

PLYMOUTH BADMINTON

The P & D Churches Badminton League (Founded 1930)

General Meeting Tuesday 28th February 2023
7pm Lower Hall, St Budeaux Parish Church

Chairman's Report:

The first thing I would like to do is to express my sincere thanks to:

Jo for organising and running the Christmas and Restricted Tournaments

Waine and Ryan, for making sure that this season is going smoothly and for ordering the tournament trophies

The league was approached by Marjon's the week after the Fixtures Meeting to ask whether they could join the league. It was decided that it would be too difficult for them to be added to the league this season and we have offered them friendly matches. Please speak to Waine for their contact details.

There seems to be a little progress with Badminton England and a National Badminton League. When this was previously discussed the five discipline format and the best of 5 games to 11 points as a format. As a league we need to be aware of any developments.

Devon County Badminton Association have asked all leagues to discuss how leagues will move forward with respect to the lgbtqia2s+ community. One suggestion is that the "Men's" leagues be "un-gendered" so that players of all sexual persuasions are eligible to play. With in the Plymouth Badminton League the Ladies league would be kept as is but the men's changed. The Medley League could change to having three ladies and three "others".

I have not been as active regarding the league over the last couple of months for which I apologise but the situation with the Devon County is still ongoing and I have been preparing documents for Badminton England.

The current situation is that Devon County found me 'guilty' of the four code of conduct charges and decided that I should receive a formal warning. I have appealed the decision to Badminton England and they are in the process of arranging a date for that appeal to be heard; I have been writing a lengthy document in support of that appeal which will be forwarded onto Badminton England once the date has been set.

Online Meeting with Sue Storey and Mike Robinson

For those who are not aware, Sue Storey is the new CEO of Badminton England and Mike Robinson the chair of Badminton England. There follows my notes which were written following the meeting . . .

I had a very positive one hour meeting with Sue and Mike yesterday (Wednesday 31st August) morning where we discussed a range of topics.

We did not discuss the county situation and I only remarked that individuals are either for or against the county setup as it stands and that everyone is aware of my personal position!

Sue started off by saying that she wants more people like me to have ideas and drive the sport of badminton forward: she is willing to discuss any ideas going forwards. People like me? Really, when I am in so much trouble with the DCBA?

The points discussed:

Pyramid "National Badminton League"

- Mike gave Sue a brief rundown on where that had got to prior to Covid
- The set up could be developed either as a top down or bottom up model and there are advantages and disadvantages to each model
- The bottom up model would mean less financial input from Badminton England to begin with as local leagues; the counties could be tasked to oversee its development to the county level

Badminton is "Cool"

- We need to get the message out to the population that badminton is happening at all levels of the sport
- Currently there is little in the way of getting stories, of all sorts, out into the media (of all types) of good news stories
- Is a 'social influencer' needed? The problem often is that English Badminton reports negative subjects when the top players lose in a tournament!
- Whilst I congratulated Badminton England on the upcoming "The BIG Hit", all the work will be done at the club / coach level using the poster blanks, there needs to be something national to kick it off and promote it. This was acknowledged and will be looked into.

Schools Badminton Competition and Badminton in Schools and Colleges

- I stated that removing the Schools Badminton Competition had been a retrograde step for a number of reasons:
 - Firstly it gave college pupils the opportunity to engage in the sport of badminton at a level beyond their lessons
 - Secondly colleges focused their efforts into the sport of badminton for the few weeks when it was happening
 - Mike and Sue will look into this - I suggested that up to county level the local counties could be made responsible; this might encourage more juniors into the sport of badminton
- This then moved into a general discussion on badminton in schools and colleges
 - Sue stated that clubs and club coaches should be encouraged to engage more openly with their local schools and colleges - this will be looked into further by Sue and Mike
 - It is better for this to be 'club centered' as if led nationally any junior players will need to be directed to a local club to attend - IF one is available!

- Most schools and colleges do not have teachers who are badminton players / coaches and who can deliver badminton much beyond the 'hitting' stage
- All NGB's are talking with the government currently for a specialist PE teacher to be appointed to all Primary Schools as, in many primary school PE is seen as a “run around” time rather than the development of different sports
- Exams - the AQA A Level exam specification for PE with respect to badminton is a mess.
 - I will write a short paper and submit it to Sue and Mike for them to pass onto the AQA

Visits:

- Sue has managed to visit a number of areas of the country and has engaged with a number of clubs and leagues where she has visited – she recently got as close as Dorset!
- In due course Sue would like to visit the Devon and Cornwall counties and would welcome the opportunity to meet and see how badminton is being delivered locally.

I thanked Sue for engaging with me and giving up her time for an hour-long meeting.

I believe that Sue is dynamic and someone who we as clubs and as a league can work with going forward BUT it will mean that clubs will have to change their ethos from just providing a club in which to play badminton to being more proactive in the sport of badminton. This will mean that clubs, coaches and players will need to go out, engage and work with the local community: clubs could well have the direct instruction to "promote the sport of badminton" and make it 'cool' from Badminton England.

Alan Berry

Fixtures report 22/23

Coming to the end of the season, and it has been a challenging one for us. Some clubs are using the electronic scoresheets, and that is great. For the start of next season, we will be writing a crib sheet for all secretaries, and for them to share with their teams & team captains. A simple call/text, to me, before trying to register will enable the verification code to be processed. This has been the stumbling block for a lot of players. The sheet provides for the names / scores, and there is provision for a "comment" – this will be on the Crib sheet:

In the absence of an electronic sheet, a paper sheet, downloaded from the website should be used. There should be a sheet, in some form, for both home & away teams. The team names should be completed for both teams, not just the names of your team, which you know. This should include first & family names as they appear on the badminton England affiliation register. A request was made for the total scores to be added, and this has been done for the Medley match sheets at the latter end of the season & will be permanent for all match sheets next season. Likewise, we were asked for a player last name initial, and that too has been added, although Tom C will still show as Tom C twice for one club! The completion of home & away sheets electronically should enable us to identify any anomalies very quickly. The home team should be e-mailing to let us know of the result, within 10 days. I should not be having to chase teams. Until I am notified of the completion, I assume that there is a possible dispute. There is a facility, on the electronic sheet, to record No-shows or sub substituted players in the "comments" section – if an ineligible player is played then a score of 21-0 should be recorded for the eligible team. The signature, on a match sheet, is from a club representative, not the team captain / secretary who may not even be there.

At the beginning of the season clubs are asked for their declaration of players, and the teams for which they will be playing, if more than one team. Throughout the season, if a club is registering a new player, please could they advise us of the name, as registered, the team for which they will play, and their Badminton England number prior to them playing. The BA Of E affiliated player sheet often does not show a legal player for several days, in one instance a 2-week delay on a membership renewal. Please ensure that players renew, in time, and that they are assigned a club.

With regard to rearranged matches, the electronic sheets can be used for the original fixture with a "comment".

We had been approached, by Marjons, just after the start of our season. It was decided to arrange some "friendlies" and get them up to speed regarding the league. Several toing & Froing of emails resulted in Alan paying them a visit. A Gmail account has been set up for them and a couple of clubs have shown interest in "friendlies". They didn't realise how much study work they had to do, prior to Christmas, so a couple of matches will probably be enough. Their standard, apart from their lead man, is near "no-strings". Any club interested, please let me know.

Medley:

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Derriford Medley A	7	7	0	0	53	10	43	53
2	Kuasa Medley A	8	6	0	2	47	25	22	47
3	Callington Medley A	7	2	0	5	32	31	1	32
4	YMCA Kitto Medley A	6	4	0	2	26	28	-2	26
5	University Medley A	5	1	0	4	17	28	-11	17
6	Kuasa Medley B	7	0	0	7	5	58	-53	5

Ladies A

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Derriford Ladies A	6	5	0	1	55	17	38	55
2	Kuasa Ladies A	5	2	0	3	22	38	-16	22
3	Callington Ladies A	3	2	0	1	21	15	6	21
4	University Ladies A	4	0	0	4	10	38	-28	10

Ladies B

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Kuasa Ladies B	5	5	0	0	57	3	54	57
2	Kuasa Ladies C	5	2	0	3	27	33	-6	27
3	Liskeard Inc Ladies A	4	1	1	2	17	31	-14	17
4	University Ladies B	4	0	1	3	7	41	-34	7

Men's A

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Kuasa Men's A	6	5	0	1	57	15	42	57
2	Derriford Men's A	7	6	0	1	50	34	16	50
3	Callington Men's A	6	2	0	4	27	45	-18	27
4	YMCA Kitto Men's A	7	1	0	6	26	58	-32	26
5	University Men's A	6	2	0	4	32	40	-8	24

* Adjustment made

Men's B

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Kuasa Men's B	6	5	1	0	58	14	44	58
2	Plymouth Life Centre Men's A	7	4	0	3	53	31	22	53
3	University Men's B	4	3	1	0	35	13	22	35
4	YMCA Kitto Men's B	6	2	0	4	24	48	-24	24
5	Plymouth Life Centre Men's B	7	0	0	7	10	74	-64	10

Men's C

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS	
1	Tavyside Men's A	7	6	0	1	66	18	48	66	
2	Torpoint Men's A	7	6	0	1	63	21	42	63	
3	Liskeard Inclusive Men's A	5	2	0	3	24	36	-12	24	
4	Kuasa Men's C	6	0	0	6	12	60	-48	12	
5	University Men's C	5	1	0	4	15	45	-30	11	*

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One team provided their declaration form via PDF; one team made no declaration and the remainder used the electronic declaration.

Unfortunately PLC had to withdraw, due to a lack of ladies, but hopefully this will be remedied for next season.

I thank the handicap committee for their prompt replies, prior to each match, and as you look at the figures in front of you, it was a job well done.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the committee for next season, I would be delighted to hear from them.

Are there any questions about the figures?

Beckly Result Summary 2022-2023

Round	Date	Team Names (H & A)	Result	Handicap	Overall result	Winner	Point difference
Round 1	07-Nov-22	Liskeard Inclusive Derriford	137 378	249 0	386 378	Liskeard Inclusive	8
Quarter final	30-Nov-22	Torpoint Tavyside	324 319	42 0	366 319	Torpoint	47
	01-Dec-22	Callington Liskeard Inclusive	378 370	0 11	378 381	Liskeard Inclusive	3
	05-Dec-22	YMCA Kitto Kuasa University	326 313 Bye	0 11	326 324	YMCA Kitto	2
Semi final	01-Feb-23	Torpoint YMCA Kitto	301 348	66 0	367 348	Torpoint	19
	06-Feb-23	University Liskeard Inclusive	152 370	226 0	378 370	University	8
Final	03-Mar-23	Torpoint University					

To be discussed at the meeting 28th February, 2023.

University issues thus far this season. This is no reflection on Nirmala George, who I commend her efforts to arrange A medley, 3 men's and 2 ladies' teams.

Team	Date	Opponent	Occurrence
Men's A	28/10/22	Kuasa A	Incomplete match sheet - no home team players shown.
Men's A	14/11/22	YMCA A	No show. League decision to play match – YMCA had one date accepted and with a much-weakened team played. Loss of 12-0, despite an 8-4 win away. 4 penalty points
Men's A	16/1/23	Kuasa A	No show, venue Brickfields. Discussions between Nirmala / Lisa (Kuasa)/ Waine & Brickfields to be flexible re finishing time to allow matches to be completed. 4 penalty points
Men's C	16/1/23	Kuasa C	No show, venue Brickfields. Were supposed to be providing shuttles. Visiting tea, provided shuttles for the remaining match that took place. 4 penalty points
Men's C	18/1/23	Torpoint	2 players instead of 4. Home team provided 2 ineligible players.
Ladies B	16/1/23	Kuasa C	3 ladies played. One ineligible player from Kuasa.

Tavyside Badminton Report for the Secretaries Meeting (28th February 20223)

The sessions are running with numbers being maintained. We have spaces at both the Junior Coaching and the Club sessions.

Tavistock College acknowledged the sport of badminton at the recent college Sports Personality Of The Year (SPOTY) awards evening. One of our younger players was presented with the "Sports Leader of the Year Award" for her coaching, playing and supporting roles in badminton at the college. This award covers Years 7 to 13 and the two other contenders in the group were both in Year 11.

Tavistock College are causing a few problems over access to the sports hall as they use the hall for examinations. This academic year it is likely that 9 sessions will be missed plus 3 sessions when the whole site was closed over Christmas.

Mount Kelly have been very supportive with our use of the facilities there.

Tavyside Badminton have plans for open events as part of the "The BIG Hit" promotion in March and we have been asked to deliver badminton at sessions in Okehampton and Yelverton over the summer.

Alan Berry

YMCA report 22/23

League – thank you to all of the teams who have put up with the noise from the Kendo group! One player, a new player into our B team, has fallen and broken his wrist during a match, cast off tomorrow. Have been encouraging some of the social players into league evening.

Social

This continues to grow. We are unable to offer “big hit” opportunity as there is no space. Still restricted to 30 players across 5 courts. It can be a challenge when players are returning to play following surgery i.e., pacemaker, heart stents, however these players are watched carefully. Just the one player who collapsed, in the autumn, where the Paramedics were called; he has since had surgery and returned.

We offer places from age 18, and have only spoken to Andy, briefly, re the possibility of Safeguarding training.

Any queries re under 18's I usually contact Kuasa 😊



Andy Crocker <andy.crocker57@googlemail.com>

Presentation Evening

1 message

Gillian Jones <biltonggaj@icloud.com>
To: Andy Crocker <andy.crocker57@googlemail.com>

28 February 2023 at 19:56

Hi All,

The Plymouth Badminton Presentation Evening is once again being held at the Crownhill Royal British Legion Club. The main hall has been booked for Friday 19th May 2023.

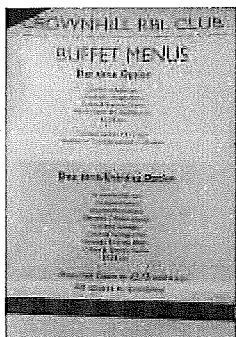
The total cost is £85 and the booking was secured by payment of a £45 non refundable deposit. A refundable £50 damage deposit will also have to be paid. The outstanding hiring costs will need to be paid 2 weeks in advance of the booking date.

The buffet menu is attached, basket meals are under review and will be provided at a later date.

I shall be requesting the numbers and names of club players at a later date in April.

Regards,
Gill

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CROWNHILL RBL CLUB

BUFFET MENUS

Day time Option

Sandwich Selection
Cocktail Sausage Rolls
Crisps & Savoury Snacks
Assortment of Cakes/biscuits
£5.50 p.p.

Cocktail pasties £1.10 each
Vegetarian Cocktail pasties £1.20 each

Day time/Evening Option

Sandwich Selection
Cocktail Pasties
Quiche Assortment
Battered Chicken chunks
Cocktail sausages
Cocktail Sausage rolls
Samosas & Onion Bhajis
Crisps & Savoury Snacks
£7.50 p.p.

Assorted Gateaux £2.75 extra p.p.
All subject to availability