

Report from Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network

1 BE Head Office Report - Aleisha

Program offers:

No Strings Badminton & Racket Pack offers available for clubs to encourage them to start delivering BE programs. A grant of £500 is available to all affiliated clubs to launch a new No Strings (10 weeks) or Racket Pack (8 weeks) session through the club. The expectation if sessions are successful is that they will continue to run beyond the initial 8-10 week block.

Club Development Grants:

As discussed previously BE offers funding to affiliated clubs which are looking to expand/launch new sessions/struggling financially and need support to stabilise themselves in the short term.

Coaching courses:

Foundation Award (former level 1) finished last weekend and had 10 candidates (one from WH). We are in the process of organising a level 2 coach award. Could I encourage anyone that may be interested in the course to contact Brian Jackson.

2 Treasurer's Report

Currently, healthy (£480), but would be insufficient for next season's programme.

3 Development

Sessions:

Adult: No strings at Birchwood LC, Gosling, Hatfield LC and UoH, are healthy

Junior: Monday afternoon training group at Gosling for children in Years 3-6 continues, with attendance of 12-14 children. A member of the Herts County Under 18 squad assists.

Clubs; Swifts ~ 50 members; Comets JBC ~40 members (recent increases), coaches, Dave B (head coach), L2; Gill B. Admin., L2; Micky M. matches, L2; Andrew M., L2; Ku K, L1; Khalid K, L1; L2; Lisa M, L1, Dillan B, L1, Oliver Y., L1; Oliver B, L1; Leah H., L1; Kites (was Knebworth) ~45; Comets seniors ~38: no reports.

Schools:

Primary: John S. in the Autumn: St John's Lemsford, Commonswood and Applecroft schools: now Applecroft, Commonswood and Peartree, Peartree for the first time.

Secondary: Ian R. BHGS, six lunchtimes at the school until Easter.

Dame Alice Owen (Hertsmere, SWH CBN) sessions have 20 plus boys and girls from year 7 through to year 10.

Facilities:

New Secondary Schools Sports Halls. DB met head of Chancellors to discuss their new sports hall, attended Dame Alice Owen's Consultation Event, and has been recommended to Monks Walk school's architects to discuss design. All 3-court halls, DAO with windows.

WH BC Sports Facilities Strategy has been ratified by the Borough Council.

There is little reference to badminton in the Executive Summary. But the

full report shows BE's input (by Nick/Aleisha). At the WelHat sports Club Forum 3March, it was clarified that there will be opportunities for input at project meetings March, by NGBs, the first of which is in June.

WelHat sports requested we write to the Minister for sport on the 3-court limit for new secondary schools' sports halls.

University, no report, but the SDO, Ed Frost, was happy to circulate the BE Healthy Living questionnaire – completed by 20 Multisport participants. For input to BE submission to Sport England for next 4 years funding.

Events, including Centenary 2020 Celebrations

HJBA Countywide Social Junior Badminton, 8 March at Gosling, thanks to Mike and John: 19 participants who enjoyed the event.

The Herts Junior League match day, Sunday 22 March, and 10 club teams of 4 boys and girls have entered. The event is being hosted at Gosling Sports Park as part of the Welwyn Garden City 100 years celebrations, with medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams generously being provided by the Welwyn Garden City 2020 Sport for all committee.

Other 2020 Celebration events:

Saturday April 4th, 2020, 2-4pm - Junior tournament (Non-county players U11 and U15 boys and girls, unisex singles and doubles). 24 participants maximum.

Saturday, 16th May, 2020, 2-6 pm, Inter Garden City (Letchworth) tournament, adults and masters: teams of 4 men, 4 women, a team of 2 men/2 women, and Masters (60+) 2men & 2 women. So 16 representatives from each garden city = 32 total participants

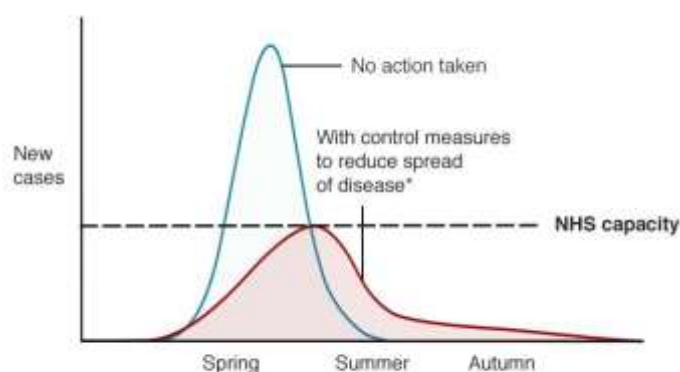
Saturday August 29th , 2020, 2-4pm- Parent and Child doubles Tournament, 30 participants maximum

Saturday September 12th , 2020, 2-4pm - No Strings Singles Tournament, 30 participants maximum

Saturday November 21st, 2020 , 2-4pm No Strings Doubles Tournaments 30 participants maximum.

4 Covid19

How control measures may reduce spread of virus in UK



*Control measures: Self-isolating if ill, social distancing for vulnerable and whole household isolation if one member is ill

Source: Department of Health

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