



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 some dates for your diaries and new policies to be aware of. We hope you enjoy this season at HABC. Please make sure to give us a follow on Instagram, and if you ever have any feedback for the committee then please either speak to us (I promise we aren't scary!) or put it on the anonymous form at the end of this newsletter.

PEG BOARD BEST PRACTICE

For all sessions using our peg board, please remember to follow the below rules:

You are only allowed to pick from the first 8 players including yourself (11 on sessions with four courts).

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 into the pack 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.

SUSSEX TOURNAMENT DATES

Senior County Championships – 4th & 5th October

For those in our top teams

Entry found on BE Tournament Software

Littlehampton 3 Series – 12th October

For those who play in any of our teams. Great experience for our development players.

Keep an eye on Sussex and Eastbourne Badminton sites for the entry form

Tier 4 – 2nd November

For those in our top teams

Entry Found on BE Tournament Software

Crawley/Horsham 3 Series – 7th December

A tournament on our home courts! For those who play in any of our teams. Great experience for our development players.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE

We have been notified by The Bridge Management that players have not been vacating courts in a timely manner at the end of some of our sessions.

They are particularly concerned about players opting to finish off games, rather than playing one final point, on a Monday and Wednesday Evening.

We therefore kindly remind you of the following:

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

WELCOMES, FAREWELLS AND CONGRATULATIONS

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.

DEVELOPMENT COACHING

We are pleased to have received some funding from Sussex County Badminton to organise 2x 3-hour coaching sessions for our development match players.

This will take place on **Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th October, 13:30-16:30**, on courts 4-6.

This is open to players in our WW Men's, WW Ladies, MS Fusion Div 2, Worthing O60s, and Crawley Men's teams in the first instance.

There are 18 spots per session.

Saturday 18th October will focus on Level Doubles (2 Courts for Men's and 1 court for Ladies)

Saturday 25th October will focus on Mixed Doubles

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

Due to the cost of shuttles, we kindly ask that you pay **£5 per session for this coaching**.

Sign Up Form Here

<https://forms.gle/K92uuoHPomD2W1eH6>

2025/26 SESSION TIMES

We are pleased to confirm that our session times for this season are not changing. We have a meeting with centre management later in the month, so the free court time listed below is subject to change.

Club Nights

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

Wednesdays 19:30-21:30 on 3 courts

Daytime

Tuesdays 9:30-12:00 on 3 courts (9:30-10:00 provided free of charge on 3 courts until at least 31st October)

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

Keenagers

Mondays 9:30-11:30 on 2-3 courts (9:30-10:00 provided free of charge on 2 courts until at least 31st October)

Wednesdays 14:00-15:30 on 2 courts

Fridays 12:00-13:30 on 2 courts

MATCHES

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

STRINGING

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WORLDWIDE SHUTTLE SHORTAGE!!!

If you have looked in the news recently, you will have seen that there is a worldwide shortage of feather shuttles, due to the changing eating habits of people in Asia. This has had the knock-on effect of increasing the price of shuttles here in the UK. Each individual shuttle now costs us c.£2. Please be aware of this when opting to change a shuttle



CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that there is a new code of conduct for all players to follow. This is found on our website. If you have any concerns then please reach out to one of our Welfare Officers and Representatives.

APPEAL FOR HISTORY INFORMATION

We think the club might be nearing 100 or 125 years old. If you have any history of the club, or know anyone who might, please let a committee member know!

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Graded 4 Nations

Issy Noakes represented England in the 4 Nations International, which was this year held in Ireland. Sadly, I can't find any scores online, but I have it on good authority that she took home a gold medal while representing the Tier 3 (G Grade) team!

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

VISITOR POLICY

For the 2025/26 season, visitors are now 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.

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

SUMMER PICNIC RAISES £380 FOR CHARITY

Our Daytime and Keenager groups joined forces with Forest Badminton Club in July and hosted a summer picnic.

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ORDER YOUR CLUB TOP NOW!

Orders for our club kit are now open for the 2025/26 season. This is the last season of this design, due to the low amount of stock remaining.

Full details, including sizing, can be found in the cover email for this newsletter but the headline information is below:

£18 inc. printing

Text/Email your order to Maria

Once confirmed, pay into the club's account

DEADLINE: 17:00 Saturday 20th September



FEEDBACK FORM

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