

EVENLODE B.C. Newsletter

Chair's Chat

Dear Member

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2021-22 Season. A warm welcome to new and returning members and on behalf of the committee we wish you a successful and enjoyable season.

As we head rapidly towards Christmas it has been so enjoyable to have things seemingly back to normal with Club nights and matches having made an enjoyable return. James has done a fantastic job in the last few months arranging and rearranging dates and securing court time for us all to enable this to happen. A huge thank you to James from the whole club for doing such a great job on this thankless (and seemingly never ending!) task.

A big thank you also goes to the rest of the committee and selection committee for helping things to get up and running this year. Your hard work is very much appreciated especially as it was much trickier getting going this year after the disruption COVID caused.

I hope everyone is enjoying the return of matches and while it's a bit early in the season to assess how we are doing it has been great to see a few good performances from some of our teams. Please remember club night is always there to get some practice in if needs be!

Finally, the Junior club could really use some support in terms of coaching and help running the club having previously been run by James and Lee. James is now stepping back from this role and we thank him so much for his hard work and dedication over the years. If you are interested in helping out, the club would be willing to heavily subsidise coaching courses from Badminton England more info on which can be found here [Coaching | Badminton England](#). Also, please feel free to speak to myself or Lee further about this.

Ed Callow

Website

Remember to check our website: <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.

Fixture's Secretary Report (James)

After such a long Covid break from league badminton it has been a struggle for clubs to get going again, as a fixture secretary I have never had a more difficult season. A few clubs have folded, several have been hit by player shortage and for me the biggest nightmare is a few teams have changed their match nights to Monday or Tuesday. This makes arranging fixtures very hard as 90% of matches are now between Monday and Wednesday.

At Evenlode we had to do drop three teams this year, Men's D, Ladies C and the 3D B team, but despite this we still have the most league teams playing. Evenlode like all the other clubs have lost players, especially ladies not joining us this season for various reasons. On the plus side we have seen new players join and a few juniors make the step up into adult club.

Match fixtures so far:

Men's League

The Men's A have started the season with two losses but against Windrush A and Abingdon A who, it is fair to say, are probably the best two teams in the league. This season it seems to be even stronger in Men's div one so lots of hard matches ahead.

Men's B played one and lost 3-6, they also made a long trip to Windrush only to find the match had been rearranged, a long story but Windrush have a new fixture sec and I thought we were sorting out Windrush E V Men's C as this is what he told me, in fact he was rearranging D V B but had confused himself with E V C. I did realise a problem here and emailed their fixture sec whilst on holiday using phone and but sent the email to myself. I am so sorry for my part in this mess up, the main fault was theirs.

Men's C played three and won them all so far. Division Four is a strange league, so many good teams in it. So far, a 7-2 win against the young lads of Brookes and two 5-4 wins against Harwell A and Windrush E. Have to say the Windrush match score sheet is a great read, 6 games needing a 3rd end, and winning or losing was by 2 to 3 points in most games. In all of these matches we could easily have lost so to win them all is a bonus.

Ladies

Both ladies' teams have seen team changes due to loss of players. Ladies A have played two and have lost 2-4 both times, a little bit more luck and they will start winning. Ladies B have played three matches and had to concede one, so far losing two matches but beating Oxford A away.

Mixed

A good start for the Mixed A having won their first three games. The Mixed B have played five games winning two of them. With only two mixed divisions the div two league could almost be split into mini two leagues, Evenlode A, Leys A and Gosford Hill A in top half and Evenlode B, Gosford Hill B, Leys B and Brookes A bottom half. So I am hoping to see mixed A win top half and Mixed B win bottom half of league.

3D

The 3D A team has played one losing 249 to 279 to North Ab A, div 1 this year only has four teams in it. 3D B team pulled out of league. 3D C have had a 300-0 walk over win against the no show Pegasus team, then they beat and lost to Abingdon B. 3D D team played two, lost to Oxford B away and then beat Harwell B, 3D div 4 is also a league of four teams.

See the link below to the League tables in case you are interested.

[Oxfordshire Badminton League](#)

Treasurer's Report

If you haven't yet paid your subs please speak to Claire if you are unsure how much you owe.

Club Night

When arriving, **please** help with setting up nets and posts, curtain, lights setting. Peg board, shuttles and doorbell all need getting out. At end of night take nets and posts down, tidy up shuttles, put peg board and doorbell away. Badly broken shuttles can go straight into bin, if shuttle looks good keep it as we can use this for juniors or knock up shuttles.

Please keep an eye on pegboard. Especially when you are at the front of queue and several courts are empty, this will help keep courts filled when it's busy. Club nights is a chance to meet people and to have a chat with them, please leave your mobile phone in your bag and take the time to speak to people in the club whilst adhering to social distancing as appropriate.

Please note the last club night before Christmas is Monday 6 December.

The first club night back after Christmas will be Monday 10 January.

Junior Club

James has stepped down from the Junior Club and Lee and Stella have agreed to take over, with support from the senior club committee.

At present we still haven't got a date when we can hire an appropriate venue.

We would also be looking for volunteers to help out at the session and also asking if anyone would like to do their coaching

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

Committee: Chair – Ed, Secretary – Louisa, Treasurer – Claire, Match Secretary – James

Ordinary members – Stella, Judy, Lilian, Katherine, Peter

Child Welfare Officer – Stella

First Aiders – Lee, Judy, James, Stella