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IT IS AGM TIME AGAIN...

Dear Members,

Whether you are one of our young stars or an older player, the AGM is your chance to tell us how well the Committee is doing in running this club. It is your chance to have your say. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 27th April starting at 8.00pm prompt. The venue is still to be confirmed. In the meantime, if you have a comment or would like to be present at this meeting, please do let Eddie, Derek, Carol or Isabelle know via your coach or directly if you do happen to see one of us at your session. We look forward to your ideas and comments. Thank you.

The Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

I hope you will join us in congratulating Denny Vetorn and Martin Rooke on their recent success at the Scottish leg of the 4 Nations Disability Badminton Championships, which took place in Edinburgh on 18-20th February. Denny won the men's doubles of the wheelchair badminton final with partner Owen Kilburn (Nottingham) defeating David Follet and David Crossman (Devon). Denny also won the mixed doubles with partner Morag Johnson (Scotland) and achieved a silver medal in the class 2 wheelchair singles final, only just losing out on the gold to Dave Quarrie (Scotland).

Martin Rooke also took a Gold medal in the class 3 wheelchair men's singles defeating David Crossman of Devon Racquetters.

Denny Vettom from Phoenix Badminton Club said 'It was a really exciting tournament, especially for Phoenix Badminton Club taking home 4 medals. I'm really looking forward to the English Leg of the 4 Nations which is coming to Aylesbury in May and hoping to take home a few more medals for Phoenix'.

If you would like to know more about this competition, please follow the following link to the article on the Badminton England website:

[http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/show_news.asp?itemid=3738&itemTitle=4 Nations Parabadminton Series %96 2011 Scottish Championships 18%2D20th February&ion=13&ionTitle=News&year=&month](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/show_news.asp?itemid=3738&itemTitle=4+Nations+Parabadminton+Series+%96+2011+Scottish+Championships+18%2D20th+February&ion=13&ionTitle=News&year=&month)



Denny Vetorn and Martin Rooke with their medals



LEAGUE NEWS

Adults' teams:

Aylesbury and District League:

In the Medley Division 2, Phoenix is in the 5th position, having played 6 matches.

In the Mens' Division 1, Phoenix A is in 3rd position, having played 7 matches. In Division 2, Phoenix B and C are respectively 3rd and 4th having played respectively 8 matches and 9 matches.

In the Mixed Division, Phoenix is in 2nd position having played 4 matches.

High Wycombe and District League

In the Mens' Division 2, Phoenix is in 6th position, having played 6 of their matches.

In the Ladies Division 2, Phoenix is 2nd having played 5 games.

In the Mixed Division, Phoenix is in 4th place having played 8 matches.

For results and fixtures, please check our website pages:

www.phoenix-badminton.co.uk/results/senior.php

Junior teams:

Aylesbury and District league:

In Division 1, Phoenix A is well ahead of the competition in 1st position, 10 points clear of the nearest team. However, the team in 2nd position have played only 2 matches whereas Phoenix have played 3.

In Division 2, Phoenix B is leading the group with Phoenix C just behind them. There are only 4 points separating both teams but Phoenix C have played one more match than Phoenix B.

In Division 3, Phoenix D are also in pole position having won all of their matches so far. The team is 4 points ahead of the team at number 2 and have only played 2 matches whereas the team in the 2nd position have played 3.

High Wycombe and District league:

The under 12 team keep on winning. They played their second match on the 12th of February and won 11-1. So far, they have won all their matches but 2!

Well done to all players and thank you to the parents who are supporting them!



ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday - Sunday 14 / 15 May 2011: This is our BIG fund-raising event. We ask our members (and especially our junior members) to raise as much money as possible for the club in order to keep our fees reasonable so that our current members continue to be able to play. We also help a local charity by donating 30% of the money we raise. A sponsorship form will be available with the next newsletter... Watch this space!!!



JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

We have been recently advised by Badminton England of changes occurring in the way they are going to charge the club for all junior players. There are no changes for the adult members.

Until now, the club paid a nominal fee for the junior players insurance and affiliation. This fee was per club as opposed to per registered player. We have now been told that each registered member of the club will have to pay a £10.00 fee per registered member of the club.

We realise that times are hard for everyone, so as a club we have decided that passing on such a big increase at once would not be fair for the parents of our junior players. We are lucky enough to have a fantastically well managed budget and a treasurer who monitors the club's money really carefully. You may remember that a couple of years ago, we introduced a one-off yearly £9.00 membership fee for all our members. This has allowed us to cover the ever increasing costs such as the hiring of the halls, the shuttles, reprographics (newsletters, application forms, etc...), the cost of running our website, etc... Thanks to the current membership fee, we have managed to keep some money for a rainy day.

It seems to us that the rainy day has now arrived with the introduction by Badminton England of this charge per member. What we suggest is that we raise the current membership fee paid by parents at the beginning of the school year (September) to £10 (instead of the current £9). This means that we will have a serious reduction in income but it will also soften the blow to parents as well as keep our membership to healthy numbers.

We will of course consider any personal circumstances but we feel we ought to let you know the change in the current situation as early as possible.

This change also brings some advantages to all our members, not just for the adults. We will let you have the full list of those when we are absolutely sure of what they are.



KINGS LANGLEY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Well done to Jordan Smith who won the Kings Langley tournament which took place on the 22nd of January 2011. He was the only Phoenix entrant in his age group (year 8) and worked really hard to finish in 1st place. Kyle Bonnage and Marc Baldwin also entered this competition but were in one category below (year 7). Kyle beat Marc in the final. 1st and 2nd for Phoenix... Not bad at all!!



Kyle Bonnage, Marc Baldwin and Jordan Smith



DAY AND TIME	SESSIONS	DATES	FEES	DISCOUNT FEE
MONDAY 5.30 – 7.30 GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Intermediate / Advanced	28 th Feb – April 4 th 6 weeks	£42.00	£37.00
MONDAY 7.30 – 10.00PM HIGH SCHOOL	CASUAL PLAY All standards!! Adult session (over 16's)	Every Monday	£5.00 Pay as you go (plus a one off annual insurance / affiliation fee of £21.00 This covers players for any session!!)	
TUESDAY 6.00pm – 8.00pm GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Intermediate / Advanced 13 yrs and over	1 st Mar – 5 th April 6 weeks	£42.00	£37.00
WEDNESDAY 4.30pm – 6.00 pm Q & MEADOWCROFT	Young Beginners 6 years – 10 years	2 nd Mar – 6 th April 6 weeks	£30.00	£25.00
THURSDAY PREMIER SQUAD 6.00pm – 7.30pm HIGH SCHOOL	Advanced Practise Invitation only	3 rd Mar – 7 th April 6 weeks	£30.00	
THURSDAY 7.30 – 10.00PM HIGH SCHOOL	CASUAL PLAY All standards!! Adult session (over 16's)	Every Thursday	£5.00 Pay as you go (plus a one off annual insurance / affiliation fee of £21.00 This covers players for any session!!)	
FRIDAY 6.00pm – 8.00pm COLLEGE	Beginner/Intermediate	4 th Mar – 8 th April 6weeks	£42.00	£37.00

Discount is given to players for one session if they attend two sessions per week. For those who attend three sessions discount is given for the first two.

I wish to enrol for the following sessions

Name/s:	Sessions	Payment per session	Total fees
I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR MADE PAYABLE TO PHOENIX JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB.			£.....

Please return slips and payment to:

Mrs Carol Chanell, 20 Middle Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7AD Tel: 01296 426687

PLEASE NOTE: - ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF EACH HALF TERM. THANK YOU.

Adults joining from September pay £21, joining from January pay £18, joining from April pay £15.

Juniors joining from September pay £9, joining from January pay £6, joining from April pay £3.