

Coulsdon & Purley BC

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New Shuttles

The committee has agreed to change to RSL shuttles. The cost of shuttles has generally risen and the AS range is generally the most expensive.

Over the past few years the amount that we have effectively put in to cover the costs of the main club has been eroded as not all of the shuttle price increases were passed on to the membership through increased subscriptions.

A big thank you to Roger Worms who has worked hard on this, including discussions with the manufacturers in China.

Robertson & Emms Master Class

We are investigating holding up to three master classes at the Club with Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms.

There would be up to 3 two hour sessions. we are hoping that this will be in November. There will be a charge for these sessions, it is estimated that it will be about £25 for juniors and £35 for seniors.

More information will be issued when it is known.



Finals Night 24 April 5:00

Finals day this year will start in the early evening with the outstanding finals from grades 2 and below. We hope to move on to the Open finals between 7:00 and 7:30. The schedule will be announced once all finalists are known.

AGM & Officers for 2010-11

The elections for officers for the next year will take place from during May.

The session officers will be elected by their sessions between 04 and 10 May. The main officers of the Club will be elected at the AGM on 19 May, 20:00.

In an attempt to increase attendance the AGM will take place in the badminton hall and interrupt the ongoing session. The day of the week will be changed annually.

This year two officers have been covering several roles and they have indicated that they would like to reduce their workload. Tony Hilton has indicated that he wishes to relinquish the Match and Tournament Secretary roles and Colin Peck does not want to stand as Grade 4 Session Rep. Nominations for these roles and any of the others are encouraged.

Free Friday Badminton

The Grade 5 session on a Friday has suffered a reduction in attendances.

Until further notice, the Committee has decided that all Members may attend for an additional session on a Friday free of charge. On any night, the Grade 5 Session Rep has the right to restrict visitors to manageable number.

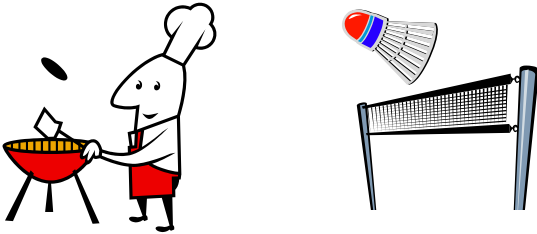
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Upgrading

Summer Sizzler



The Annual Summer Sizzler Handicapped Mixed Tournament will be on Sunday 27 June at 2:00 followed by a barbecue.

Courses

In order to try and recruit new members the Club has been running structured courses for intermediates and beginners on Mondays and Fridays.

Since the majority of local evening courses stopped running several years ago the flow of recruits at the lower end of the club has noticeably slowed down.

This is an attempt by the Committee to regenerate the Club and ensure the sessions remain viable. The courses are being kept under review to ensure that there is sufficient court space for grades 4 and 5.

The next courses start in the week of 12 April and last for 12 weeks.

Club Kit - Clearance offer



Forza change their ranges every two years. This year the kit will be changing in September.

There a very limited number of items of stock to clear:

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| Shirts (mens XXL; ladies S, M, L) | £10 |
| Scuba blue skorts (S, M, L) | £5 |
| Slate grey skort (XL) | £5 |

Contact Roger Penn (roger.penn@linone.net).

The club rules provide for two periods in the year when members may be put forward to be re-assessed for membership of a higher grade, these start in early May and early September.

The process is that the Session Reps of Grades 2 to 5 recommend a number of their members (normally about 8-10% of their total membership) who they consider to be at the top of their current grade. Those nominated will then be invited to attend the higher grade for three weeks and a decision made as to whether their standard is good enough to be accepted in to the higher grade.

Members may suggest to the Session Rep that they want to be considered - but it is the decision of the Session Committee (Session Rep & Session Captains) who make the final decision.

Senior members may not play in higher grades at other times.

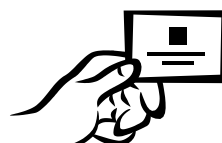
Upgrading rules for junior members within the senior section differ. The timing is determined by discussion between the junior coaches and the Session Rep.

Badminton Floor

The floor is now being washed in a neutralising solution once a week. Since we started doing this the floor has become less slippery and the number of complaints has significantly reduced. We continue to monitor the floor's condition and any comments are welcome.

The area on court 1 that bulged last year will be repaired again in April or May as some of the boards have collapsed.

Banners and Business Cards



Like other sports clubs, we are looking at having a number of advertising banners in the hall.

These are aimed at members and local businesses. There will be a small annual charge. Advertisers to supply their own banner.

We are also looking at having an area for business cards. Any questions please contact Tony or Jenny.