

SUFFOLK BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

MASTERS REPORT – AGM 2022/23

The 22/23 season is now complete with Suffolk using a total of 62 players (35 men, 27 ladies) across 6 teams and 28 matches. With numbers growing in the Over 40s age group, we were able to field 2 teams for the first time and our Over 65s team also made their debut in the Masters Leagues.

Huge thanks go to the 40s and 50s squad captains Steve Lambert and Alan Jones for all their efforts in leading their squads and to Lisa Jacobs for all her work with the 60s squad across the season, especially at the Challenge weekend. I am also very grateful to Pete Taylor and Nymone Da Costa Jones for their support across the season and all the squads for being part of a very enjoyable group of players to work with!

The league tables and match results really don't do justice to the close games Suffolk's teams enjoyed with lots of setting and games going to 3 throughout all age groups.

Final league tables are below:

Standings of Over 40 - South & East - East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Essex O40	13	5	4	0	1	36 - 24	81 - 59	2554 - 2344
2 Cambridgeshire O40 2	6	4	2	0	2	27 - 21	58 - 48	1775 - 1744
3 Hertfordshire O40	5	5	2	0	3	27 - 33	59 - 70	2116 - 2167
4 Suffolk O40 1	3	4	1	0	3	18 - 30	44 - 65	1838 - 2028

Standings of Over 40 - Midlands - East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Cambridgeshire O40 1	18	6	6	0	0	65 - 7	132 - 18	2976 - 1926
2 Lincolnshire O40	9	5	3	0	2	34 - 26	74 - 64	2511 - 2351
3 Norfolk O40	6	6	2	0	4	20 - 52	51 - 108	2278 - 3045
4 Suffolk O40 2	0	5	0	0	5	13 - 47	30 - 97	1866 - 2309

Standings of Over 50 - Midlands

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Nottinghamshire O50	18	6	6	0	0	59 - 13	122 - 37	3123 - 2143
2 Cambridgeshire O50	12	5	4	0	1	39 - 21	84 - 44	2420 - 1721
3 Essex O50	9	5	3	0	2	32 - 28	66 - 56	1500 - 1432
4 Bedfordshire O50	5	5	1	0	4	29 - 31	63 - 70	2267 - 2328
5 Lincolnshire O50	5	5	2	0	3	23 - 37	58 - 80	2429 - 2551
6 Leicestershire O50	5	5	2	0	3	24 - 36	52 - 79	1837 - 2440
7 Suffolk O50	0	5	0	0	5	10 - 50	25 - 104	1626 - 2587

Standings of Over 60 - South & East - East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Essex O60	14	5	5	0	0	43 - 17	90 - 37	2511 - 1993
2 Kent O60	10	6	3	0	3	38 - 34	84 - 77	2877 - 2859
3 Hertfordshire O60	6	5	2	0	3	28 - 32	63 - 75	2454 - 2502
4 Suffolk O60	3	6	1	0	5	23 - 49	56 - 104	2546 - 3034

Standings of Over 65 - South East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Surrey O65	12	4	4	0	0	31 - 5	62 - 13	1505 - 1141
2 Kent O65	9	5	3	0	2	24 - 21	52 - 46	1767 - 1687
3 Essex O65	6	4	2	0	2	18 - 18	39 - 39	1266 - 1356
4 Hertfordshire O65	6	4	2	0	2	11 - 25	23 - 54	1212 - 1418
5 Sussex O65	3	3	1	0	2	12 - 15	28 - 32	1036 - 1054
6 Suffolk O65	0	4	0	0	4	12 - 24	29 - 49	1252 - 1382

The Masters Inter County Challenge was held at Bournemouth in January for all three Suffolk teams. An excellent weekend was had by all the players and the many supporters who travelled. The final league tables are below:

Standings of Masters County Challenge – O40 – O40 Div 2B - Bournemouth

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Cambridgeshire O40 2	9	5	4	1	0	16 - 4	33 - 13	904 - 751
2 Wales O40	9	5	4	1	0	15 - 5	32 - 15	907 - 766
3 Avon O40	4	5	1	2	2	8 - 12	20 - 25	783 - 808
4 Wiltshire O40	3	5	1	1	3	8 - 12	21 - 27	823 - 891
5 Suffolk O40	3	5	0	3	2	7 - 13	18 - 31	827 - 938
6 Hertfordshire O40	2	5	0	2	3	6 - 14	18 - 31	823 - 913

Standings of Masters County Challenge – O50 – O50 Div 2B - Bournemouth

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Bedfordshire O50	6	4	2	2	0	11 - 5	25 - 10	687 - 537
2 Suffolk O50	5	4	2	1	1	11 - 5	22 - 15	655 - 655
3 Cornwall O50	1	4	0	1	3	2 - 14	7 - 29	570 - 720
4 Dorset O50	0	0	0	0	0	0 - 0	0 - 0	0 - 0

Standings of Masters County Challenge – O60 – O60 Div 1B - Bournemouth

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Hampshire O60	10	5	5	0	0	17 - 3	35 - 9	870 - 675
2 Kent O60	8	5	4	0	1	13 - 7	27 - 19	865 - 779
3 Suffolk O60	5	5	2	1	2	10 - 10	22 - 23	811 - 769
4 Avon O60	5	5	2	1	2	12 - 8	27 - 20	842 - 784
5 Devon O60	2	5	1	0	4	6 - 14	18 - 29	749 - 906
6 Wiltshire O60	0	5	0	0	5	2 - 18	9 - 38	711 - 935

Next season's entries have already been submitted for both the league and Challenge weekend. Next year's Challenge weekend will be 13/14 January. The same teams are entered and we are hoping to add an Over 65s for the weekend, although need another lady to join the squad to have sufficient players.

Two Practice sessions were held in the early season and at the New Year break which were well attended and provide a high standard of play for all to enjoy, along with a great opportunity to test out new partnerships.

The use of the group function on Whats App has proved invaluable and makes squad communication easy and effective as it provides fast consistent messaging. As Co-ordinator I also hold a global e-mail database for the whole squad. We had a total of 59 Masters' squad members registered on Tournament Software for the season and around 80 currently on the data base.

There is much support available from Badminton England in growing the numbers of those involved in playing Masters Badminton, which has brought forward some of our new squad members. For a relatively small county, we have excellent numbers playing in the Masters Competitions – we are keen to continue this reputation and welcome new members at any stage once they are qualified to play. There is an abundance of information on Masters on the SBA website and many thanks go to our fast and efficient Webmaster for keeping this updated throughout the season.

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