

New Sidcup, New Eagles & New Bexley Badminton Clubs



Dear Members

Time goes by so quickly that we are already in March 2024.

January and February have been very quiet and hope to see you all return to play on a regular basis.

We are looking for club night support (i.e. responsible nets holder). If any member would like to help, please talk to a committee member.

1. MEMBERS

Welcome to all new members since the last newsletter. Thank you to all the loyal members for your continued support and there are nearly 40% of you have been with the club for more than 10 years.

Club membership:

- New Sidcup – 30 (Monday)
- New Bexley – 34 (Wednesday)
- New Eagles – 35 (Thursday)

There are spaces for Monday only and there are waiting lists for Wednesday and Thursday.

If you already belong to 2 clubs for an extra £5 you can play all 3 nights (subject to availability). Please email Anna Smith if you are interested.

All new applications for membership must be referred to the Recruitment Officer (via the membership [enquiry form](#)). No non-members may go on court without prior arrangement.

The following members have resigned from March. We are very sad to see them leave but we wish them all the best:

- Jan Adam (NE) – she is one of the founders of the club, due to family commitment and recent injuries she has decided to leave.
- Jonathan Anderson (NS & NE) – he is one of our long term members and a regular attendee. He has been suffering from a shoulder injury but he will carry on playing with his friends during the day and he is on NEBC's waiting list.
- Evaristo Dias (NB) – he hasn't been for a long time and has finally resigned.
- Steve Griffiths (NS) – another long term member who we will sadly missed.
- Frankie Siew (NB) – he is moving back to Sheffield.

Upcoming Events

NSBC (Monday)

PAYP until further notice
@£5 per session

NSBC (Easter Monday)

No badminton on 1st April

Easter Holiday PAYP

3rd – 11th April 2024

20th April 2024

Intertoto XVII

October 2024 (TBC)

Club Challenge 2024

Club Challenge 2023 – Winners



20th anniversary cake



Pictures are available to view on our [Facebook page](#)

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The financial status of the club is still in good shape. Bank balances up to the end of 2023 can be obtained from the Club Treasurer (Paul Hanson). Audit of 2023 is waiting to be examined by Shimeer Thakrar.

Most of you are aware that the hall hire fees have gone up by 25% in 2024 and our monthly subscription has stayed the same since September 2008, due to our careful accounting. The monthly subscription may need to be reviewed in 2025.

3. EVENTS – please go to <http://www.eaglesandsidcup.com/index.php/events> for the latest update

Intertoto XVII will be held on 20th April at Wilmington Academy from 1.30 – 5.30 PM. An entry form will be displayed at club nights – please put your name down to support this event.

Quiz Night – we do need enough entries for this event, please let us know if you are interested.

We are always looking for suggestions for events in which members would like to participate. Please talk to a member of the committee at club night.

4. SHUTTLECOCKS

We have settled on Yehlex Championship Grade feathers and they seem to be well received. Please check [shuttle etiquette](#) on how to look after them.

5. PAY AS YOU PLAY & FREE PLAY (MEMBERS ONLY)

PAYP has always been welcomed to those who would like to play on a different club nights and we have reviewed at our recent committee meeting that we shall carry on with this arrangement especially with the latest number of attendances. It has been agreed by the Committee that the fee for PAYP to go up to **£5 per session from 1st March 2024.**

FREE PLAY in December 2023 was criticised by some members due to the high number of attendances and it will be discussed for 2024.

6. PLAYING ROTATION & MIXING (SKILL & SEXES)

This has been a long term problem that we discuss at every committee meeting. There are some members who do not adhere to the Club's Constitution (an updated version can be found on our website) in line with the rotation and mixing of play. The club will ensure that the rotation and mixing will be fair to all members, and does not support clique groups forming and playing throughout an evening. Please respect all members and do not leave anyone hanging on a court otherwise the pegboard system will be used even though the attendance is less than 23. **Please be reminded that this is a Social Club and it was formed to provide a focal point for the promotion and enjoyment of badminton.**

The number of attendance has been low on Monday; therefore PAYP is taking place on Monday until further notice to encourage rotation and mixing of play.

Please also note that games can be played by 1 woman and 3 men since we do not have many lady players resulting to them playing against the same person most of the evening.

7. WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for news and update.

Our Website will be moving to a different platform very soon. Please bear with us that download of documents is not working at the moment.