

‘CHESHIRE CHAT’
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**CHESHIRE CBA PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE
THE ENGLISH BADMINTON AWARD.**

Roger Cash our President since 1998 was previously a Vice President, Council Member, League Representative and Tournament Secretary.

His work for the County Badminton Association goes as far back as the sixties and his connection with the Chester League a great deal earlier.

Badminton England will be agreeing a venue for the presentation in the near future.

The Chairman of Cheshire CBA said "***Roger is such a deserving recipient for his commitment to both League and County over so many years.***"

The citation is "For longstanding exceptional service to badminton in England"

Congratulations Roger!

The 2009 Marjorie Bryce-Smith Trophy was awarded to David Spencer in recognition of his contribution to badminton in Cheshire for his Club, League(s) and County. Whilst playing ability is not (on his own admission) his main claim to fame, the other key factors taken into consideration include service to the game and club loyalty, on both of which he scores very highly. Involved in club and then league



committees in the '80's he became an elected member of the CCBA in 1989, becoming Tournament Organiser in 1995. Adding the position of County Veterans Secretary in 1995, David became County Treasurer in 1999.

10 years on he still holds both positions and has added the job of Secretary of the Wirral League. He meets all the criteria for the Trophy, which was presented by CCBA President Roger Cash.

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The Arthur Evans Memorial Trophy was presented at the Annual General Meeting to Neil Cooper, a long time supporter of Cheshire badminton. As a player he received his First Team Colours in 1979 and by 1985 he volunteered to be a Team Manager and help to run the County Squad training. He was a County selector for five years and later became a member of Council, initially representing the Wallasey League and latterly the new Wirral League.

The silver salver was presented to Neil by Vice President Jean Evans.



DEVELOPMENT – 2009

John Ascroft, when completing his Badminton England contract last autumn provided a summary update of his activity for 'Cheshire Chat'. As readers will know the 'Chat' did not appear in the autumn so his summary is included in this issue.

COUNTY BADMINTON DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2009

There has not been a great deal of activity over the summer due to school shutdowns and holidays. However some primary school children enjoyed a sports week at William Beamont High School in Warrington where badminton played a part and following discussions with Badminton England and CCBA it has been agreed to again contribute towards the funding of a Community Sports Coach in the Lymm Schools Sports Partnership to continue to work in both high schools and primary schools in the partnership to develop badminton skills.

There have been a couple of level 1 coaching courses which have been well attended at Ellesmere Port and Alsager with a number of county club and junior players attending. Details of all forthcoming courses are on the Badminton England website.

Both Bidston and Millbrook have successfully passed the annual health checks for continued clubmark status. Also working towards clubmark are Christleton, Neston and Futures Badminton Academy.

A superb day was held at Alsager Leisure Centre when Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms attended to run one of their masterclass sessions. Players, both adult and junior, enjoyed being taken through speed and agility, technical and tactical routines by them and also having the opportunity to see their World Championship and Olympic medals. A great day was had by all and thanks must go to Crewe & District Badminton League for organising the event.

Editor's comment : 'In including John's report (albeit belatedly), the Cheshire CBA illustrate and recognise the contribution that John has made to our Association over the past 7 years, the latter two with the added responsibility to the national association.

Many thanks, John.'

DEVELOPMENT

As part of the Badminton England move forward toward a national network of full time Development Officers, Claire Wright has been appointed to the Cheshire area, and introduces herself in the following note:

"I am responsible for the local co-ordination of Community Badminton Networks and other aspects of badminton development in Cheshire, in line with the BADMINTON England 100 Point Plan and the County Badminton Development plan.

My aim is to work in partnership with local clubs, schools, leisure centres, the Local Authorities and the County Sports Partnership to ensure Badminton is delivered and promoted effectively. I am also the Regional lead for 16 – 19 Retention in the North West. The remit requires that I work closely with colleges and young people helping to create opportunities to ensure the continued participation in the sport of Badminton between the ages of 16 and 19 years old. I am a passionate badminton player myself, playing at Delamere Badminton Club in my spare time. I am based in Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership at Moss Farm Recreation Centre in Northwich. I can be contacted via email or telephone:



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I am happy to answer any questions and offer my support wherever possible."

Upcoming Events:

The North West is hosting the National Badminton Championships from the 5th – 7th February at the Velodrome in Manchester. Then later on in the year, from the 14th -18th April the European Individual Championships will be held at the MEN Arena in Manchester.

BRIAN CAINE

Brian, who died late last year was a vice president of the Association. An active member of the Wallasey League in the 1950's he became the Assistant Secretary of the Association from the late 50's until 1976 when he was appointed a VP. His wife, Shirley, was the Registration Secretary of the Association for the period 1977 - 75. On his retirement they moved to Ferndown in Dorset.

INTER LEAGUE EVENTS

The Len Knight Trophy won by Runcorn and Widnes League. Chester did not enter.

The Baxter Trophy was won by Chester League. Crewe, Wirral, Runcorn/Widnes and Chester Leagues took part.

The **Chester team** was:

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Men's singles - Luke Tanner

Ladies singles - Tara Moorcroft

Men's doubles - Steve Aylott and Andy Freshwater

Ladies doubles - Janice France and Sue Phelan

1st mixed - Kris Wood and Kimberley Rodgers

2nd mixed - Dave Vale and Chris Smith

Well done to all George Williams.

News from Warrington

We have a weekly badminton session now running at **Broomfields Leisure Centre** on a **Wednesday** from **5pm-6pm**, led by a qualified level 2 Badminton Coach. For further details contact eric.hilton1@hotmail.com

Also as of **Saturday 30th January** there will be a weekly session at Penketh High School running from 10am-11am led by a qualified level 2 Badminton Coach

JUNIORS SECTION

2010 Harrod Inter-County Tournament

Cheshire achieved 7th place in this prestigious U17 competition last year and a highest-ever 6th the year before, so this year's team will have high expectations resting on them. A squad of 15 players has started weekly training at the Trafford David Lloyd Centre. The final team of 5 boys and 5 girls will be selected in mid-February. The sessions, led by Mike Edge, will continue up to the start of the 4 day competition at Nottingham University in April, but the whole squad will continue training together so that any gaps due to injury can be filled if they arise.

The 2010 Squad

Claudia Heggie	Daniel Font
Amy Heron	Greg Mairs
Jo-Jo Minihan	George Li
Jenny Moore	Michael Phillips
Rebecca Pollit	Matt Riley
Claire Symeonides	Mike Roe
Rachel Vickers	Nathan Walker
Claire Weaver	

LATEST SHIRES LEAGUE RESULTS

Here are the latest positions from the Shires League matches. The U13 team were in at the deep end this season with their first two matches against Yorks 1 and Lancs, the strongest teams in the group. However, their position is improving as they take on the remaining counties.

	U13	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Yorkshire 1	4	4	0	0	8
2	Lancashire	3	3	0	0	6
3	Yorkshire 2	4	2	0	2	4
4	Cheshire	3	1	0	2	2
5	Cumbria	4	1	0	3	2
6	Lincolnshire	1	0	0	1	0
7	Northumberland	3	0	0	3	0

The U15 team is in strong contention for a place in the national finals, after winning their crucial match against Lancs on 10th January and so far only losing to Yorks 1.

	U15	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Yorkshire 1	4	4	0	0	8
2	Cheshire	5	4	0	1	8
3	Lancashire	4	3	0	1	6
4	Yorkshire 2	5	2	1	2	5
5	Cumbria	5	2	0	3	4
6	Lincolnshire	5	1	1	3	3
7	Northumberland	4	0	0	4	0
8	Durham	2	0	0	2	0

The U17 team is in a strong position but still has to beat either Yorks 1 or Lancs 1 to win a certain place in the Shires League finals in April.

	U17	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Yorkshire 1	4	4	0	0	8
2	Cheshire	4	4	0	0	8
3	Lancashire 1	2	2	0	0	4
4	Cumbria	4	2	0	2	4
5	Lincolnshire	4	2	0	2	4
6	Yorkshire 2	3	1	0	2	2
7	Northumberland	3	0	0	3	0
8	Lancashire 2	6	0	0	6	0

Airdrie Invitation Tournament

Cheshire was invited for the first time this season to send a team of 4 boys and 4 girls to this prestigious event held at the York RI on 5th and 6th December. This was the 40th anniversary of this 2 day combined team and individual U16 event which involved 8 county teams from England, Ireland and Scotland.

The Cheshire team members were:

Claudia Heggie	Adrian Lam
Rebecca Pollit	Greg Mairs
Claire Symeonides	Lucas Roberts
Claire Weaver	Nathan Walker



The team put in an exceptional performance against strong opposition, achieving an outstanding **2nd place** overall. Notable individual results were:

Boys Doubles winners Greg Mairs and Nathan Walker

Girls A Singles winner Claire Weaver

Overall Team placings were:

1. Buckinghamshire
2. Cheshire
3. Lancashire
4. Yorkshire
5. Lothian
6. Leinster
7. Nottinghamshire
8. Northamptonshire

STOP PRESS !!

Cheshire Victorious in Durham U17 Tournament

Cheshire was invited to enter a team in the Durham U17 tournament held on 24th January this year at the Dolphin centre, Darlington. Other counties competing in this enjoyable and competitive day's badminton were:

Leics, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Northumberland

The members of the successful team were :

Matt Riley
Tom Mullins
Michael Phillips
Nathan Walker
Mike Roe

Claire Symeonides
Jo Minihan
Rachel Vickers
Claire Weaver
Amy Heron

