

Chairman's Report 2017/18

It has been another busy year for Notts BA that has simply flown by ! Once again I must give thanks to our Committee Members – we are all Volunteers that are passionate about our Sport and want the best for Badminton across our County in whatever format is available.

Whilst reluctant to pick out any particular individuals – I must pay particular tribute this year to Andy Tyas for taking on the Role as our League Secretary (it is never easy following on from a local Legend – Thanks again Marshall Storey !), our Secretary Janet Pickering for doing so many important and routine tasks and to Alan Hunt and the Hall Management Committee for looking after our principle asset so well.

In performance terms it has been an excellent season – please forgive me but I must start by congratulating Chris and Gabby Adcock for an outstanding 12 months. Winning and retaining recently their European Mixed Doubles title, retaining their Commonwealth Games Mixed Doubles Title in Oz having won a World Bronze Medal last August was simply wonderful. Without question their most successful year ever – let us wish them well on the road to Tokyo in 2020. Also many congratulations to Kim Clague for representing the IOM at the CWG for the 3rd time !

Massive congratulations also to the Brierley Girls Megan and Lucy – both now age group National Champions – Megan at Under 15 Girls Doubles and Lucy having won a silver and two gold medals at Under 13 level. Both girls are now full Junior International players. Well done also to both the proud Parents and our Coaches.

All 3 Senior County Teams had a strong season in retaining their divisional status. The 1st Team missed out on a return to the Premier division at the first time of asking by finishing 3rd in the National Play Off Finals. Well done and thank you to the Coaches and Team Captains for their commitment and to Martin Pulford who continues to organise and run the Senior County training sessions on a Tuesday night.

Thanks also to Dave Martin for bringing back the County Knock Out Cup – it went extremely well and was well received by all that took part and well done in particular to Bingham and Arboretum for an excellent final which I amongst many others thoroughly enjoyed. We are hoping that more Clubs will enter in this coming season.

In terms of Development – The Performance Centre and the County Schools Association have now formally merged at operational level which makes absolute sense – Welcome to the 'Nottinghamshire Outlaws' and thanks to Mike Storey , Mark Attewell and Trevor Witts for making it happen.

Rod Tyler continues to do an excellent job as County Development Officer who in conjunction with our Partners in the Greater Nottingham Badminton Network deliver Coaching sessions in numerous Primary Schools across the County , host the County Schools Championship as well as many other Badminton specific activities throughout the year. All very encouraging with an eye to the future.

In Closing – I hope you all enjoy a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you at our AGM on 9th July 2018.

Best Wishes

Paul Adcock

Chairman.