

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
COUNTY MASTERS

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“WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS”

Hello County Masters Players,

I am delighted to announce that our Nottinghamshire County Masters team were crowned Masters over 50s County Championship League winners 2024. The last time a Nottinghamshire team were outright winners of a Masters Championship league was back in the year 2000, when our over 60s team reigned triumphant. Huge congratulations to all the squad players, their captain and selector on such a momentous achievement.

Welcome back to another energetic year of Masters Badminton.

We are again entering six teams into the Masters Championship leagues - 40s through to 65s. I would like to thank the Captains and Selectors for all their efforts in organising their respective teams.

We are again entering six teams into the popular Challenge Championship weekend - 40s, 45s, 2 x 50s, 55s and 65s teams this season, to be held on the weekend of 11/12th January 2025.

I would like to offer our congratulations to both Carl Jennings and Paula Wilson who were selected to represent England in the over 50s team against Scotland. Carl enjoyed success in the Nationals over 50s singles and Mixed, with partner Paula Wilson, and further success in the All England Open doubles. In the World Championships over 50s events Carl achieved his first ever Open singles medal, a Silver. Adding another Silver in the Mixed doubles and a bronze in the Open doubles.

Nottinghamshire's inspirational Ken Tantum, reached the Finals of the All England over 75s Mixed doubles. Ken will celebrate his 80th birthday this coming September!
I'm sure you would like to join me in congratulating them all on their success.

If you are interested in entering Masters Tournaments, please refer to the Calendar of Events on the Nott's website.

I would like to draw your attention to the [County Masters News](https://www.nottsba.co.uk/news_vets.php) (https://www.nottsba.co.uk/news_vets.php) section on the Notts. BA website where you can access up-to-date comprehensive information regarding our organisation. Here you can also link to the [County Masters Useful Information](#) for useful documents including league regulations and blank scoresheets.

Thanks as always for your continued support and commitment to Nott's Masters Badminton. and may I wish you all a happy and successful season.

We will continue this season with a Selection Committee for each age group, comprising of the Captain and additional Selector as seen below.

GENERAL COMMITTEE			Gill Maloney, Jenny Abbott, Lee Truong, Julie Peart, Sally Moore, Graydon Peacock, Paula Wilson.
<u>CAPTAINS</u>			<u>SELECTORS</u>
40s	Andy Shaw	Tel. 07976 461894	40s Louis Bolam
45s	Sion Severn	Tel. 07432 713174	45s Laura Birkinshaw
50s	Carl Jennings	Tel. 07713 889585	50s Paula Wilson
55s	Karen Gleave	Tel. 07979 343325	55s Loraine Buck
60s	Julie Peart	Tel. 07732 374584	60s Mark Attewell
65s	Jacqui Burton	Tel. 07761 618515	65s Ian Price

Captains will advise players who are selected for each match, but will not notify players who have not been selected. Please be assured that all players are always under consideration.

As a reminder, your Committee, since the inauguration of the leagues, has taken the view that in the main, players should play in their own age groups, unless beneficial to the County for players to play elsewhere. This enables us to field the best teams available for all age groups.

MASTERS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have again entered teams in the Masters County Championships in the over 40/45/50/55/60/65s age groups.

We are always in need of new players for all age groups. Your help is necessary to identify these players and to notify myself or Sion Severn.

This season the 40s will be playing in the Midlands West, 45s, 55s and 65s playing in the Midlands, 50s in Midlands East and 60s will be playing in the North.

Practice fees will be £7 per head. Match fees £8 per person and travelling expenses for away matches at 17p per mile for two nominated cars. This match fee is to cover the cost of refreshments at home matches and travelling costs for two nominated cars from Chilwell Olympia to playing venue and return. Other costs are paid by Notts. B.A. and would be considerably more if we had to use a hall other than our own. Any matches cancelled by us could cost in the region of £100 per match, if fixtures are not fulfilled.

Please note that we do not pay travelling expenses for the League play offs and League finals.

IMPORTANT – Please advise Sion Severn of any changes re. your contact details, as well as maintaining this within your Badminton England profile.

MATCH START TIMES – Please refer to the fixtures list.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE IN THE HALL 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME FOR EACH MATCH – This is to enable your Captains to complete their team sheets and ensures a prompt start to the match at the designated time.

LEAGUE POSITIONS 2023/24

Midlands West	40s	3rd
Midlands	45s	3rd
Midlands East	50s	1st
North	55s	3rd
North	60s	4th
Midlands	65s	2nd

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY OFF & FINAL 2023/24

Team	Stage	Opponents	Result
50s	Play Off	Bedfordshire	W 12.0
	Semi Final	Wiltshire	W 11-1
	Final	Hampshire	W 7-5

MASTERS COUNTY CHALLENGE

The Masters County Challenge event is supported by Babolat. It is a league-based event with age groups playing at various venues around the country and most players enjoy this weekend event.

This season it will be played over the weekend of **11/12th January 2025**.

We have entered 40s, 45s, 2 x 50s, 55s and 65s teams. Please make yourselves available for selection. The rules state that a player can only play for one team – County Challenge Rule 11.

Please note that no travelling expenses are paid for this competition.

This year our teams will be playing at:

40s	Div. 1A	Worcester
45s, 50s 2 nd , 55s & 65s	Div. 1A	Dudley/Aston
50s 1 st	Premier	Milton Keynes

MASTERS COUNTY CHALLENGE POSITIONS 2023/24

Team	Division	Venue	Position
40s	1A	Wolverhampton	5th
45s	1A	Wolverhampton	3rd
50s	Premier	Worcester University	2nd
50s 2nd	1A	Worcester University	4th
60s	1A	Worcester University	2nd
65s	1A	Wolverhampton	2nd

COMPETE MEMBERSHIP

Regulations state that every player will be required to hold a Compete Membership to be eligible to represent his or her County within the Master's Championship. They will then be in line with all Master "Compete" members playing in Tournaments and all Senior Tournament entrants.

To assist counties every match can be played using one "wild card" to cover last minute non-compete players up to 31st December each year, AND from January 1st, may have up to two "wild cards" for any match. The Challenge weekend will count as one "wild card". A player may only have two wild cards in a season, which may be two Championship matches or one Championship match and the Challenge weekend.

If a wildcard player plays for a third time, then they must pay the £15 and become a Compete member well before their third match. If that player plays again without a compete licence their games will be voided.

Guidance on taking out, renewing or upgrading your Compete memberships.

To do this go to and Log into the JustGo website:

<https://badmintonengland.justgo.com/Workbench/Home>

When logged in go to My Profile (top right)

Click on Membership > Select/click Compete Membership

Select renew or add

Complete the questions

Click Finish.

Your club's subscription should cover the cost of your annual BE registration fee of £15. If you are yet to register with a club, this fee will show as £30. You can either wait for your club to register before renewing your compete fee, or request that your club refunds you the £15, however please ensure you are covered ahead of your first fixture.

The fee can be paid any time before the end of the expiry date of your current membership, which can be ascertained by logging into your profile. The new membership will only start after the expiry of your current membership and will then last a further 12 months.

HOME COUNTY MATCH REFRESHMENTS

All teams/players will need to help with the refreshment procedure. An electronic copy of 'County refreshments – Procedure on match days' will be circulated to Captains and a hard copy will be stored in the snack bar cupboard.

A member of the Committee will be at most home matches for your support.

Best wishes for a happy, enjoyable and successful season.

LET'S KEEP THAT NOTT'S FLAG FLYING HIGH!

Gill Maloney