**RDO Report for Newsletter – July 2023**

**Junior Friendly Matches**

There is a real enthusiasm in Midland area for more junior friendly matches. This would be an opportunity for juniors who may feel a bit intimidated playing in tournaments but are happy to play alongside their friends in a club match.

So far Wing BC, NEFBA Jaguars, Dundee Nomads & Glenearn BC have all indicated they are keen to organize matches next season.

**Working with Perth Active Schools**

In partnership with Active Schools in Perth & Kinross, Badminton Scotland delivered a Badminton Basics course for pupils as part of their leadership program at the North Inch Community Campus.

It is hoped some of the participants will work with their local ASC to run lunchtime/after school clubs in their areas.

**New Junior Club for Kinross**

There is exciting news for Kinross BC in its 60th year with a new junior club starting up next season.

Club Chair, Tom Foot, has been instrumental in getting the new junior club off the ground. Badminton Scotland have worked with Tom to make sure club volunteers were trained up and prepared. The club ran a Badminton Basics course earlier in the year for the members who will be working with the children. Badminton Scotland and Disclosure Scotland will ensure volunteers will have PVG in place.

The club is going through Shuttlemark accreditation process with Badminton Scotland as well as PACES the Live Active accreditation scheme. This will give parents & guardians the confidence that the club is well run and will mean Active Schools in Kinross can promote the club through taster sessions and marketing material to parents.

So far at least 20 children have expressed interest in the new club through word of mouth, so there is a real appetite for a junior club.

Juniors players are the future of our sport so it’s great to work with enthusiastic club members like Tom who are willing to give something back and start up a junior section.

Any club in Midland area will be given as much support as necessary if they are keen to start a junior club.

**Glenearn BC**

The women only doubles ladder is now open for entries. The event is taking place on Sunday 27th August 12pm to 3pm at Perth College UHI.

The event is for over 18’s and the cost is £10 per player. It is open to players of all standards.

To enter please use link below:

[www.glenearnbadminton.co.uk/womensladder.php](http://www.glenearnbadminton.co.uk/womensladder.php)

**Dundee Area**

Conversations have started with interested parties, including Dundee Area Badminton Association, Active Schools and coaches about growing junior participation in Dundee. Dundee Nomads BC, with Steve Cummings at the helm, does a fantastic job coaching children from age 4 years all the way through to adulthood. If we can encourage more clubs to adopt this approach we would see a big increase in participation figures across Scotland.