



June 2024 Newsletter

Club Update:

Welcome everyone to our second Priory Badminton Club newsletter of 2024! Firstly a massive shout out to our committee members who continue to work behind the scenes to make the club run smoothly.

Monday membership is now full! Also it is nice to see some female players join the night.

We have had a tough few weeks, especially on Wednesdays, with players having injuries, holidays and work commitments. So a big thank you to those of you who turn up and keep the games going.

While on Wednesdays, we have been offering quite a bit of coaching in the last 6 weeks. We have had good feedback from those who have participated and dare I say seen some great improvements in technique. Places are available for our tier 2 coaching option.

A summary of the options has been included below, if you need further information, please feel free to contact a member of the committee:

Option 1: Badminton England Membership only £15 p/year (after being with the club for 12 months)

Option 2: Coaching, minimum of 2 sessions a quarter, £10 p/quarter

Option 3: Coaching & feather shuttles, £15 p/quarter for Monday club night

We hope these options allow you to get the most out of the club whilst helping the club to remain sustainable, as a non-profit social badminton club. In addition, all league players will pay £5 subsidies for each league game to ensure the clubs costs are split fairly across our members.

Due to low uptake, a decision was made to cancel the option 3 tier on Wednesdays, except for those players that have it on a Monday.

Having successfully trialled some court mixing on a Wednesday, we can now confirm going forward we will try and have 2 courts for social players, and 2 for competitive. Please speak to Si, (aka Beaver!) if you wish to swop between them to improve your game, or indeed have a break from the competitive ones! We believe this format helps to meet everyone's needs.

Chairman's Corner:

I cannot believe how quickly 2024 is going. I am not sure if I should say it, but it will soon be Christmas!! As a club, we have not been resting on our laurels and it has been a busy first half of the year. We have completed the following:

- League - completed our first season in league badminton. We may have finished last, but the experience has been fantastic, and we have made some new friends along the way. Thank you to everyone that played and supported the club.

- Tiers - we introduced a tier system for all members. This way members only pay for what they use. It has been a huge success, especially tier 3. For more information speak to Gary.
- AGM - it may have been late, but we completed our AGM in April. Thank you to everyone that turned up. I am sure it didn't have anything to do with the venue being a pub!!

The second half of the year promises to be just as busy with our first ever Summer competition, our social event, our second year of league badminton and our award ceremony later in the year. We are also planning on filling the last few spaces in the club. As a club it will be amazing to have 49 members and a lot of other clubs are very envious.

I would like to finish by thanking the committee members for their support, notably Joanne for doing amazing with new players and Simon, for not only running Wednesday nights but also being club secretary.

Gary – Club Chairman

Moving forward:

- We will be entering the Newark and District Badminton Men's division 3 league again this coming season. If anyone is interested in joining, please speak to Gary or Ben.
- Matt Jelly continues to sponsor our club via his business Jelplumb Plumbing and Heating. We would like to extend our gratitude to Matt for his sponsorship.



We're not stopping there:

- We have now fully spent our BE fund donation for coaching. We hope it has been of benefit for everyone who participated with our coach Pete.
- We are always looking for funding opportunities so if you know of any, please get in contact with a member of the clubs committee.

Health and Safety Notices:

- 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:

- Monday 15th July – Competition night! After the success of our Christmas competition night, we will be holding another one, which is open to both Monday and Wednesday players. Same format as before, players will be paired using a handicap system. Prizes for the winners and runners up. £3 to enter. Coach Pete will run it. 6.45 -9.30 PM. Money will be taken electronically.
- 03/07/24 – Next committee meeting.
- 13/07/24 – Summer night out! Venue, The Pyewipe, 6.30 PM. Most people have booked this, but if you wish to join, speak to our social butterfly, Liam Smalley or a member of the committee. Thanks Liam for organising!
- 19/08/24 to 31/08/24 – Club closed for summer break.

Other Notes:

- Please can all members be mindful that our WHATSAPP groups are for communication and booking. Whilst the club does not mind some social “banter”, we will not tolerate potentially offensive comments. Think before you type please.