

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
COUNTY MASTERS

**JOINT
COORDINATORS**

Gill Maloney Tel: 07905 458314
Email: gilldmaloney@gmail.com
Alan Hunt Tel: 0115 9223654

**FIXTURES
SECRETARY**

Jenny Abbott Tel: 0115 9171536
Email: jenny.colin.abbott@ntlworld.com

TREASURER

Lee Truong Tel: 07810 204012
Email: leektruong@hotmail.com

COUNTY VENUE

Chilwell Olympia, Bye Pass Road, Chilwell, Nottingham. NG9 5HR.
Tel: 0115 9173333

September 2023

Dear County Masters,

I am pleased to welcome you all back to another busy year of Masters badminton.

Well, who would have thought we would surpass the success of last season? But surpass it we did! I am proud to report that three of our six teams made it through to the league Championship finals, our 50s, 55s and 60s teams. The 50s and 55s subsequently achieving second place whilst the 60s came fourth. Well done to you all.

We are again able to enter 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.

I am delighted to report that the popular Challenge weekend did take place in 2023 and we are once again entering six teams; 40s, 45s, 2 x 50s, 60s and 65s teams this season, to be held on the weekend of 13/14th January 2024.

I would like to offer our congratulations to both Carl Jennings and Ken Tantum.

Carl won the All England over 50s singles and 50s mens doubles with partner Mark King (Leicestershire). Yorkshire Masters Gold – Finalist in the mens singles over 40s. Won the 50s mixed with partner Caz Lee (Hampshire).
English Nationals – Won 50s mens with Mark King.
Kent Masters Gold – Finalist 50s mens doubles with partner Tom Kuhn (Staffordshire).

Ken Tantum with partners Roger Baldwin (Essex) and mixed partner Joanna Elson (Avon) Ken was finalist in the Mens over 75s in the All England, Yorkshire Gold, Hampshire Silver and English National Tournaments. Also runner up in the mixed over 75s English Nationals.

I'm sure you would all like to join me in celebrating their success.

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](#) which will have useful documents including league regulations and blank scoresheets.

Thanks as always for your continued support and commitment to Notts 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. Alan Hunt and myself will still be coordinating and, in particular, ensuring that rules regarding the number of times a player can play out of their nominated age group is adhered to.

GENERAL COMMITTEE	Gill Maloney, Alan Hunt, Jenny Abbott, Lee Truong, Julie Peart, Sally Moore, Graydon Peacock, Paula Wilson.	
<u>CAPTAINS</u>	<u>SELECTORS</u>	
40s Alan Scott	Tel. 07876 754020	40s Laura Birkinshaw
45s Simon Vanderwalt	Tel. 07414 714599	45s Sion Severn
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 Lynn Davison

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 Jenny Abbott.

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

Practice fees will be £5 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. All other costs are paid by Notts. B.A. and would be considerably more if we had to use a hall other than our own. Also, 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 or collect match fees for the league play offs and league finals.

IMPORTANT – Please advise Jenny Abbott 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 2022/23

North	40s	3rd
Midlands	45s	3rd
Midlands	50s	1st
North	55s	1st
Midlands	60s	1st
Midlands	65s	4th

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 2022/23

Team	Stage	Opponents	Result
50s	Semi Final	West of Scotland	W 7-5
	Final	Hampshire	L 3-9
55s	Semi Final	Worcestershire	W 9-3
	Final	Essex	L 3-9
60s	Semi Final	Yorkshire	L 1-11
	3rd/4th Place	Essex	L 8-4

MASTERS COUNTY CHALLENGE

The Masters County Challenge is again supported by Babolat this year. It is a league-based event with age groups playing at various venues around the country.

This season it will be played over the weekend of **13/14th January 2024**.

We have entered 40s, 45s, 2 x 50s, 60s 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, 45s & 65s	(Div. 1A)	Wolverhampton
50s 1 st	(Premier)	Worcester
50s 2 nd & 60s	(Div. 1A)	Worcester

MASTERS COUNTY CHALLENGE POSITIONS 2022/23

Team	Division	Venue	Position
40s	1A	Worcester University	5th
45s	1A	Birmingham University	5th
50s	Premier	Nottingham University	4th
55s	1A	Birmingham University	2nd
60s	1A	Birmingham University	2nd
65s	1A	Birmingham University	4th

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 is used 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 be registered to 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 last 12 months from there.

Alternatively, you can also pay over the phone by calling Badminton England on 01908 268400 Option 2, quoting your BE number.

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 and look forward to seeing you all, where I hope you will discuss any problems or queries you may have.

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful season.

Gill Maloney