



September 2023 Newsletter

Club Update

Summer has come and gone since our last newsletter, and we are embarking on an Autumn with plenty of new things happening!! There have been additions to our Committee, many new players coming on board and excitingly, in a first for our Club, we have entered the Newark and District Badminton League. More on that later

Now seems a good time to remind people of our membership offers for Monday, Wednesday and Both sessions:

Ways to Pay		Ways to Pay	
Choose from:	Choose from:	Choose from:	Choose from:
☒ Monday	☒ Wednesday	☒ Monday	☒ Wednesday
☐ Both	☐ Both	☐ Both	☐ Both
Direct Debit	Direct Debit	Direct Debit	Direct Debit
Huge savings to be made!	Huge savings to be made!	Huge savings to be made!	Huge savings to be made!
Yearly Membership	Yearly Membership	Yearly Membership	Yearly Membership
£120 every 12 months (Save £132*)	£100 every 12 months (Save £110*)	£200 every 12 months (Save £262*)	£200 every 12 months (Save £262*)
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6 Month Membership	6 Month Membership	6 Month Membership	6 Month Membership
£65 every 6 months (Save £122*)	£55 every 6 months (Save £100*)	£110 every 6 months (Save £242*)	£110 every 6 months (Save £242*)
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Monthly Membership	Monthly Membership	Monthly Membership	Monthly Membership
£12 every month (Save £108*)	£10 every month (Save £90*)	£20 every month (Save £222*)	£20 every month (Save £222*)
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	Junior Membership (Under 18's)		
	£8 every month		

The above can be found on our website at <https://www.priorybadmintonclub.com/ways-to-pay> If you have any questions please speak to a committee member.

James M has put the feelers out for new players interested in buying Club shirts - we do need a certain amount of interest before we can place an order, so if you want to get your hands on one the bespoke designed Priory Badminton Club shirts, please speak to James ASAP!!

Chairman's Corner.....

This is the first of hopefully many articles, from myself, as chairman. I think it is vitally important that as a club, members are aware of the direction of the club and kept up-to-date. Equally, there may be something happening behind the scenes that people might not be aware of!

My first topic is numbers, and why are they important for the club!

As a club, to meet the school's booking requirements, we need public liability insurance and to be affiliated with Badminton England. There is a limit to the number of people registered with the club, to be affiliated with Badminton England, that are our insurance providers. We are limited to 49 people, and that includes all members, non-members and our coach. That might sound a lot, but in reality it isn't. Ideally, we need 24 members playing each night, to fill four courts and to have two spare members per court, to allow people a breather and to provide some different game permutations. So for both nights, that would be 48 players! That leaves no spare places, as Pete the coach has to have one!! In addition, to stay true to our club statement, we have to provide badminton for people that do not want to join and play on an adhoc basis, they attend as a non-member but need to be within this figure of 49. To maximise membership, we allow some members the opportunity to play both nights and we get members to commit to playing 70% of the time.

As a club, members have to commit to playing 70% of the time. The trick is to have enough members, so the courts are full but not too many, so members cannot book! The 70% works most of the time! We appreciate that members have lives outside of badminton and sometimes cannot keep to 70% commitment. All we ask is that members contact me. Hopefully, members that have made contact, will testify that I will always try to work with them, and if they cannot play for whatever reason, they can remain a member until they are back playing. Sometimes members are asked to leave or converted to a non-member, to allow the club to grow and to maintain full courts. This is always a last resort.

Although the majority of spaces are reserved for members and the majority of the perks including coaching are reserved for members, we do have spaces (usually 2 per session) for non-members most sessions. As mentioned, it is important that as a social club, we allow as many people to play badminton. The expectation is the club and non-member both provide a commitment to each other. Non-members don't have to let us know when they are not playing but if they can't attend for a while they let me know.

As a club, we are getting to that point where we will need to recruit some more members, as attendance has been dropping and we have had some players leave and some will be leaving shortly. This may result in some non-members that had not played for a while to leave the club but as always this will be the last resort.

I hope to see you all at Badminton soon, as numbers matter!

Gary - Club Chairman

Moving forward.....

League Badminton - We have our first fixture, away at Lincoln Albion at LSST on Thursday 21/9/23. This is the first time the Club has done anything like this and is a real sign of the growth of the Club! Our ambitions for League badminton are to represent our Club well, have fun and hopefully win a few games!! At the core of our Club we are a social club and always will be.

The League team consist of (in their pairings) Jake and James H, Gary and Ben and Pete and Tom. We have Adrian and Liam Stimpson on the reserve list. I hope you all take an interest in how your Club perform in the League (Newark and District Badminton League - Home) and we will share regular updates. We play 10 games between September and April.

If you are interested in playing League badminton, please speak to James H - this is our first year and no decisions have been made about the following season - we would like to be able to build upon this year and enter into the Mixed and Ladies leagues too, another reason why numbers are important!

Matt Jelly has very kindly sponsored our club, via his business Jelplumb Plumbing and Heating. We would like to extend our gratitude to Matt for his sponsorship.



We are not stopping here....

Funding Update -

'As a Club, we are in a fantastic position and we couldn't be more proud! We'd like to give a MASSIVE shout out and say a BIG thank you to Lincolnshire Co-op for choosing to raise funds for our Club later on this year.

Between 4th June and 2nd September, three Lincolnshire Co-op Stores (Parklands Food Store, Moorland Travel and Rookery Lane Post Office and Pharmacy) will be raising funds for our Club

The above has now come to an end and we will await the results - as soon as we know how much funding has been raised, we will let you know.:-

Health and Safety/ Notices

- We will shortly be updating our 'How to Play Badminton' document on our website - please ensure you have a read so you are up to date on rules and etiquette of the Club
- Players helping clear away at the end of the night is **GREATLY APPRECIATED** - we all want to get home!! A couple of asks - if your court runs past or very close to the end of the session, please **DO** help clear away at the end (I think most do anyway 😊). Secondly, if you are moving posts around the Hall, please **DO NOT MOVE POSTS BEHIND AN ACTIVE COURT** - a player moving at speed colliding with these posts could cause serious injury

- Please be aware of stepping on or near courts where there are games in progress - keep to single file behind courts as close to the wall as possible.
- Be mindful of your positioning when at the net - keep your racket up so you are able to return a shuttle, this will in turn protect your face and eyes
- Please ensure you are wearing clothing appropriate to play badminton in, paying particular attention to footwear - if in doubt, please speak to a Committee Member
- Can all players please do their utmost to arrive on time - late arrivals often means other players are not able to begin their games, thank you.
- Please can players respond to messages - keeping in touch helps us run the Club smoothly and keep everyone in the loop

Dates for your Diaries.....

21/9/23 - League Match Away to Lincoln Albion

27/10/23 - League Match Away to Grantham

Other notices.....

- Insurance - the only insurance in place is the Club's insurance which covers the Club, not individuals.
- Badminton England provide memberships (from £15/year for adults - for an additional £30 it can include insurance) which offer access to information, competitions and special offers. If interested, please visit www.badmintonengland.co.uk

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