had attendance between 16-23 players.
- The 7 weeks 4-5pm session 27/02/19 – 10/04/19 had attendance between 14-22 players.
- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 27/02/19 – 10/04/19 had attendance between 21-27 players.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 27/02/19 – 10/04/19 had attendance between 20-25 players.
- The 4 weeks 4-5pm session 01/05/19 – 22/05/19 had attendance between 18-22 players.
- The 4 weeks 5-6pm session 01/05/19 – 22/05/19 had attendance between 17-24 players.
- The 4 weeks 6-7pm session 01/05/19 – 22/05/19 had attendance between 14-22 players.
- The 6 weeks 4-5pm session 05/06/19 - 10/07/19 had attendance between 15-25 players.
- The 6 weeks 5-6pm session 05/06/19 - 10/07/19 had attendance between 16-26 players.
- The 6 weeks 6-7pm session 05/06/19 - 10/07/19 had attendance between 10-19 players.
- **The 3 weeks 4-5pm session 07/08/19 - 21/08/19 did not hold this session.**
- The 3 weeks 5-6pm session 07/08/19 - 21/08/19 had attendance between 12-18 players.
 - 15 Non – Club players attended & 1 then joined club for 6-7pm session on 25/09/19.
- The 3 weeks 6-7pm session 07/08/18 - 21/08/19 had attendance between 9-10 players.
 - **All players could attend both sessions for £5.00 in lieu of £3.50 for just one session.**
- The 7 weeks 4-5pm session 28/08/19 – 09/10/19 had attendance between 7-22 players.
- The 7 weeks 5-6pm session 28/08/19 – 09/10/19 had attendance between 17-26 players.
- The 7 weeks 6-7pm session 28/08/19 – 09/10/19 had attendance between 16-25 players.
- The 9 weeks 4-5pm session 23/10/19 – 18/12/19 had attendance between 13-22 players.
- The 9 weeks 5-6pm session 23/10/19 – 18/12/19 had attendance between 13-24 players.
- The 9 weeks 6-7pm session 23/10/19 – 18/12/19 had attendance between 13-23 players.
- At 31/12/2019 potentially at the 4-5pm session 10 girls & 15 boys, at the 5-6pm session 10 girls & 17 boys and at 6-7pm session 11 girls & 17 boys.

We now have registered at 31st December 2019 a total of 60 “Junior Player” and 22 “The Racket Pack” Badminton England members for the 2019/20 season. Currently attending are now 78 (out of the 82) and for January 2019 the sessions 4-5pm are 28 (includes three new players to join); 5-6pm are 26 & 6-7pm are 27. The 6-7pm numbers include 2 volunteers in school year 13 who are also helping at the 5-6pm session.

All club members as part of initially joining the club have a "FREE" club hoodie & a "FREE" club shirt which the shirt is required to be worn at the club weekly sessions. Both these items can be exchange throughout the season if required for a larger size. 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 2020, but having 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.

- The Whitwick tournament was held on 02/02/2019, and many players from the club entered the boys & girls doubles in some of the U10's, U12's, U14's & U17's events.
- LSBA Junior American Girls/Boys Doubles Tournament was held on 01/12/2019 at Babington Academy. Well done to all club members who took part in U10's; U14's U17's events.
- 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 65 games were played; 5:00 - 6:00pm sessions a total of 95 games were played. At the 6:00 – 7:00pm sessions a total 83 games were played. The results are as follows:-

U10's Boys Singles (10 -15)

- Runner Up: Austin Wigley, Winner: **Lewis Booth**

U12's Boys Singles (2- 15)

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

U14's Boys Singles (14 - 15)

- Runner Up: Oliver Pickering, Winner: **Hal Eastwood**

U18's Boys Singles (5 – 15)

- Runner Up: Joshua Ireland, Winner: **William Earland**

U10's Girls Singles (No Event as only one girl U10)

Runner Up: Winner:

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

- Runner Up: Mia Fannon, Winner: **Jasmine Armstrong**

U14's Girls Singles (Group & 2-15 against opponent)

- Runner Up: Madison Demirdag Winner: **Evie Stokes**

U18's Girls Singles (6 – 15)

- Runner Up: Caitlin Sullivan, Winner: **Ella Bills**

U10's Boys Doubles (Group & 12 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Lewis Booth & Benjy Ritson-Elliot
- Winners: **Austin Wigley & Eric Ng**

U12's Boys Doubles (6– 15 against)

- Runners Up: Theo Parsons & William Allen
- Winners: **Daniel Betts & Daniel Cairns**

U14's Boys Doubles (Group & 13 – 15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Toby Baker & Lewis Fortnum
- Winners: **Evan Wright & Oliver Pickering**

U18's Boys Doubles (11 - 15)

- Runners Up: Reuben Saunders & Joseph Parsons
- Winners: **Sam Bills & William Earland**

U12's Girls Doubles (11-15)

- Runners Up: Mia Fannon & Niamh Durrant
- Winners: **Gemma Pyle & Jasmine Armstrong**

U14's Girls Doubles (Group & 3-15 against opponent)

- Runners Up: Ria Bhiku & Madison Demirdag
- Winners: **Evie Stokes & Lottie Goodman**

U18's Girls Doubles (8 - 15)

- Runners Up: Poppy Angus & Ellis McKeown
- Winners: **Ella Bills & Molly Johnson**

“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. **2019: Caitlin Sullivan**

Trophy to the “Most Improved Session Member”

- This is based on the Club Coaches assessment of players' improved playing ability for the respective session they attend.
- **Winner 2019 session 4-5pm: Jakub Cox**
- **Winner 2019 session 5-6pm: Theo Parsons**
- **Winner 2019 session 6-7pm: William Earland**

At the Club Tournament Presentations & Meal held on 08/05/2019 the new annual club trophies for the Girls and Boys Singles events were presented to all respective winners in addition to small trophies for winners & runner-up's in all events. A photo of the group was taken before the annual club trophies were locked away again in the display cabinet.

Shuttles

- In year 2019 for the 4-5pm session 1 - dozen Yonex Mavis Yellow Shuttles Blue & 1 dozen Yonex Mavis Yellow Shuttles Red at a total cost of £28.78. 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 2019/20 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 9 are on the “Tink” award & 5 are on the “Flo” award & 5 are on the “Wise” award.
- At present at the 5-6pm session 2 are on the “Tink” award & 4 is on the “Flo” award and 6 on the “Wise” award.

Consider again over year 2020, 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 the club will have players on the sessions waiting lists to replace any player that leaves. Due to the high numbers at these sessions, we are unable to allow players to move to a later session as they become older. May need to look for season 2020/21 at having at 7-8pm session with more courts for the older players and move some from the 6-7pm session. Then other players could move up a session.

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 has now completed and achieved his Badminton England UKCC Level 1 coaching award and again attends as many 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions as he can. Also attends most 7-8pm sessions.

Elliot Baker a long time Junior Member of the club also has also now completed and achieved his Badminton England UKCC Level 1 coaching award. Although Elliot is now at University when back home he does still try to attend as many 5-6pm & 6-7pm sessions as he can.

To ensure the Junior Club players are receiving update coaching information as head coach I have during 2019 attending the following:-

- Badminton England – Developing Power Overhead Workshop.
- Badminton England – Differentiation for Badminton Coaches Workshop.
- Badminton England – Developing Tactical Practices for Doubles Workshop
- Badminton England – Disability Badminton Workshop.
- Badminton England – renewal of the DBS certificate.
- UK Coaching – Coaching The Person In Front Of You Workshop.
- UK Coaching – renewal of “Safeguarding & Protecting Children” Workshop.
- EduCare – Concussion Awareness – level 2 – eLearning.
- EduCare – First Aid Essentials – level 2 – eLearning.
- EduCare – Mental Wellbeing in Sport and Physical Activity – level 2 – eLearning.
- EduCare – Equality & Diversity – level 2 – eLearning.
- EduCare – Preventing Bulling in Sport – level 2 – eLearning.

The intent is that all club coaches will be on the Badminton England list of registered / Licensed Coaches which means they will need to have a current DBS certificate. In addition, they will be members of the Leicestershire Badminton Coaching Association.

Duncan Ritson-Elliot the father of Benjy and Fiona Booth the mother of Lewis attends the 4-5pm session as volunteers and have a HVO Badminton England membership. Also, Jennifer Thompson has attended this session as a further adult volunteer. Penny Fannon is an adult volunteer at the 5-6pm session.

Club members have been attending other sessions free of charge to help as volunteers. At the end of 2019 for the 4-5pm session then Caitlin Sullivan for the 5-6pm session then, Ben Highcock, Lucy Goodman, Emily Hayes, Molly Johnson & Ella Bills.

The club has encouraged & paid for a total of 7 Junior Club members aged 16+ to attend these UK Coaching “Safeguarding & Protecting Children” courses. In addition, 4 coaches & 3 volunteers had attended this course. **The club for 2020 will continue to encourage & pay for Junior Club members aged 16+ to attend these UK Coaching “Safeguarding & Protecting Children” courses.**

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts & updated Welcome Leaflets the club received on 31st August 2019 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 2019/20, 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 site of Leicestershire Rutland Sport is 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 BKL equipment in 2016 with an update in 2017 for a total cost of £3,500.00 and players have had the benefit of its use again with the new routines for 2019. To date no charge has been made but it may mean in 2020 a charge is made for any replacement Shuttlecocks needed.

A very simple GJ688 automatic shuttlecock launcher has been purchased by the club via Amazon at a cost of £105.99 plus a further £23.88 for batteries and a suitable 6-volt transformer. This equipment will only deliver the shuttlecock a single set distance to one position. As younger children are unable to hand feed accurately this equipment ensure an accurate feed to allow net shots, net lifts, service returns to be practised. Also as being battery operated (as well as mains electrical down to 6v) means children under adult supervision can operate the equipment.

New Babolat Club Rackets, Grips & Graps

Junior Players & parents are often enquiring as to what is the best & type of racket they should buy? For season 2019/20, the club have purchasing some rackets for our Junior members to use for them to be able to try before purchasing suitable rackets at competitive prices. Irrespective of what manufacture is finally selected players can determine which type of racket head balance is preferred.

- The three Babolat rackets from the “Prime Range” we have select are price competitive with other manufactures and offer a really good “first” racket to own.
- The Essential and Lite versions (Head Light & Even Balance) Retail at £35.00 and the Blast (Head heavy) version Retails at £40.00.
- In lieu of Withers Sports, no doubt discounts off these retail prices are available from such suppliers as
 - “Direct Badminton” (£33.99; £27.40; £33.99) but involves additional carriage cost.
 - <https://www.directbadminton.co.uk/sport4/badminton/badminton-rackets/babolat-badminton-rackets/babolat-prime>
 - “Central Sports” (£34.00; £28.99; £42.49)but involves additional carriage cost.
 - <https://www.centralsports.co.uk/brands/babolat/f/t:2>

The club purchase a grand total of 72 Grips & Graps for badminton racket handles at a total cost of £97.44. Steve Chapman at any session has and will continue to apply Grips and or Graps to Junior Players racket handles all free of charge.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R S.P.K.', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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