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## **WELCOME TO THE 2009 - 2010 SEASON**

HSBA Tournament dates are below - please get your entries in in good time.

Sunday 25th October	U15 (Year 10 and under) Boys and Girls 'B' Singles	9.30 am
	U13 (Year 8 and under) Boys Doubles	9.30 am
	U13 (Year 8 and under) Girls Doubles	11.00 am
	U13 (Year 8 and under) Mixed Doubles	2.00 pm
Sunday 8th November	U13 (Year 8 and under) Boys and Girls 'B' Singles	9.30 am
	U15 (Year 10 and under) Boys Doubles	9.30 am
	U15 (Year 10 and under) Girls Doubles	11.00 am
	U15 (Year 10 and under) Mixed Doubles	2.00 pm
Sunday, 22nd November	U10 (Year 5 and under) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
	U18 (Year 13 and under) Boys Singles	9.30 am
	U18 (Year 13 and under) Girls Singles	11.00 am
	U18 (Year 13 and under) Boys and Girls Doubles	2.00 pm
	U18 (Year 13 and under) Mixed Doubles	5.00 pm
Sunday 24th January	U15 (Year 10 and under) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
	U11 (Year 6 and under) Boys Singles	9.30 am
	U11 (Year 6 and under) Girls Singles	11.00 am
	U11 (Year 6 and under) Boys and Girls Doubles	2.00 pm
Sunday, 7th March	U10 (Year 5 and under) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am
	U13 (Year 8 and under) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am

All tournaments will be played at Stevenage Leisure Centre

Registration time: 15 minutes before the start time

Entry Fees: £8.00 per person per event

Affiliated Clubs and Schools: £7.00 per person per event

Entry forms on HSBA website: [www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk)

Entries to: Graham Hall, 21 Eastbury Court, St Albans, Herts. AL1 3PS  
Tel: 07939 105478  
e-mail: [hsba@gmx.com](mailto:hsba@gmx.com)

The Primary Schools Team Tournament will be on Sunday, 7th February. Further details to follow.

### **Further U13 Squad Trials**

For players born in 1997 and 1998

Trials to be held at Herts Sports Village on **Wednesday, September 23rd**

Time: 6.00 pm

### **U17 News Round-up**

**Pat Walker & Tony Clarke**

Our congratulations go to Ryan McCarthy, who has been selected on to the BE Observation Programme.

Also congratulations to Ying Yi Tee, who won Young Volunteer of the Year 2008/2009.

We already have volunteers from the new U17 squad to help at the U11 squad.

Our thanks go to John McCloskey, who did an excellent job as U17 Parent Rep for two seasons. We would like to welcome Eric Fehily, who is taking on this role for the coming season.

We are looking forward to the start of the new season with our new U17 squad and our new coach, Chris Dakin.

### **Young Coach and Young Administrator of the Year**

**Ken Winchester**

The presentation for these two important annual awards took place during the AGM at Birchwood Leisure Centre on Thursday, June 18.

The joint winners for Young Coach of the Year 2009 are Rhian Blowers and Ben Vranjkovic .

The award for Young Administrator of the Year 2009 goes to Ying Yi Tee.

Congratulations to all these young people on their well deserved awards and thanks to them for the considerable contribution they have made to junior badminton throughout the year.

(Further details will appear in the next newsletter to indicate what is being done by players in order to be nominated for these awards)

### **Refund for 3 tournaments played**

**Ash Kejriwal (Treasurer)**

When a squad player has played in three Badminton England sanctioned tournaments he/she is eligible for a £10 refund on their squad fees.

The request for the refund needs to be made by April 30th in the season to which it relates, so that it can be properly accounted for in the relevant year.

Please make a request for the refund to the player's squad manager and payment is made when I receive an e-mail from them asking me to refund the fee. **Please do not send the requests to me directly.**

The cut off date for applications for this season will be April 30th 2010.

### **Junior Leagues**

Affiliated clubs and schools - please send your team entries for the Junior Leagues to Geoff Daniels before 25th September. Contact Geoff on 01992 444348 if you need further information.

## **TOURNAMENTS 2009/10 SEASON**

### **HATFIELD OPEN at Birchwood Leisure Centre from 9am each day**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 Under 15 Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 Under 13 Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2009 Under 17 Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles

Subject to demand each event could have two grades of play.

### **HATFIELD BRONZE FESTIVAL at Birchwood Leisure Centre from 9am each day**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Singles & Doubles Under 11 & Under 13 Boys

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Singles & Doubles Under 13 & Under 17 Girls

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Singles & Doubles Under 15 Boys

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Singles & Doubles Under 11 & Under 15 Girls

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Singles & Doubles Under 17 Boys

Entry forms for both Tournaments are available from the Badminton England Web Site  
[www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk)

They can be found under Tournaments and the junior section.

Alternatively by calling us on 01920 484605.

Paul Widdicombe  
Chauncy Badminton Club  
Tournament Referee

### **New Coach for U13 Squad - Olympic Medallist Jo Goode**

**Graham Hall**

I am very pleased to announce that the Herts U13 squad will be coached this year by Jo Goode, who reached the very highest levels of badminton as a player.

Some player will know Jo from the coaching sessions she ran with Natalie Munt and Sangeeta Dhall over the summer, where she was a big hit. I'm sure all will welcome the enthusiasm she brings to her coaching, as well as her technical and tactical knowledge.

Jo had a spectacularly successful career, with 50 England caps and success in both Ladies and Mixed doubles. Along with 10 National titles, Jo won seven Commonwealth Games gold medals, a World Junior Mixed gold, a World Mixed Doubles silver, two All England Mixed Doubles titles, a European Ladies Doubles gold and a bronze medal in the Mixed Doubles at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. Our squad will be in the best of hands!

Squad training re-commences for U13s on September 9th - 6 pm at Herts Sports Village. We also have two Shires League matches very early in the season - Kent away on September 26th and Middlesex away on October 10th.

We would also like to thank Natalie Munt for all her hard work coaching the squad last season, congratulate her on her recent marriage and offer our very best wishes for her new job, teaching at a school in Milton Keynes.

### **Coaching at Haberdashers' Aske' School**

HSBA are running a series of development training sessions starting on September 15th 2009 with coaches Chris Dakin and Kate Lester. This is an opportunity to receive coaching with other squad members and is in addition to the junior county squad night.

Chris will also be working with the HSBA U17 squad on Thursday evenings and for more information on his experience visit the HSBA website at [www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk). Kate, also a qualified coach, plays regularly for the Herts Senior County 2nd team. They will be concentrating on helping players improve their skills and techniques, game tactics and fitness.

Venue: Haberdashers' Aske's (Boys) School, Butterfly Lane, Elstree, Herts. WD6 3AF

Dates: Tuesday, September 15th 2009 to Tuesday, October 20th 2009.

Time: 7 - 9 pm

Cost: £45 for the 6 weeks

If you are interested to know more about these sessions, please contact Pat Walker on 01992 422073 or 07738 460501

e-mail: [pat.walker@auchy.com](mailto:pat.walker@auchy.com)

### **BEHIND THE SCENES....**

**Marion Conway**

"Have you had a good break?" is a question that the Squad Managers are often asked which can be ironically amusing as we are often equally busy in the holiday periods catching up with paperwork, planning for the next term and having the inevitable committee meetings.

Although the Tournaments, both open and closed, Squads and Leagues are the visible activities of the HSBA there is a lot going on in the background. Among others, finances, insurance and the rules and regulations associated with working with young people. Also the courses that have to be attended associated with this and the numerous forms that have to be filled in.

We all enjoy running the Squads and find it enjoyable and rewarding to work with the young players but all the paperwork can be less rewarding! Even before the start of this season we have had at least three meetings to attend; a Managers Meeting, a committee Meeting and a planning meeting for each Squad.

The Managers meeting is perhaps the most important as all the Squad Managers get together at intervals to decide what is best for the Squads and, equally importantly, what is best for the individual player's development. Not an easy job. It is at this meeting that we decide which players should play in an older Squad and how frequently. We feel that it is important for all players to keep in touch with their peer group as well as being stretched in their play.

In addition to all that, a sub group has had to spend several hours on the Welcome letters and Player Data sheets to go out to all Squad members. It is amazing how many ways a simple sentence can be interpreted! So if you think we have got something wrong, please tell us gently! We all want to do what is best for all members of the Squads but we have to think about the needs of nearly 100 players whereas most Parents and Coaches have rather fewer to think about!

### **Swifts JBC**

Swifts Presentation Evening was held on the last club night in July. A good number of players and parents attended and all players received a small award. This helps to encourage them to progress and try to achieve the main awards in the future.

Year winners were:	Year 4	Christopher Adey
	Year 5	George Quarrington-Carter
	Year 6	Safiya Qureshi and Mohammed Khaku
	Year 7	Hiral Mistry and Daniel Fox
	Year 8	Shayna Godin and Thomas Latter
	Year 9	Chloe Bungey and Mitch Chapman
	Year 10	Tamsyn Radmall and Christopher Hamilton
	Year 11	Jo En Choi and Alex Lee
	Year 12	Jonathan Radmall
	Year 13	Josh Chapman

Session Winners:	Session 1	Bradley Gellard
	Session 2	Matteo Rosales
	Session 3	Shayna Godin
	Session 4	Alex Lee

Session 4 also ran a doubles competition over 2 terms, where players could only play with the same partner twice in any evening. Points were added up and averaged at the end of the competition.

Top points scorer	Gareth Lumb
Doubles winners	Michael Peak and Liam Barrowcliffe
Junior Champions	Safiya Qureshi and Mohammed Khaku
Runners-up	Hana Barnett and Sam Newlove
Senior Champions	Jo En Choi and Alex Lee
Runners-up	Chloe Bungey and Mitch Chapman

Swifts celebrates its 25th birthday this month and there will be some form of celebration at the beginning of October. We would all like to say a big thank you to Marion and Duncan Conway for starting the club and for keeping it going for a quarter of a century. May it go on for a number of years yet.

From the Editor: I hope everyone has had a good summer break and that you are all ready to start playing again. Thanks to the various committee members for their contributions this time.

**Deadline for the next newsletter is Monday 30th November.**

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