

# County Report to Gloucestershire Badminton League AGM 2020

## County

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope everybody is keeping well in these tough times. Despite the coronavirus outbreak, the county continues to be in a strong position financially and this down to the great work of Emily and Bex who continue to ensure the accounts run smoothly. The bank balance is healthy and I am pleased with this. The county is most likely going to rely on some of these funds to ensure we can still provide badminton throughout the county when numbers will be lower due to social distancing. Thank you to Sam who continues to work on the tournaments and ran another great Restricted, which attracted 100 players. We do welcome any volunteers to help during tournament days as these are a valuable source of income for the county.

## Junior County

Player numbers have been a focus for the past couple of seasons and this season we hit the ground running and numbers were exactly what we had hoped for. We are now at capacity for the times and venues that we train at, with Tuesday night training attracting on average between 20 and 25 players and Saturday mornings averaging 16-20 players. The U20 team entered into the Shires league 4x4 format – the standard in this age group is very high and typically players who can play in this age group are at university. Nevertheless it's a positive step for us to have a team in this age group and the team have come a long way over the past few years.

The U18 team entered the South West league (6x6 format) this season. Gloucestershire were competitive in their games and the season was cut short as we were due to fight it out with Cornwall to get off the foot of the table.

Unfortunately, the annual team tournaments (ICT and U21 ECC) were originally postponed and have now been cancelled. There are discussions with Badminton England about age groups being adjusted to give players who missed out this year, the opportunity to play in these tournaments next year. We will keep players posted on any further news from these discussions as this will have an influence on groupings for next year.

Thank you to Sol, Sarah and Dom for their continued support with the junior set up and we really wouldn't be able to provide such good training without them.

## Senior County

The senior county championships completed two weekends out of three and both teams got off to very positive starts in the league. The first team are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in the division, 2 points behind Worcester whom the team still need to play. The first team have won all 4 of their matches convincingly with every player contributing to the points. The second team are in a hotly contested

division, currently 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5 points off the top spot and they still need to play the top 2 in a make or break final weekend. Badminton England are planning for the final weekend to go ahead when safe to do so, and are currently looking at this taking place in November. We will inform players when we have more news on this and good luck to both teams who are with good chances of winning their respective divisions.

## Masters

The Masters entered teams into the County Championships and Challenge in the Over 45 and Over 60 age groups. Once again, the league was cut short due to the pandemic with Gloucestershire still needing to play their finals games in both age groups with the O60's looking at a mid-table finish and the O45's have already clinched the top spot in the South West Division. Thank you to Linda who has kindly agreed to take over the coordinator role from Andy, but I do hope others will chip in to make Linda's role easier this year.

## Looking forward

Looking to the future at the moment is very difficult and we aren't entirely sure how everything will pan out in the near future. We therefore have decided not to hold an AGM this year. We are sending out the reports from each individual and welcome any feedback or questions from anybody, these will be taken to the next directors meeting where questions will be answered.

Letters will be sent to players and parents in regards to junior county training and where we are working hard to secure a new venue for Saturday mornings. Please do bear with us during these times, we are a small workforce of volunteers and are working hard to make sure we can return to normal as soon as possible. Apologies for anybody who I have forgotten to thank or not mentioned but everybody's support is much appreciated. Stay Safe and hopefully we will see everybody very soon.

## Gloucester Badminton Association

Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2020

£	SUMMARY	£
INCOME		EXPENDITURE
1,423.50	Affils	60.00
930.00	18-21 ICC	1274.90
2,983.00	U18 ICT	3294.56
800.00	Masters	236.60
2,766.90	Sat am training	3039.84
3,914.35	Tuesday pm training	4375.01
2,820.13	Junior matches	2044.37
802.10	Senior matches	2319.00
259.12	Shuttles	948.00
1,988.84	Restricted	1895.09
3,246.83	misc	2490.04
0.00	Community	492.86
<b>21,934.77</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22,470.27</b>
		<b>-535.50</b>

### Total Funds

		£
Total Funds		
Bank current account	<b>@31/3/2019</b>	
Opening balance		14999.00
Income		21934.77
Expenditure		(22470.27)
Closing Balance		<b>14463.50</b>
Bank account reconciliation		
Balance at bank	<b>@31/3/2019</b>	14999.00
Uncashed cheques		(0.00)
Adjusted Balance at bank		14999.00
Total		<b>14999.00</b>

### Accountants Report

The Income and expenditure account has been prepared, without carrying out an audit, from the books and records and documents of the Association and from the explanations supplied to me by the treasurer.

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11/06/2019

## Community

Fortunately, the events and activities listed on the Community Programme of Events took place with only one forced to cancel due to Covid-19.

### Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Junior League Results 2019–20.

<b>KS3 Results 2020</b>	Points Total Round One	Points Total Round Two	Position Round One	Position Round Two	Final Points/ Position
Balcarras 1	376	388	4	3	764 THIRD
Marling	278	321	7	6	599 SEVENTH
Pittville 1	386	441	3	1	827 SECOND
Falcons	449	437	1	2	886 FIRST
Balcarras 2	342	353	5	4	695 FIFTH
Kestrels	390	324	2	5	714 FOURTH
Pittville 2	315	312	6	7	627 SIXTH
<b>KS4 Results 2020</b>	Points Total Round One	Points Total Round Two	Position Round One	Position Round Two	Final Points/ Position
Balcarras 1	360	364	1	1	724 FIRST
Balcarras 2	339	X	2	6	339 SIXTH
Bournside	192	208	6	5	400 FIFTH
Falcons	336	321	3	3	657 SECOND
Marling	296	317	5	4	613 FOURTH
Pittville	307	324	4	2	631 THIRD

### Half Court Fun Tournaments

Half court tournaments were successfully organised at Christmas and Easter introducing young players from 8 to 16 years of age to badminton tournament competition. These events proved popular with over 60 young players participating.

### Ultra-Violet Badminton Event

Hosted by Pittville Badminton Club in Cheltenham this experience proved popular back in November. Thanks goes to Chris Travis for organising.

### Gloucestershire Open

This event organised by Simon Gay was successfully held at Riverside Sports and Leisure in Gloucester with participants from several clubs outside the county entering.

### KS2 Meet and Compete

In response to a growing number of junior school aged children participating in badminton several KS2 Meet and Compete Experiences were held providing basic skills practice and game play.

### Secondary Schools Initiative

Crypt School took the opportunity of coaching support and lesson input in 2020 meaning nine Gloucestershire secondary schools have benefitted to date.

### Annual Charity Tournament

Cancelled due to Covid-19.

## Performance Centre

The past year at the performance centre has been mostly positive in terms of player development and results. The performance centre environment has really kicked on this past year especially in the advanced sessions attracting strong players from not just Gloucestershire but also neighbouring counties such as Avon and Herefordshire. The late session is now the strongest its ever been and the early session is now the focus to follow on. Naturally with younger players it is more difficult to get that focus but there is definite improvement from all of the players across both sessions. We have to also bear in mind that the young sessions has to have a slight shift towards more of a fun and sociable environment and slowly work towards that late session.

Numbers in the late session are very healthy and this is testament to the coaches who run the session and also the players who have gelled together and push each other as a squad. With players moving up into the late group this has had a knock-on effect on the early session whose numbers have reduced. This was to be expected.

As you will all know I took on the challenge of creating a new club session which really struggled to get off the ground. The numbers really varied between 1-6 a week but sadly none of the players in that session wanted to take it any further and I have now made the decision to stop this session. This also put a lot of strain on myself trying to get this off the ground so as a club we will be exploring different ways to increase numbers in the early session.

Financially we are very stable and I would again like to thank Jo Button who has been treasurer for the past few seasons. Jo resigned this year and I have taken on this role for now. It has given me the opportunity to fully get to grips with the club's finances and the accounts are now fully up to date. This also includes every players account now being settled so we know exactly where we are financially. This has been a great help for me so thank you to everyone for cooperating during this process.

Coronavirus has been a massive challenge for everyone and we are no different as a club. We have been holding regular virtual circuits which has seen a lot of players get involved and hopefully you have seen the benefit. Myself and Bex will look at the idea of keeping this going so that the physical side of training can be done away from the court allowing our session time to involve more time hitting shuttles.

We are in a very strange time at the moment and we will be taking things month by month. Communication from Badminton England is regular and we will be setting an example as a performance centre on how to train safely.