

Week One

The badminton league season returned with one of its new sides, East Thurrock, playing its first game in the Ladies Premier division. Unfortunately, it was not a successful start to their campaign as they lost 6-0 to Chelmsford Casuals, who finished third in the league last year. Liz Gotts, Lesley Pallett, Susie Olorenshaw and Pam Lee made up the winning team for Chelmsford ladies. Leanne Wall and Courtney Downey came closest to grabbing a point for East Thurrock.

In the division, Eastwood Seconds and Greensward shared the spoils in a 3-3 draw. Lorene Roberts won all three of her rubbers for Eastwood while Mandie Breed, Tracey Haylett and Carly Horsler all won two each for Greensward.

B&BP were relegated last year and played an Eastwood Seconds side that had only just avoided relegation, but there was nothing to choose between them in the Mixed First Division as six of the nine rubbers went to three sets. Emma Clark and Daniel Potter won all three games and were supported by one win from Tasmin Collinge and Adam Cooper and Dawn Eagon and Paul Harvey. Debbie Moon and Gary Webb got two wins for Eastwood with Laura Whiteman and Dave Virgo and Adrian Watling and Lorene Roberts getting one each.

The first game in the Masters Premier saw Greensward Seconds take on Westcliff. Tim Baskett and Robert Dunn both won all three of their rubbers for Greensward and were supported by two from Mandie Breed and Tracey Carey as they won 5-1. Adrienne Munro and Barbara Childs got the one for Westcliff in the ladies doubles.

Finally, the Southend and District Badminton Association is holding its first junior tournament of the season on Saturday the 25th November at St Thomas More high school from under 12's up to under 18's. There is girls singles, boys singles, girls doubles, boys doubles and mixed doubles with the closing date for entries the 17th November. For further information, please call Debbie Moon on 01702 557759 or email moonsathome@aol.com