

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY MASTERS REPORT 2024-07-21**

Sadly I start my report by mentioning the death, early in the season, of Alan Hunt who had been a founder member of Nottinghamshire County Masters and a loyal, dedicated, hard working stalwart of Nottinghamshire Badminton for many years. RIP Alan and Thank You x

The Masters teams have had another busy and exciting Championship League season, playing a total of 32 league matches.

Fifty eight players represented their County from ages 40years through to 73years, within six age group squads, in a variety of divisions in the Championship League.

One team came 4<sup>th</sup>, three teams came 3<sup>rd</sup>, one team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and one team came 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective divisions. I am thrilled to report that the over 50s team went on to become outright over 50s English League Championship winners. Huge congratulations to all the 50s squad for continuing to fly the flag for Notts to such a high standard.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE**

Over the weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 six of Nottinghamshire's Masters Teams competed in the annual Masters County Challenge Tournament, both on the court and the dance floor! Notts again performed well, three teams finishing second in their age groups. All match information is available to view on the Notts BA website under Masters.

Fielding so many teams is not without its challenges! Without the level of support, commitment and flexibility from so many players, we would not continue to achieve the level of success that we have enjoyed. I mentioned in my report last year how great it would be to see Notts able to field a 70s team. If you are 69+yrs and feel this is something that may interest you please make contact, where we would love to welcome you to our beginning of season practise.

Two of our players were selected to represent England's over 50s team in the annual Mc Coig Trophy Cup against Scotland. Our congratulations go to Carl Jennings and Paula Wilson.

Our congratulations also go to Jenny Abbott our match secretary who was awarded the prestigious English Badminton Award for exceptional service to Badminton England

As anticipated more of our players have entered Masters Tournaments during the season and have enjoyed the challenge of competing against players from a variety of Counties and Countries.

We are constantly searching for more players in all age groups , over 40s through to over 70s. We are not looking for super stars, if you are of a good club standard and remain fit and injury free then age is a good leveller! We would love to see you at one of our beginning of season get-togethers. If you would like to find out more about Notts masters County Badminton, please come and join us at one of these sessions by getting in touch with Gill Maloney or Sion Severn (all information can be found on the Notts BA website.

It just remains for me to thank all members of the County Masters Committee, together with Captains and their Selectors, who put in the effort to organise their teams. Without these dedicated

people, it would be impossible to play County Masters' matches, but with their commitment and support of the players, we continue to remain one of the best organised County Masters units.

Gill Maloney

Masters coordinator.