

Chairman's Report 2017

It has been another busy year for Notts BA and I can only thank the supportive group of Volunteers on our Senior Committee yet again for their fantastic commitment which is simply invaluable.

This AGM marks the retirement of Marshall Storey who has been our Hon. League Secretary for the last 39 years which is quite remarkable. There are no words to reflect the massive commitment given to Notts BA by Marshall and all we can say is a huge heartfelt thank you !! (Not one of us envies Andy Tyas in following into the revised role)

I would also like to express particular thanks to our Development Officer Rod Tyler who continues to do an excellent job for Notts – especially around his involvement with our Partners on the Greater Nottingham Badminton Network.

We did host a visit from Badminton England on 1st November 2016 at Chilwell following a request from Clubs at last year's AGM – The event went well but I have to say that the number of Clubs that chose to send a representative was disappointing. This was an opportunity to share your questions, thoughts and ideas with our National Governing Body which was only taken by a few.

In Elite Performance terms – Congratulations to Chris and Gabby Adcock for winning Gold in the Mixed Doubles event at the European Championships last month – our first Gold in this event since 2008. Also many congratulations to Martyn Lewis and his Team at the UoN for winning the National Badminton League at their third attempt – very well deserved.

I would also like to wish all the very best to Peter Mills – who after representing England at Senior Level on many occasions over the last 9 years (and of course medaling at both European and Commonwealth events) has now returned to Notts after retiring from his International career – we all wish him well with the next phase of his life.

In terms of the ICC, the County 2nd and 3rd Teams both enjoyed a satisfactory season and maintained their divisional status. Unfortunately but perhaps not surprisingly the 1st Team have been relegated from Premier A having been

unable to field any of our former or current Senior International Men in any of the 3 weekends. We have been here before and will simply have to rebuild and return to Premier A stronger at a future date.

In terms of Development – our new Junior hub in the centre of the County at the Joseph Whitaker School in Rainworth was formally opened by Chris Adcock in December 2016. The new Sports Hall now hosts a range of Badminton activities – including within and after School Clubs – County Schools and PC sessions and a Satellite club linked to Mansfield JBC has been established. All very positive.

We continue to deliver Badminton sessions within many Primary Schools around Broxtowe, Newark and Sherwood and Mansfield Districts where encouragement from the local schools is forthcoming. This will continue from September.

Our Junior Badminton structure will change significantly across Notts from September with the coming together of the County Schools and PC structures – this is the culmination of almost a years work and is in my opinion both exciting and long overdue. This will make our offering to younger players both better coordinated and more understandable to parents. We wish the new Management group well.

Looking to the future – Senior Club development and growth remains a serious concern – we will keep chipping away as best we can with new initiatives and each Club will be asked to take away a Questionnaire from the AGM for completion and return to ourselves to help inform our future direction. A couple of new proposals will be shared at the AGM itself.

As you can see we do have an ongoing and busy Agenda and we would welcome any new members onto the Committee to share this work with us – please do volunteer – Badminton needs your help and support.

In Closing – and on behalf of the Committee – I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Paul Adcock - Chairman