

Kent Badminton Limited.

Veterans Director Report for Season 2010/11.

May 2011.

Officers + Team Captains:

The veterans directorate was fortunate to retain the services of Messrs Peter Williams + Ian Brothers to undertake the significant secretarial, match booking and shuttle management duties. We also found a compliment of 7 reliable and knowledgeable team captains to manage the match to match issues and necessary administration. Jo Newson / Marion McKelvie / Janice Wraight / Dave Chapman / Ian Brothers / Mary Jenner / Mike O'Keeffe.

Rachel Campbell and Phil Jones were secretary and referee respectively for the Veterans Restricted in September.

My thanks are given on behalf of all the veteran players (soon to be badged as '**Masters**') to this team of individuals for their patience and efforts in an eventful and weather affected season.

Training:

Was once again managed by the Supporters in the summer months, and was open to all veteran players who may have been entering the Kent Vets Open or the Vets Restricted. A session was also run for team practice at the end of December prior to the ICC Weekend. Sessions are already in place for this summer, starting 24th July for 5 weeks. A couple of September dates may be added.

Veterans Restricted:

44 pairs competed at Castlemaine in September, and 12 age group category trophies were awarded. 77 rubbers were played yet only 12 tubes of AS30's used, an exceptional economy rate. The same team has been retained for this year and the weekend 24/25 September booked.

Inter Counties League:

50 league matches were originally scheduled, with home venues Castlemaine and Park Langley. A number of the matches were affected by snow as well as team availability and injuries resulting in 6 being rescheduled, 2 being conceded by Kent, 5 conceded by opposition, and 2 being agreed as 'unplayed'. Despite this, all the teams can take credit from their final positions which were, from ages 40-70 respectively, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

The winning over 60's team were the lone Kent representatives in the league finals at Stoke where they beat Avon 7-5 in the semi-final, but unfortunately lost to Yorkshire 9-3 in the final.

Shuttles quality and usage has been very exceptional, averaging approximately 2 tubes per home match.

For next season we are hoping to play more matches at Castlemaine, possibly having 2 games starting late morning and a single match mid afternoon. We are also looking at the potential for another venue.

Inter Counties Championship:

The ICC weekend (Jan 8/9) saw all teams, almost 70 Kent players, scattered from Bournemouth to Stoke via Hatfield, competing in their national divisions. There were mixed fortunes, though the achievement of the 40's squad has to be noted as an outstanding performance.

40's – Premier - 3rd. / 45's – D1 - 3rd. / 50's – Premier - 6th. / 55's – D1 - 2nd.

60's – Premier - 5th. / 65's – Premier - 3rd. / 70's – Premier - 4th.

Individual Successes:

There were a number of Kent player successes in many of the veterans tournaments during the season.

Europeans:

Ray Sharp 65's, mens doubles winner, mens singles runner up.

Kent:

40's. Jo Muggeridge/Tracey Middleton, Ladies doubles winners.

50's. Dave Treacher, Mens doubles r/up.

55's Dave Chapman/Sue Cutbush, Mixed r/up.

60's. Jim Garrett, Mens doubles r/up. Jam Garrett/Rena Jones Mixed doubles r/up.

The 16th English National Veteran's Championships.

WD 40. Winners. Jo Muggeridge + Tracey Middleton

WD 55. Runners up. Delia Wall (+Anita Harris-Herts)

MD 60. Winners. Ray Sharp (+Brian Wright-Yorks)

XD 60. Runners up. Jim Garrett + Rena Jones

MS 65. Runner up. Ray Sharp.

MD 65. Runners up. Vic Muggeridge + Per Svensson

Hampshire:

MD 60. Runners up. Ray Sharp/Jim Garrett.

XD 50. Runners up. Sue Cutbush/Robin Wells

XD 65. Winner. Ray Sharp (+Jo Elson-Avon)

XD 65. Runner up. Ian Brothers (+Margaret Houlton-Hants)

West of England:

MD 65. Runner up. Ian Brothers (+Ray Harding)

Lancashire:

XD 60. Winner. Jim Garrett (+Millie Banks)

XD 60. Runner up. Ray Sharp (+Pam Firth)

MD 60. Winners. Ray Sharp/Jim Garrett.

MD 65. Runner up. Ian Brothers (+Ray Harding)

All Englands:

WD 40 Runners up. Jo Muggeridge/Tracey Middleton

MD 60 Runners Up. Ray Sharp (+Brian Wright)

WD 65 Winners. Mary Jenner(+ Beryl Goodall)

Apologies to anyone I may have missed from the list and good luck to all those competing in the World Championships at Vancouver in August.

Robin Wells

Veterans Director.