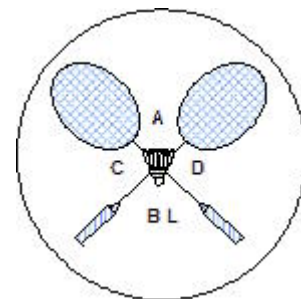


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The Joys of Spring!!

Welcome to the spring newsletter! In this issue we have a report from Hawley badminton club, about their recent German visitors, along with the results from the Junior Tournaments and Level Doubles Tournaments.

We would also like to remind all of you that the Mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for 12 March – closing date is 28 February! I've let the Team Tournament and the level doubles tournaments slip by through pressure of work, as well as the Veterans, but here is plenty of notice for the Mixed!

Junior Tournaments

First of all, a big thank you to all the players and parents who turned out to



support the Junior Tournaments. Also, well done to Carol Ashcroft and her volunteers for keeping the tournaments running smoothly.



I took other photos of the winners with their trophies, but getting the names to match the pictures, along with parental permission to publish has strained my resources this season.

Results

Under 12 boys, Section A:

The final was between the pairing of Sam Dobson/Tom Cullen and Steve Cappleman/Richard Goodeve-Ballard.

The winners were Steve Cappleman and Richard Goodeve-Ballard.

Under 12 boys, Section B:

The winners were Jake Lavender and Sam Austin, with Liam Cave/Tom Wiltshire a close second.

Under 12 Girls, Section A:

Hayley Duckett/Amy North won through in the final against Kerri Scott/Gillian Thomas.

Under 12 Girls, Section B

In Section B, Abigail Plender/Aimee Winterbotham overcame Katherine Brown/Olivia Epps in the final.

Under 12 Mixed, Section A

The final was between Hayley Duckett/Richard Goodeve Ballard, and Gillian Thomas/Conor Dean.

The winners were Hayley Duckett and Richard Goodeve Ballard.

Under 12 Mixed, Section B

Natalie Mundy/Thomas Thorpe beat Rebecca Flatman/Chris Bryan in the Section B final.

Under 16 Boys, Section A

In the final against Michael Daw/Edward Thomas, Alex Huttunen/Michael Sidwell were victorious.

Under 16 Boys, Section B

James Neil/Sam Selby beat Jacky So/Oliver Kinnear.

Under 16 Girls, Section A

The final was between Katie Walters/Lisa Turner and Georgie Taylor/Jessica Shotten.

The winners were Katie Walters and Lisa Turner.

Under 16 Mixed

Georgie Taylor/Andrew Manners held off finalists Katie Walters/Alex Huttunen.

Under 10 Boys, Section A

Benedict Riley/Ben Smith beat Chris Plender/Connor Winterbotham.

Under 10 Boys, Section B

David Jones/Sam Spencer beat Liam Hunter/George Worrall.

Under 10 Girls, Section A

The final was between Hayley Duckett/Victoria Williams, and Kerri Scott/Stephanie Thomas.

The winners were Hayley Duckett and Victoria Williams.

Under 10 Girls, Section B

Finalists Laura Woodrow/Olivia Cavey beat Claire Edwards/Eleanor Bramley.

Under 14 Boys, Section A

The final was between Michael Daw/Edward Thomas, and Jamie Ellis/Huw Batts.

The winners were Michael Daw and Edward Thomas.

Under 14 Boys, Section B

Johan Holledig/Ahmed Cassim beat Aaron Cresswell/Josh Jurkenas.

Under 14 Girls, Section A

The final was between Ellie Crossley/Hannah Thompson, and Jenny Nurse/Esme Bradshaw.

The winners were Jenny Nurse and Esme Bradshaw.

Under 14 Girls, Section B

Amy Chapple and India Bowtell beat Lauren Welfare/Amy Reardon

Under 14 Mixed, Section A

The final was between Esme Bradshaw/Michael Daw, and Jenny Nurse/Edward Thomas.

The winners were Esme Bradshaw and Michael Daw.

Under 14 Mixed, Section B

Finalists Hannah Sidwell/Ahmed Cassim beat Rachel Beresford/Jackie Callaghan.

Committee Matters

More matters from committee deliberations:

Our Match Secretary, Nicky, has noted that some match cards have been received with stamps on. Note that any post sent via the Freepost address will

be charged to ACDBL. Therefore, any stamped items should be addressed to Nicky direct.

The Team Tournament has, unfortunately, been postponed, due to lack of entries and the format will now be used for the Charity Tournament.

On the subject of the Charity Tournament, **we are in need of items for the Tombola and raffle.** This year's nominated charity is of more direct concern to us than usual. We have decided to put the money raised towards training coaches for our junior badminton clubs.

Anyone interested in putting themselves forward for coaching training should let us know.

Date for your Diary

The date for the League AGM has been set for Wednesday 6 July. More details of this will be provided nearer the date.

Free Gifts!!

The Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships are being held at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham, on the 9-13 March.

I hold two free tickets for this event, available to the first person to respond, asking for them. This is for the Wednesday 9 March.

I'm at Darren@acdbl.co.uk

More Bits and Pieces

I would like to receive articles and trivia related to badminton. It would help fill these pages, and encourage me to put these newsletters together more frequently.

On that note, here are two items received from our readers. Many thanks to Ian Blackford, and Joyce Hood, of Hawley Badminton Club, for these items. (The items are unrelated, by the way.)



Late Breaking News

Our efficient match Secretary, Nicky Mitchell, has been blessed with a baby boy.

His name is Hayden Thomas Mitchell, and he weighed in at a staggering 9lb 2.5 oz (ouch!!!)

She apologises for not getting the website updated last week, but hopes to catch up this weekend.

REPORT ON GERMAN VISIT

Over the weekend of 11th/12th September we invited our colleagues from GE Oberursel Badminton Club across for a Tournament.

This exchange started 6 years ago when we (Hawley Badminton Club) were invited by Rushmoor Borough Council to attend a Tournament in Oberursel as part of the Twinning Committee's activity with our German colleagues. Since then we have gained a strong friendship, taking it in turns to host each year.

This year we hosted both players and supporters from Oberursel, near Frankfurt.

When we visit Germany we enjoy true local hospitality, especially as our trip coincides with the Brunnenfest, which is the town's Beer Festival. We try very hard to reciprocate this when they visit the UK (apart from the fact that we are missing a local Beer Festival !).

Over the weekend we set aside one day for the Tournament and one day for sightseeing. This year we visited Windsor, and had an opportunity to tour the Castle and the local shops.

Hawley Badminton Club ran a full day's tournament on the Saturday for 32 players culminating in a social evening to take care of the hunger and thirst built up by the day's exertions. This was hard work for all competitors as we commenced play at 09:30, and finished at 17:30. For those who had taken a summer break from the sport, it was a tough workout prior to the new season.

During our six years of friendship with our German counterparts it has been very interesting to compare notes, especially as they are supplied their sports facilities free of charge, and are given gifts by the local state authority to hand to their hosts/guests.

Long may the friendship continue, and many thanks to the Twinning Committee of Rushmoor Borough Council for making this opportunity available.

Ian Blackford

Hawley Badminton Club Chairman

Wellington Player, in non-badminton garb



The above clip shows Paul Reilly, a player from Wellington Badminton Club, doing his bit for charity. I'm not sure if there are any calendars left, but I'm sure Paul (and the hospital) would be glad of more support!