



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Hello HABC Members and welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. I hope you have all been enjoying the wide variety of sessions and matches that have taken place over Q1, including our first Sunday session in January. As well as our usual updates, this edition features crucial information about our sessions moving forward, and an opportunity to provide the committee with anonymous feedback prior to our AGM.

COURTS AND SESSIONS UPDATES

On Friday 14th March, HABC had its regularly quarterly engagement with The Bridge and P4P Management Team. Following these discussions, and a review of the club's finances, the following tweaks have been made to the club's sessions.

Monday Over 50s – This session will continue to start at 9:30am until 31st August.

Monday Club Nights – This session will permanently have a 4th court for 1.5 hours. This additional court is being paid for by the club. The allocation of this court each week can be found at the back of the visitor's book.

Tuesday Daytime – This session will continue to start at 9:30am until 31st August.

Friday Lunchtime – This session will continue to run until 2pm on a trial basis. This session will also continue to be open to all members. This session extension is being paid for by the club.

Please also be aware that our lunchtime session on Friday 11th April will be on Courts 4 and 5, meanwhile our lunchtime session on Good Friday 18th April will be on Courts 1 and 6 and the hall will be noisier than normal due to a large event taking place on the other courts.

2024/25 HABC AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on

Tuesday 13th May at 7:30pm at The Bridge.

All members are encouraged to attend to hear the annual updates, agree next year's membership fees, and have their say in the open Q&A.

Papers will be circulated in the coming weeks, and there are vacancies for a **Welfare Officer and Assistant Match Secretary**, if you are interested in joining the committee.

If you have any comments or questions that you would like the committee to prepare a response to in advance of the AGM, please speak to a committee member.

BADMINTON ENGLAND'S VISIT

On 3rd February we had a visit from a couple of people from BE who wanted to find out more about Horsham Arun and how we operate.

This was a very positive visit and they were very impressed with what they saw – with particularly good feedback on the quality of our peg board! Key point to take away was the need to nominate some welfare officers to attend an informal training session. If you are interested in this or want more information on this role, please let us know!

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.

DONATIONS TO AFRICA WANTED

Helen Milne is after any **old rackets, shoes, or sportswear** that is in good working condition that you would be willing to donate to **badminton players in Ghana**.

If you have anything suitable, please contact her to arrange collection.

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Essex Tier 4 (Sunday 2nd February) and Sussex Tier 4 (Sunday 2nd March)

It's been singles medals galore for Horsham's Dynamic Duo of **Issy Noakes** and **Brannon Lee Chong**. In Essex, it was a gold for **Issy** and a bronze for **Brannon**. However, on home(ish) soil in Worthing both came home with golds!

England Vs Scotland Masters (18th & 19th January)

Karen Thomas and **John Molyneux** competed for England against **Helen Milne** and the rest of Scotland in the annual McCoig match between the nations. England came out as winners!

Brighton 3 Series (Sunday 23rd February)

David Jolliffe partnered **Tej Bista** in the Men's (Brannon got a better offer of Las Vegas!) where they managed to secure a solid 3rd place in the group which extended **David's** lead at the top of the overall standings with 1 event to play. Helen and Issy also came 3rd in their tough ladies group.

In the mixed, **David** and **Helen** reached the semi-finals before coming unstuck against some top county players. However, **Issy** went one better and came home with the 2nd place trophy and is in pole position for the mixed ladies title with 1 event to play!

The mixed men's overall title is also not out of reach for either **David** or **Brannon**, so there is lots to play for in Eastbourne on 13th April.

SEASON UPDATE

Match season is slowing drawing to a close, with some of our teams already finished for the year! Below is a quick summary of how they have been getting on.

Surrey

Our Men's team is still in a promising position, with a slight outside chance of a division 4 league title if things fall their way. Meanwhile our mixed team has finished their season and will have to wait to find out their fate in division 3. Could we see a double promotion?!

Brighton

Sadly, it doesn't look like we are going straight back up this year after losing to a strong Club Foot 2nd team.

Crawley

Our Men's team have finished their season and will end up mid table in a very strong division. And it is very much all to play for in a tight Mixed division.

West Weald

Our Combi team continue to do the only thing they know how to do and that is win. One and a half seasons unbeaten and it doesn't look like stopping anytime soon. Our Men's team are looking like hot favourites for promotion to division 1. And our Ladies team have finished a respectable 3rd.

Worthing

With one game left to play, our Over 60s Combi team need to beat Forest 5-1 or better away from home to clinch the league title on Wednesday 23rd April (mark your calendars for a belter of a match).

Mid Sussex

Our Div 1 Fusion team look safe for a mid-table finish, but a title isn't out of the question. Meanwhile our new Div 2 team have been fighting hard to avoid the wooden spoon, with their fate now lying in Forest's hands.

All home matches are Tuesday 7:30pm and selected Thursdays 8pm, so come along and support!

COUNTY LEAGUES

Senior

Issy Noakes and **Brannon Lee Chong** have both represented Sussex 3's this season. Sadly, it was in a very tough division and the team will be relegated to Division 3.

Masters

We have had numerous players compete for Sussex's masters teams – far too many results to list! The headline appears to be (from what I can gather) that it has been a mixed season, with the Over 45s (**Helen Milne**, **Zeyar Win**) into a national title playoff, meanwhile some other teams are being relegated.

VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are entitled to 3 visits at £10 per session before deciding to join or not.

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 and ensure they are of the minimum standard as detailed on the sessions page of the club's website.

FUNDRAISING

Badminton England have teamed up with EasyFundraising to provide a mechanism for clubs to generate a bit of extra money through everyday shopping.

Simply follow the link below to sign up and support our cause:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=368344&invite=j1ghto&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

There is then a browser extension you can use, or even an app if you shop on a mobile device. More information can be found on the EasyFundraising website.

GALLERY

Some of our County Players:

Karen Thomas
Sally Jillians
Dick Gilbert
Zeyar Win
Helen Milne

