



# REGIONAL OFFICER NEWSLETTER Durham, Tees Valley and South Tyne and Wear

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## CHANGE 4 LIFE COURSES

- Tuesday 14th December, Oxclose Community School, Washington, Tyne and WEAR, NE38 0LN: 1pm-5pm
- Tuesday 14th December, Stockton Riverside College Sports Centre, March House Avenue, Billingham, Stockton on Tees, TS23 3HB: 9am –

## UKCC LEVEL 2 COURSE

Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3: Unity City Academy, 27th Nov, 28th Nov and 12th Dec  
Assessment Day: Bydales Specialist Technology College, 23rd January  
Cost: £350

Deadline: 12th November

## LEVEL 1 COURSES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

## UMPIRE INITIAL TRAINING COURSE

Saturday 4th December 2010  
9am—5pm  
Thornaby Pavilion  
£50 (£25 refunded after umpiring 6 times)

This course is open to anyone who wants to train to be an umpire.  
For more information please contact Ted Edwards: lairdted@yahoo.co.uk

## CALLING ALL YOUNG OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS!

If you wish to get involved in organising and officiating badminton please contact Dave Watson (Young Official Coordinator for Durham County on dave@wattyboys.com

Welcome to my second BADMINTON England Regional Officer newsletter for Durham, Tees Valley and South Tyne and Wear. This newsletter will provide you with details of the work going on in the region as well as news and information which may be of interest to you. Please distribute to anyone else you feel may be inter-

## COMMUNITY BADMINTON NETWORKS HIGHLIGHTS!

Within my region there are 4 CBNs based in Sunderland, Durham City, Stockton and Hartlepool. The role of CBNs is to provide a connection between partners working in badminton to successfully offer a range of high quality, sustainable badminton opportunities

### DURHAM CITY CBN

- Freeman's Quay Junior Session continues —Mondays 5pm – 6pm. All juniors and abilities welcome, ages 12-16.
- Durham Doubles Christmas Handicap Tournament Entries swell—Sherburn Leisure Centre, 21st November—Please contact Heather Alabaster for details: clever.clogs@virgin.net. Spectators are most welcome.
- Durham University come on board CBN with an excellent overall badminton offer for students and staff alike.
- Vulnerable Adults session launches in partnership with Team Durham once a week
- New College Change for Life badminton club proves popular with students

### SUNDERLAND CBN

- University of Sunderland offers sessions for all abilities and are soon to launch No Strings badminton which will be open to all.
- No Strings badminton sessions launch at City of Sunderland College
- St Aidans School on track to be awarded Premier School status
- St Aidan's Junior Badminton Club continues to thrive and maintain its reputation, delivering half term sessions and tasters



### STOCKTON ON TEES CBN

- Stockton CBN funded coaches Matt Train and Steph Barwick to deliver in Northfield's Starburst Event. Over 100 students took part in a badminton taster.
- Stockton Riverside College proves badminton is popular with its students, and is now hosting a Change 4 Life Club

## no strings badminton

### NO STRINGS LAUNCHED AT QUEEN'S CAMPUS SPORTS CENTRE, STOCKTON

Durham University is proud to announce to the badminton community, the opening of Queen's Campus Sports Centre in Stockton on Tees. This new facility boasts an 8 court specialist sports hall, which has been equipped with international lighting and posts. The opening of this facility saw the start of a new No Strings Badminton session. This was aimed at local businesses, providing adults with an after work badminton session, in a relaxed social setting. This session now sees an average of 27 people attending, with 42 signed up. This session gives people an opportunity not only to try the sport, but to take it up again. With a friendly coordinator, you will never be short of a playing partner or mixed games. These sessions are open to all for £3, Tuesdays 5pm—7pm.





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## CENTER PARCS NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The first rounds of the Center Parcs National Schools Competition will be taking place in November and December. Following the success of last years competition of 23,000 children taking part nationally, it is hard to believe that this figure could be beaten this year. This year over 25,000 are expected to take part making it the biggest school badminton competition in the country. Dates of the first round of competition are:

### Tees Valley:

Darlington SSP: Thursday 21st October, and Thursday 4th November

Hartlepool SSP: Thursday 18th November and Thursday 25th November

Middlesbrough SSP: Thursday 18th November and Thursday 25th November

Redcar and Cleveland SSP: Thursday 2nd December and Thursday 9th December

Stockton SSP: Thursday 18th November, Thursday 25th November, Thursday 2nd December and Thursday 9th December

### Durham:

Durham City SSP: Tuesday 18th January and Tuesday 25th January

### South Tyne and Wear:

Sunderland SSPs (Farrington SSP, Biddick SSP and Houghton Kepier SSP): Monday 8th November, Tuesday 30th November, Tuesday 7th December, Tuesday 14th December

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### PREMIER LEAGUE FOR SPORT DERBY DAY

Young people from Sunderland and Newcastle took part in an October half term Badminton festival in the build up to the upcoming derby game. Badminton is one of the four sports delivered in the Premier League 4 Sport project, which aims to promote and increase awareness in Olympic sports in the build up to 2012. 17 boys and girls took part in the fun round robin competition, sporting their local football team strips. For more information on the SAFC Foundation please contact Jamie Wright, [jamie.wright@safc.com](mailto:jamie.wright@safc.com).



### LOCAL COACH GETS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Peter Walton has been awarded Coach of the Year at Sunderland Sports Fund Charity Dinner Awards held at the Stadium of Light. Peter was nominated for his work with young people in the Sunderland area.

### A STAR IN THE MAKING

St Aidan's Junior Badminton Club has nurtured some talented players over the past 6 years but their indisputable star of the moment is Laura Ferguson. Laura, who attends Barbara Priestman School in Sunderland, followed up a Gold medal at the Four Nations Disabled Championships in April, with Gold and silver in the singles and mixed doubles at the Special Olympics European Summer Games. Laura thoroughly enjoyed her trip to Poland and has started her second season at the Club with great confidence, already representing St Aidan's JBC in the Northumberland Senior Leagues.



### TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

#### Teesside Badminton Development Association Junior Badminton Tournament

2nd and 3rd October saw the 1st of the TBDA's Junior Badminton Tournament. This event was a success with 41 girls and 70 boys entering overall. The weekend saw 241 singles matches played and 77 doubles matches, across a range of age groups from U11 to U19. For a full set of results please go to the Tees Valley Badminton website: [www.teesvalleybadminton.co.uk](http://www.teesvalleybadminton.co.uk)

#### Saturday 13th November—U13 Bronze and U17 Bronze

This weekend just gone saw an extremely busy day at Thornaby Pavilion with 103 matches in the U17 Bronze event and 109 matches in the U13 Bronze. The tournament was a great success and saw many local players competing. The winners of each category are as follows:

U13 Boys Singles—Matthew Travis

U13 Girls Singles—Ci Ci Lu

U13 Boys Doubles—Billy Torbett/Mark Ivson

U13 Girls Doubles—Natalie Gorst/Laura Maguire

U13 Mixed Doubles— Sarah Wilson/Philip Pahatourids

U17 Boys Singles— Scott Newman

U17 Girls Singles— Laura Wall

U17 Boys Doubles—Matthew Henry/Nathan Stewart Walker

U17 Girls Doubles— Emily Arksey/Rachel Fay

U17 Mixed Doubles— Philippa Warman/Scott Newman