

Reports for Annual General Meeting 2022 - 2023

Chairman's Report

This year has seen a return to near normal squads and playing. Tournaments are not quite at the same level as pre-pandemic, but Shires League has returned in full under the guidance of Mark Russ from Sussex who is doing a great job, after the sad sudden death of John Ellis.

All our teams reached their respective finals - team managers will report results below. Well done all!

This will be our first AGM in person for 3 years, a trend that will hopefully continue, where congratulations can be given, and encouragements made all round to all those people coaching at all levels in Junior badminton and the great work they do bringing and developing new players at all ages.

Honourable mention must go to Barbara Lewczynska, for all her hard work over many years organising, running and generally being there for closed tournaments. Lots of people, some younger than others, will have good memories of tournaments at Stevenage and Birchwood. Thank You!

Ronnie Goode will be taking on that role; Barbara promises to be around for a while yet, continuing, as Welfare officer and no doubt helping here and there.

My thanks as always go to the hard working, squad managers and coaches - your commitment is great, keep up the good work.

Committees can be hard work; however, everyone pulls together to make it work. Thanks to Zoltan for his methodical accounting, Joseph for organising matches, Nick for his back up and ideas, various people for their hospitality, Kevin for his persistence in the face of slow response, without whom lots of things would never happen, from membership to easier ways to fill member forms or ensure all the paperwork for meetings goes out at the right time.

Thanks to all the parents who support, ferry, encourage their children to play, enter tournaments and come to training - we would not exist without you.

Finally, thanks to Raj Madha who stepped up as an auditor, thank you!

Mike Newlove
Chairman

Vice-Chair's Report

It has been a very successful year for HJBA. Our squads of all ages have been amongst the top UK counties.

The number of players in our squads has continued to be strong. For the first time we had players as young as 6 years.

HJBA is predominantly run by volunteers, so a big thanks to all of them and if there are coaches or parents who would like to be involved, please do reach out to us.

Nick Goode
Vice Chair

Treasurer's Report

The 2022/23 account for HJBA shows a +£6,045 balance. This is resulted by the fact that the court bookings were handled differently in the previous year - there was a balance of £1,296 brought from the previous year and also the deposit for this year was paid as part of the last year. Hence while the court prices went up, the total expense of the court bookings shows a £6,016 reduction.

The squad training for this year functioned like last year with an increase in the membership fee - hence reported revenue for squad subscriptions was higher than last year. Still, it was lower than expected due to not having the prognosed member number in U18 squad.

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Coaching fees - despite the increase of the coaching fees - were lower than last year as we used more volunteers in the season. We can also observe an increase in the shuttle costs due to the rising prices.

As for the tournament income and expenditures, we made a loss on closed / ICT events whilst it's the Badminton England's open tournaments that seem to subsidise all remaining areas of the associations. It is still worth noting that the tournament income shows a bigger decrease compared to the tournament expenses, so it is a top priority for the organisation to get as many children playing as possible to maintain the financial healthiness.

Beside this, we have established more control around the financial processes (membership fee application form and collection, bursaries, tournament fee collection, coaching fee approval and payment process). We also decided to try to split the invoices at the end of the financial year instead of using accruals as a preparation for the planned change of the financial year end hence there is 0 accrual, but the creditors control account went significantly up.

Despite the balance showing the +£6,045, our financial situation remained the same as end of last year with the total cash of £33,500 compared with the cash amount of £32,583 from similar date last year.

Zoltan Tatnai
Honorary Treasurer

Closed Tournament Secretary's Report

In the region of 463 individuals, competing in multiple events, entered the Closed Tournaments during the 2022/2023 season. The tournaments took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Whilst there are always a few niggles with Stevenage Leisure Centre, and despite hire rates increasing this season, this venue has continued to be value for money.

Once again, we ran a Primary Schools Team tournament in March, with 16 teams, which showed an improvement on last season.

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

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, John Stobo, Brian Jackson, Dave Bartlett, Doug Clarke, Holly Clayton, 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, ribbon costs, and shuttle costs more to come during the next season, (especially as the Stevenage management has been taken over by Everyone Active).

I have been having meetings with Ronni Goode to discuss the handover for next season, and everything is in hand for a smooth transition.

Barbara Lewczynska
Tournament Secretary

Open (BE sanctioned) Tournament Secretary's Report

We ran three BE tournaments this season, an U15 Bronze in September, an U17 Bronze in November, and another U15 Bronze in January, all of which were well supported. Next year we are planning a U15 Silver in September and an U17 Bronze at the end of November.

Thanks to all who help – Barbara Lewczynska, Graham Clarke, Ken Winchester, plus others from time to time.

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 out this season, which have been very much appreciated by the squads concerned.

Barbara Lewczynska
Child Welfare Officer

Newsletter Editors Report

This season we have been trying to make more use of our Facebook page to communicate better with our members, with squad successes and coaching opportunities being regularly posted. Next season we are going to try and expand this further and start using our Instagram account more by recruiting help from one of our U18 players. We will publish more information about this before the start of next season so that you will be able to send player and club news and photos through for posting.

We have also set up a schedule to send information emails out to our members, covering upcoming tournaments, events, and squad trials, to try and ensure that we keep our members informed. Due to the fairly large circulation list, we have moved to a free bulk email sending system (sender.net) which should mean fewer of the emails are flagged as spam and make opting out easier and compliant with GDPR.

Jackie Ward
Publicity/Newsletter Editor

Fixtures Secretary's Report

Another successful season of Shires League and fixtures which I ever enjoy to setup. HJBA fielded 5 teams like previous year where U15, U17 HT1 and U19 teams came out outstanding. A big, massive Congratulations to the team and coaches. I was very privileged to play Herts U15 and U17 teams coach role during the finals and was extremely pleased to help some players win their matches.

HJBA has applied for the same number of teams for 2023-24 season as well. An online meeting is expected of Shires League Chairman next month. As a result, it is really early days w.r.t fixtures.

For the next season home fixtures, I would require a minimum of 15 slots. Presdales school continue to be a blessing in allocating fixtures regardless of its slightly remote geographical location from the centre of Herts.

Looking forward to another smashing season!

Joseph Eluekunnel
Fixtures Secretary

U10 Squad Report

June 2022 saw us welcome a much larger number of under 10 players to our trials. Consequently, HJBA had to extend our under10s county training to a Wednesday session and a Friday session. Each sessions had 10 players and due to the commitment to take a larger number of players we were able to enrol players as young as 6 years. The attendance from every player was good.



For the first time we managed to arrange U10 friendly matches against Essex, Kent, and Surry. Every squad player had the opportunity to play, and every player got to play singles doubles and mixed. The matches were hugely beneficial for me to see how players took to competitive play and to the parents in giving many their first experience of watching their children play competitive badminton.

I would like to thank many of the parents who help and specially to Christine Batty.

Nick Goode
U10 Squad Manager

U12 Squad Report

This year we had a squad of 24 players. With 10 girls and 14 boys. Squad nights were always well attended, and players were always keen to impress.

The team played 6 shires matches. Winning 4 and losing 2 beating Cambs, bucks, Leicester 2's and Devon. We were able to qualify for Finals Day. At Finals Day we had 3 tough matches, but the players all performed well thought out the day and represented themselves very well.

A massive thanks to all the parents and to the coaches that have supported the squad throughout and the season and good luck Steph next year with the U12's.

James Gordon
U12 Squad Manager

U14 Squad Report

The squad has had an average attendance of 24 this year. Players from both squad years were given the opportunity to play in Shires League matches, both home and away. We won all our matches, playing Oxfordshire, Surrey, Cambridgeshire, Sussex, Suffolk, and Middlesex, finishing 4th in the national league, and qualifying for the finals automatically. In the finals we had an easy win against Yorkshire 2 in the first round, a tight win against Berkshire (11-9) in the second round, and lost in the final to Leicestershire by only 30 points after a very hard fought 10 all match. Well done to all players who contributed; we expect good things of the Shires teams next year!

Thanks to Kelly and Graham for their hard work and support, and all the parents again without whom we couldn't do it.

Mike Newlove
U14 Squad Manager

U16 Squad Report

The U16 1st team won the shires league finals which was a great result. The 2nd team finished 23rd and a lot of players who would not usually play got some games.

This weekend at the Bill Goode U15 memorial tournament the 1st team won it and the 2nd team finished 6th which was a great result for both teams.

So overall a successful season for the U16s! Well done to all players and thank you to parents for their continued support of the county and the players.

This half term numbers have dropped off quite significantly, likely due to exams.

Next season looks promising for the U16s with potentially a very strong first team and a strong second team too. Next season Steph will be moving to U12s and James will be moving to U16s to work with Ben.

Stephanie Stockwell
U16 Squad Manager

U18 Squad Report

Following on from my previous report I'm delighted to say that my confidence was well placed as our Hertfordshire Under-19's performed fantastically well on Shires League Finals Day and after a rare victory against Yorkshire in the semi-final, despite being 6-0 down at one point, went on to beat Kent in the final with every player putting in a terrific performance.

An amazing end to a great season! Where we exceeded all expectations.

On the 28th June it all starts again with the trials for our 2023/24 season at Hertfordshire University between 8-10pm. I look forward to putting together another successful under-19 team.

Kelly Matthews
U18 Team Manager / Head Coach

HBA Representative's Report

Presented as the latest HBA committee meeting, which will be available as a download from the HBA website archive page - <http://www.hertsbadminton.net/archive/>. Current membership numbers in Hertfordshire are summarised in the table below (corrected from the original report on 27/6/23):

HERTS MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2023

Herts Affiliated Clubs

	<i>Junior Clubs</i>	<i>Senior Clubs</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>April 2023</i>	12	42	54
<i>April 2022</i>	10	45	55
<i>April 2021</i>	12	49	61
<i>Change 2023/2022</i>	+2	-3	-1

Junior club includes clubs with "Junior" in their name or more than 80% junior members.

Herts Affiliated Members

	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>April 2023</i>	484	793	1277
<i>April 2022</i>	446	799	1245
<i>April 2021</i>	525	862	1387
<i>Change 2023/2022</i>	+38	-6	+32

Herts County Membership Fees - £

	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
<i>2022/2023</i>	Nil	3.50
<i>2021/2022</i>	Nil	1.75
<i>2020/2021</i>	Nil	Nil
<i>2019/2020</i>	Nil	3.50

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David Bartlett
HBA Representative

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Club Representative's Report

Unfortunately, due to a close family bereavement this has been another season where I have not been able to be as active as the club rep as I would have hoped.

Junior club numbers have increased from last year by an additional 2 and participation itself is up 39 players.

Most junior clubs have seen an upturn in numbers as the COVID recovery continues. The biggest success story is 'Smash It' clubs run by Anna Collis. These have also gained national coverage on the Badminton England Facebook page.

Hopefully in the season to come we can see even more junior clubs appear and participate levels increase even further.

Ben Vranjkovic

Schools and Colleges Representative

Schools Representative's Report

The schools' 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 12th, the HJBA Clubs tournament was held at Wodson Park with 12 teams from across Hertfordshire, which is scheduled to be an annual event. Three Rivers were winners this year.

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 this year. Dave Bartlett has been encouraging schools to enter teams in all categories from all regional partnerships.

The SGOs continue to organise a great range of sporting events, including Primary school games (such as WWWodson on 9th June with Lisa Robinson, the Racket Pack Festivals at Presdales on 19th May with Julie Pike, and at Oaklands College on July 7th with Tanya Angus and others)

Outreach work from the CBNs into the schools also continues through various coaches:

John Stobo – Applecroft, St Johns Lemsford, Peartree, Commonswood, Howe Dell. (Welwyn Hatfield)

Phil Adams – Royal Masonic Girls school (Rickmansworth), Haberdasher Girls (Elstree), Merchant Taylor (Moore Park)

Ian Robinson – Cuffley Primary

Ken Winchester – Ladbrooke School, (Potters Bar)

Brian Jackson – Ralph Sadler (East Herts)

Jim Robson – Richard Hale (Hertford)

Anna Collis – Priory, Knight Templar (North Herts)

Anthony Searle – Broom Barns (Stevenage)

Keith Burns – Haberdasher Boys (Watford), STAHS, Beaumont (St Albans)

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

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Schools and Colleges Representative

Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 30th April, 2023 (01.05.22 - 30.04.23)				
2021-22	Expenditure	2022-23	2021-22	Income
Matches and Coaching			Matches and Coaching	
4,176	U10/U11/U12 Squad Courts	4,118	8,267	U10/U11/U12 Squad Fees 10,950
6,552	U13/U14 Squad Courts	4,524	8,528	U13/U14 Squad Fees 8,952
5,853	U15/U16 Squad Courts	4,147	8,565	U15/U16 Squad Fees 9,280
4,887	U17/U18 Squad Courts	2,663	4,941	U17/U18 Squad Fees 4,080
2,280	U10/U11/U12 Training Cost	1,476	(219)	Discounts - Siblings Discount (448)
2,200	U13/U14 Training Cost	1,563	0	Provision of Covid-19 Rebates 0
1,554	U15/U16 Training Cost	2,006		
2,710	U17/U18 Training Cost	2,634		Summer Fees
0	U19/U20 Training Cost	0		
624	Trial Courts	0		
3,362	Shuttles - Training & Matches	4,125		
53	Coaches Registration Fees	119		
0	Refund (Eligible BE Tournaments)	0		
34,250	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	27,375	30,082	Matches and Coaching Subtotal 32,814
Tournaments & Leagues			Tournaments & Leagues	
3,468	Tournament Courts	5,800	4,114	Entry Fees - Closed Tournaments 6,692
997	Trophies & Medals	732	224	Entry Fees - Primary 0
1,178	Shuttles	165	2,484	Entry Fees - Shire Matches 2,580
2,513	Bill Goode Tournament expenditures	2,122	4,160	Bill Goode Tournament Entries 2,250
	Junior League Expenditures			Junior League Entries
3,973	Shires League	2,210	0	RIO York 0
0	RIO (York) Fees & Expenses	741	2,850	ICT Notts 2,970
3,195	ICT (Notts) Fees & Expenses	4,518	13,832	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal 14,492
15,324	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	16,288		
Open Tournaments			Open Tournaments	
0	BE Costs Incl Medals U13/U14 Bronze	0	0	U13/U14 Bronze Entry Fees 189
3,626	BE Costs Incl Medals U15/U16 Bronze	2,005	6,769	U15/U16 Bronze Entry Fees 2,488
1,340	BE Costs Incl Medals U17/U18 Bronze	2,749	3,473	U17/U18 Bronze Entry Fees 6,599
537	BE Costs Incl Medals U15/U16 Silver	493	1,844	U15/U16 Silver Entry Fees 327
464	Paypal Fee	244		
72	Sundry Expenses	90		
6,039	Open tournaments Subtotal	5,581	12,086	Open tournaments Subtotal 9,602
Sundries			Sundries	
35	Affiliation BE	384	2	Interest 0
229	Postage & Telephone	170	1,062	T-Shirts 1,880
1,198	T-Shirts	2,060	0	Write off Previous Accruals 0
	Stat. & Printing (Incl. Newsletter)			
115	Bursary Payments	824		
28	Bank Charges	61		
	Travel Expenses			
	Badminton Coaching / Training Course			
0	Bad Debt	0		
1,605	Sundries Subtotal	3,499	1,064	Sundries Subtotal 1,880
57,217	TOTAL Expenditure	52,743	57,064	TOTAL Income 58,788
0	Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,045	153	Excess of Expenditure over Income 0
57,217		58,788	57,217	58,788

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 2023			
2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
16,406 Current Account	12,626	30,814 Funds at 01/05/2022	30,699
17,106 Deposit Account	30,000	38 Adjustment to Fund	0
		(153) Deduct excess Expenditure over Income	0
1,692 Paypal	0	0 Add excess Income over Expenditure	6,045
(729) Debtors Control Account	(54)		
(929) Creditors Control Account	(5,828)		
Prepayments			
(2,846) Accruals	0		
30,814 Total	36,744	30,699 Funds Carried Forward	36,744

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, 2023.

Hon Treasurer: Mr Zoltan Tatrai
Dated:

Auditor: Rajesh Madha
Dated:

Notes:

1. Creditor control account: this is the result of many invoices being issued in April but only paid in May and some being invoiced in April 2022 but paid in 2023 (see analytics for details).
2. Accruals does not contain:
 - Membership fee partial amounts related to 22-23 financial year
 - Court booking partial amounts related to 22-23 financial year