

Circulation: All league members and officials – Apollo / Delco Occasionals / Fords / Hilltop / KCF / South Liverpool

The New season is now underway and the committee would like to wish you all well in the forthcoming season. Following our league meeting we would like to update you with some important information. The league now has a Facebook page to help share information and publicise events. LIKE ME! Post your thoughts and ideas, report town team results etc. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our UKCC L1 candidates Gillian Higgins, Jack Berry, Daniel Crockett and Mengji Yu who successfully passed their coaching award last weekend. If anyone would like to be involved with any new coaching activity please get in touch as we have many coaching opportunities available.

NOTE: Unfortunately, Fords have had to drop their 4th team from the 3rd division. Please inform team captains that these fixtures can now be removed. Delco/Occasionals no longer have access to Hillside on a Tuesday so they have moved their matches to Anfield Community Sports Centre 8-10pm. Please confirm Tuesday matches with Peter Taylor.

BADMINTON ENGLAND AND LANCASHIRE COUNTY AFFILIATION FEES 2014-15- REMINDER

Badminton England: Senior Member **£14.00** – Junior Member **£4.00**

New Lancashire County BA fee: **£3.00** for both senior and junior players.

The Lancashire County BA affiliation is paid, for each club a member registers with.

The window for registering players on VISION will soon be open. The 13th October has been indicated.

Procedure: Once you have registered all your players on Vision and prepared payment, send you remittance and cheque directly to Badminton England and at the same time a full copy of names and amounts paid plus a photocopy of the cheque to Peter Whitehead. Lancashire fees should also be sent to Peter at this time. If you require any clarification on this please email Peter directly.

MIXED LEAGUE

By now all team registration forms should have been returned to Peter in time for your 1st matches. Please complete these forms **electronically**, to ensure email addresses are correct. It will also save time when updating them ready for next year. If you change your email address during the year please let your club secretary know. Team fees of £60 per team are now due and should be sent to Caroline Bentzen as soon as possible. [Address in the handbook) Made payable to the 'Liverpool & District Badminton League'.

MENS LEAGUE

The rules for the new men's league now appear in the handbook on page 31. The men's league has been created to provide additional competition amongst 3rd Division standard players. Teams should have been registered by now and can be completed on the same forms as used by the mixed league and forwarded to Peter Whitehead. Teams will then be forwarded to the match secretary. Once received clubs will be informed of their fixtures which will be played on a Wednesday at Liverpool College, North Mossley Hill Road, 8-10pm. Details will also be posted on the website. A fee of £25 per team for the men's league is now due and should also be sent to Caroline Bentzen.

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SANGSTER CUP

The draw can be found on page 20 of the handbook and on the website. Matches will take place at Liverpool College on a Wednesday 8-10pm. James McDonald will be overseeing the Sangster Cup.

ANNUAL COMPETITION DATES AND VENUES:

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT – Dates appear in the handbook and on the website. 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.

STAN WAHLER TEAM TOURNAMENT:

11th January 2015 – 9.00am start - four players per team – 2 ladies and 2 men.

It's not too early to start preparing your teams

JUNIOR LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT Dates:

Junior League Day 1 is planned for Sunday 16th November – if you know of any teams who would like to enter, details can be found on the website. Y8, Y10 & Y12 and below leagues will be arranged if we have sufficient entries.

If you would like to help score and organise matches on the day please get in touch.

The annual Liverpool Tournament is booked for Sunday 8th February 2015. Y6, Y8, Y10, Y12.

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.

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 2) 16th November Blackpool 3 v Liverpool 3 Away

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

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.

HANDBOOKS: These are now available and will be distributed to all clubs by Sunday evening 5th October.

Thanks again to Peter Taylor for all his hard work updating and preparing the handbook for 2014-15.

DON'T MISS – NATIONAL BADMINTON LEAGUE Starts Monday 6th October 2014

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

DATE OF NEXT LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 20th November 2014.

Rob Sowden – on behalf of the Liverpool League Committee

