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We are nearly half way through the season and all divisional positions are being closely fought. The league committee have met to discuss the running of the league and we would like to update you on how things are going. We are still in need of a league secretary, if you feel you can spare some time to benefit the league as a whole please contact a committee member. We would like to congratulate Leah our local Badminton England Development officer on her new position down South. She has been an active and hardworking development officer for the area, she will be sorely missed by all who have worked with her.

CONGRATULATIONS to our UKCC L2 candidates Linda Evans & Julie Murray who are in the final stages of their level 2 award. We have several coaches working in the area providing opportunities for schools, junior clubs, groups and 1:1 coaching. Please contact your local club or a committee member to find out more.

NOTE: Please note Men's league matches and Sangster Cup matches have now moved to Walton Sports Centre 8pm start, details on the website.

STAN WAHLER TEAM TOURNAMENT:



This event has been moved to **Sunday 18th January 2015**, 9 - 4pm Jubilee Sports Bank, Jubilee Drive, L7 8SJ (Kensington Sports Centre). Entries are now being taken prior to the Christmas break. We are able to accept up to 10 teams for what is going to be a great day of competitive Badminton. Entry form attached and available on the website.



MIXED LEAGUE

Please advise Peter Whitehead of any date changes and check the website to ensure the published match dates are correct.

3rd division - top of table is currently Apollo 2, who are 7 points ahead of their rivals South Liverpool 3.

2nd division - sees the strong South Liverpool 2, 13 points ahead of KCF 2.

1st division – Fords 1, Delco/Occasionals 1 & Hilltop are all very close at this stage, with only 6 points separating them. It's hard to say at this stage who will maintain the consistency and end up league champions for 2014-15.

MENS LEAGUE

The men's league is underway and a few games have now been played. Due to many issues with the venue at Liverpool College we have moved the event to **Walton Sports Centre 8-10pm**. All fixtures and details are now available on the website. Could all results be emailed to rsowden@blueyonder.co.uk.

If you have arranged to play matches at your home venue could you let me know the dates you have chosen so it can be added to the fixtures list. Could all team captains for the men's league send Rob an email for correspondence purposes.

SANGSTER CUP

The draw can be found on page 20 of the handbook and on the website. Neutral venue matches will take place at Walton Sports Centre on a Wednesday 8-10pm, after Christmas. Please send results to James McDonald. Don't forget to send a cheque to James to cover the court costs incurred when playing at a neutral venue, this is currently £20 per match, made payable to the 'Liverpool & District Badminton League'. This needs to be done as soon as possible after the match. Contact details in your handbook.

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ANNUAL Adult TOURNAMENT – 7th & 8th March 2015. Entry Forms will be circulated in the New Year. Please continue to support your league events and encourage others to have ago. Richard Williams and his team of volunteers will be organising the League competitions. We are hoping to update a few of the perpetual trophies this year and would welcome any suitable trophy donations or sponsorship. Please contact a committee member if you have something suitable.

INTER-LEAGUE TEAMS: Fixtures are on the Website and in the League Handbook. Home venue Holly Lodge. 1st Team Manager – Gillian Sowden, 2nd Team Manager – Michelle Davies, 3rd Team Manager – Rob Sowden, 4th Team Manager – Gillian Higgins. If you feel that you would like to represent the Liverpool League in any of the teams contact Michelle or a team captain. All town team results can be found following this Link.

<http://www.lancashirebadminton.co.uk/inter-league>

Update to fixtures: Please note that a few dates previously circulated and printed in the handbook are incorrect.

The website has the correct information. <http://www.liverpoolbadminton.org.uk/#/town-teams-1415/4586674580>

1st Team Game 2) 14th December Liverpool 1 v Southport 2 Home

3rd Team Game 4) 1st February Liverpool 3 v Southport 3 Away

JUNIOR LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT Dates:

Junior League Day 1 took place on the 16th November 2014, 19 teams took part playing at Kirkby Ball Hall, from 9-4pm in three age categories. It was great to see so many young players representing their clubs at this popular junior event. All are looking forward to Day 2 on the 22nd March 2015.

Clubs/Teams included: Anfield/1, Everton Park/1, Fords/4, Halewood/1, Lowton/1, Sutton/4, Vida/3, Wavertree/5.

Top of group so far: Y8 – Fords A Y10 – Sutton Y12 - Vida

The annual Liverpool Tournament is booked for Sunday 8th February 2015. Entry forms will be circulated soon.

This was also to be played at the Kirkby Ball Hall but may have to be changed due to 100% cost increase that will take effect in January 2015.

LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMPETITIONS:

Results so far for South Liverpool SSP - Winning schools will go through to the Merseyside round.

KS3 Girls - Bluecoat KS3 Boys - Broadgreen

KS4 Girls - Bluecoat KS4 Boys - Bluecoat

PERFORMANCE CENTRE – Sessions run on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at different times and venues.

If you are aware of any talented young players who may benefit from being on the Performance Pathway, please

check out the PC website and contact one of the organisers. <http://www.merseysidebadmintonpc.moonfruit.com>

DON'T MISS – NATIONAL BADMINTON LEAGUE Next Match Monday 26th Jan 2015.

<http://www.nationalbadmintonleague.co.uk/fixtures.html> Sky Sports 3 7.30pm

DATE OF NEXT LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday 11th January 2015.

Rob Sowden – on behalf of the Liverpool League Committee

