



THE PARK BADMINTON CLUB

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Website: www.parkbadminton.co.uk



WINTER CLUB - SENIORS

Winter Club starts again on 1st September at 8.00pm

The cost for the Winter session has been retained at £90.00 for adults, and £50 for Juniors/Students attending Senior Club. Please pay your fees to the treasurer, Steve Chown, without further prompting in the first few weeks of the new season.

Visitor's fees remain at £4.00 per week for a maximum of three attendances

Match fees are £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for Juniors.

Attendance during the early weeks is vital for those who wish to play in the league teams this year.

We have a new Mens C team in the Oxford & District League this year as well as a B team in the Three Discipline League. As team nominations will have to be made by the end of September selection will be based on performance at the first two club nights so please make every effort to attend.

SUMMER BBQ



John Boyd has kindly offered to host a BBQ at his house in Chalgrove on Friday 29th August **(YES, THIS FRIDAY!)**. The cost will be £5.00 per head to cover food (John does an excellent BBQ!), men are requested to supply alcohol and ladies to supply desserts. We will need numbers before the evening so please let Rob know by email as soon as possible if you are going to attend. John's address is 33 Mill Lane, Chalgrove, OX44 7SL.

NEW KIT



Over the summer the committee have been reviewing various options with a view to ordering new branded club shirts. Following consultation with various members we have decided on a new Yehlex shirt as shown above. The back of the shirt will be emblazoned with "THE PARK" across the shoulders.

These shirts are so new that they won't arrive in the country until early October so we have a few weeks to collate orders, sizes etc. Rob will be co-ordinating the order so please speak to him to ensure that your order is not overlooked. Final cost will be confirmed later but the shirts are expected to cost circa £14.00. We would encourage all members to wear the club shirts whenever representing the Club, they are so cheap you could even buy two, one for Club night and one for matches! The Junior Club will also have the same shirt to encourage a sense of integration.



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JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Club will recommence on Monday 8th September from 7.00pm until 8.00pm, with Level 2 Coach John Boyd continuing as Head Coach.

The cost this year will be £65 which will include a new Club shirt when they arrive in October (see over-leaf for design).

Over the Summer we have been in negotiation with the Sports Centre to try to obtain more court time for the Juniors. Unfortunately they have been unable to provide the extra courts requested.

Therefore this year, for the first time, we are faced with having to limit numbers for health and safety reasons. The Junior Club will therefore be restricted to 24 members. Pay as you play membership will not be available.

Priority will be given for the first two weeks to those who were full members last year, followed by pay as you play members from last season. If there are any spaces left, then these will be opened to new members. We get no pleasure at the thought of having to turn Juniors away from Badminton but we have no choice, so please get in early to confirm your place.

We would remind all players that appropriate clothing must be worn at all times, particularly footwear. Badminton is a specialist sport and specially designed footwear is available. If you are unsure please discuss this with the coach. Otherwise general indoor sports shoes can be worn.

Leigh Cook had offered to fill the post of Parent Liaison Officer so if any child or parent wishes to raise any issue then please feel free to discuss it with Leigh, or alternatively the coach. Nicki Gilder continues as Child Protection Officer.

If you have any questions before the Club starts please contact either John Boyd on 01865 400037 or Julian Chown on 01844 352965

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are being put in place for the Annual Christmas Party. Several suggestions have been suggested by the Committee and we would invite your comments. The options are as follows:-

Tenpin Bowling at the Bowlplex followed by a meal at Oxy Oriental (Chinese buffet)

Meal and Night at the dogs at Oxford Stadium (Traditional English!)

Meal and Party at The White Horse, Forest Hill (Thai)



INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT

Keith has offered (with assistance) to run inter club singles and doubles tournaments during the season. Watch this space for further details!



COUNTY TRIALS - SENIORS

The County Restricted Tournament incorporating the County Trials takes place at Radley College on 27/28 September.

Entry forms are available in the tournaments section of the Oxfordshire Badminton Association website, www.oxfordshirebadminton.co.uk.

Any players interested in representing the County this year should attend.

COUNTY TRIALS - JUNIORS

The trials for the County Junior Squads for the 2008/09 season will take place on 6/7 September 2008 at Bartholomew School, Eynsham.

The timings for each squad are as follows:-

Under 11 - Saturday 12.00 - 2.00pm

Under 13 - Saturday 2.15 - 5.00pm

Under 15 - Sunday 11.00am - 2.00pm

Under 17 - Sunday 2..15 - 5.00pm

No prior entry is required, just turn up on the day if you want to try out!
Cost 5.00, payable on registration.