### SUFFOLK BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

### MASTERS REPORT – May 2025

### (End of season league tables as at 30/04/25)

A challenging and enjoyable season both on and off court and optimism for the season ahead with several players joining the Masters' squad having reached the qualifying age of 38 and others graduating to more experienced teams as well.

The 24/25 season was not without its challenges due to injuries and illness which were lengthier than initially anticipated and resulted in some regular players not being able to play at all. Generally, we were able to field full teams and matches went ahead as planned, although we had to concede a 50s and 65s at Kent towards the end of the season.

I can't thank the players and captains enough for all their energy and commitment to the whole season for Suffolk, it was very memorable in many great ways throughout the age groups, both in the League and weekend Challenges.

As predicted, there was a shortfall of ladies in the Over 65s but thanks to a committed squad and some innovative team solutions, the matches went ahead with some great competitive sets played and huge thanks to everyone who took part and enjoyed the experience. Special mention goes to one lady who made her debut for the county in the Over 65s and acquitted herself well against a team of England internationals – proving its never too late to play representative badminton!

#### Points Played Won Draws Lost Rubbers Points Games 3120 - 2276 1 Essex O40 18 6 6 0 0 58 - 14 121 - 36 2 Cambridgeshire O40 1 6 5 1 2992 - 2197 15 0 57 -15 118 -36 3 Norfolk O40 12 6 4 0 2 21 105 -46 2786 - 2211 51 -4 Lincolnshire O40 8 6 3 0 3 28 -44 67 -96 2684 - 2909 5 Cambridgeshire O40 2 6 6 2 0 4 27 -45 62 -101 2616 - 3017 6 Suffolk O40 1 4 6 1 0 5 27 -45 65 -98 2788 - 3024 7 Suffolk O40 2 0 6 0 0 6 4 -68 12 - 137 1721 - 3073

## Standings of Masters Championships 2024-25 – Over 40 – Midlands East

## Over 50 - South & East - East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Ru	bbe	ers	Games	Points
1 Hertfordshire O50	13	6	4	0	2	46	-	26	99 - 55	2776 - 2473
2 Kent O50	12	6	4	0	2	44	-	28	93 - 65	2849 - 2301
3 Essex O50	11	6	4	0	2	47	-	25	101 - 58	2947 - 2407
4 Suffolk O50	0	6	0	0	6	7	-	65	17 - 132	1628 - 3019

## Over 60 - South & East - East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Essex O60	15	5	5	0	0	55 - 5	111 - 15	2604 - 1379
2 Middlesex O60	12	5	4	0	1	40 - 20	86 - 45	2448 - 2167
3 Suffolk O60	7	5	2	0	3	31 - 29	66 - 62	2196 - 2236
4 Hertfordshire O60	5	5	2	0	3	19 - 41	44 - 90	2127 - 2551
5 Buckinghamshire O60	3	5	1	0	4	18 - 42	40 - 88	1605 - 2444
6 Cambridgeshire O60	3	5	1	0	4	17 - 43	43 - 90	2193 - 2396

## Over 65 - South East

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Surrey O65	15	5	5	0	0	41 - 4	83 - 13	1963 - 1216
2 Essex O65	12	5	4	0	1	28 - 17	61 - 40	1825 - 1669
3 Kent O65	9	5	3	0	2	26 - 19	55 - 42	1800 - 1386
4 Sussex O65	6	5	2	0	3	18 - 27	42 - 60	1749 - 1792
5 Suffolk O65	3	5	1	0	4	12 - 33	30 - 70	1052 - 1930
6 Middlesex O65	0	0	0	0	0	0 - 0	0 - 0	0 - 0
7 Hertfordshire O65	0	5	0	0	5	10 - 35	27 - 73	1530 - 1926

## **Inter County Challenge**

Final League Standings for Inter County Challenge over January weekend.

# Standings of Masters Challenge 2025 – O40 – O40 Div 2B - Bournemouth

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Ru	bbe	ers	Ga	me	s	Poir	nts
1 Hertfordshire O40	10	6	4	2	0	16	-	8	36	-	21	1078 ·	898
2 Wiltshire O40	7	6	2	3	1	14	-	10	32	-	24	1040 ·	953
3 Somerset O40	5	6	1	3	2	11	-	13	27	-	31	1018 ·	1036
4 Suffolk O40	2	6	0	2	4	7	-	17	18	-	37	797 ·	1046

# Standings of Masters Challenge 2025 – O50 – O50 Div 2B - Bournemouth

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubbers	Games	Points
1 Wales O50	14	8	6	2	0	23 - 9	46 - 20	1247 - 956
2 Sussex O50	12	8	5	2	1	21 - 11	45 - 28	1347 - 1190
3 Oxfordshire O50	8	8	3	2	3	15 - 17	35 - 38	1307 - 1253
4 Cornwall O50	4	8	1	2	5	11 - 21	28 - 43	1176 - 1249
5 Suffolk O50	2	8	1	0	7	10 - 22	21 - 46	847 - 1276

# Standings of Masters Challenge 2025 – O60 – O60 Premier - Milton Keynes

	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost	Rubb	oers	Games	Points
1 Yorkshire O60	12	6	6	0	0	21 -	3	43 - 11	1105 - 798
2 Essex O60	8	6	4	0	2	15 -	9	34 - 19	1017 - 869
3 Surrey O60 1	6	6	2	2	2	12 -	12	29 - 26	950 - 975
4 East Scotland	6	6	2	2	2	11 -	13	24 - 31	963 - 999
5 Hampshire O60	5	6	2	1	3	10 -	14	23 - 35	907 - 1055
6 Suffolk O60	3	6	0	3	3	7 -	17	18 - 34	848 - 966
7 Cheshire O60	2	6	0	2	4	8 -	16	20 - 35	898 - 1026

## Individual Successes for Sandy Taylor

Delighted to report that Sandy has several successes in the English National Circuit tournaments this season and was subsequently selected to represent England in the Senior Nations Cup in Ronda, Spain in June this year. Congratulations to Sandy on his season which culminated in being part of the England success in Ronda where he picked up a Gold medal.

2025		2024
Essex Mas MD 60	sters Silver 2025	29th English National Masters Championship 2024 OS 65
Essex Mas MS 65	sters Silver 2025	2024 Northumberland Masters Silver OS Masters O65
Essex Mas XD 65	sters Silver 2025	2024 Northumberland Masters Silver OD Masters O65
0D65	NEX All England Seniors (Masters) Championships 2025	2024 Northumberland Masters Silver XD Masters O65
Hampshir	re Masters Silver ers 065	Kent Masters Gold 2024 OS Masters O65
Hampshir	re Masters Silver	Kent Masters Gold 2024 XD Masters O65
CD Maste	re Silver Masters ers O65	29th Cumbria Masters Silver 2024 O65 open doubles
Lancashir XD Maste	re Silver Masters ers O65	29th Cumbria Masters Silver 2024 065XD

Entries for 2025/26 season are as follows:

Inter County Championships (season long league programme on regional basis) 2 x Over 40s, Over 50s, Over 60s and Over 65s Fixtures to be made shortly.

Inter County Challenge (national weekend competition on 10 & 11/1/26) Over 40s, Over 45s, Over 60s (still in Premier league!) and Over 65s. Venues and groups to be announced shortly.

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