

Essex Junior Squad Report 2015

Shires League fixtures

The junior's achieved mixed results in this year's Shires League.

U13s – Although the team drew with Surrey 1, they won the remaining matches – came 4th overall and achieved direct entry to Shires Finals in Wolverhampton on 31st May. They then went on to win the National Finals for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all members of the team and to Jenny Chu the Team Manager for all her work in getting them there.

U15s – Finished in 19th position. Rather a struggle to get players to make themselves available – Jenny Chu has agreed to manage the team next season.

U17s – Finished in 21st position – again very difficult to select the strongest team.

ICT – 9th to 12th April 2015

This year's ICT team members were:

Jonathan Tang, Josh Foot, Brandon Ngooi, Louis Bowman, Ryan Harman

Rosemary Allen, Chandana Nagaraj, Millie Limrick, Anneliese McAlpin, Ashleigh Smith

Coached by Andrew Brunning, Steve Bish, Emma Skingsley and Phil Turrell.

The team finished in 13th place out of 36 counties who entered.

Training Sessions.

We ran a series of training sessions for all age groups this season led by Steve Bish and Andrew Brunning, which went down well with the players who actually attended. At the start of the season we estimated the total cost of the programme to be around £2000. In the end the actual cost was around £1500, due primarily to the fact we used shuttles recycled from other events. The coaches are keen to build on this success and will be making proposals for next season.

Tournaments

Essex CBA ran numerous junior tournaments in all age groups at Redbridge and at William Edwards, however profits were much lower than previous season, due in part to the new Admin Fee introduced by Badminton England. We will need to take a good look at entry fees for next season.

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