

# WH Community Badminton Network Annual Report June 2024

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## GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre random partner doubles tournament October 8th 2023

19 players from St Albans, Hatfield and Broxbourne took part in the GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre random



partner doubles tournament on Sunday October 8th , 2023. After 8 rounds of matches, the points were added up for each individual. The top points scoring woman was Weili Cai from Broxbourne and the man with the most points was Bob Wang from Hatfield. Many thanks to GLL for providing medals.

## GLL Hatfield Singles Tournament Results 19th November, 2023

19 keen and talented players took part in the annual GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre Singles Tournament. Players from National Badminton, Ware, Dane End, Swifts, junior Comets and GLL all competed for the medals, kindly provided by GLL.

Many thanks to all for turning out and making it an enjoyable event.

The results were:

<u><b>Womens</b></u>	<u><b>Mens</b></u>	<u><b>U21s</b></u>	<u><b>Plate</b></u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Weili	1 <sup>st</sup> Nick	1 <sup>st</sup> Zuyi	1 <sup>st</sup> Kelvin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Claudia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rowan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jaiden	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Avneesh	3 <sup>rd</sup> Daksh	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mackenzie
	4 <sup>th</sup> Jack	4 <sup>th</sup> Kristian	4 <sup>th</sup> Weili

Ian Robinson

## The GLL Christmas Cracker junior badminton tournament 2023

27 children took part in the Christmas Cracker junior badminton tournament at GLL Hatfield Leisure



Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, on a very cold Winter morning. Players ( who came from Dynamic Badminton, National Badminton, Swifts JBC, and GLL Hatfield Smash Up) were asked to wear Christmas jumpers or colours, or some tinsel. With only 3 courts available, 10 games each were played up to 7 points, with the over all winners in each category having the

most wins. Once the younger children learned not to walk across the courts, things went smoothly and we had some brief but competitive games throughout.

The Winners were:

- Age 10 and Under Girls - Vaani ( GLL Hatfield Smash Up)
- Age 10 and Under Boys - Zack ( National Badminton Goffs )
- Age 13 and Under Girls - Shruti ( GLL Hatfield Smash Up)
- Age 13 and Under Boys - Noah Innes ( Swifts JBC)
- Age 16 and Under Girls - Isabelle ( Swifts JBC)
- Age 16 and under Boys - Arya ( Dynamic Badminton )

Many thanks to Ku Qureshi and all the parents who helped with scoring and umpiring, and also to the management at GLL for supplying the medals as prizes.

Ian Robinson

**Essentials Beginners course** January 7<sup>th</sup> , 2024, for 8 consecutive Sundays. Ian Robinson

### **Junior Badminton at Howe Dell, 20 May**

Spring sessions: I have seen some great improvements in many of the children's badminton ability. We also got the opportunity to talk about sportsmanship and playing fairly. I have also provided the form for the school to affiliate for free to the Herts Junior Badminton Association (HJBA). It includes a link to free resources from Badminton England which include lesson plans and technical videos. Affiliation to HJBA allows us to keep in touch with the school and invite you to any events or tournaments that occur throughout the year.

Ian Robinson

### **GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre Adult Team Tournament 2024 May 26th**

20 players attended the annual team badminton tournament at GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre on Sunday May 26th. 5 teams of 2 men and 2 women played mixed, men's and women's doubles against the other teams. After 2 hours of play, the overall winners were Krishnan, Raj, Monica and Marilena of Team Gosling II, who won all of their 16 matches.

The final standings were : 1<sup>st</sup> Team Gosling II - Krishnan, Raj, Monica, Marilena( 16 pts) 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Gosling I - Avneesh, Rishi, Mariana, Caroline ( 11 pts) 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints - Adam, Keiran, Erin, Molly ( 8 pts) 4<sup>th</sup> Broxbourne II - Stuart, Renjith, Tope, Jacqui ( 3 pts) 5<sup>th</sup> Broxbourne I - Ben, Chris, Claudia, Weili ( 2 pts).



Many thanks to GLL for providing the medals and feather shuttles, and to Ku Qureshi for helping with the organising. The next event at GLL Hatfield Leisure Centre is the Parent / Child tournament on June 30th. GLL Hatfield hosts several badminton tournaments each year and runs a weekly program of both junior and adult sessions.

Ian Robinson

We have a parent / child tournament coming up at GLL on 30<sup>th</sup> June, followed by an Essentials TACTICS course for intermediate players to improve their court craft which is running on 7<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup>,21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July. I think all my classes and groups are on [www.hjba.org.uk](http://www.hjba.org.uk) so perhaps a QR code or a flyer to that would be good, plus of course promoting [www.movingmore.co.uk](http://www.movingmore.co.uk)

Ian Robinson

## Clubs and Facilities

Clubs in Welwyn Hatfield appear to be surviving as does Gosling Advanced No Strings and those in Hatfield Leisure Centre.

Comets Junior Badminton club has again had 17 of its 39 Sunday sessions on 8 courts at HSV cancelled owing to higher priority bookings, having to resort to 4-court halls in Stanborough and The Ridgeway. DB has spent some considerable time supporting future potential new halls at Gosling and Oaklands college. Nickk Goode and I are members of Oaklands College Aspirational MasterPlan, and Liam Cooper, BE Network Manager, East also represents our interests on both of these. Attempts to restart a Badminton Academy at Oaklands this year have been met with “unfortunately we have insufficient court space”.

Pre-covid we had 48 members with a waiting list. This year we have just 32 members in spite of fees having risen by just 7% since 2020. However, we are grateful to our coaches Ku, Kahlid, Oliver, Stuart, Amy, Lazar, and Aaron, who have done a great job each session enthusing and improving our members. Several of our members, last, and this June qualified for the HJBA squads, and three want to take the Foundation coaching course in October. Several have been supported in their DoE's.

## Living Longer Better 50+ Badminton

HBA received the Sport England countywide grant and we, our WH allocation for this project, in January 2024. With the help of Herts Sport Partnership's Charlotte Birds, Active Ageing Officer and Active Local Officers, Peartree was chosen for our because they are the WH area of deprivation, having GP surgeries, Peartree, Hall Grove Spring House. However there are just two halls in the area, Woodhall and Ludwick Family Centre, both only single court areas without badminton line markings. Maximum participation in a single court is 8. So Gosling, although farther away has up to 5 courts, was also chosen initially as a pilot: with 5 courts participation could be 30.

### Gosling Sports Park, LLB50+B Saturday sessions

These sessions started in September sponsored by WH CBN and managed and delivered (unpaid) by DB, and have continued on 2 courts with approximately 9 participants weekly. From November 23 they are managed by Foundation coach, Sam Ruisling (suggested by Ian Robinson) and father Jim.

### Ludwick Family Centre, LLB50+B Alternate Wednesday sessions

These sessions are, ideally, within Peartree surgeries area, unfortunately, it is a single court hall with no badminton floor markings and we can have only we alternate Wednesdays as U3A has the alternate. About 5 participants regularly attend. These are also managed by Sam Ruisling and father Jim.



Jim, Sam, DB, Gill Bartlett at Peartree Fun Day

Over this summer DB will investigate the potential for sessions in areas of Hatfield.

A LLB conference day was supported at HSV with the help of Bob Green in September and Peartree Fun Day in May 2024.

## Conclusion

Thanks to everyone in WH who has helped make this year successful. Provision of badminton coaching, sessions and tournaments for all ages and abilities in Welwyn Hatfield is highly dependent on Ian Robinson who we particularly thank.

Chairman, Dave Bartlett