

Good Morning everyone

A few points first before the usual recap:

If you have a look at the new groups for May on the site, some of you will notice that you have lost ground on where you think you should be placed as of last month. We had to add in more players and are now up to 83 participants as well as move some players who were in the wrong place but did not reply to the previous e-mails asking to what level they played at. A list of the new players can be found in the news section here [http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page\\_1238664420781.html](http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page_1238664420781.html) If you think you have heard some of the names before, you may well have done as there are some very talented and promising junior and senior capped players joining us this month for a piece of the action!

The groups are now relatively evenly matched and you can all see that after approx group 5 or 6 most players have lost approx 10 positions because of the new additions. We have incorporated both your results from last month, ranking lists, final standings in the West and Churches leagues, coaches input and anything else we could lay our hands on in order to have people in the correct position.

We (yes we are now a we) have a committee of six members, these people volunteered their time and between us have listened to all the feedback received this month and made the required changes to the site, rules and pools. The reason for this is to spread the work and to add different perspective, also to stop one person spending on average 3-4 hours per day updating, fine tuning and replying to everyone's e-mails.

We have updated the rules as we are now another £42 out of pocket because of people booking courts and not paying or not turning up, please try and remember if you do not cancel your court the centre does not know if you are coming or not and cannot let the court out to others. There is also a "pay before you play" rule in the Cockburn. This reflects on all players but it also means that we cannot negotiate a discount on court hire as we have an outstanding bill caused by the league putting us at a severe disadvantage.

On the subject of being out of pocket, all the costs (web design, domain names, hosting, time) have been met by one person so far; So we have discussed asking for a £1 per month donation from all players to cover all of the costs for one year, this was changed to £10 for one full year as we will continue to run the league on a permanent basis with the full support of the centre and halls committee keeping members of the league exempt from requiring a centre membership (£20.00 per year, this will probably rise this coming season). Some have pledged more but we feel this cost is reasonable to cover the costs so far and administration etc.

One main use of this fund will be to bulk buy shuttles; by doing this we can get cheaper shuttles and then pass on the saving to our members for use in their games each month. Even if you use one tube per month per pool, the saving on this alone is more than the yearly donation so if we pool together we will all see the benefit! Next on our agenda is to try and reduce the court hire price, we have all proven we are a force that just wants to play badminton and have fun at all levels. The centre, Glasgow City Council and BadmintonSCOTLAND have all noticed what is going on and are very interested in the league, in fact it has been a major talking point this month for an awful lot of people in badminton circles.

So with that all done:

Rules can be found here: <http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page001.html>

How to book courts can be found here: <http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page003.html>

Groups can be found here: <http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page002.html>

And you can report your scores here: <http://www.singlesleague.co.uk/page007.html>

If you have any feedback on anything above or the league in general please do not hesitate to drop us a line at [cockburnsinglesleague@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cockburnsinglesleague@hotmail.co.uk) and be sure to join up with us on Twitter for regular fun updates at <http://twitter.com/SinglesLeague>