



New Sidcup, New Eagles & New Bexley Badminton Clubs

Dear Members

It was good to be able to have our tournament again in October 2022 after three years of uncertainty. We are hoping to organise more events this year so please add them to your diary of the upcoming events.

Members were invited to the AGM held on 6 September 2022 and minutes were sent to all members via email. A copy can be obtained from Anna Smith.

Please note that the hall is booked for 2 hours from 7-9pm and committee members are all volunteers so please treat them with respect and do not delay them from leaving.

1. MEMBERS

Welcome to all new members since the last newsletter and there has been quite a few. Thank you to all the loyal members for your continued support.

Current club membership to date:

- New Sidcup – 33 (Monday)
- New Bexley – 34 (Thursday)
- New Eagles – 33 (Wednesday)

All clubs are now on full capacity and we do currently have a waiting list.

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 players may go on court without prior arrangement.

Sadly, Barry Lewis and Brenda Fordham have resigned due to ongoing family commitments and they have been with the club for many years. Barry is one of the founder members nearly 20 years ago as well as one of the committee members. We wish them well and hopefully they may return at some point.

We welcome Chris Chamberlain who has agreed to join the committee.

A warm welcome back:

- Elliott Lynch & Lee Amphlett after a long break with the club
- Suzanne Durant after her long term injury

Joyce Qin has recently resigned due to family commitments and we wish her all the best.

Upcoming Events

3 - 14 April 2023

PAYP for all club nights

22 April 2023

Intertoto XVI Competition

September 2023

20th Anniversary Party

October 2023

Club Challenge 2023

Date TBC

Quiz Night

Club Challenge 2022 was won Barry Lewis' team



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 2022 can be obtained from the Club Treasurer (Paul Hanson). Audit of 2022 has been sent to Shimeer Thakrar to finalise.

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

Intertoto XVI will be held on 22 April 2023 at Wilmington Academy. Paul Maulkin will once again be organising this event. **An entry form will be displayed at club nights – please put your name down to support this event.**

20th Anniversary Party will be held in September 2023 (date and venue to be confirmed). This will be free for members and a nominal charge of £10 per non-member. A form will be displayed at club nights for you to put your name and number of guests.

Quiz Night – Quite a few of you have shown an interest but we are looking for a venue preferably with parking facility. If anyone has any idea, please let us know.

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 been trialling different hybrid and feather shuttlecocks due to the high price of Yonex. We have filtered this down to Anyball 333 hybrid (green wrapper) and Yehlex Championship Grade feathers. Unfortunately we still have quite a few tubes of Babolat hybrid which we need to use up. Please email your feedback to Anna Smith.

5. PAY AS YOU PLAY

PAYP has always been welcomed to those who would like to play on a different club nights. This will take place **from 3 to 14 April 2023 at £4 per night**. Please pay via bank transfer to the subs' bank account or cash to a committee member on the night.

6. PLAYING ROTATION & MIXING (SKILL & SEXES)

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that not all members are adhering to the Club's Constitution 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 be reminded that this is a Social Club and it was formed to provide a focal point for the promotion and enjoyment of badminton.** If this continues, pegboard will be used even though the attendance number does not reach 23. **Please also be courteous and considerate to your fellow members.**

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

7. BADMINTON ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

All members should have received membership renewal email from Badminton England towards the end of last year. If you have not, please speak to a Committee Member at club night or email Anna Smith as your contact details may be incorrect.

Members were consulted on the Minutes of the AGM whether they use the benefit given by Badminton England but only a handful of people replied and the answer was 'NO'. This is a very costly membership and we are looking into not renewing when it becomes due at the end of October this year providing members are happy to leave Badminton England. Please note that this will mean anyone who plays outside of The Club will not have Public Liability Insurance. The Club will source Public Liability Insurance independently and once again please note that this does not cover Personal Injuries. Members will be informed nearer the time.

Without this cost, we can go back to using feather shuttlecocks.

8. WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please visit our [website](http://www.eaglesandsidcup.com) and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/eaglesandsidcup) for news and update.