

Final Draft Development Report for 28th March - since Last Meeting (17th Jan 2006)

Districts Listed Alphabetically

Broxbourne

- Launch of the A10 School Sports Partnership
The Opening Launch of the A10 School Sports Partnership organised by PDM, Jayne Jarvis, was held at Grundy Park Leisure Centre. A number of sports that will be on offer through the new partnership were on display at the sports centre. Ray Learney, with help from Jim Robson and Brian Jackson, were the badminton coaches for 4 separate sessions on the day. The coaches did a great job with over 100 children from 18 primary schools taking part, and all kids seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are looking forward to the governing bodies planning sessions to include badminton in schools, soon.



Ray (far R.) coaching finer points of grips at A10 SSP launch

Dacorum

- John F. Kennedy School's new facility in Hemel Hempstead.
Ongoing meetings held with representatives of John F. Kennedy School in Hemel Hempstead. The school are keen to develop their new facility (building due to start in August 2007) to the highest quality and are working with HBA (Dave) and BADMINTON England (myself) to ensure this. JFK are also keen to affiliate and have also shown considerable interest in the 'Academy School' scheme currently being piloted in Essex. Until the new facility is up and running, they are keen to work with us to develop badminton as much as possible. Letters to all SWH League clubs were sent seeking interest: Hastoe and Gadebridge replied with the latter expressing a potential interest in residency and setting up a junior club.
- Taster session for Badmintonians to attract new members
A 'Taster Session' was held for SWHIBL club Badmintonians BC to try and encourage more participants to the club. Although the numbers of attendees wasn't as high as we would have liked, everyone had fun and another session, encompassing Gadebridge BC, will take place in June at Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre.

East Herts

- Increasing participation and potential new HAL club members
In association with Fiona Castree from HSP, an audit was sent out to employees of East Herts District Council outlining which sports employees would like to take part in. Three sports/activities were outlined as the most popular; Yoga, Pilates and Badminton. Three taster sessions were thus set up at Wodson Park Leisure Centre with Doug Clark acting as coach. There were 15 attendees overall, all of whom seemed to show vast improvements in their games over the three weeks.

Tom wrote to local HAL clubs to see if they were interested in acquiring new players from the sessions. The response was good with some clubs either turning up for the sessions, or providing a flyer for prospective members.

- Increasing Junior Participation through PESSCL funding

A successful PESSCL bid through Herts Sports Partnership has led to intensive coaching activity co-ordinated and delivered by Doug Clark, with Dick Large, Jim Robson and Neil Blake in 3 secondary and 6 junior schools in the The Sele SSP: these schools are: Richard Hale, Tower, Tewin Cowper, Bayford, Presdales, Wheatcroft, Chauncy, St John the Baptist. All 36 sessions have to be completed by 31st March. The requirements are that the pupils are linked to local clubs.

- Dane End JBC and Bishops Stortford – successful Awards for All bids
Both of these clubs have been successful in obtaining funding for development. More details later.
- Birchwood High – SSP and expected 4-court Facility
Tom has emailed Darren Jones, Head of PE to seek an update meeting regarding their new facility timescales (originally due Sep06), development and plans. Bishops Stortford BC who have not had contact since before Christmas are keen to progress possibilities of moving there and expanding their junior section: we would be glad to facilitate curriculum and after-school sessions.



Doug (Far R.) with every day sport badminton participants

Hertsmere

- Development meeting with Hertsmere and Queens SSP

As a result of the Watford Badminton Development Committee, we were invited along with Duessa Liple (Queens SSP PDM) to meet Paul Backman from Hertsmere District Council. Dave attended the meeting as Tom couldn't make it. Paul pointed out that they would be very keen to either become involved with our Watford Development Plan, or to develop a Hertsmere specific plan to boost badminton in the area. A positive response has also been received from Paul's manager:

The immediate concern for Hertsmere was to get a badminton HYG coach and team manager: the list of all Herts coaches with notes of likely availability was provided. A recent email from Paul indicated he was still having difficulties: one possible might be Hawk's and County 1st team member, Brian Lockie, who is currently completing his Level 2 in Middlesex.

Watch this space....

North Herts

- Progression of Knights Templar Academy School Status
Bob Green's efforts have ensured that Knights Templar School are keen to progress with 'Academy School' status. Tom has spoken with Sarah Olden (Head of PE at KT) twice with the last meeting allowing us to go through the criteria required to reach academy status.
- Potential new Badminton club/coaching at Letchworth

Possible new club developing through Letchworth Tennis Club which could act as a link with the North Herts HYG team.

St. Albans

- New 4-court facility at St Albans Girls School and additional affiliated clubs
After a meeting with Abbi McMullen (SDO for St. Albans), Dave attended a St. Albans Sports Partnership meeting. Badminton hadn't previously been represented at this meeting, but good links look to be resulting from it.
Harpenden and Harpenden Racquetees attended the meeting, expressing interest in moving there and affiliating. We would like to provide curriculum badminton and set up junior sessions on the same evenings before these clubs sessions.
Tom will be attending the next meeting.

- St Albans Sports Partnership
Dave attended a SASP to advise on experiences from Stevenage and Welwyn Hatfield Partnerships and their progression to Community Sports Networks. They like WHSPAA (see below) are likely to be in Phase 2 of CSNs, i.e., 2006-7. They currently have £1000 for club development.

- Potential Coaching Courses via Oaklands College
Whilst networking with further education colleges, Oaklands College contacted Tom outlining that they were keen to utilise their current CSLA structure to incorporate a Coach Level 1 course. They believe that if the students receive this extra skills and knowledge base, they will be more capable and enthusiastic to volunteer with local clubs. I'm sure local clubs will also be happy to take on CSLA Level 1 volunteers!!!

Stevenage

- Cobra Junior Club and Stevenage Herts Youth Games Team
Cobra have been unsuccessful in establishing a junior club so far in spite of availability of funding. Their HYG team is also still a cause for concern: Paul Kempster, L2 coach and Cobra seniors Chairman has offered 3 dates to establish the HYG team leading to members for his: there has been no response from Matt Warren but Marriotts PDM Jill Eaton has emailed that she will help.

- Level 2 at Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre
Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre has been used to facilitate our Coach Level 2 course that is currently underway. There are 12 attendees currently undertaking the award with the final assessment day being held on Sunday 7th May. Twelve players every hour will be needed for them to be assessed. Posters are to be prepared.

- 'Stevenage Sport' established

Dave has represented badminton on Stevenage Sports Council for some 10 years. Stevenage Borough Council provides a grant of £5000 per year to support sports development: several badminton clubs and coaches have benefited from their grants. Now, SSC has been granted pilot Community Sports Network status by the



Ray (far L.) and Frances (far R.) with 12 L2s

Regional Sports Board. Acceptance was ratified by 41 members at their EGM 23rd March with consequent renaming to 'Sport Stevenage' and the receipt of £3000 funding from the RSB. They are likely to have development plans in place by September.

Three Rivers

- TR HYG Team

Tom has been helping Sarah Walsh (SDO for Three Rivers) set up and develop her badminton HYG team. Frances Morrison/Andrew Lewis will be their team manager and a new junior club will be developed at Clemant Danes School to filter HYG players through to.

- TR Development

Rickmansworth SSP PDM Chris Hambleton was invited along to our Watford Committee Group to see what we are developing in the area. Chris is keen to develop badminton within his schools and would like to either integrate into the existing Watford development plan, or create a Three Rivers specific plan.

Watford

- The meeting of the Watford Badminton Development Committee

Established last autumn by Tom working with SDO Tim Dugan, Queens PDM Duessa Liple and other local interests has had its second meeting to progress the badminton development plan.

- Black and Ethnic Minorities Badminton development project

Working with scUK CDO Dale Welch and Hema Devlukia from the MAAC project (Watford Borough Council), we managed to develop phase 1 of a Black and Ethnic Minority (BEM/BME) coaches project. A Level 1 course was held at Watford Grammar School for Girls on Sunday 12th February from which 17 attendees successfully completed the course. The next phase of the project involves holding an open day at Queens School for Dale to complete a 'Training Needs Analysis' with the coaches to outline what they want to do. On this day, there will also be a 'A Guide to Mentoring' course held for people who will hopefully help mentor the current BME level 1's through to a Level 2 course. Two BEM coaches started the recent level 2 course.

CSLA at Watford Girls Grammar

A CSLA was provided for 17 girls in March by Ray Learney (Dave assisted on occasion). The school are seeking a coach to establish an after school club for 16+ girls.

Welwyn/Hatfield

- Welwyn Hatfield Sport and Physical Activity Alliance

The WHSPAA has held an audit of clubs to find how many members, vacancies, coaches, etc., they have and what their main concerns are. Dave (chairman), who is analysing the data reports that 27 clubs replied of which 4 of the 5 affiliated clubs have responded ensuring our voice is heard.

WHSPAA is likely to be in phase 2 of CSNs.

- Herts Youth Games Team

Chris Fisher is coach and team manager with a choice of several helpers.

Successful Awards for All bid by Hatfield Town Council

Paul Widdicombe, HBA Chairman of Selectors for senior county teams and Hatfield Towns' Clerk to the Council has facilitated a successful AfA for badminton, tennis, and table tennis.



WHSPAA showing reps from clubs, schools, SDO, etc & Councillor Nick Atkinson

Countywide

- Club Membership

A few more clubs have affiliated, notably Hadley with 12 senior members, and Northwood JBC with 56 juniors bringing the totals to 10 new clubs.

- Coaching

The coaches file, 27Mar06, from BE shows we have 103 coaches registered. Since April 1st last year we have held 4 level 1 and 1 level 2 courses with a total of 60 and 12 participants, respectively. Not all of the attendees have registered or, indeed are yet deployed, despite their commitments on their application forms.

- Year 2006-7 and Development Plans for 2006-7

Since Tom started (Sep05), he has facilitated a sea-change in the amount and tempo of development. For 2006-7 Tom has sent audit questionnaires to all coaches, SDOs, PDMs to facilitate planning for the coming year. Plans are being drafted.

Herts Youth Games, 20th May 2006

This year HYG is to be held on the Saturday. In spite of their commitments to Annie Thomas HYG Co-ordinator, it is not 100% clear yet that all Districts will have teams.

- Single System for Sport and Badminton

The government is consolidating its 'Single System for Sport' through rollout of the elements:

1 County Sports Partnerships

Herts Sports Partnership has had its business plan accepted and received agreement to funding for the next 4 years. We, Badminton, have received funding and/or resources for several projects this year, including:

HYG, May 2005

Fitness measurement and improvement, etc., for our County Junior squads

Badminton taster sessions for Women

Fitter Futures: New badminton players and potential club members

2 PESSCL and School Sports Partnerships

PESSCL funding – The Sele School. Badminton was at the A10 launch. Ongoing discussions with most if not all other emerging SSPs. Many other PESSCL programmes.

3 Community Sports Networks

Sport Stevenage have been supported our clubs and coaches for several years, WHSPAA provided resources and funding for holiday sessions last summer and grants to several of our new junior coaches through the year.

It is clear that this Single System together with our BADMINTON England support is the way forward for intra-county development for several years to come. However, we need to prepare for post 2009 when we are expected to find some of these resources ourselves.