

Badminton England Regional Officer Report

As I am sure most of you are aware I have now been in post for over 6 months. Since starting in September the role has thrown up a few challenges but in the main it has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated and motivated people who are passionate about the development of Badminton. So I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all of you who work so tirelessly to ensure people have a positive experience in the sport.

Avon CBA have asked me to write a regular update for their website to ensure that everyone is kept up to date with my work and also let you know any news/information that may be of interest. Please note that I do also send out a regular newsletter, so if you have not received this and want to – get in touch and I will make sure you receive it in the future.

Community Badminton Networks

My work as a regional officer is mainly focussed around the development, implementation and support of Community Badminton Networks (CBNs). A Community Badminton Networks are structures based on local/unitary authority areas. They aim to provide a way of linking up all of the badminton activity taking place in an area and will:

- 👉 Allow new players to access the sport easily.
- 👉 Offer existing players the chance to find the right badminton experience.
- 👉 Increase the opportunities for talented players to progress
- 👉 Strengthen the club structure.
- 👉 Attract greater resources and funding into the sport.

There are currently two CBNs in Avon, one in South Gloucestershire and one in Bath and North East Somerset and I am hoping to set one up in North Somerset and Bristol in the future. Both of these CBNs have now received their funding and have projects which we are looking to roll out in the very near future so watch this space for more information.

Center Parcs National Schools Championships

The Regional finals of the Center Parcs National Schools Championships was held at Exeter University on 4th March, full list of results below. Best of luck to the schools competing at the National Finals at the Sherwood Forest Center Parcs later this month.

	KS3 Boys		KS3 Girls		KS4 Boys		KS4 Girls
1	Devon – Torquay School	1	Dorset - Talbot Heath	1	Devon – Exmouth School	1	Dorset – Talbot Heath
2	Cornwall – Truro School	2	Somerset – King Arthurs	2	Somerset – King Arthurs School	2	Devon – Queen Elizabeth’s School
3	Dorset – Bournemouth School	3	Cornwall – Truro School	3	Dorset – Bournemouth School	3	Cornwall – Truro School

4	Avon – Cotham School	4	Devon – Chulmleigh Community College	4	Cornwall – Penryn College	4	Somerset – Ladymead Community School
5	Wiltshire – Lavington School	5	Avon – Chew Valley	5	Gloucestershire – Bredon School	5	Avon – Castle School
6	Gloucestershire – Sir Thomas Rich’s School	6	Wiltshire – Isambard Community School	6	Wiltshire – Devizes School	6	Gloucestershire – Katherine lady Berkley
7	Somerset – The Castle School	7	Gloucestershire – High School for Girls	7	Avon – Chew Valley	7	Wiltshire – Kingsdown School

Avon Players in Mexico

Chris Coles and Josh Green were selected for the Junior World Championships in Mexico. The championships will run from 16th April 2010 – 24th April 2010. They have also both been selected on to the GB Talent Pool Programme. Congratulations to the boys and best of luck in the competition.

Coaching Courses

The South West team have been working to organise UKCC level 1 & 2 courses across the South West and details of these courses will be announced very soon. Please get in contact if you want any more information on these.

Please don’t hesitate to get in contact if you want any further information on anything detailed here, on my newsletter or just want to update me on what you or your club are doing.

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