

Regional Development Officers (RDOs)

Promoting, organising and growing badminton in Scotland.



Tayside, Fife & Central: April 2024

Perth

Perth & District Badminton Association League

Thirteen teams entered the PDBA league for 2023/24, one more than in 2022/23 with Glenearn D making a welcome return to the league.

Six teams competed in Division 1 with some closely competed matches, particularly between the mid-table teams. Forgardenny*, whose team has steadily improved over several years, was undefeated all season and crowned league champion. Forgardenny displaced Perth 20, which had won the league in each of the previous ten seasons.

Seven teams took part in Division 2 and Crieff B, Glenearn C and Kinross B all looked capable of winning the division with the eventual winner only decided when those teams completed their final matches. It was Glenearn C that secured the Division 2 title with a win over Crieff B in their final match of the season.

It's been encouraging to see young talent improving in several of the league teams, particularly Blairgowrie. The success of Forgardenny in nurturing talented young players who have developed into a league winning team should inspire today's emerging talent.

PDBA Cup & Trophy

In the end-of-season cup and trophy events, where each team's score is handicapped, it was Perth 20 that won the PDBA cup for Division 1 teams, perhaps some consolation for the Perth 20 players after missing out on the league title. In the PDBA trophy event for Division 2 teams, Glenearn C won the trophy to complete a league-trophy double. In a curious outcome, Glenearn B finished bottom of Division 1 facing relegation to Division 2 whilst Glenearn C's Division 2 victory means it faces promotion to Division 1!!

*Perth Village Wins Badminton 1st Division

At last after 10 years there is a new name on the Perth & District Badminton Association League Division 1 trophy, and it's Forgardenny BC. Although a small village Forgardenny has

produced a winning team able to compete against bigger clubs. Four members of the team were born & bred in Forgandenny, and first picked up a racket in the village hall. Apart from one member the rest stay in the village or in one of the neighbouring villages.

Badminton hasn't always thrived in the village and without the enthusiasm & determination of Nigel Scobie, the club wouldn't be in the position it is now. Having a willing volunteer who put time in to encourage locals down to the club, regardless of their badminton ability, helped. The other major factor was encouraging juniors to take part, these juniors are now the stalwarts of the winning team. The older players encouraged the youngsters, despite having to avoid pool balls accidentally chipped onto the court by teenagers desperate for a game of badminton but having to play pool while they waited.

The club is now on an upward trajectory with plans to start a junior section at Perth High School after the summer, and possibly field a 2nd team in the leagues. A small village, willing volunteers and a great team spirit built over years of playing at the local village hall have culminated in producing the best team in Division 1.

Neither wonder Forgandenny is proud of its badminton club.

Photo of some of the winning team.

Pictured from left 2 right is Ian Scobie, Lee Scobie, Aimee Smith, Christy Laird, David Morrison and David Yeaman.

Missing from the photo is Jill Taylor who played in every match, and Molly MacDonald who made a valuable contribution to the team.



Glenearn Women's Doubles Badminton Ladder

Saturday 20th April at Perth College UHI was the venue for another great afternoon of badminton.

Superbly organised by Ross Paterson with help from Kirsten Lindsay the women had three rounds of games, with two groups in the first round then splitting into three groups for rounds two and three. The group winners in each round were as follows:

Round 1

Group 1 winners – Joan Columbine & Susan Hunter (Fortrose)

Group 2 winners – Laura Doig & Gabrielle Plasman (Glenearn)

Round 2

Group 1 winners – Stella McClure & Aleks Paszkiewicz (Glenearn)

Group 2 winners – Gosia Kujawska & Alison Karley (Glenearn)

Group 3 winners – Ruth Moodie (Glenearn) & Kayleigh Fowler (non-club)

Round 3 and medal winners

Group 1 winners – Joan Columbine & Susan Hunter (Fortrose)

Group 2 winners – Victoria Salisbury & Janice Scougall (Crieff)

Group 3 winners – Laura Doig & Gabrielle Plasman (Glenearn)

It came down to the last Group 1 game of the day to decide the overall winners when Joan Columbine & Susan Hunter took on Stella McClure & Aleks Paszkiewicz. Joan and Susan played well to clinch the medals with Stella and Aleks having to settle for runners up. The winners, Joan and Susan, travelled all the way from Fortrose to take part – great effort and hope to see you at the next one.

Fife

NEFBA Jaguars Have a New Name and Home.

After playing in Cupar for many years NEFBA Jaguars have been forced to move out of their home town. Lack of affordable courts meant the club couldn't keep expanding and building up its junior section.

Renamed Fife Jaguars the club will now play out of Glenrothes High School on Thursday evenings. Work has already begun to spread the word about the club through Active Schools network in Glenrothes. Onwards & upwards for this vibrant club who have done such a great job opening up opportunities for children in East Fife.

Stirling

Badminton Scotland in partnership with Sports Development Officer at Stirling University ran a successful badminton ladder competition for recreational players at the university club. With over 20 students taking part the competition was ability based so everyone could find their level. We hope to run more of these events next season.

Dundee

Badminton Scotland in partnership with Amina (MWRC) and Dundee Discovery Shuttlers have organised a women only badminton ladder at Menzieshill Community Hub. The event is aimed at Muslim women in the community, and is on the back of badminton sessions and the Badminton Basic courses that have run in the last 18 months.

The emphasise has been on the physical & mental health benefits badminton can bring to all ages in the community. With 20 women signed up it will be an opportunity to play some competitive badminton in a friendly atmosphere.

Coaching Course

There will be a Level 1 Course running on 27th & 28th April 2024 at Woodmill HS, Shields Road, Dunfermline. The Assessment Day will be on Sunday 12th May also at Woodmill HS.

For more information, or to book onto the course please go to Badminton Scotland website.

If you want any help or advice please get in touch via jane@badmintonscotland.org.uk