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COMMUNITY BADMINTON NETWORKS

The **Durham City CBN** group recognised that a lot of badminton activity was happening within schools, though pupils did not have a junior session to progress onto and receive coached badminton, as a junior club does not presently exist in the City. So over the past few months the group has concentrated its efforts on establishing a coached junior session, which has proved a great success. Coach, Steve Dunnett *"The session is going from strength to strength, with a consistent number of juniors attending each week. I am already seeing their level of play improve now they are receiving coached badminton. This session is providing an additional badminton outlet for school pupils and the opportunity for those players who want to progress"*. **Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre, Monday 5pm to 6pm, £2.** The group also had great success in April with the adult **Durham Doubles Badminton Festival**. This fun tournament was welcomed by local adult players who enjoyed taking part in a fun competition. The festival was such a success, entrants have requested it becomes a bi-annual event. Information about the pre Christmas Durham Doubles Badminton Festival will be provided in the next newsletter.

Welcome to the BADMINTON England Regional Officer newsletter for South Tyneside, Durham, Tees Valley and Gateshead. This newsletter will provide you with details of my work as well as news and information which I feel may be of interest to you. It is produced on a quarterly basis and sent electronically to our partners and provided in hardcopy where appropriate. Please contact me if you would like to offer any stories, and please distribute to anyone else you feel may be interested.



NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK 28TH JUNE TO 2ND JULY

National School Sport Week is Britain's biggest school sporting event, and ran from 28th June to 2nd July. Schools across Britain created an exciting week of celebration school sport. Schools organised opening and closing ceremonies, torch relays, festivals of sport and huge inter and intra school competitions. Many schools invited local clubs to be involved to provide links between school sport and local club sport. Brierton Badminton Club, Hartlepool, did just that, and delivered a BISI Badminton Festival to local primary school pupils. These festivals are fun badminton events which can be run in school sport halls, and based on badminton skill stations, where the primary school pupils get to learn new badminton skills in a fun way. As well as the club coach assistance on the day, Hartlepool Sixth Form College provided sport leader students to help at the festival.

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LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Durham County Badminton Association Singles & Doubles Junior Tournaments

Durham County Age Group Tournaments at Belmont Comprehensive School, Durham. These tournaments are open to all players who live in County Durham. U13 & U15 tournaments have novice singles events. Novice players are classed as a new player to badminton who hasn't received more than 9 months of coaching.

U13—Saturday 25th September, U15—Saturday 18th September, U17—Sunday 12th September, U19—Sunday 19th September
For further details: www.dcba.co.uk

Teesside Badminton Development Association Singles & Doubles Junior Tournament

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October, Thornaby Pavilion Leisure Centre, Stockton. This tournament is open to all players, including novices, who live, go to school or attend a club with a TS or DL postcode. For further details and entry forms go to: www.teesvalleybadminton.co.uk

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Durham Doubles, Change 4 Life Clubs, UK School Games