



MASTERS BADMINTON

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England tops the medal table at the World Senior Championships



70 players and an impressive 35 supporters made the trip to the BWF World Senior Championships in Kochi in September. The English team mainly stayed at the Marriott, which was excellent despite the discovery that it was dry and without a bar - something to add to the check list before the next major!!

Local support was enthusiastic and the event was well organised, although the chaotic local traffic conditions made travel between the venue and hotels interesting especially at rush hour!

The medal table speaks for itself, with top accolade going to Christine Crossley and Jim Garrett, who both achieved an impressive 2 gold and 1 silver medal.

		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	Total
1	ENG	10.5	6.5	13.5	30.5
2	THA	5	4	5	14
3	RUS	5	1.5	2	8.5
4	JPN	4	6	16	26
5	GER	4	3.5	5	12.5
6	DEN	2	1.5	3	6.5

Masters Policy Group – Who are we??

We are a dedicated group of self-confessed badminton geeks who form a voluntary committee called the Masters Policy Group. We work closely with the Competition Team at Badminton England and are one of the only Committees with the ability to be 'masters of our own destiny'.

We were formed in 1998 and initially tasked with running Inter County Competition and supporting a Masters Tournament circuit. This has grown to incorporate increasing participation in Masters' badminton and undertaking seeding and selection for

National and International Tournaments. We also support an annual match against Scotland and the Nations Cup where several European Nations compete in a team format.

We meet around 4 times per year to discuss different topics and put plans in place for whatever is coming up next. We also get an enormous amount of help from County Masters Co-ordinators and more recently Development Officers, and (we believe!) we are the No 1 in the World for administration, structure and playing standard at Masters level.

JOIN US!

If you are a badminton geek (sorry but that's compulsory!) and are interested in joining the group we periodically look for people with different skills. Currently we are looking for someone who might support in seeding and selection, particularly someone with good knowledge of the tournament players in the lower age groups.

If you are interested please contact Roy Carder on royccarder@gmail.com.

History of Masters Badminton

Part 1 – The Challenge

The Challenge came about when the late Ken Milne from Hampshire was offered sponsorship for a badminton event in the County in April 1983. At the time, although there was an existing event for individuals in the form of the All England Veterans Championships, there was no Inter-County competition for teams. And so "The Challenge" was born.

After deliberations, the first event was set to be contested by 8 counties in reasonably close proximity geographically in November 1983. The format was one men's doubles, one ladies' doubles and 2 mixed doubles. All players were required to be 45+ on Jan 1st 1983 and eligible under normal BE rules to play for their county.

The first round was an American style tournament consisting of one set for each discipline with all counties playing each other. The top two counties then played each other in a final with all matches the best of 3 sets.

The counties that took part were Hampshire, Berkshire, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire, Avon & Somerset, Buckinghamshire and Middlesex. The tournament was won by Surry with Middlesex as runners up.

The Challenge has grown and grown over the years, and is now contested in multiple age groups, more than one division and at multiple venues around the country.

What's Coming Up?

Masters County Championships – This year's Championships have already started and matches are underway. Why not go along and support your local team!

Masters Tournaments

- Oct 27-29 – Kent Gold
- Nov 3-5 – Northumberland Silver
- Nov 18-19 – West of England
- Dec 1-3 – National Championships

Masters County Challenge – This is a single weekend of competition in January split across five different venues. Over 125 county teams and 1200 players compete in age groups from 40+ to over 70+ in five year age bands. Fiercely competitive is complemented by a social event on the Saturday night.

Download the [Tournament Calendar](#) here

Play Masters Badminton

If you want further information about playing Masters Badminton in your county at any level, whether you are a new, returning or already active player, either check your county's web site for contacts like the Co-ordinator / Development Officer or go to the

[Masters County Championships](#) page on the BE Website site and download the County Handbook which will give you contacts details.

The [Masters Competition Page](#) will provide you with links to other tournaments and competitions.

