

## IDBL Report for SBA AGM 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The season has finally concluded over a month later than normal. For reasons I cannot explain we have seen a large number of rearrangements this season (26) along with 8 conceded matches and 12 matches played short. Both of the latter stats are around average.

All the results and final tables are on the league website but worthy of note are Belstead & Bergholt who won the Men's and Ladies Division 1 titles whilst Abbeygate won the Mixed Division 1 title.

During the Season Hadleigh Badminton Club was forced to withdraw from the league as it was unable to fulfil its fixtures – their return next season is far from assured at this time, we have also been made aware that Cardinals Badminton Club will not be joining the league next season – another two clubs falling by the wayside.

The Playford Trophy was successfully completed this season with final being played at Gainsborough Sports centre on 25<sup>th</sup> April. The final was between Belstead & Bergholt and Abbeygate. With Belstead & Bergholt turning out winners by some margin – although they did have a significant handicap advantage as the handicaps relate back to the 2019/20 season prior to lockdown. Nevertheless, the quality of badminton played was very good and highly competitive.

Thanks to the support from the SBA Council the league successfully ran the Junior U15 and U18 events on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The tournaments attracted 37 U15 entrants and 12 U18 entrants from 14 clubs. Only one entrant was from a club not affiliated to BE/SBA.

All of the winners are detailed below.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>RUNNER-UP</b>
U15 Boys Singles	Ryan Daley (YM Exiles)	Max Ungless (Rushmere)
U15 Boys Doubles	Logan Baillie (Abbeygate) & Ryan Daley (YM Exiles)	Finley Cheek (YM Exiles) & Ellis Cheek (YM Exiles)
U15 Girls Singles	Sophie Tipple (Stowmarket)	Rithika Gobinath (YM Exiles)
U15 Girls Doubles	S. Tipple (Stowmarket) & M. Trevorror (Stowmarket)	R. Gobinath (YM Exiles)& Kelenia Hazelman(YM Exiles)
U15 Mixed Doubles	M. Trevorror (Stowmarket)& Ryan Daley (YM Exiles)	Sophie Tipple (Stowmarket) & Sam Collyer (YM Exiles)
U18 Boys Singles	Henry Clark (Gleivering)	Ryan Daley (YM Exiles)
U18 Boys Doubles	Ryan Daley (YM Exiles) & Harry Cuzner (YM Exiles)	Joshua Learney (Abbeygate) & Isaac Chase (Abbeygate)

It should be noted that we were not able to run any Girls or Mixed U18 events due to lack of entries from girls in that age group.

If it were not for the agreement from the March SBA Council meeting to cover losses up to £250 it is unlikely the league would have risked running the tournament as we can not afford the risk of incurring a financial loss. Nevertheless, it did run and I'm pleased to report the tournament incurred only a small loss of just £19. I will ask the league Treasurer to contact SBA Treasurer to arrange payment to cover this loss. I hope the SBA Council will be able to repeat the offer of support next season.

The timetable for the start of the 23/24 season is laid out below:

- Unless the league hears otherwise we will assume all clubs will be entering the same teams as last year when we start the stacking process.

- If any club needs to change the teams entering into the league for the 23/24 season (either withdrawing or adding in new) then we need to be made aware of this before 14th July 2023
  - We will also assume the teams that entered the Playford trophy this year will also enter next year, again if you want to add (or remove) your club to the entry list please let us know by 14th July 2023.
- If any of the key contacts and personnel within the club change please let us know ASAP so we can be sure to update our contact list and keep the right people up to date - Unless we hear otherwise, we will continue to use the contacts we already have.
- The league committee will meet on 24th July to finalise the league stackings, these will then be issued to all clubs on or before 28th July 2023.
- Clubs will then have all of August to set the fixtures for 23/24.
- Once you have completed your fixtures a copy MUST be sent to the league; a revised template will be issued nearer the time, along with online team nomination forms.
- The League AGM is booked for Monday 4th September - formal invites and details will follow 4 weeks prior to the AGM.
- No matches should be scheduled until after the AGM and ALL matches must be scheduled to complete before the end of March 2024.

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