

Introduction

Welcome to the November 2006 edition of the Rugby & District Badminton Association Newsletter. We're fast approaching the half way point of the season and there are lots of things to bring you up to date with. Read on to find out what the committee have been up to, see information about the association's website, see the latest tables, and, news from around the association.

Levels tournament returns after 11 years

October saw the return of a handicapped levels tournament within the Rugby & District Badminton Association. Brought back due to popular demand, the tournament entries included 6 ladies pairs and 8 mens pairs. The day itself went exceptionally well with the tournament running way ahead of schedule. There was even time to play a second tournament where the pairings were drawn out at random.

The main competition took the form of a round robin with the mens playing 1 game to 15 and the ladies playing best of 3 to 11.

The mens competition was won by BW Rugby's Phil Pelton and Dave Gibbs (See right) who managed to maintain a 100% record throughout the tournament. Churchills pair Jon Russell & Zahir Damani claimed second place.

It was a much closer affair in the ladies competition in the ladies with the winners being decided by games difference. BW Rugby's Karen West and Hilary Budd (See right) held off club rivals Andrea Broghard & Robyn Crighton to win the ladies trophy.



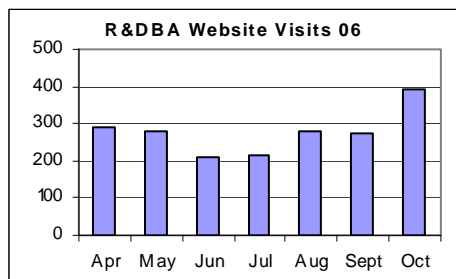
Action from the levels tournament



The winners of the levels tournaments:
Karen West, Hilary Budd, Phil Pelton & Dave Gibbs

Associations website reaches 2000 hits

The use of the association's website is growing considerably as we reach the end of 2006. The site has now topped 2000 visits since April 2006 and is currently averaging around 14 visits a day.



Recent new additions to the league website include the online results submission form to save you posting the match card and a local badminton club map so new visitors can easily locate their local badminton club.

If there is something that you would like to see on the associations website get in touch via the contact us form online and we'll see what we can do.

Badminton Development

Each year we all sit at the AGM and comment on the fact that local competitive badminton is in decline and the number of teams entering into the association's league has dropped. Well, this year the committee is making a significant effort to counteract this decline. There have been a number of efforts so far to raise the profile of badminton in the local area, grow the association's membership and increase current clubs membership.

So far this year your committee have added a levels tournament to the calendar, developed the league website to increase performance on search engines (Google, Yahoo & MSN etc), increasing local press coverage as well as sending out flyers to local clubs that participate in other leagues.

Future plans include arranging an open day, also, we are going to hold a meeting with adjacent league Nuneaton & District Badminton League on how we can work together to increase participation in local badminton, so watch this space.....

Season update

With 44 games played in the Rugby & District Badminton League the season seems to be going well so far. There has only been 2 matches cancelled (Trinity & Long Buckby), which is an improvement on last year. The league has also recently been boosted with Rugby Ladies entering a 2nd Ladies team.

Things are certainly heating up when you look at the tables too, especially the ladies league which is looking like it's going to go down to the wire between St Philips, BW Rugby and Rugby Ladies.

In Mens Division 1 Churchills have established themselves as favourites at this early stage but, will likely face tough competition from Claybrooke and Trinity for this years title.

In Mens Division 2 Hunters are looking hot favourites to gain promotion after maintaining a 100% record and only dropping 3 rubbers. Competition for the second promotion spot is open at this stage.

Early leaders Trinity look favourites for the Mixed title at this stage with last years champions Churchills being beaten by both Long Lawford and St Philips in recent weeks.

Mixed division 2 is currently headed by Claybrooke but it's still anyone's title with all teams playing each other 3 times this season.

Junior Coaching – Help Required

Do you play badminton? If so, can you spare an hour or two on Saturday morning?

The Rugby Youth Badminton Squad numbers are growing fast and we need help with our coaching sessions.

You will get support from the existing coaches so don't worry about not having any previous coaching experience.

For more details please contact Jo Waugh on 01788 810546 or send an email to ybsrugby@hotmail.com

Tell us what you think.....

Thank you for reading the R&DBA Newsletter, please feel free to send your comments in via the Contact Us Page on the website. Whether it is positive feedback or a suggestion of something new that you would like to see in the association, league, newsletters or on the website.

Until next time.....

Latest Tables

Ladies Division 1

Team	P	W	D	RF	RA	Pts
St Philips 1	7	6	0	30	12	12
BW Rugby	5	4	1	24	6	9
Rugby Ladies 1	4	3	1	20	4	7
Churchills	3	1	0	9	9	2
Claybrooke	4	0	0	5	19	0
St Philips 2	3	0	0	2	16	0
Rugby Ladies 2	4	0	0	0	24	0

Mens Division 1

Team	P	W	D	RF	RA	Pts
Churchills	4	4	0	22	2	8
Claybrooke 1	3	2	0	12	6	4
Long Lawford	3	1	0	7	11	2
St Philips 1	3	1	0	6	12	2
Trinity	1	1	0	5	1	2
BW Rugby 1	4	0	0	2	22	0

Mens Division 2

Team	P	W	D	RF	RA	Pts
Hunters	4	4	0	21	3	8
St Philips 2	4	2	0	14	10	4
Claybrooke	3	2	0	10	8	4
Churchills 2	3	1	0	6	12	2
BW Rugby 2	3	1	0	5	13	2
Long Buckby	3	0	0	4	14	0

Mixed Division 1

Team	P	W	RF	RA	Pts
Trinity	3	2	14	13	4
Churchills	3	1	17	10	2
St Philips 1	3	1	12	15	2
Long Lawford	2	1	6	12	2
BW Rugby	1	1	5	4	2

Mixed Division 2

Team	P	W	RF	RA	Pts
Claybrooke	2	2	16	2	4
Long Buckby	2	1	7	11	2
St Philips 2	1	1	6	3	2
Tom Towers	3	0	7	20	0

* Note - teams play each other 3 times