

Newsletter - December 2010



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HSBA Tournaments 2011

Sunday January 23

U13 (Year 8 and under) **Boys and Girls 'B' Singles**

Start time: 9.30 am

U15 (Year 10 and under) **Boys Doubles**

Start time: 9.30 am

U15 (Year 10 and under) **Girls Doubles**

Start time: 11.00 am

U15 (Year 10 and under) **Mixed Doubles**

Start time: 2.00 pm

Sunday January 30

U15 (Year 10 and under) **Boys and Girls Singles**

Start time: 9.30 am

U11 (Year 6 and under) **Boys Singles**

Start time: 9.30 am

U11 (Year 6 and under) **Girls Singles**

Start time: 11.00 am

U11 (Year 6 and under) **Boys and Girls Doubles**

Start time: 2.00 pm

Sunday March 27

U13 (Year 8 and under) **Boys and Girls Singles**

Start time: 9.30 am

U10 (Year 5 and under) **Boys and Girls Doubles**

Start time: 9.30 am

All these tournaments will be held at **Stevenage Leisure Centre.**

Sunday February 13

Primary Schools Team Tournament

Start time: Coaching 9.30 am

Tournament Start 11.00 am

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Volunteer needed to edit newsletter next season - see page 3

Squad Trials

U17 Squad

Since the last newsletter the following players have been added to the U17 Squad - Beth Kirby, Steven George, Max Hodgkinson and Mark Sadler

U15 Squad

The following players were added to the U15 Squad - Heidi de Souza, Francesca Farlie, Krishni Thayaparan, Yossi Goodlink, Yash Kejriwal, William Pickworth, Nathan Scofield, Edgar Titterton - and after the U15 'B' singles tournament Miti Shah and Wesley Chan were invited to join the squad.

U13 Squad

The U13 squad trials took place in September and a squad of 14 boys and 11 girls were selected.

Max Ansell	Emily Clarke
Andrew Baird	Victoria Clayton
Jonathan de Costa	Claudia Crowther
Zach Daniels	Aimee Hodgkinson
Austin Ephgrave	Ellen Jennings
Brendan Ho	Emily Pearson
James Jarman	Safiya Qureshi
Jack Kimber	Emma Riley
Harry Knill-Jones	Esme Stevens
Sai Kondan	Sophie Vernon
Lathan Mahalingam	Chloe Winyard
Sam Newlove	
Senthuran Thayaparan	
Romin Varia	

U11s Keya Patani, Christopher Adey and Matthew Harden are also training with the U13 squad. At present there are also 14 players in the Development Training group.

Affiliation to HSBA

Further school affiliations to HSBA are: Hitchin Boys, John Warner, Lochinver House, Presdales, Queenswood, Ralph Sadleir and St Francis College, which makes a total of 20 senior schools.

There have also been 2 further club affiliations: Letchworth Garden City and Stanstead Abbots

U13 Bronze Tournament - Nottingham

Mike Newlove

Andrew Baird and Sam Newlove left home at 6.30 am on Saturday, 9th October, to take part in the U13 Bronze tournament in Nottingham. Out of 47 players, Sam and Andrew both won their boxes to get a bye to the quarter finals and play each other in the semi final, Sam winning 21-18 after a hard fought game. Sam lost the final - another hard game - to Tom Phillips (Bu) 18-21.

The doubles made up for it as they won their group with scores of 21-9, 21-14, 21-14 to get a bye to the semi-final which they won 21-11. In the final they played William Broomfield/Adam Pass (Nm) and won 21-17 to take the gold medal.

U15 Silver Tournament - Berkshire

Geoff Daniels

After a cold 12 hour stint in Reading, a great showing from the U15 Herts players resulted in several successes, the first being Philippa English taking silver by reaching the singles final. Philippa also won bronze in the girls doubles.

Izzy Hatt took gold with her partner Tiara Samuel (Db) in the girls doubles overcoming Cayleigh Bambrick (silver) and her partner Charlotte Gubby (Sy) who had beaten the 2nd and 3rd seeds to reach the final.

Lyall Daniels/James Sweetnam took bronze in the boys doubles and at around 8.00 pm Lyall/Izzy played some terrific mixed doubles, being unseeded and overcoming the top 2 seeds to win a thriller and take the gold medal.

The highlight of the evening was then taking Izzy, Cayleigh, Lyall, Nikki and Liz (very sweaty in the back of the car) to try to find their cars in the nearby Azda car park, only to finally realise it was the wrong car park!!! I think standing in a cold sports centre for 12 hours is a very good excuse for memory loss!!

Results

Girls Singles Final

Philippa English lost to Tiara Samuel (Db) 8-15, 4-15

Girls Doubles Semi-final

Isabel Hatt/Tiara Samuel (Db) beat **Philippa English**
/Amy Spring (Ke) 15-11, 15-8

Final

Isabel Hatt/Tiara Samuel beat **Cayleigh Bambrick/**
Charlotte Gubby (Sy) 15-8, 15-14

Boys Singles Quarter final

Lyall Daniels lost to Ryan Quek (Wo) 8-15, 14-15

Boys Doubles Semi-final

Lyall Daniels/James Sweetnam lost to Harry Brewis/Ben
Isaacs (Ox) 6-15, 10-15

Mixed Doubles Quarter final

James Sweetnam/Cayleigh Bambrick lost to Sean
Richardson (Sx)/Georgia Cattermole (Sf) 9-15, 12-15

Final

Lyall Daniels/Isabel Hatt beat Aaron Lam/Amber Lam
(Sx) 15-12, 15-6

Volunteer wanted - retirement of editor

A volunteer is wanted to edit the newsletter next season, starting with the September issue. The editor (me) has decided that it is time to go into retirement and let someone younger, with hopefully some new ideas, do the job. At the end of this season I will have edited the newsletter for 19 years, starting in August 1992, building it up gradually over the years. So far during that time 280 different people have contributed articles - some voluntarily and some after a certain amount of persuasion was applied, the easiest way at tournaments being to provide players with paper and pencil and telling them to get on with it!! My daughter will groaningly tell you that she filled in on several occasions when other people had 'forgotten'!

It's not a very arduous job - the hardest part is persuading (or nagging) squad managers, committee members, players (and parents) to get articles written in time.

If anyone is interested, please contact me, Megan Lumb on 01707 653812 or e-mail: megan@mischief16.co.uk.

Please, please, somebody, come forward or the newsletter is likely to expire!

HSBA Tournaments

U13 Girls Doubles

Sophie Vernon (U13 Squad/Roundwood Park School)

In the U13 girls doubles there were nine pairs split into two boxes. In Group A Ellie Makewell/Lia Willis won all of their games and in Group B Keya Patani/Sophie Vernon won all of their games to progress to the knockout stages. The runners-up in the groups were Emily Clarke/Emily Pearson and Anoushka Griggs/Francesca Farlie.

In the main event semis Ellie/Lia beat Anoushka/Francesca 21-11 and Keya/Sophie beat the two Emily's 21-07. The final was the best of three games and Lia/Ellie beat Keya/Sophie in 2 ends. Congratulations!!

In the plate semis Victoria Clayton/Safiya Qureshi beat Nitika Dhingra/Emma Page 21-6 and Aimee Hodgkinson/Ellen Jennings beat Skye Wilkinson/Chloe Winyard 21-9. The final of the plate was the closest game of the whole tournament with Aimee/Ellen coming out on top beating Victoria/Safiya.

Results **Ellie Makewell/Lia Willis** beat Keya Patani/Sophie Vernon 21-8, 21-14
Semi-finalists were Emily Clarke/Emily Pearson and Anoushka Griggs/Francesca Farlie
Plate Aimee Hodgkinson/Ellen Jennings beat Victoria Clayton/Safiya Qureshi 21-19

From Barbara Lewczynska (Tournament Secretary)

The first tournaments of the season took place on Sunday, 17th October. They were the U15 boys and girls 'B' singles - no county squad players allowed to play and there is no seeding - and the U13 boys and girls doubles (reported by Sophie Vernon) and U13 mixed doubles.

U15 Boys and Girls 'B' Singles

The 'B' singles tournaments (the U13 equivalent event is on Sunday, January 13th, so don't forget your entries) is for players of club/school standard, in which county players are barred from entering.

There were a couple of late dropouts in the boys tournament, so Graham hastily rearranged the boxes to even things up, so there was a little delay at the start. Eventually we ended up with two boxes of 5 and one of 4 and, as it was a 'B' tournament there was no seeding, so everyone had everything to play for.

In the plate event Shaneal Zaveri and Andrew Parsonage fought it out in one semi, with Shaneal going through to the final and in the other Austin Arnold was up against Mehul Savjani. Mehul came through so the plate final was between two Habs players which Shaneal just won.

In the main event Alasdair de Costa faced David Moss in the first semi, and in the other Adnaan Karim was up against Wesley Chan. Another close final saw Wesley taking the final against Alasdair.

In the girls singles a late addition - Miti Shah - gave us two boxes, with again a good spread of schools from across the county. In the plate event Elen Roberts, Alex Crowther, Louise Timmins and Charlotte Clarke made it to the semis, with Alex winning against Louise in the final.

In the main event, the top two from each box - Miti Shah, Sophie Day, Shayna Godin and Anna Broomfield - went straight through to the semi-finals. The eventual trophy winner was Shayna who beat Miti comfortably in the final.

Results **Wesley Chan** beat Alasdair de Costa 21-15
Semi-finalists were David Moss and Adnaan Karim
Plate Shaneal Zaveri beat Mehul Savjani 21-18

Shayna Godin beat Miti Shah 21-6
Semi-finalists were Sophie Day and Anna Broomfield
Plate Alex Crowther beat Louise Timmins 21-10

U13 Boys Doubles

Twenty pairs contested this event, playing in 4 groups of 5. Group winners were Andrew Baird/Sam Newlove, Jonathan de Costa/Brendan Ho, Zach Daniels/Sai Kondan and Christopher Adey/Matthew Harden.

In the main event, all four pairs got through to the semi-finals (proving the seeding right) at the expense of Max Ansell/Jack Kimber, Harry Knill-Jones/Lathan Mahalingam. James Jarman/Senthuran Thayaparan and Theo Ching/Harrison Huntley. In the semis Baird/Newlove beat De Costa/Ho fairly easily and Daniels/Kondan despatched Adey/Harden in two close games. The final was won comfortably by Baird/Newlove.

In the plate Matthew Livesey/Lewis Veale, having a bye into the quarter final, reached the final by beating Christian Turner/David Wade 21-15 and Jacob Knight/King-Ting Liu 21-14. In the other half Jack Dobson/Owen Pearce beat Frankie Levin/Shanil Panera in the first round, then Keval Mehta/Sahil Panera 21-8 in the quarters. They won their semi-final against fellow St Albans players Shirom Kapur/Karim Senouni 21-15 to get into the final where they lost out to Livesey/Veale.

Result **Andrew Baird/Sam Newlove** beat Zach Daniels/Sai Kondan 21-6, 21-9
Semi-finalists were Jonathan de Costa/Brendan Ho and Christopher Adey/
Matthew Harden
Plate Matthew Livesey/Kevin Veale beat Jack Dobson/Owen Pearce 21-14

U13 Mixed Doubles

Only 6 pairs stayed on to play in the mixed doubles, five of which were in the county squad. Twins Emma and Nicholas Page managed to keep their end up and got some points in all their games. Andrew Baird/Ellen Jennings had to fight really hard against Matthew Harden/Keya Patani to get a 21-19 win. Harden/Patani also took 16 points off runners-up Jonathan de Costa/Lia Willis and they in turn lost out 21-12 to eventual winners Sam Newlove/Sophie Vernon.

Result

- 1 **Sam Newlove / Sophie Vernon**
- 2 Jonathan de Costa / Lia Willis
- 3 Andrew Baird / Ellen Jennings
- 4 Matthew Harden / Keya Patani
- 5 Zach Daniels / Aimee Hodgkinson
- 6 Nicholas Page / Emma Page

Secondary Schools Badminton Competition

**Marc Simmons (Welwyn Hatfield
SSP Competitions Manager)**

Herts Sports Village hosted the annual Welwyn Hatfield SSP Secondary Schools Badminton competition on Thursday, 4th November. This is the first round of the Center Parcs National School Championship. It was a well supported SSP event for the third year running, with Stanborough, Bishops Hatfield, Onslow St Audrey's, Chancellor's and Monks Walk schools all taking part.

The event was supported by the Badminton England (NGB) Regional Officer, volunteers from local badminton clubs and young leaders from local secondary schools.

The event was split into 4 separate competitions to include events for years 7/8/9 girls, years 10/11 girls, years 7/8/9 boys and years 10/11 boys.

In the older girls section Chancellor's easily beat Bishops Hatfield and Monks Walk and in the older boys section there were some very hard fought games, several going to 3 ends - and taking a very long time! Stanborough and Chancellor's both beat Monks Walk and Onslow St Audrey's so it was down to the match between them, with Stanborough just pipping Chancellor's for the top spot.

Stanborough also won the younger boys event against Monks Walk and Onslow St Audrey's while Bishops Hatfield beat Monks Walk and Stanborough to win the younger girls event.

The winners will now go through to represent Welwyn Hatfield SSP at the Herts County final in February.

More HSBA Tournaments

U10 Boys and Girls Singles

Barbara Lewczynska

The under 10 boys and girls singles had twenty two entrants in all, eighteen in the boys and four in the girls.

There were 4 boxes in the boys competition with some excellent and close matches along the way.

The first and second positions in every box went into the main event and, after a quarter final round, James Davies beat Ashay Dhingra in one semi-final, whilst in the other a close match ensued between Harry Goode and Rian Devram. The final saw Harry lift the U10 trophy for 2010.

In the plate event, again after a round of quarter finals, Lewis Gellard was the victor over Callum Latter in one semi-final and, in the other, Benjamin Stewart beat Oliver Bartlett. The final play off saw Benjamin as the winner of the plate competition.

Results **Harry Goode** beat James Davies 21-10
 Semi-finalists were Ashay Dhingra and Rian Devram
Plate Benjamin Stewart beat Lewis Gellard 21-15

In the girls box of 4, with all four girls playing each other, we saw some excellent, friendly and very enjoyable matches. It proved an excellent day for the Goode family with Harry's sister, Molly, winning the trophy.

Results	1	Molly Goode
	2	Rachel Jones
	3	Harriet Bell
	4	Lilie Corke

Well done to all the players for a very sporting and friendly tournament. Make sure you all enter the Under 11 tournament (singles and doubles) on Sunday, January 30th and the under 10 doubles on Sunday, March 27th (lots of time to practise with a partner!!!)

U18 Tournaments

Andrei Donko

The morning saw the under 18 boys singles battled for by a smaller than normal entry; however, the standard was still extremely high. After some tight group games, such as Nick Barnett's courageous effort against Daniel Hatt, losing 21-16 and Andrew Maughan's 17-21 defeat to Howard Stobo, 8 boys emerged from the four groups to proceed into the main event. The quarter finals saw some good badminton played by Dale Maddox and Oli White who, despite top efforts, failed to make it through, losing to Daniel and Howard respectively. The other quarter final saw a tantalising performance from Conor Bambrick, who beat Nick Barnett 21-10 and a win for Andrei Donko beating Andrew Maughan 21-11. Both semi-finals saw some quality badminton being played with an epic battle between Conor and Howard. After defending 2 match points, Conor overcame Howard in a thrilling encounter, winning 23-21. In the other semi-final Daniel managed to work his way through Andrei, keeping his cool from being 12-15 down to come back and win 21-17. Both these semi-finals definitely had some of the best badminton of the day. The final saw a brilliant performance from Dan, who worked extremely hard to beat a very hearty Conor. Both plate semi-finals were hard fought, with Ed Byrne defeating Gareth Lumb 21-18 and William Moss finally completing a marathon beating Max Hodgkinson 26-24. William played some great badminton to win a close final against Ed.

Result **Daniel Hatt** beat Conor Bambrick 21-15
 Semi-finalists were Andrei Donko and Howard Stobo
Plate William Moss beat Edward Byrne 21-18

The boys doubles saw a small entry of 7 pairings all in one box playing for the title. There were some very close games with a couple of quality performances from Nick Barnett/Dale Maddox who came very close to causing an upset losing 19-21 in two matches against Daniel Hatt/Conor Bambrick and against Andrei Donko/Howard Stobo. The event also saw youngsters Liam Scofield/Thomas Latter putting in some great effort, but were just not on form to medal in the competition. Fourth place went to Andrew Maughan/William Moss, who played some great badminton, such as beating Edward Byrne/Gareth Lumb in a very tense battle 21-20. 3rd place went to Nick/Dale deservedly. First and second was then battled in a brilliant last match between Conor/Daniel and Andrei/Howard. With Andrei and Howard willing to make up for their losses in the singles event we saw a very gutsy performance by the pair managing to pull away from their opponents in the closing stages and winning 21-17. Having entered the competition for fun the pair did extremely well to take the title!

Result	1	Andrei Donko / Howard Stobo
	2	Conor Bambrick / Daniel Hatt
	3	Nick Barnett / Dale Maddox
	4	Andrew Maughan / William Moss
	5	Edward Byrne / Gareth Lumb
	6	Max Hodgkinson / Oli White
	7	Thomas Latter / Liam Scofield

In the girls event, a small entry of 6 girls battled it out for the HSBA U18 girls singles title. All placed in one big box, the event saw Anna Collis winning all of her matches to win the competition playing some truly class badminton. Second place went to Claire Widdicombe who had a close

battle with 4th place Beth Kirby, winning the match in two games, both 15-14. Third place was taken by Libby Jennings, who had a close game with courageous Pui Yi Tam, pulling through to win 15-7 in the third game. Congratulations also to Heidi de Souza for putting in a top effort against stiff opposition.

Result	1	Anna Collis
	2	Claire Widdicombe
	3	Libby Jennings
	4	Beth Kirby
	5	Pui Yi Tam
	6	Heidi de Souza

The doubles event saw only 8 girls compete. However, despite the very small entry, the quality of badminton was, once again, very high. All pairs were in one box and saw some great games. Heather Myers/Claire Widdicombe beat Daniella Farsiani/Beth Kirby 21-19 in a nail biting match and Hannah McLaren/Georgia Pittson only just lost 18-21 to winners Anna Collis/Isabelle Sadler.

Result	1	Anna Collis / Isabelle Sadler
	2	Hannah McLaren / Georgia Pittson
	3	Heather Myers / Claire Widdicombe
	4	Daniella Farsiani / Beth Kirby

Finally the mixed saw only five pairs battle it out for the trophy. The quality of badminton was extremely high with some great games played. Conor Bambrick/Isabelle Sadler, who eventually went on to win the tournament, had a brilliant match against Daniel Hatt/Georgia Pittson, winning 21-16. Daniel/Georgia went on to take 2nd place despite losing to 4th place pair Andrei Donko/Daniella Farsiani 19-21 in a tough battle. Dale Maddox/Anna Collis almost caused an upset, just losing 18-21 to the runners-up and Max Hodgkinson/Libby Jennings put in a great effort overall.

Result	1	Conor Bambrick / Isabelle Sadler
	2	Daniel Hatt / Georgia Pittson
	3	Dale Maddox / Anna Collis
	4	Andrei Donko / Daniella Farsiani
	5	Max Hodgkinson / Libby Jennings

Senior Schools Competition

As all three U18 tournaments were played in one day, their competition for points is now over. It was generally a little disappointing as only 2 schools could be counted in both boys and girls events - none of the other schools were affiliated. The girls trophy goes to St Albans Girls High School with just 4 players, with the runner-up trophy going to St Francis College with 2 players and the boys trophy goes to Stanborough with Richard Hale as runner-up, with just one player involved from both schools. There is a possibility that the system will be changed next season, but the matter is to be discussed by the HSBA committee. The results are as follows:

U18 Boys

1	Stanborough	12
2	Richard Hale	3

U18 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High	112
2	St Francis College	86

There has been one U15 tournament to date and the points for affiliated schools are as follows:

U15 Boys

1	Haberdashers' Aske's	27
2	St Albans	19

U15 Girls

1	Dame Alice Owen	25
1	Queenswood	20
3	Presdales	4
3	Tring	4
5	St Albans Girls High	3

The U13s have played two tournaments so far (much the best from affiliated schools) and the points are below:

U13 Boys

1	Hitchin Boys	49
2	St Albans	39
3	John Warner	31
4	Dame Alice Owen	26
5	Stanborough	20
6	Haberdashers' Aske's	8
7	Ralph Sadleir	4
8	Onslow St Audrey's	2

U13 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High	33
2	Royal Masonic	32
3	Dame Alice Owen	18
4	Ralph Sadleir	14
5	St George's	6

U17 News Round Up - 23rd November

Pat Walker (U17 Squad Manager)

September - We welcomed the new squad for the 2010/2011 season with Chris Dakin continuing as coach. Congratulations to Conor for his international appearance in the UK Schools Games. And a warm welcome back on to the badminton court to Georgia following her accident during the summer.

In the Gold tournament in Milton Keynes, Dan reached the semis and Conor the quarter finals in their doubles.

October - We played our first Shires match against Cambridgeshire at St Neots winning 19-1. The team was Dan (captain), Conor, Howard, Steven, Hannah, Philippa, Cayleigh, Amy and Isabel.

Mark reached the semis in both singles and doubles at the Silver tournament in York, while Max and Oli played the Bronze in Sussex, narrowly missing winning their group by just 1 point in a 3 way tie. Also in Sussex, Beth had her first experience of playing a Bronze tournament.

Conor and Alex travelled to Wales for the Cwmbran Gold. Conor reached the quarter finals in the mixed, the semis in the singles and finished runner-up in the doubles.

In the Warwickshire Silver, Mark reached the semis in his singles and finished runner-up in the doubles.

Our Shires match against Bedfordshire was played at HSV and we won 14-6. Alex (captain), Hannah, Anna, Philippa, Cayleigh, Amy, Isabel, Dan, Conor, Howard and Steven all played in that match.

November - The York Gold tournament - Conor reached the quarters in the mixed, Steven the semis in his singles and congratulations to Dan and his partner, Darren Adamson, for winning the doubles. In the Sussex Silver, Dale and Nick reached the quarters in their doubles together.

Congratulations to Dale and Nick for winning the doubles in the Anglia Silver.

Mark travelled all the way to Northern Ireland where he reached the quarters in the Gold singles.

From the Editor: Thanks to Mike, Geoff, Sophie, Barbara, Marc, Andrei and Pat for their contributions. Please keep reports coming in - they are much more interesting to read than just results.

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, 18th March.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2011.

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