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CHANGE 4 LIFE COURSES

Thursday 18th November,
Walker Technology College
Wednesday 8th December
Bothal Middle School,
Cost FREE for Change 4 Life Schools

LEVEL 2 COURSE

27/28 Nov 12 Dec 23 Jan
Unity City Academy/Bydales Special-
ist Technology College
Cost: £350
Deadline 12 Nov

Welcome to the First BADMINTON England Regional Officer newsletter for Northumberland. 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 interested.

COMMUNITY BADMINTON NETWORKS

Within the region there are 4 CBNs based in Newcastle, North Northumberland, North Tyneside and South East Northumberland. 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.

Newcastle Badminton Partnership— Northumbria University has launched its new No Strings Badminton sessions on Saturday's 10.30am-12.30pm.

North Northumberland CBN— After school sessions for 11-15 year olds started at Coquet High School in September with good numbers attending

North Tyneside Badminton Partnership — No Strings Badminton in North Tyneside is offering all new players their first session FREE. Hadrian LC Wednesday 7-8pm, The Parks TBC.

South East Northumberland CBN— AGE Concern Badminton starts Thursday 4th November at Ashington Leisure Centre 1-2pm

NEWCASTLE MEDICALS REACCREDITED

Newcastle Medicals Badminton Club is celebrating having its Premier Club Status renewed. The club was the first badminton club in the County to achieve Premier Club status in 2005. The club which plays on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons at the Centre for Sport, Newcastle is certainly thriving with a new junior section, West End Cobras for 8 to 15 year olds and an ever-growing adult section. Norma Waterfield, who retired from her post at the end of November, commented "I am delighted that Newcastle Medicals BC has achieved Premier Club status again. There is a friendly, welcoming atmosphere at club sessions. The club thoroughly deserves its reaccreditation and I am sure that the club will continue to develop and expand."

New players are most welcome, West End Cobras train 5-7pm Thursday with adults following on 7-10pm, Centre for Sport, Newcastle.

NO STRINGS LAUNCHED AT NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

A new term at Northumbria University saw the start of the new No Strings Badminton launched. With over 100 students signing up for badminton during Fresher's Week, No Strings Badminton at Northumbria has provided the opportunity for many more students to access a more relaxed badminton session outside of the club structure whilst also giving new players the opportunity to try the sport for the first time. The start of No Strings has seen an average of 30 people attending, with numbers growing each week. Mark Dobinson, University Badminton Officer for Northumbria whose aim is to increase the amount of people playing badminton in the University commented, "No Strings Badminton gives people the opportunity to play badminton often for the first time. The positive part is that the numbers are continuing to grow which shows how popular badminton is with students". With the success of the first session, the University is looking to introduce a second session which can only help to grow the sport further.

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PREMIER SCHOOLS HEALTH CHECKS

With 7 Premier Schools in the County, Northumberland has the most Premier Schools accredited in the Country. This month saw Benfield School Sports College, The Blyth Community College, Churchill Community College and Cramlington Learning Village all sail through their Annual Health Checks giving them another year as Premier Schools. Other schools in the County accredited as Premier Schools include John Spence Community High School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Church High School and the newly accredited Coquet High School. The status of Premier School highlights the enhanced provision of badminton in the schools through the curriculum, extra-curricular, intra and inter school competition provided.

CENTER PARCS NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The first round 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:

Wednesday 10th November—Independent Schools Boys KS3

Friday 12th November—Newcastle-Benfield I

Wednesday 17th November—Independent Schools Boys KS4

Friday 19th November—Newcastle-Benfield II

Wednesday 24th November—Bedlington and Blyth; North Northumberland KS4

Thursday 25th November—North Northumberland KS3

Wednesday 1st December—Ashington

Friday 3rd December—Cramlington and Seaton

Tuesday 7th December—Morpeth and Ponteland

Tuesday 9th December—Churchill

Tuesday 14th December - John Spence

TBC—Independent Schools Girls

NEW OLYMPIC-STYLE SCHOOL SPORT COMPETITION PILOTING IN NORTH TYNESIDE

The new coalition government working with the YST have started the pilot of the Olympic-Style School Sport Competition. Tyne and Wear have been chosen as one of the areas to pilot the new competition style, with Badminton also having been chose as one of the sports for the pilot. During November In the lead up to the Center Parcs Competition, schools in the North Tyneside SSPs Churchill and John Spence, will be involved in the new central venue league fixtures cumulating with the Center Parcs SSP rounds in December. The aim of the Olympic-Style Competition is to provide more breadth and depth to school sport, allowing more children to play more sports in regular competition.

If you have any events, activities or news you would like included in the newsletter then please e mail me with a brief description and photo.

