

# EVENLODE B.C. Newsletter

## Chair's Chat

With Christmas round the corner we are now almost at the halfway point and what a great season it has already been!

Firstly, congratulations to Maddy Cook and Charlie Driver who are leading our junior charge at tournaments around the county. Most recently Maddy and Charlie won the mixed doubles at the West Midlands PC U17B tournament with Charlie also winning the singles and boys doubles. James and Lee continue to do a fantastic job as our club coaches, helping to develop the next generation of Maddys and Charlies and their hard work is much appreciated.

In the league there have been some very hard fought games recently, in particular the Ladies B played a 3.5 hour marathon against Deddington at a single court venue with all but one game going to 3. They fought hard and secured a 3-3 draw which has helped them to their current position of top of Div 2!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our social secretary, Ellis 'Stardust' Marshall, for organising the well attended bowling and Christmas Curry nights. Further events are planned for January and February so look out on the club notice board or on our facebook page for further details.



I hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and New Year and here's to a great 2018

## Website

The website has changed to: <http://www.evenlode-badminton.org.uk> Fixtures, minutes and newsletters as well as other useful general information is regularly updated on the website.

## Facebook

Check out our Evenlode Badminton Club facebook page for up to date news, match reports etc.

## **Shuttles**

A tube of shuttles costs £15-90 so please use them sensibly. On club nights there will be a box to put old shuttles in, which James will then take home and select good 2nd's shuttles for knock up time and junior club. When club night is nearing the end please could people pick up the shuttles and put them in this box. Help save James' back by picking them up – he is over 50 now!

## **Club Night**

Please note the first club night back after Christmas will be Monday 8 January.

## **League Matches**

The first part of the season is reaching an end and it is a good opportunity to look at the standings of Evenlode teams. All teams in the different divisions haven't played the same number of matches but we can however already point out the performance of two Evenlode teams, currently leading their divisions: Ladies B and Mixed C. Excellent performance for Ladies A, 3DB and the new 5D teams which are currently in second place.

All teams have the potential to stay in their respective divisions or be promoted. Well done to all the players, lets continue the good work and enjoy the exciting games (Pierre)

## **Singles Ladder**

The single's ladder was launched in October and will run for the rest of the season. Please feel free to play a single's challenge whenever there are single courts available, for instance at the end of a club night or when a league match is over and courts are available.

Please feel free to join the single's ladder at any moment if you are not already playing it by taking a new peg, writing your name on it and adding it to the ladder. The initial (bargain) period is now over and from now on any newcomer has to enter the ladder at the bottom. Any standard of play is welcome and there is a penalty system to level out the differences between players. The single's champion will be awarded a prize at the end of the season, so find the single's player in you and let's get it rolling! (Pierre)

## **Junior Club**

After losing a lot of juniors to County squads Evenlode juniors has gone on a recruitment drive which has seen several new players join the club. There are still some spaces available. It is great to see the juniors playing in the teams and a special mention has to go to Jeevika who at 11 years of age played in our Ladies C team recently which to me is quite remarkable. The Mens D team and Ladies A teams are all juniors apart from the team captain and both teams are doing very well.

A big thank you to all the coaches and helpers that make the junior sessions possible, so thank you to Lee Ackrell, Richard King, Amber Wing, Martyn Jones, Adam Fisk, Alison King, Michael Pitchers and Andy Purrott. (James)

## **Fixtures Sec & Teams**

Evenlode is now the club with the most fixtures (146 in total) 14 teams in all and according to Badminton England one of the biggest club in the country!

Please keep an eye on the fixtures list on the website that is updated regularly.

The season has seen several clubs lose the use of their sports hall at short notice. Evenlode is no exception to this. You will be aware that we have booked Magalen School for two clubs night and two match nights. I apologise for the hassle this causes but it is important to keep match nights as re-arranging matches is so hard to do. Thank you all for being so understanding with this (James)

## **Junior News**

Congratulations to Albie Marriott who won 2 gold medals at Gloucester U15 mixed and boys doubles.

Charlie Driver has had an exceptional start to the season, winning 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medals in the last few months and is U16 county champion in all disciplines, mixed, boys and singles.

Not to be outdone, his brother Freddie also represented Oxfordshire U12 and U13 against Warwickshire and Surrey.

Maddy Cook partnered Charlie to win a gold medal at the West Midlands PC U17 Bronze tournament and a bronze medal at the Herts U17 Bronze tournament.



Albie Marriott & Charlie Driver



Freddie Driver

Congratulations to  
all the juniors.

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## QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018

PRINCES OF WALES, SHIPPON - 7.30 pm



Teams – maximum of 6 per team.

£4 per person to include light refreshments.

Please feel free to come along even if you are not in a team of 6 as we can make up teams on the night.

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Evenlode Website: <http://www.evenlode-badminton.org.uk> (website administrator - Andrew W)

Committee: Chair – Anna, Secretary – Lilian, Treasurer – Claire, Match Secretary – James

Ordinary members – Pierre, Michael, Stella, Judy, Jordan & Ellis

Child Welfare Officer – Stella

First Aiders – Lee, Judy, James, Anna, Stella, Hannah