

June 2023 RDO Update: Borders and Lothian

Youth player development

10 players from the Borders area competed in the National Primary Schools Championships in Perth earlier this month. 5 from Duns BC and 5 from Peebles BC. The new RPS also started this month and hopefully there are more talented young players from Borders area. 7 players attended the 1st session.

Coaching and courses

We are recognise for our sport to grow it is important to have more coaches. Last month we had a Badminton Basics Course at Edinburgh where we had 13 participants. It was great to see a variety in the age of the participants on this course. This month we had UKCC Level 1+, we had 5 participants on the course in Edinburgh.

Winchburgh Development

Winchburgh is a village in West Lothian area, the new development has been named one of the most exciting growth and expansion projects currently in the UK, with over 3,400 new homes being built according to the West Lothian Council website, including a £60.7 million project new schools and sport centre in the village, it has 2 sports hall each with 4 badminton courts.

In April we started a new junior club in the village which is becoming increasingly popular. Many thanks to the volunteers Ewan, Senthil, Tushar, Tushara and Active West Lothian Development Officer Kathryn Dalglish. I would also like to congratulate badminton young leader Tushara Rajaram, who often helps out at the Winchburgh Junior Badminton Club and JABS, on winning the BYITC Sports Inspire Award held at Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

LGBTQI+ Event

Edinburgh Racqueteers BC organised a LEAP Sport National Badminton Competition in Edinburgh on 25th June. This LGBTQI+ badminton event happens every year - around 40 people attended the event. Everyone enjoyed it, showing badminton as a welcoming sport that can bring everyone together with no barriers.

Get Involved: World Badminton Day

Last, I would like to promote an event in beginning of July. 5th July is the World Badminton Day. To celebrate this date we are running Double Ladders Open Badminton sessions which are free for Badminton Scotland affiliated members. The event is at St. George's School, Edinburgh. Please come and join us.

 [Adults Ladders Competition 16+ \(6PM-9:30PM\)](#)

 [Juniors Ladders Competition only age 8-15 \(2PM-5:30PM\)](#)