

MASTERS REPORT as at 30/1/12.

Officers + Team Captains:

The Masters section retained the services of Messrs Peter Williams + Ian Brothers to undertake the secretarial, match booking and shuttle management, and also Rachel Campbell and Phil Jones to organise/run the Masters Restricted in September.

The reliable and knowledgeable team captains have mostly stayed in post from last season, so far they have all been managing their league squads and ICC teams with no real issues to speak of. The people to be praised are Jo Newson / Marion McKelvie / Janice Wraight / Richard Murphy / Dave Chapman / Ian Brothers / Mike O'Keeffe.

Masters Restricted:

2 days of hard fought competition at Castlemaine, with players ranging in age from 40 through 75 saw 39 pairs (no singles though it has been suggested) contest 80 matches for the assorted titles. We were treated to some impressive play not only from World Championship winners and medallists but also from a number of the squad 'fringe' players eager to impress for places this coming season.
winners were.....

Mens Doubles Over 40/45/50's.	Steve Baker/Paul Carvill
Mens Doubles Over 55/60/65's.	David Miles/Robin Wells
Ladies Doubles Over 40/45's.	Jo Muggeridge/Tracey Middleton
Ladies Doubles Over 50/55/60/65's.	Pam Fincher/Kim Buggins
Mixed Doubles Over 40's.	Lisa Mills/Graham Carson
Mixed Doubles Over 45's.	Marion McKelvie/Tony Bridge
Mixed Doubles Over 50/55's's.	Sue Cutbush/Robin Wells
Mixed Doubles Over 60/65's.	Chris Prickett/Dave Chapman

Shuttle usage was slightly higher than last season, 17 tubes, though a small surplus of £90 was made from the event.

Matches + Team Results to date:

42 league matches scheduled this year, (B.E has surprisingly made some of the divisions smaller) as opposed to 50 last season has meant we can play nearly all home matches at Castlemaine. Swanscombe has been used for any overflow. Mixed fortunes for most of the teams with the 65's being the only team to win all matches to date. Shuttles quality and usage remains good though seems higher than last season.

ICC Weekends 7/8 +14/15 Jan:

Due to venue problems this event had to be split over 2 weekends. KBL entered teams in all age categories, some 55+players in total, split across 3 venues....Bournemouth/Hatfield/Stoke. Highlights being 65's winning the Premier, 55's getting back to Premier, and 40's and 60's both staying in the Premier, some great results.
40's – Premier - 5th, retain place in Premier.
45's – D1 - 4th.
50's – D1 - 3rd.
55's – D1 - Winners, promoted to Premier.
60's – Premier - 5th, retain place in Premier.
65's – Premier - Winners. National Champions.
70's – Premier - 5th.

Training:

The summer sessions organised by the supporters were, as usual, well attended. An extra date in September, pre Restricted, and another after Christmas, pre ICC, were also very well supported.

Robin Wells