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# New Sidcup, New Eagles & New Bexley Badminton Clubs

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## Dear Members

Summer is a bit disappointing but we hope that you are all keeping well.

Some of you have been making most of PAYP during July & August. Please note that this will finish on Thursday 7 September. Please arrange payment for sessions attended if not already done so and thank you.

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

There are spaces for Monday & Wednesday only. There is a waiting list for 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. There are currently 7 members who belong to all 3 clubs.

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.

Exemption has been made since we do want to encourage young players to join our club. We welcome Dylan Ong, Emma Wright & Fahim Ali to re-join us during their summer holiday from University.

Keith Hadley (NE) will be returning soon after his successful cataract operations.

Josh Bassett (NS, NB & NE) has not been attending due to injuries. Peter Henry (NE) will be off for at least six months to have both knees operated on separately. Ian Byron (NB) has resigned due to injuries. Chi Lok (NB) has fractured his wrist and may not be back for a few weeks. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Some of the long term non-attendees – John Parsons (NS), Evaristo Dias (NB) & Phung Dang (NE) have returned to play but Dave Harris (NS) has resigned.

## Upcoming Events

**28 October 2023**

Club Challenge

**November 2023 (TBC)**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

**December 2023 Free Play**

Play on other nights for free (members only)

**Christmas Holiday**

20 December 2023 – 1

January 2024 (inclusive TBC)

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**Intertoto XVI 2023 – Winners: John Parsons & Michael Leung**



**Runners Up: Terry Harry & Ben Merry**



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 verified by Shimeer Thakrar.

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

**Club Challenge 2023** will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October at Townley Grammar School from 1.30 – 5.30 PM. An entry form will be displayed at club nights – please put your name down to support this event.

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** will probably be in November. We are looking for a suitable venue at the moment.

**Quiz Night** – It never took place in July since there were not enough entries. We shall take a look at this again in the near future.

**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 due to the heat wave in June the hybrid deteriorated and we may try one more batch to test its durability depending on the outcome of item 8.

## 5. DECEMBER FREE PLAY

Members are welcome to join other club nights for free in December.

## 6. HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Holiday closure (TBC) will be from Wednesday 20 December 2023 to Monday 1 January 2024, i.e. starting again on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

## 7. 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 (due for an update and can be downloaded from the 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 be reminded that this is a Social Club and it was formed to provide a focal point for the promotion and enjoyment of badminton.**

Pegboard has been used recently because number of attendance reached 23. Please note that this is used for play rotation so that no player has to sit out for more than 3 games. This may not be an ideal solution but it is a fairer system.

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

## 8. BADMINTON ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

This has been brought up in the last newsletter and we shall remind you again.

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 play feather shuttlecocks at all times.

## 9. WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

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