

BUCKS COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER : Autumn 2009

Welcome to our newsletter that will be sent periodically by email to the Chair and Secretaries of all Bucks affiliated clubs. This can then be easily forwarded to club members. It will also be placed on the Bucks website <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk>.

The information in the Newsletter is intended to keep you up to date with what is going on in badminton in the county and in England. If there are items you would like included in future Newsletters please email ianmoody@globalnet.co.uk.

Funding possibilities

Bucks CBA has gradually accumulated funds over the past few years and the Committee has decided that some of these should be used to provide Bursaries for individuals in Bucks affiliated clubs to help them achieve Level 1 and Level 2 coaching status and thereby enhance badminton in Bucks. Information on this will be provided on the website when the details have been worked out.

Clubs that affiliate to Bucks CBA can also avail themselves of two hours coaching paid for by Bucks CBA each financial year (1 April to the following 31 March). To organize coaching for clubs in the Milton Keynes area – contact Tony Coyne tony.coyne@sky.com. In the Aylesbury area contact s.halewood@ntlworld.com. In the Wycombe and Chalfont area contact Fiona Foy Fiona@hwadba.org. Cost covered - up to £15/hr.

Local Authorities may also provide funding for training coaches and other purposes. Contact your local authority for more information. Bucks and Milton Keynes Sports Partnership also provide funding information, <http://www.buckssport.org> , funding search.

BADMINTON England advertise a number of funding possibilities for affiliated clubs. Search on Funding on <http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk>

Forthcoming events

Future badminton events of special note:

1. Dec 4-6 2009: England National Vets at NBC
2. Feb 5-7 2010: England Nationals at Manchester
3. Mar 9-14 2010: All England (100th) at Birmingham
4. Apr 9-11 2010: All England Vets at NBC
5. Apr 13-18 2010: European Individual Championships at Manchester

New BADMINTON England Regional Officer

BADMINTON England have appointed Nina Bridge to be the Regional Officer for Bucks and Oxon. Check the homepage of <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk> for more information on the work she will be undertaking.

BADMINTON England Cup

The BADMINTON England Cup is a National Club Competition launched in 2007/08. Bucks has been represented in both years that the competition has taken place so far. In the first year All Stars, Aylesbury and The 77 badminton clubs took part with All Stars and Aylesbury making the final play-offs. In the second year Woughton joined the three clubs who played in the first year. Unfortunately none of the teams managed to make the finals this time. If your club would like to enter search on the BADMINTON England website under Tournament: Seniors. Entries close 30 October 2009. Matches are

played between January and May 2010 with the Grand Finals being held on 12/13 June 2010 at the NBC.

Bucks CBA Open Tournaments

Bucks are running a **Vets Open Tournament** over the weekend 21/22 November 2009. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Bucks and BADMINTON England websites. This is the first open vets tournament that Bucks has run so it would be very helpful if you could encourage any veterans (over 40) in your club to enter. They don't need to have played county vets before. **Due to postal delays late entries may be accepted.** Check with Ian Moody at ianmoody@globalnet.co.uk

Bucks will be running an **Orbital Tournament** on Sat, 20 March 2010. This level of tournament is aimed at league and county players, and focused on those not able to qualify for a Satellite tournament. The Entry Form will be available on the Bucks and BADMINTON England website in due course. This is the first Orbital that Bucks has run. The Carlton Orbital Circuit is a grade E circuit. Now reaching its 4th season it has grown to 16 tournaments in total. Several of these occupy the same dates in the calendar because they target a more local pool of players than the other circuits including talented juniors, good to strong club players and lower team county players. At the end of each season there is an Orbital Circuit Final for the top 4 players / pairs from the circuit played at the NBC.

Senior County 2009/10

Bucks is running 3 teams in the Senior Inter County Championships, played throughout the season at weekends. Please enquire if anyone in your club would be interested in representing Bucks at Senior County level and ask them to contact the County Captain, Glenn McMenamin at s12mjm@yahoo.co.uk. Individuals are eligible to play for a county if they:

1. were born in the county, or
2. have resided in the county for three (six if the player is not a native of England) months immediately preceding the time of playing, or
3. have resided at any time for 10 consecutive years in the county, or
4. have previously played for the county, provided that they shall not subsequently have played for another county.

Full eligibility rules can be found on the BADMINTON England website.

Veterans County 2009/10

In the Inter County League, also played throughout out the season at weekends, Bucks is entering teams in the Over 40's, 45's, 50's, 55's, 60's and 65's. Bucks is one of a limited number of counties that enters teams in all age groups. Individuals eligible to play Vets are always welcome with the majority of teams being composed of good standard club players. Please enquire if anyone in your club would be interested in representing Bucks at Veteran County level and ask them to contact the Vets Co-ordinator, David Bates at david.bates@btinternet.com. Details of Vets match fixtures can also be found on the Bucks website <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk>. Bucks also enters teams in the Inter County Championships which are played over the 2nd weekend of January each year. Eligibility to play Vets for a county are the same as 1. to 3. For Senior County.

Junior County 2009/10

The Bucks Schools Badminton Association (BSBA) (<http://bucksjuniorbadminton-space.near-time.net/news>) organizes and runs Bucks junior county teams up to Under 17's. Further information on these can be obtained from Ruth Jefferies (Chair of BSBA) at ruth.jefferies@hotmail.co.uk. Bucks Junior Teams have done extremely well over the past years with a number of individuals representing England at international level.

BADMINTON England membership fees – Season 2009/10

BADMINTON England has kept its fees unchanged from 2008/09

1. Senior Club Members (SCM) - £9.30
2. Junior Club Members (JCM) - £4.65

3. Junior Club Membership - £46.20

Please remember that SCM's and JCM's only have to pay one BADMINTON England fee irrespective of the number of clubs they may be members of. If they belong to a number of clubs then the clubs should sort out with the individual which club is affiliating the player to BADMINTON England. Coaches on the BADMINTON England register pay through the coaching fee they pay annually to BADMINTON England.

Bucks CBA Affiliation Fees – Season 2009/10

Bucks CBA has also kept its fees unchanged from 2008/09

1. Senior Club Members (SCM) - £3.25
2. Junior Club Members (JCM) - £2.10
3. Junior Club Membership - £10.00

Individuals only have to pay one county fee if they belong to more than one club affiliating to Bucks. In this instance clubs should sort out with the individual which club is paying the Bucks fee. Coaches also need to pay the Bucks fee, it is not part of the coaching fee paid to BADMINTON England. If, however, individuals play for clubs in more than one county then they should pay county fees (as applicable) to each county.

VISION – The new BADMINTON England database

BADMINTON England has introduced a new membership database called Vision. Club secretaries should have been contacted about this new system with information on how to access and update information on it. Information can also be obtained from membership@badmintonengland.co.uk BADMINTON England are aware that there are set up problems with this system. Please check on the BADMINTON England website for FAQ's or contact their membership department.

Websites containing badminton information

We try to keep the Bucks CBA website <http://www.badmintonbucks.co.uk> up to date with information on current news items, websites of clubs in Bucks and Milton Keynes, senior and vets county fixtures and tournaments, county committee, coaching and various volunteering possibilities (including Line Judging). If there is anything else that you would like to see on the website please use the Contact page on the website.

One of the Bucks website items we are focusing on is clubs website addresses and also local league, district council and national organizations (apart from BADMINTON England) that provide club details. It would be worthwhile checking whether there is information on your club on the following websites, if there is checking it is up to date and if not consider putting information on.

The websites of the organizations running the four leagues in Bucks are:

1. Aylesbury: , www.bucksinfo.net/aylesbury-and-district-badminton-association/
2. Chalfont: , www.cadba.org.uk
3. Milton Keynes: www.badmintonmk.co.uk/
4. Wycombe www.hwadba.org.

Information on clubs in some of the Districts of Bucks and Milton Keynes can be found on:

1. Aylesbury Vale: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/leisure-culture/sports-clubs-centres/sports-clubs/badminton/
2. Wycombe: www.wycombe.gov.uk/sitePages.asp?step=4&contentID=1919&categoryID=1494 .
3. Chiltern and South Bucks Districts websites do not appear to contain any badminton club information.
4. Milton Keynes: www.mkweb.co.uk/sport/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=14821

The national body Sports Clubs UK has information on most (if not all) of the badminton clubs in Bucks (www.sports-clubs.net/Sport/Clubs.aspx?SportID=37&Sport=Badminton). Individual clubs can update information on their own clubs. It is worthwhile checking this out as it appears to be a pretty comprehensive national website.