



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

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Hello and welcome to a festive edition of our newsletter. I hope you have all enjoyed the start of the season with us! In this edition, we would like to present a few reminders, detail some of our member's successes in various competitions, and provide you with some information on how we can make the club a little bit of extra cash! I hope you find it an interesting read, and as always, please get in touch if you have anything you would like to share.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

At the start of the season **Ian Wood** decided to stand down from his position of Chairman, a position he has held since 2004.

We hope you will join us in thanking him for all of his hard work, in particular overseeing the move into the new centre.

Peter Monk has now taken over the role of Chairman, with **David Jolliffe** replacing him as Membership Secretary. Meanwhile Ian Wood has been granted the role of Honorary Chairman.

FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

During the Christmas and New Year period The Bridge will be closed at various times. The following sessions are therefore cancelled:

Wednesday 25th December Keenagers

Wednesday 25th December Evening

Thursday 26th December Daytime

Thursday 26th December Match Practice

Wednesday 1st January Keenagers

Wednesday 1st January Evening

All other sessions will run as normal. Please remember your membership entitles you to attend all sessions, so feel free to work off those mince pies anywhen that suits you 😊

CANCELLED SESSIONS

We are currently unaware of any scheduled cancellations by The Bridge to our sessions in the next quarter, other than New Years Day.

PEG BOARD, SHUTTLES AND SCORING

For all sessions using our peg board, please remember to follow the below rules:

Pick from the **first 8 players** including yourself.

Try to pick a **balanced game**.

If you feel you cannot pick a fair game, then you are free to move your peg to the back of the line. If a visitor is at the front of the line, then the next player should help them pick a game.

We would like to remind everyone that **shuttles form a large proportion of the club's costs**.

Please be mindful of how many you use. If the current rate of use continues then we may have to increase membership fees again next year.

At sessions where there are more than double the number of players off the court than on court, please play games to 15.

(25+ for 3 courts, 17+ for 2 courts)

These rules are for the benefit of all members and the long-term sustainability of the club.

WELCOMES

We would like to give a very warm welcome the many members who have joined us since the start of the season!

To respect our member's privacy this section of the newsletter has been redacted for our website's copy.

If you are a current member then you will have received an unredacted copy to the email address we have on record.

2025 COURTS

We are pleased to confirm that for 2025 our court bookings are as follows:

Club Nights

Mondays 19:30-21:30 on 4 courts (4th court alternating between 19:30-21:00 and 20:00-21:30)

Wednesdays 19:30-21:30 on 3 courts

Daytime

Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 on 3 courts

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 on 2 courts and 11:00-12:00 on 3 courts

Keenagers

Mondays 10:00-11:30 on 2 courts

Wednesdays 14:00-15:30 on 2 courts

Fridays 12:00-13:30 on 2 courts

Please be aware that our current complimentary court time provided by The Bridge runs until 31st March, meaning that until then Monday Keenagers and Tuesday Daytime both start at 9:30am. As always, the committee reserves the right to alter all court bookings depending on attendance.

STRINGING

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VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are entitled to 3 visits at £10 per session before deciding to join or not.

If you are talking to a visitor at one of our sessions, please make sure they have signed the visitor's book so that we have a record of all visits.

If you wish to bring a visitor to one of our sessions, please make sure you contact David Jolliffe or the session rep, to ensure there is capacity and ensure they are of the minimum standard as detailed on the sessions page of the club's website.

COUNTY LEAGUES

We have many members currently representing Sussex across various age groups. Here's how they have been getting on since the start of the season.

Senior

Issy Noakes represented Sussex 3's in the first senior county weekend, as they took on Sussex 2's and Surrey 3's. The team lost both matches 11-0 but there were some great games in there.

Masters

Peter Ballard – Over 75s – W1 L2

Gregor Duval – Over 40s – W0 L3

Dick Gilbert – Over 60s – W0 L3

Sally Jillians – Over 60s – W3 L3

Dennis Joseph – Over 65s – W0 L3

Helen Milne – Over 40s & 45s – W5 L1

Mike Stoneman – Over 75s – W2 L1

Howard Thomas – Over 70s – W1 L5

Karen Thomas – Over 60s – W4 L2

John Webb – Over 70s – W1 L5

Zeyar Win – Over 45s – W2 L1

Ian Wootton – Over 45s – W2 L1

LOCAL LEAGUES

Here's a quick rundown of all our team's current placings, noting our opposition have often played a different number of matches to us.

Surrey Men's – W2 D0 L0 – 3rd out of 5

Surrey Mixed – W2 D0 L2 – 2nd out of 7

Crawley Men's – W4 D0 L1 – 1st out of 6

Crawley Mixed – W1 D0 L0 – 3rd out of 6

West Weald Men's – W1 D0 L0 – 3rd out of 4

West Weald Ladies – W0 D2 L0 – 3rd out of 4

West Weald Combi – W5 D0 L0 – 1st out of 7

Mid Sussex Fusion 1 – W1 D0 L1 – 4th out of 7

Mid Sussex Fusion 2 – W1 D0 L4 – 4th out of 6

Brighton Men's – W1 D0 L1 – 2nd out of 4

Over 60s Combi – W0 D1 L1 – 3rd out of 4

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Some more silverware and successes for HABC players in the last quarter, and also a telling theme when medals weren't won – see if you can spot it!

Sussex Championships (September 2024)

Issy Noakes, **Brannon Lee Chong** and **David Jolliffe** all took part in the county championships at the start of the season.

In the Men's Doubles, **David** and **Brannon** secured a commendable 3rd place, with a comeback 19-21 21-11 24-22 win against Peter Cox and Christopher Morgan, before losing out to eventual winners Dean George and David King.

In the Women's Doubles, **Issy**, playing with sister Bea, also secured a 3rd place finish with a comeback 21-23 21-15 21-14 win before losing out to the eventual winners Amber Robers and Hannah Seagraves.

In the mixed doubles, **Brannon** and **Issy** played out 3 group games in what can only be described as a group of death.

Kent Tier 4 (Saturday 16th November)

Issy Noakes, **Brannon Lee Chong** and **David Jolliffe** again took a short hop over the border into Kent to play in their latest Tier 4.

In the Men's Singles, **Brannon** played some great singles before losing out in the Quarter Final to the eventual winner.

In the Men's Doubles, **David** and **Brannon** played out some rather tight matches (including David's first ever 30-29 game!) to reach the quarter finals before finally running out of steam and losing to the eventual winners.

In the Women's Singles, **Issy** upgraded her silver medal from August, with a comeback 19-21 21-16 21-11 win to secure the title!

Sussex Tier 4 (Sunday 24th November)

An army of Horsham players made the trip down to Worthing with **Issy Noakes**, **Brannon Lee Chong** and **David Jolliffe** being joined by **Helen James** and **Vithuran Krishnamoorthy** for this one.

In the Men's Singles, **Vithuran** won 2 matches but lost out to an eventual semi-finalist. Meanwhile

Brannon battled through 2 tight 3-setters in the group stage before mounting a charge in the knockouts that led him all the way to his first gold medal!

This charge meant that it was many back-2-back games in the Men's Doubles for **David** and **Brannon** who wasted in winning their group games 21-10 21-7, 21-9 21-10, and 21-13 21-3. However, they then lost out to Peter Cox and Christopher Morgan having beaten them only 2 months earlier.

In the Mixed Doubles, **David** and **Helen** secured a great win before losing out to one of the eventual finalists in what turned out to be a battle of Warwick Badminton Alumni.

Meanwhile, in the women's singles there was the biggest group stage draw anyone had ever seen, with **Issy** having to play 5 best of 3 set matches. Unfortunately, she just lost out to Jane Ashfold but still came home with a silver medal to back up the gold from the week before.

English Masters Championships (November-December 2024)

A full rundown of the Master tournaments in the buildup to this event can be found on the Badminton England Website, but they were just the prelim for the main event in Hatfield.

In the Over 75s, **Mike Stoneman** lost out in both the Men's and Mixed Doubles. But it was still an impressive feat to just be there having suffered with injury for a while.

In the Over 60s, **Karen Thomas** topped her mixed group before losing out in the Semi Finals. But in the Women's Doubles she breezed through the group stage, before 2 comeback wins in the knockouts to win the National Title!

In the Over 65s, **John Molyneux** lost out in the group stage of the Mixed Doubles. But, in the Men's Doubles, he lived up to his billing as number 1 seed and raced all the way to the National Title without dropping a set!

GALLERY



FUNDRAISING

Badminton England have teamed up with EasyFundraising to provide a mechanism for clubs to generate a bit of extra money through everyday shopping.

Simply follow the link below to sign up and support our cause:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=368344&invite=j1ghto&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

There is then a browser extension you can use, or even an app if you shop on a mobile device. More information can be found on the EasyFundraising website.