

Chairman's Report AGM 2025

The club remains very active with the number of members remaining reasonably stable between 50 and 60 according to the listing on Playwaze. It has been good to welcome several new members over the course of the year, who have found out about the club via the club website. We have also had the pleasure of having a few visitors over the year who joined in our club nights while they were in the area.

Club night attendances levels have fluctuated over the last 12 months and this is believed to be due a couple of factors, namely the over commitment of league teams impacting the ability of league players to attend club nights and a series of injuries/illness to some of our well-established members. Whilst there is little the club can do to affect the injury/illness issues we have taken the decision to vastly reduce the amount of league teams for the forthcoming season and will only be supporting the West Dorset Badminton League with one team instead of the previous 4 teams. As we have not had any contact from the South East Somerset League it is unclear if the club will be supporting that league next year.

On the subject of league teams, I would like to thank everyone that played for our teams over the last 12 months; unfortunately we did not feature in the top of the league tables but I hope that those that participated enjoyed playing different people at a higher level. The club are always looking to get players participating in leagues, so if you are interested then please let me know.

I still have some concerns, particularly in respect to change of management of the Sports Facilities as we still have not agreed terms with them, but more of a concern, is the lack of members attending club nights and in particular, Friday evenings which as we currently stand, is not viable in the long term. We are keen to ensure that club nights are well attended, so please expect to see a questionnaire soon seeking your views in respect to club night attendance.

The club is still in a financial healthy state, but will allow the Treasurer to provide a full explanation of the financial situation when he delivers his report.

I would also like to conclude my report, by thanking the other members of the Committee who have strived tirelessly to help run the club whilst my work commitments have hampered my ability to get to many of the club nights.

Ian Day
Chairman GBC