



Reports for Annual General Meeting 2021 - 2022

Chairman's Report

Sadly, I must start by mentioning the passing of Tony Clarke, a long serving and guiding light for HJBA since 1980. He will be sorely missed by all his family, friends, colleagues and the many hundreds of badminton players that he has inspired over the years. Our thoughts are with his family. Some details of his many achievements can be found in a download available from our website - [https://hjba.org.uk/downloads/Tony Clarke Tributes.pdf](https://hjba.org.uk/downloads/Tony%20Clarke%20Tributes.pdf).

After two years of playing/not playing, wearing masks, not swapping ends and not meeting in person, this last 9 months has seen more of a return to normality. We have run Open and Closed tournaments and squad nights haven't had to be cancelled or queued up for. Squad nights have been very well attended in general, with no great outbreaks of COVID and everyone acting sensibly if not thought to be well. Thank you all for your consideration of others and your resilience, patience and continued desire to see badminton do well in Hertfordshire.

This will be the third AGM that we are holding over Zoom. While this had the advantage of being allowing us to meet during COVID, the committee agreed that we should discuss at the AGM whether our members would prefer to meet in person next year, assuming no other pandemic occurs!!

Nick has continued to bring in aspiring talent at the younger U10 age with the help of some parents, James and Steph have had a full U12 squad and some distances to travel for their Shires League matches, not making the final this year, but gaining valuable experience.

U14s made the finals despite not being ranked in the league and won all their matches in style - well done! U16s made the finals and finished 6th. U18s just missed out, losing to Yorkshire in the play offs. Thanks To Ben, Micky, Graham, Kelly, Sam and Dave and anyone else who has been roped in to help.

This year saw Hitesh our U16 manager, pass on the baton to Ben Vranjkovic, who will be assisted by Steph White. We will all miss Hitesh's presence at U16 squad, after more than 20 years of looking after the squad, producing, encouraging, and organising players. More trips abroad and relaxation may be in the offing, and we wish him a long healthy retirement. Please come and visit!

Micky has been helping out at U16 for a few seasons but having moved recently has decided to stop burning fossil fuel and encourage Badminton closer to home. Again, thanks for all your hard work - we wish you success in the future (hopefully not at Hertfordshire's expense)!

This year also saw the return of ICT; see the U18 section for a full report, but well done team!

A very big thanks to Kevin for all his organising and great secretary skills, to Nick who is a great back up in his Vice chair role, to all those who have given time and talent in various ways - you know who you are! – and last but not least to Ying who has passed on the treasurer baton to Zoltan, thank you both for all your input and dedication.

Finally, thanks to all who help, coaches, parents, players - without your support county would not be what it is.

Mike Newlove
Chairman

Vice-Chair's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all the coaches and organisers at our junior clubs for their hard work. They are clearly doing good things as the number of children coming to the squads is very encouraging!

I would also like to mention how sad we are to see Hitesh leave us. Thanks for his fantastic work over several years - we wish him well in the future.

Another hard-working member of the committee has also decided that it is time to retire. Ying has been our treasurer since 2014 and has done an amazing job during some very hard times - she will be sorely missed but deserves the time off! However, we are welcoming Zoltan who has been working as assistant treasurer over the last few months and has already made an impact!



Following on from last season's substantial loss, this season has seen us closer to breaking even, but not quite there yet. Hopefully, despite the challenges of further increases in court and shuttle costs, the changes that we have made will mean that we should be back in the black again for next year.

We are very grateful to Hertfordshire Sports Village for their support and for providing such a great venue. The coming season will see us hosting Shires League matches at Presdales School. Many thanks to the school for making the facility available to us.

Nick Goode
Vice Chair

Treasurer's Report

The 2021/22 account for HJBA was almost breakeven with a very small loss of just under £200.

The squad training for this year functioned like prior COVID-19 with no breaks in between - hence reported revenue for squad subscriptions was higher than last year and similar to that of year 2019/20.

With more paid coaches rather than volunteering coaches, the cost of running our squad nights have increased comparatively to prior years.

As for the tournament income and expenditures, we made a small loss on closed / ICT events whilst it's the Badminton England's Open tournaments that seem to subsidise all remaining areas of the associations.

We have also made few provisions at the end of the year as many of the invoices and claims were submitted post year end date.

Zoltan Tatrai had step in as an assistant treasurer since end of February 2022 in preparation to step in as treasurer for next financial year. He had already made a number of significant impacts within the association together with few internal controls to ensure more structural flow within the financial processing required during the season.

An additional bonus is that he's keen badminton player hence looking at financial related badminton costs comes naturally to him.

I will be stepping down as the association treasurer after this year.

Thank you very much to ALL that have given me opportunities to change the way the association's financial system as well as patience to wait for my response particularly for the past two years where my other work commitments have increased.

Good luck to you all.

Ying Lee
Honorary Treasurer

Closed Tournament Secretary's Report

In the region of 374 individuals, competing in multiple events, entered the Closed Tournaments during the 2021/2022 season. The tournaments took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Whilst there are always a few niggles with Stevenage Leisure Centre, and despite higher rates increasing this season, this venue has continued to be value for money.

Once again, we ran a Primary Schools Team tournament in February, and whilst numbers were very much down on last season, due mainly to the fact that coaches were not going into schools (post COVID) to deliver sessions, it was a super event, enjoyed very much by all the participants.

In addition, Ian Robinson ran a very well attended, non-county, inter club event in March, at Wodson Park in Ware. Thirteen clubs from across the county entered, and we had some very positive feedback from the participants. Well done Ian.



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My thanks must go as ever to all those willing helpers, who are far too numerous to mention, but I must pick a few, without whom none of these events would ever run!!!

Thank you then to Mike Newlove, Ken Winchester, Ronni and Nick Goode, Graham Clarke, Mickey Mahbubani, Natasha Moylan, John Stobo, Brian Jackson, Dave Bartlett, Doug Clarke and many, many others who wrote up scores, were on shuttle duty, or got stuck in on the computer. There were many trophy expenses this season, and a price rise in medal and ribbon costs, and more to come during the next season, however I think we can stick with the present entry fee until the season after next.

Ronni Goode has very kindly agreed to take over as Closed Tournament Secretary as next season will be my last. I will break her in slowly.

I attach a draft of next seasons schedule.

HJBA tournament schedule 2022/2023

Date	Tournament/event	School Year	Time	Venue
Saturday 17th September 2022	BE Open U15 Bronze			Herts Sports Village, Hatfield
Sunday October 23 rd 2022	U11 G+B Singles U11 G+B Doubles U18 G+B Singles U18 G+B Doubles U18 Mxd doubles	Year 6 and below Year 6 and below Year 13 and below Year 13 and below Year 13 and below	Boys 9am Girls 10am 11 am Boys 12pm Girls 1pm Boys 2pm Girls 2pm 3pm	Stevenage LC
Sunday November 13 th 2022	Closed B Singles U13 Singles U15 Singles U18 Singles	NON-COUNTY PLAYERS ONLY Year 8 and below Year 10 and below Year 13 and below	Boys 9am Girls 11am Boys 12pm Girls 1.30pm Boys 2.30pm Girls 3.00pm	Stevenage LC
Saturday 26 th November 2022	BE Open U17 Bronze			Herts Sports Village, Hatfield
Sunday February 26 th 2023	U15 G+B Singles U15 G+ B Doubles U15 Mxd U10 Singles	Yr 10 and below Yr 10 and below Year 10 and below Yr 5 and below	Boys 9am Girls 11am Boys 12pm Girls 1pm 2pm 2.30pm	Stevenage LC
Sunday March 5 th 2023	Primary Schools Team Tournament	Yr 6 and below	10-3pm approx.	Stevenage LC
Sunday April 23 rd 2023	U13 G+B Singles U13 G+B Doubles U13 Mxd	Yr 8 and below Year 8 and below Year 8 and below	Boys 9am Girls 11am Boys 12pm Girls 1pm 2pm	Stevenage LC



Venue information

Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage SG1 1LZ

Hertfordshire Sports Village, De Havilland Campus, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield AL10 9EU

Barbara Lewczynska
Tournament Secretary

Open (BE sanctioned) Tournament Secretary's Report

Since my last report we have been fortunate to hold a very successful Bronze tournament at HSV in January and a Silver tournament at Stevenage in March. The rest of this year will see 2 more tournament in September and late November these will both be at HSV as this offers better facilities for all concerned.

Thanks to all who have helped during the year especially Barbara, Graham and Ken.

Mike Newlove
Open Tournament Secretary

Child Welfare Officer Report

All our paid and volunteer coaches and managers are checked through the government DBS scheme every three years. All these checks are presently up to date. Some helpers, if they are not in sole charge of the players, do not need to be checked, and I know we have had some ex-county players helping this season, which has been very much appreciated by the squads concerned.

Barbara Lewczynska
Child Welfare Officer

Newsletter Editors Report

Unfortunately, little information came to me during the season from the squads or parents. I feel that the purpose of the Publicity Officer needs to be reviewed in the era of social media. If Squad Managers can let me know who the Parent Reps are early in the new season, I can make contact to find out what their groups would like from the Publicity role; if they communicate between themselves then maybe this is enough? There are other questions to ask, such as is communicating through Facebook now outdated and are their better means of communicating the successes of the players and teams?

I am pleased that I have seen some excellent results and fingers crossed COVID is not now an issue.

Jackie Ward
Publicity/Newsletter Editor

Fixtures Secretary's Report

It was a blessing to have Shires League matches returned, although season duration was shortened and numerous matches sat side-side with BE circuit tournaments.

I would like to share the joy with the U14>15 team who went and won the Finals. A big, massive Congratulations to the team and coaches. I was equally privileged to play Herts team's coach role as well during the event.

Although all other SL final events went well, the U16>17 date conflicted with the GCSE start date and that forced Hertfordshire to field a much weaker U16>17 team, thereby ending up at 6th position in finals. I will be highlighting this to new Shires League Chairman and hoping that this does not recur.



I have made a start with the Shires Leagues Fixtures arrangement for the next season Y22-23. It is not sure if any AGM meeting would take place this season. As a result, it is really early days w.r.t fixtures.

For the next season home fixtures, I would require a minimum of 25 slots. We have proposed to have a team each in all but U16>U17 age groups and have been accepted. Barbara and Nick have extended a great support this time finding a fixed venue, Presdales school.

Fixtures can be binding and can be confirmed only by the end of September. Anything agreed before this cut-off date is treated provisional and not binding.

Joseph Eluekunnel
Fixtures Secretary

U10 Squad Report

The numbers and standard of the potential under 10s attending the five weeks prior to the trial has been very good.

We are looking to try and get an additional court from HSV for U10s one hour weekly session.

Nick Goode
U10 Squad Manager

U12 Squad Report

This year we have had a regular attendance of the majority of our players, with a squad of 8 girls and 14 boys.

The quality of the players at the session has been of a good standard, with the boys being particularly strong but all at the top of the age bracket.

The team had a good season that was packed in 4/5 weeks over the course of January and February. With some good results in the 6 matches that we played.

Some of the players did benefit from starting to play at other sessions outside of the county training and this showed when at training.

Going forward I am keen on getting as many of the players in squad playing more to help them improve further.

Many thanks to Steph for returning to the U12's and Kerrin for giving up their time and best of luck to Steph in the U16's next season

James Gordon
U12 Squad Manager

U14 Squad Report

The U14 team had a very successful season this year, we had regular attendance at squad nights of over 22 players, the team finished 2nd in the shires league, to go to the finals, where after some very good performances, they overcame Berkshire 16-4 in the final it was worth the trip to Derby.

The same (almost) team were narrowly beaten in the Bill Goode memorial team tournament by Kent, who were able to field a slightly older / stronger team, well done all.

My thanks as ever go to the parents for their support and Kelly and Graham for all their hard work in coaching and time over the year.

We look forward to what this next year will bring.

Mike Newlove
U14 Squad Manager



U16 Squad Report

Regarding the scare of the COVID 19 in the past season which ran short, at least this season we managed to get off with a positive start and had a full season with the Shires League.

Badminton season 2021/2022 - for HJBA the trials took place on Wednesday 7th July 2021 at Hertfordshire Sports Village, where we had 6 courts from 7.30pm till 9.30pm. We had total of 46 boys and girls that attended the trials; a further 6 attended for the first session in September. In total we had 52 trialists and from those we selected 29 for the squad; one of them did not come after 4 sessions, so we took one more girl from end of November.

The squad consisted of five 2006 boys, seven 2006 girls, nine 2007 boys and eight 2007 girls.

Out of the 29 we had five training regularly with U18 Squad and we had one from U14 training with us.

We had six courts, so each coach minded two courts and selection was looked at by the coaches Ben Vranjkovic, Micky Mahbubani and Hitesh Shah.

Coaches for the season we had Ben Vranjkovic, Micky Mahbubani and Hitesh Shah.

Thanks to our treasurer Ying for sorting out all the squad fees and Barbara Lewczynska for sorting out the Hertfordshire squad shirts.

Shires League: We had entered two teams as we had a large squad and thought that B players would get chance to play the matches against other counties, as there are hardly any other team tournaments.

Thanks to Joseph Eluekunnel our fixture secretary for sorting out and arranging the matches for both teams.

First team matches against Cambridgeshire we won 20-0, Suffolk we won 15-5, Essex we won 11-9, Hampshire we won 13-7, Middlesex we won 12-8 and finally Kent we won 11-9. Overall, in the U17 league table we finished 3rd so we went straight into finals.

Finals we had eight best team playing the first match we had to play against Nottinghamshire we lost 8-12, so we had to fight our position for 5th to 8th. Our team also consisted some of U14 players as due to exams our top players of U16 could not make it. Second match we had to play against Lancashire which we won 16-4. So the final match we had to play for 5th and 6th place we played Yorkshire and lost 5-15. So we ended up in the 6th place. Thanks to Ben Vranjkovic and Micky Mahbubani and Hitesh Shah to manage the finals.

Thanks to all the squad members from U14 and U16 those who played for the Hertfordshire first team and CONGRATULATIONS.

Second team matches were against Oxfordshire we lost 2-18, Surrey 1 we lost 0-20, Cambridgeshire we won 13-7, Leicestershire we lost 0-20, Buckinghamshire we lost 0-20, Norfolk cancelled the match and re arranged the match. Second time we could not raise the team due to illness and we conceded the match. Second team finished at 25th position.

Friendly Matches: There were none.

Summer Season: Was part of the season and we had those U14 players who were moving up come to the squad nights

Most Improved Player for the Year 2021/22: James Joseph

Coaches: I would like to thank Micky Mahbubani and Ben Vranjkovic.

As for me this will be the last season. I have been with county for nearly 22 years - I started when my children came to the county to play and have seen different committee members over the years, who have kept the standard of the Herts County at the top. I have enjoyed the time I had spent with the county seeing so many children come and go with the county.

Sponsorship:

Thanks to Ashaway for their generous support for the shirts and the shuttles for the season.

Fixture Secretary: Thanks to Joseph Eluekunnel for sorting out the fixtures.



Committee:

Thanks to the committee keeping the HJBA running smoothly for the season 2021/22 those who are working behind the scenes like our secretary Kevin Maughan, Barbara Lewczynska, Dominic Savage.

General:

All the best to the future Hertfordshire Junior Badminton Association.

Hitesh Shah

U16 Coach and Squad Team Manager

U18 Squad Report

This season I am pleased to say that we have finally returned back to competitive play after an extended break due to Covid-19.

We entered an Under 19 team in Shires League where we were drawn against 6 other counties in home & away fixtures with the top county going straight through to finals day. We finished these matches in 2nd place, narrowly losing to Essex, which meant we played a play-off match against Yorkshire 2's to reach the finals. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and we lost this match 11-9 in an extremely close fought match with some great performances.

In April, ICT returned and we sent a team of five Boys and five Girls to compete in Nottingham. Out of 20 competing counties Herts finished in 7th place, a fantastic achievement with such a young talented team. This year at ICT I was fortunate enough to have the help and knowledge of Nick Goode and Dave Westwood and many parents there to support us, so I thank you all.

This season the squad sessions ran 8-10pm every Wednesday evening with a squad of 18 players. We have struggled at times for attendance due to injuries, Covid and exams but over all the players have shown great commitment and determination in each session.

I would like to thank Sam Newlove who has been a great help with the squad each week.

This season we say goodbye to a number of players who have played for the county all the way through each age group, I would like to wish them all the best for the future.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone back in September for the new season. Have a great summer.

Kelly Matthews

U18 Team Manager

HBA Representative's Report

Presented as the latest HBA committee meeting, available as a download from the HBA website archive page - <http://www.hertsbadminton.net/archive/>

David Bartlett

HBA Representative

Club Representative's Report

Unfortunately, the effect of a season of COVID restrictions means that some clubs still haven't recovered to their pre-COVID states. We have lost two clubs from our membership but hopefully they will return next season. Having said that, we are seeing an encouraging number of children coming to the squads from junior clubs, so there is some good work being done out there. I have not been as active as I hoped over the season, due to pressures of work and arranging a wedding, but hope to be able to spend more time supporting junior club badminton next season.

Ben Vranjkovic

Schools and Colleges Representative

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Schools Representative's Report

The school's affiliation form was sent out in the summer to the School Games Officers for the Herts Regions, plus directly to several schools which had previously had an interest in badminton. A link was added to the Badminton England HIVE free online resources for schools.

There is a good deal of interest from many schools to create a link with their local community badminton club. The regional CBNs should be in a position to offer coaching if required, or information for individuals/ schools to contact clubs directly.

On March 6th, the HJBA Clubs tournament was held at Wodson Park with 13 teams from across Hertfordshire, which is scheduled to be an annual event.

HJBA offers a full calendar of tournaments which includes countywide "B" tournaments suitable for club/ school players. In addition, the CBNs offer regional and interclub tournaments intermittently.

For secondary schools, the Herts Sports Village hosted the Hertfordshire Schools Tournament in place of the National Schools championship previously run by Badminton England. BE intend to reintroduce the national schools again, hopefully this year.

The SGOs continue to organise a great range of sporting events, including CWG legacy Primary school games (such as WWWodson on 29th June with Sandy Edwards, the Racket Pack Festival at Oaklands College on July 8th with Tanya Angus and others)

Outreach work from the CBNs into the schools also continues. For example, myself and Paul Taylor spent June 20th providing Racket Pack activity to 200 pupils at St Augustine's Primary in Hoddesdon, for the East Herts CBN.

We will continue to raise awareness of the game where possible in primary schools and promote badminton as part of a healthier lifestyle in secondary and FE education.

Ian Robinson
Schools and Colleges Representative



Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 30th April, 2022 (01.05.21 - 30.04.22)

2020-21	Expenditure	2021-22	2020-21	Income	2021-22
Matches and Coaching					
1,248	U10/U11/U12 Squad Courts	4,176	1,357	U10/U11/U12 Squad Fees	8,267
1,872	U13/U14 Squad Courts	6,552	1,696	U13/U14 Squad Fees	8,528
1,788	U15/U16 Squad Courts	5,853	1,561	U15/U16 Squad Fees	8,565
1,320	U17/U18 Squad Courts	4,887	1,086	U17/U18 Squad Fees	4,941
750	U10/U11/U12 Training Cost	2,280	(200)	Discounts - Siblings Discount	(219)
650	U13/U14 Training Cost	2,200	4,000	Provision of Covid-19 Rebates	0
0	U15/U16 Training Cost	1,554		Summer Fees	
710	U17/U18 Training Cost	2,710			
0	U19/U20 Training Cost	0			
0	Trial Courts	624			
1,262	Shuttles - Training & Matches	3,362			
143	Coaches Registration Fees	53			
300	Refund (Eligible BE Tournaments)	0			
10,043	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	34,250	9,500	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	30,082
Tournaments & Leagues					
	Tournament Courts	3,468		Entry Fees - Closed Tournaments	4,114
	Trophies & Medals	997		Entry Fees - Primary	224
	Shuttles	1,178		Entry Fees - Shire Matches	2,484
	Bill Goode Tournament expenditures	2,513		Bill Goode Tournament Entries	4,160
(180)	Junior League Expenditures			Junior League Entries	
	Shires League	3,973		RIO York	0
	RIO (York) Fees & Expenses	0		ICT Notts	2,850
(764)	ICT (Notts) Fees & Expenses	3,195		0	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal
(944)	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	15,324			13,832
Open Tournaments					
	BE Costs Incl Medals U13/U14 Bronze	0		U13/U14 Bronze Entry Fees	0
	BE Costs Incl Medals U15/U16 Bronze	3,626		U15/U16 Bronze Entry Fees	6,769
	BE Costs Incl Medals U17/U18 Bronze	1,340		U17/U18 Bronze Entry Fees	3,473
	BE Costs Incl Medals U15/U16 Silver	537		U15/U16 Silver Entry Fees	1,844
	Paypal Fee	464			
	Sundry Expenses	72			
0	Open tournaments Subtotal	6,039	0	Open tournaments Subtotal	12,086
Sundries					
243	Affiliation BE	35	8	Interest	2
245	Postage & Telephone	229			
64	T-Shirts	1,198	108	T-Shirts	1,062
	Stat. & Printing (Incl. Newsletter)			Write off Previous Accruals	0
190	Bursary Payments	115			
	Bank Charges	28			
545	Travel Expenses				
	Badminton Coaching / Training Course				
450	Bad Debt	0			
1,737	Sundries Subtotal	1,605	116	Sundries Subtotal	1,064
10,835	TOTAL Expenditure	57,217	9,617	TOTAL Income	57,064
0	Excess of Income over Expenditure	0	1,219	Excess of Expenditure over Income	153
10,835		57,217	10,835		57,217



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Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 2022					
2020-21		2021-22	2020-21		2021-22
22,604	Current Account	16,406	32,022	Funds at 01/05/2021	30,814
17,104	Deposit Account	17,106	10	Adjustment to Fund	38
			(1,219)	Deduct excess Expenditure over Income	(153)
0	Paypal	1,692	0	Add excess Income over Expenditure	0
828	Debtors Control Account	(729)			
(2,599)	Creditors Control Account	(929)			
3,558	Prepayments				
(10,680)	Accruals	(2,846)			
30,814	Total	30,699	30,814	Funds Carried Forward	30,699

The above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account have been prepared from and are in accordance with the books and records of the Hertfordshire Junior Badminton Association for the year ending 30th April, 2022.

Hon Treasurer: Mrs. Yi Ying Lee
Dated:

Auditor: Mr. John Eames-Petersen
Dated:

Notes:

- Accruals contains
 - BE cost for the U15 silver taken place on 30.04.22
 - Coaches traveling / training fee submitted after Year End
 - ICT fees sent by BE on 18/05
 - HSV booking for the '22 Bill Goode tournament
- Accruals does not contain:
 - Membership fee partial amounts related to 22-23 financial year
 - Court booking partial amounts related to 22-23 financial year