

## Leagues

### **Letchworth and District Badminton League**

We ended the season by working out the teams average points over the season. We did look at putting all non played games as a 3-3 draw but there was no difference on the end result.

I had a few thoughts about restarting the season but not yet confirmed anything. The options I was thinking about are:

- 1: starting the season later in the season if clubs still have venues and are still have players.
- 2: If venues are not open or there are restrictions then we may have to delay the season until the new year and finish the season later than normal

I have concerns about how many clubs will return to the league, as I know a few clubs have already had issues with their venues closing.

### **The Stevenage Badminton League**

The format of the league continued as in previous seasons with a Mixed 6s section consisting of two divisions, and a Medley 4s section also consisting of two divisions.

The SBL continued to run the Ladies Section of the league. It had been an enjoyable and successful season until being suspended on the 17th March due to the coronavirus outbreak. Fortunately, by this time all the Ladies Section matches had been completed.

In the Mixed and Medley Sections, some teams had completed all their matches. All but one of the rest had only one outstanding match. Final places for the Mixed and Medley Sections were decided by using an average system of dividing the number of points won by the number of matches played by each team.

No decisions have been made yet regarding the 2020-2021 season.

Website: [www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk](http://www.stevenagebadmintonleague.co.uk)

## Junior Clubs

### **Shuttles**

We had 15-20 regulars during the season, an increase after a dip the previous summer break. We aim to re-start in September when hopefully things will be nearer to normal.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/ShuttlesJBC/>

### **Hitchin Junior BC**

No report.

## **SMASHIT**

SMASHIT has expanded over the last year with a total of 5 junior clubs and 1 adult club. We have over 100 members now and I have just accepted a sponsorship from Adidas so we have our own clothing line out which is exciting. Our sessions consist of coaching and games as well as exercises to improve agility and coordination. I recently purchased an electric shuttle feeder which has been brilliant, it is extremely accurate and has many modes so it really improves the quality of coaching.

During lockdown I have been setting the junior members fun exercises and challenges, I have also been doing 1-1 coaching outside which has been going really well, the clients are really grateful to be back. I have been doing junior bootcamps three times a week (first 3 sessions free) to get the juniors back to exercise and keep them fit, I have had really good feedback from the parents saying that this has been great to get them doing some exercise again!

I am looking forward to starting my badminton clubs up again, hopefully I will have good numbers to keep all the clubs going as before lockdown we were growing in numbers nicely! I look forward to the leisure centres reopening,

My website is [www.smashitanna.co.uk](http://www.smashitanna.co.uk) where it has all the information you need!

### **Baldock Junior BC**

Had a steady membership of around 40 until we closed prematurely. Hope to start up again in September. Had to turn away several prospective members during the season as we were at our limit. Always provided them with details for the other clubs on the area.

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