



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

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It has now been a whole year of HABC Newsletters. I certainly hope you have been taking as much time to read them as it does to write them!!! This edition features an update on the key points to come out of the AGM, as well as a highly important shuttle reminder and the annual season rundown. Enjoy the summer season, and I will be back in just 2 months time with the start of season edition of our club newsletter.

COURTS AND SESSIONS UPDATES

Following the AGM, tweaks have been made to some of our sessions to optimise court usage.

Monday Keenagers – In addition to the free 9:30am start until 31st August on 2 courts, we have booked 1 court from 9:30am to 10:30am from 7th July on a permanent basis.

Thursday Daytime – We have paid for this session to have a 9:30am start on 2 courts until 31st August. We will monitor usage and determine whether to continue this into next season.

Friday Lunchtime – This session returns to being 2 courts for 1.5 hours following the end of the open trial on W/C 7th July.

The committee will take the results of the members survey, which will come out with renewals in mid-July, to The Bridge Management in August in advance of booking the courts for next season. We therefore encourage all members to take part in that survey as it will enable us to attempt to book courts to match demand.

SHUTTLES

We would like to remind members on shuttle etiquette when getting shuttles out of the locker.

1. **Use open tubes first** – You should get out every open tube of shuttles at the start of the session. If there is a part started new tube then this should be used initially. Please also remember that good quality used shuttles can also be used for games!
2. **2 Tubes for 3 Courts** – Most of our sessions are run over 3 courts and therefore the general rule of thumb is that no more than 2 new tubes should be taken out of the locker at the start, or less if the part started new tube is mostly full.
3. **It is everyone's responsibility to clear away** – The committee work tirelessly to make sure the club runs smoothly. Towards the end of a session we may ask for some help to clear away the shuttles. Please do help out if you're not rushing off somewhere!
4. **Don't mix old and new or ends of tubes** – It is incredibly frustrating when you get out a tube of shuttles and find new ones in with knockers, and even more so when shuttles are stuffed in at both ends. Please please use common sense when packing away and don't rush it!
5. **Remove the plastic film on tubes of knockers** – This makes it easier and quicker to spot which tubes to put shuttles in at the end of a session.

COMMITTEE AND WELFARE

We are pleased to announce **Ben Leigh** as Match Secretary from the 2025/26 season. He will be taking over from Rob Kay, who has done a sterling job with the match fixtures since 2022 - thank you Rob!

Lee West has taken on the role of Welfare & Wellbeing Officer, who will be supported by **Anne Jolliffe, Tessa Hall, Simon Hodge and Pat Maher** as trained Welfare & Wellbeing Representatives.

WELCOMES

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.

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Eastbourne 3 Series (Sunday 13th April)

David Jolliffe cleaned up at the final 3 Series event of the season, taking home 4 trophies! Alongside **Tej Bista** there was a runner's up trophy in the Men's Doubles, and alongside **Helen James** there was a winner's trophy! This meant that David also took home the overall award in the Men's and Mixed Doubles!

Middlesex Tier 4 (Saturday 10th May)

Daniel Wanagaliya made his Badminton England tournament debut at the Middlesex Dome alongside **David Jolliffe**. The pair breezed through their 3 group games in straight sets before coming unstuck at the Quarter Final stage, losing to the eventual runner's up.

Oxford Tier 4 (Sunday 18th May)

Congratulations to **Brannon Lee Chong** for yet another gold medal in Men's singles, who only dropped one set en- route to this title.

Sussex Bronze (Sunday 1st June)

Congratulations to **Brannon Lee Chong** and his partner from Cheshire for reaching the semi finals of the Men's Doubles. There was also a Quarter Final in the Mixed Doubles for **Brannon** and **Helen Milne**. In the Men's Singles there was a Semi Final for **Sai Narasimhamurthy** and a quarter final for **Daniel Wanagaliya**. Meanwhile **Issy Noakes** and **Helen Milne** both faced group stage exits in the Women's Doubles with their partners.

Circuit Championships (21st-22nd June)

A massive congratulations to **Issy Noakes** for winning the Grade F Women's Singles and Grade G Women's Doubles National Titles and securing an invite to represent England at the Graded 4 Nations tournament in August.

Brannon Lee Chong finished in 3rd place in a highly competitive Grade F Men's Singles event.



Sussex Tier 4 (Sunday 29th June)

Brannon Lee Chong successfully defended his Open Singles title once again, and then went on to win a Bronze medal in the Men's Doubles with **David Jolliffe**. In the Mixed Doubles, **David** and **Helen James** ended up in the strange situation of beating the eventual tournament winners in the group stage but didn't progress after losing out in a 3-way tie - An incredibly frustrating result!

Cambridge Bronze (Sunday 29th June)

Issy Noakes picked up a silver medal in the Women's Singles, losing out in the final to fellow Sussex player Mitsuyo Kondo.

SEASON UPDATE

Match season is now over. A big congratulations to our 3 title winners and a massive thank you to all 46 players who have represented HABC in the leagues this season. Keep an eye out for the members survey in July, which will contain the match survey at the back of it, if you want to get involved next season!

Surrey

Our Men's team ended up on the wrong end of a 3-way tie for 1st, but it was still a highly successful season after last year's relegation to Div 4. Our Mixed team finished in 2nd after being one win short of champions.

Brighton

We finished 2nd and a long way off Club Foot 2s in a league where 33% of the total matches were conceded.

Crawley

Respectable 3rd and 2nd place finishes for our Men's and Mixed teams respectively.

West Weald

Our Men's team has finally been promoted to Div 1 after winning the league!!! Our Combi team shockingly drew a match on the way to winning their league yet again! Meanwhile our Ladies finished 3rd in a very tight league.

Worthing

Our Over 60s proved that experience goes a long way, by winning the league by 1 point!

Mid Sussex

Our Div 1 Fusion team secured a strong 2nd place. Meanwhile our new Div 2 team fought hard but ended up with a wooden spoon at the end of their inaugural campaign.

Here's to next season! Matches are Tuesday 7:30pm and selected Thursdays 8pm from mid-September, so come along and support!