



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

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Hello and welcome to a new season at HABC. Thank you to *most* of you for paying on time

😊 This newsletter is jam packed with lots of information, including our 70th Party below, coaching sessions, hall closures, club top orders, and plenty of notices and FYIs – particularly useful if you are one of our newer members or need a reminder! Please have a read and enjoy the season!

HABC IS 70 YEARS OLD!

On Sunday 6th September, we held a great party to celebrate the club turning 70 years old!

View all the pictures at the following link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rJ9PMq3LkxsPggnq6>

Watch our club video: <https://youtu.be/j7PS1QQRJJA?is=xCtP4i2PbCvcEVbs>

Read Peter Monk's (Chairperson) speech here: <https://www.habc-badminton.com/news/>

Award Winners

Long Serving Membership – **Karen Thomas & Bernadette Sang**

Oldest Member – **Helga Tomes**

Most Invincible Team – **West Weald Combi (capt. Chih Liu)**

Most Enthusiastic Member – **Alex Osborne**

Walking Encyclopedia (on all members past and present) – **Steve Bush**

The (only?) Member With No Shorts – **Kevin Noakes**



DEVELOPMENT COACHING

This season we have partnered with The Badminton Zone to provide coaching opportunities to our members. The first two sessions will take place on **Saturday 10th October and Sunday 1st November, 13:30-16:00**, on courts 4 & 5. These are open to our Performance and Development Teams respectively. We will hold (at least one) session for non-match players next calendar year.

There are 12 spots per session.

Each session will look at match play, tactics, scenarios, etc to help improve our teams.

Each session costs £13pp per session. Please complete the signup form below, and await confirmation of your spot before paying.

<https://forms.gle/9XYX4JZTAhcH7shV8>

2026/27 SESSION TIMES

The committee is currently reviewing attendance numbers at each session, particularly as our new daytime session structure enters its first full season. Please make use of the courts available to you, while remembering to be courteous of the court time available to members with less flexible lifestyles.

Club Nights

Mondays 19:30-21:30 on 3-4 courts

Wednesdays 19:30-21:30 on 3 courts

Daytime

Social Mondays 9:30-11:30 on 2-3 courts

Competitive Tuesdays 9:30-12:00 on 3 courts

Combined Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 on 2 courts

Combined Thursdays 9:30-12:00 on 2-3 courts

Combined Fridays 9:30-11:00 on 2 courts

MATCHES

Match season is soon to kick in again. Check out the match schedule on our website, and come along to cheer on your club mates at our home matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

CANCELLED SESSIONS AND CAR PARK CLOSURE

There will be no Daytime sessions on Thursday 24th September and Wednesday 14th October.
The car park will be closed on Friday 18th September.

SHUTTLE PRICES

As I am sure you are aware, shuttle prices continue to increase. Each individual shuttle now costs more than £2! Please be mindful of this when opting to change a shuttle. If the club's shuttle usage continues at its current rate, then membership prices will have to increase more.

Please also assist committee members when tidying up after a session, ensure that only truly dead shuttles are disposed of, and ensure that there are 2 tubes of used shuttles in the locker at the end of a session.

The club has trialled other feather shuttles and hybrid shuttles. Hybrids do not currently have the durability, flight, or availability of feathers. Meanwhile cheaper feather shuttles do not have the durability to justify downgrading.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that the club does have a code of conduct that the committee expect all players to follow. This is found on our website, and outlines etiquette, language, behaviour and other general expectations. If you have any concerns then please reach out to one of our Welfare Officers and Representatives.

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

It seems that there hasn't been a lot happening in the last few months on tournament courts!

Plenty of big events coming up in September though, with the Sussex Senior Restricted and the European Masters Championships!

VISITOR POLICY

For the 2026/27 season, visitors are entitled to 3 visits at £10 per session before deciding to join.

If you are talking to a visitor at one of our sessions, please make sure they have signed the visitor's book so that we have a record of all visits.

If you wish to bring a visitor to one of our sessions, please make sure you contact David Jolliffe, or the session rep, to ensure there is capacity. Visitors should not 'just turn up', to ensure fair court time for members.

Please also make sure they are of the minimum standard as detailed on the sessions page of the club's website.

ORDER YOUR CLUB TOP NOW!

We are pleased to open a 2nd round of orders of our new club top!

Get your orders in quick as this could be the last round of orders ever! We need to reach a minimum order size of 10, due to our top being exclusive to us and made to order by Central Sports.

£28 inc. printing

Sizes XS-3XL available in Men's and Women's fits
Complete the form below

Once confirmed by Ben, pay into the club's account



<https://forms.gle/zGvp8XeoGozne7A49>

DEADLINE: 12:00 Saturday 3rd October

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL RAISES £400 FOR CHARITY

Our Daytime and Keenager groups joined forces with a local bowls club in July and hosted a summer music 'festival'.

James Sherwood and Colin Blackwell's band held a lovely afternoon in Loxwood, playing music that all generations enjoyed.

The money raised went to Vasculitis UK, a charity close to the Sherwood family.



FEEDBACK FORM

Any feedback is always welcome at the below link:
<https://forms.gle/p5xhUBLXEqm4vfHX6>

WELCOMES

We would like to welcome all our recently joined members to the club.

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.

NOTICES FROM THE BRIDGE

Please see below a number of notices and reminders:

If a member of staff asks you to leave a court at the end of a session, please do so!

Please ensure you wear clean non-marking shoes.

Do not disturb other court users or staff members if you arrive before the start of the session – particularly while the staff are dismantling gym equipment or trampolines.

Please allow committee members to discuss court arrangements or other issues with centre staff, unless you have been asked to do so by a committee member – this helps to ensure our professional working relationship.

Please remember not to exit the hall via the fire doors!

MASTERS TRIALS

Sussex Masters trial sessions are continuing for the rest of this month!

Over 40s-55s on Sunday 20th

Over 60s-75s on Sunday 27th

All sessions are 10am-12noon at Portslade

Contact Mike Stoneman for more information!

MEMBER ONLY DEAL FOR THE BADMINTON ZONE

Take your badminton to the next level with The Badminton Zone, an online coaching platform created by former international players and experienced coaches Dean George and David King.

Members gain access to expert technical and tactical videos, training plans, drills, and off-court conditioning content designed to help players of all standards improve their game.

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PEG BOARD BEST PRACTICE

For all sessions please remember to follow the below rules:

You pick from the first 8 players including yourself (11 on sessions with four courts). **Bumping up the remaining pegs after you pick someone is not permitted.**

Try to pick a balanced game to ensure everyone plays good quality matches. Feel free to ask a member for help if you wish for a second opinion.

If you feel you cannot pick a fair game, then you are free to move your peg back a space or two and allow the next member to pick a game.

If a visitor is at the front of the line, then please don't make them pick for themselves – they might not know anyone! The member next to them in the line should aid them in picking a fair game.

Please remember to move your pegs back down at the end of your game! Winning pair's pegs ahead of losing pair's.

These rules are for the benefit of all members and to ensure everyone gets to play roughly the same number of games per session, so please make sure they are followed.

TOURNAMENT DATES

I know many of you are wanting to make a note in your diary of the 3 Series dates for this season. Sadly you won't be able to as the 3 Series is no more.

There is however the all-new
SUSSEX SUPER SERIES!

This relaunch of the tournament series you love will once again take place across the county.

Please note that the dates below are unconfirmed and unofficial – we are continuing to chase Sussex Badminton for confirmation of these. It is assumed that entry will be via BE Tournament Software.

25th October – Chichester

13rd December – Eastbourne

7th February – Portslade, Brighton

18th April – Crawley