

Coulsdon & Purley BC

Newsletter

November 2009

Christmas Arrangements

The Club's Christmas and New Year arrangements this year are as follows:

- 24-26 Dec closed
 - 27-29 Dec open, Mon/Tue evenings
Open Sessions
 - 30 Dec open, evening Tournament
 - 31 Dec open until 18:00
 - 01 Jan onwards, normal arrangements
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Work Intranets

If you have an intranet at work on which we may be able to place a listing please can you liaise with Jenny in the office (020 8688 1782).

The one or two that we have already in place have generated sufficient enquiries for either court bookings or membership to show their true worth.

Festive Tournament

This year's Christmas Tournament will be on Wednesday 30 December, 7:15 for a 7:30 start.

It will be a mixed event with partners changing throughout. Family and friends are welcome to take part.

Entry fees members £2, non-members £5. To enter either write your name on the list at the Club or email Tony on cpbctonyh@aol.com.

Shuttles

We are currently investigating different types of shuttles. A limited number of tubes in G1 where there were of acceptable consistency.

We would be importing these shuttles and need to guarantee they can supply the required volume.

If all works out then the change will happen over the summer. Our expenditure on shuttles is a significant part of our costs. These shuttles are considerably cheaper than our current supplies.

Membership Review

Following the renewals in September the Committee has reviewed the Membership structure and has decided that the following changes are required during the current economic climate:

Permanent changes

- new category age 25 and under, current rate £150
- the introducer bonus to be 10% of the new member's subscription, it will be paid as a cash payment once the new member's subs have been received or their direct debit is active

Changes for 2009-10 only

- second session rate reduced to £70
- members visiting a lower grade £2, subject to the session not being full these visits are unlimited

The reductions in the membership fees (but not the ad-hoc visitors' fees) are to be backdated to the start of the season. Those who pay by direct debit will have their monthly payment reduced. U25s are requested to contact Jenny in the office (southcroydonsc@btinternet.com) with their date of birth to claim the reduction. The reduction for two grades will be processed automatically.

200 Club

The first draw in the 200 Club this year was earlier this month. There are two monthly prizes with a Christmas and mid-summer bonus.

Shares are £10 each and the proceeds go to help keep the Sky TV. Sky costs £4,000 per year as we are classified as a business and are charged accordingly. Any additional revenue will aid the continuation of the service. Application forms are outside the office.

Forza Kit

There are no more men's large club shirts available. Forza's worldwide stocks are exhausted. Other sizes as yet unaffected.

We will shortly we receiving a small stock of racquets and shoes. Please contact Roger Penn (roger.penn@lineone.net) to either try on the shoes or test the racquets.

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Committee Vacancies

Ian Shenstone (G1) and Ian Robinson (Tournaments) have unfortunately tendered their resignations due to changing work patterns.

I would like to thank them both for all that they have done over a number of years.

Ian Shenstone led Grade 1 over the past three years. The Session Rep post is essential to the smooth running of the Grade.

Ian Robinson has revitalised the Club tournaments outside of the main grade tournaments with a variety of events throughout the year.

A Session rep is also required for Grade 4. Colin Peck is currently acting as a temporary rep in addition to being the Grade 3 Rep. A permanent Session Rep is required.

Volunteers are required for these positions. For further information on either post contact Tony (020 8680 3681 or cpbctonyh@aol.com).

Grade Tournaments

This year the grade tournaments will be held as follows:

	Men	Ladies	Mixed	Finals (*)
G5	15 Jan	15 Jan	22 Jan	15/22 Jan
G4	25 Jan	25 Jan	01 Feb	15 Feb
G3	04 Feb	11 Feb	25 Feb	11 Mar
G2	10 Feb	24 Feb	03 Mar	15 Mar
G1	23 Feb	02 Mar	16 Mar	24 Apr
Vets	11 Apr	11 Apr	25 Apr	11/25 Apr
RSng	18 Apr	18 Apr		18 Apr
Sing	30 Mar	30 Mar		24 Apr

(*) The G2-G5 finals will be played on session nights, though Session Reps will have limited discretion to move the date.

Finals Day when the G1 and the Singles Finals will be played is Sat 26 April. This will be followed by a social event.

Entry will be via forms on notice board in the badminton hall, with entry fees being collected on the night by session reps. No individual paper based entry forms will be issued.

Club History: 6 - 1945

Concluding the excerpts from the early club history by Mrs EE Toogood. The war is ending and the Club begins its transition to peacetime

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As the war drew to a close, it was obvious that the hall would not be available much longer. Each week saw more and more equipment coming in for storage until at last, it had to close down as far as Badminton was concerned. A meeting was called to decide on future action and there was a unanimous decision to carry on the Section as a post-war club, but how or where, was the big difficulty to be overcome. Late in the summer a final meeting of the Sports Association was called with the object of winding up the affairs of each section. It appeared that Badminton was not only the most satisfactory, but the only section that intended carrying on after the war. Fortunately, Mr. Leslie Price who was then acting as Chairman of the Committee was at the meeting and he added much weight to the arguments that ensued, particularly when it was made known that the accumulated funds of approximately £38 would be needed. The question as to whether the name of C. & P. Civil Defence was suitable was discussed but in view of the fact that, under reorganisation, Civil Defence might lose its significance, it was decided that the name Coulsdon & Purley Badminton Club would be more suitable. All these points were carried. In passing, it should be noted the Club badge incorporates the colours of Civil Defence.

We then started another weary search for a hall. Church halls were not to be had as it was hoped by the owners that pre-war activities would be resumed. Others like the Harrier's were still requisitioned and Biddulph Road (now leased as a flourishing dance hall) was the only place that we were able to book and that for only one evening a week. Later, we were able to get some odd bookings for matches, at the Adult School in Croydon. Very regretfully we had to limit the membership to twenty and a ballot was held to decide who would be the lucky ones. That season turned out to be the least satisfactory of all, a slippery dangerous floor, hanging lamps, a stove and piano too near the court all helping to make the game a farce. On top of that, it was very expensive. At the end of that season it was decided that unless something more amenable could be found we should close down.

At about this time it was discovered that Mr. Kerswell had an option of the Hall for use of the Sea Cadets and on being approached, he was good enough to arrange that we could hire the hall on the evenings for which, it was not wanted by the Cadets. He also consented to become President of the Club, which was then reorganised on a more permanent basis. At the same time Mr. (then Councillor) Sharp and Mr. A.W. Hayes accepted Vice-Presidencies. Having three sessions now available, old members were invited to re-join and with many new applicants we were soon full to capacity.

Later on, when the Sea Cadets disbanded, a new lease of the Hall was obtained for sole use of the Club, and exactly ten years after the formation of the Club, during which time I had not missed a session or a match, I had the great pleasure of handing over to more efficient hands, a flourishing club that had emanated from the friendships and comradeship of war and Civil Defence.

In conclusion, I am happy to have had a part in handing on to others the vast enjoyment to be had from 'knocking a bird about' and I sincerely hope that the fine spirit that has always predominated in the Club will continue for some time to come.