

Management Report 2011 - 2012

Doncaster Templestowe Badminton Association Incorporation (DTBA)

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Dear Members,

The Management Committee is pleased to share with you that 2011-2012 has been an exciting and eventful year for DTBA.

The format of this year's report has been altered in terms of the structure and contents. Members' participation rate is one of the additions to the report with data captured and collated with the introduction of our membership card processing software.

It is also a timely reminder to our members of their expectations of the Committee and of our supervisors.

Thank you to our:

- ✓ Committee – for their sacrifices and assistance
- ✓ Members – understanding, support & patience
- ✓ Supervisors – hard work and perseverance
- ✓ Coaching group – for their dedication
- ✓ All volunteers – for their continuous support

Stay healthy and enjoy your badminton!

Charles Lee
DTBA President – For the Committee

Highlights of the Year

- The club recorded a healthy operating surplus
- We continue to enjoy a solid membership numbers
- We continue to attract a huge demand for memberships
- Consistent *members participation rate* in all our social and internal competition sessions
- 97% of our members are now issued with *membership card*
- 92% of our membership have access to computers
- Three octogenarian in our membership base
- Successfully organised the club's *Inaugural Graded Tournament*
- Resurrected the *DTBA Newsletter*
- We now boast one National senior player in the Australian squad
- Increase in *coaching interest*
- Two *Life Membership* nominations
- We have revamped MNC
- Our Veterans continuous strong participation of the Victorian Badminton Veterans Association (VBVA) organised Veterans Competition

Moments of Reflection

- Badminton related injuries
- Willful damage to properties
- Increased number of reported injuries
- Increased number of reported lost properties
- A higher number of incidence of line disputes
- Personal disputes
- Members' expectations

Our Administration

- Monthly Committee meetings
- Quarterly review with our supervisors
- Monthly meeting of the Competition Sub-Committee (CSC)
- Quarterly reviews of Coaching Group
- Monthly liaison with MRA
- Organised bi-annual club dinners and term socials
- Management of the club's website
- Communication with our members
- Grading our members
- Liaison with MRA on the Management of our facilities

Health of Club

Summary for the Year

Our Finances

The club is in a solid financial position as forecasted. A quick summary of our finances for 2011-2012 is as follows:

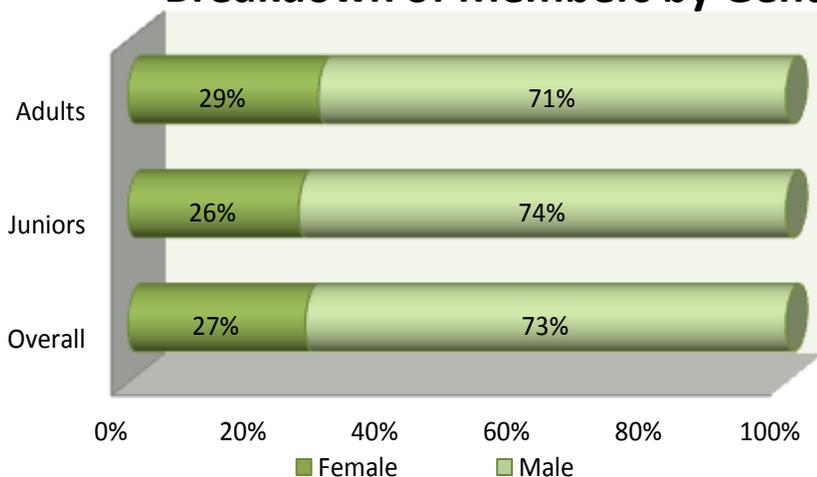
- Gross takings of about \$150,000.00 (about \$128,000.00 for 2010-2011)
- Operating Surplus of more than \$17,000.00 (a little over \$5,000 in 2010-2011)
- Please refer to the Audited Financial Statements for details.

Our Memberships

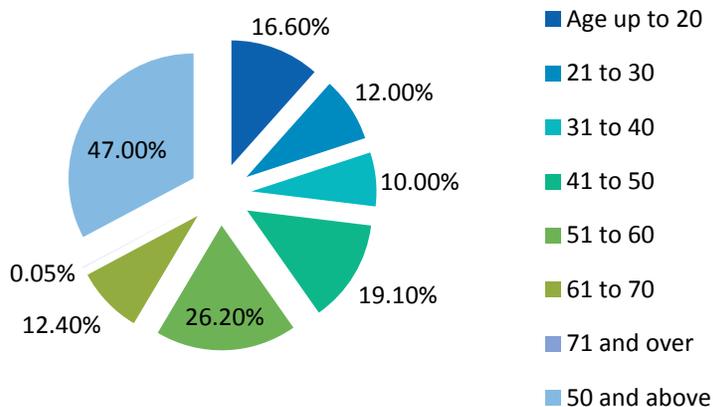
We have a manageable membership number of about 560 members at the end of June 2012. The breakdown of the membership number:

- There are currently 81 junior members
- There are 479 adult members.
- There are about 220 membership applications on our register

Breakdown of Members by Gender



Breakdown of Members by Age Range



Membership Cards

We had a big drive to issue a membership card to all of our members. We have now managed to issue membership cards to 97% of our membership base. We will endeavour to track down the elusive remainder 3% of our membership.

Email Address

We also had a big drive to encourage our members to share their email address with us. We are delighted with the results. 92% of our membership has provided us with their email address, which is the club's preferred method of communication with the members.

Three Octogenarians

The club is also very proud to have three Octogenarians amongst our membership.

Two of these Octogenarians are actively participating in the club's social sessions whilst the other member is playing social competition at another venue. One wonders how they maintain their longevity.

Great Work and Happy Badmintoning!

Inaugural Graded Tournament

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Competitions Sub-Committee, the club has successfully organised its first Graded Tournament.

Our members who participated in the event portrayed a true spirit of the game and we would like to extend a sincere appreciation for their support of this inaugural tournament.

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament and for the vanquished, do not despair there is always next year or next time. We look forward for a bigger turn-out for our next tournament!

Member Participation

Overall we have an impressive participation rate from our members for our social sessions. We have a 100% participation rate for internal club competition. Below is a breakdown of the participation rate by session.

*Note: Participation is a percentile of the number of members participating in a session against the agreed cap number of players for the session.

Session Times	Participation	
	Percentage (%)	Numbers
Monday Night Competition	100	48
Tuesday Morning Session	85	48
Tuesday Evening 1 st Session	95	36
Tuesday Evening 2 nd Session	95	36
Wednesday Evening Session	95	48
Thursday Morning Session	85	48
Thursday Evening 1 st Session	67	36
Thursday Evening 2 nd Session	95	36
Friday Juniors Session	95	48
Saturday Afternoon Session	88	48
Sunday Evening Session	69	48

Usage of our Facilities

We have the following arrangements with the Doncaster Primary School (DPS):

- Access to the hall from 4.00 pm Mondays to Fridays during school terms (35 hours per week)
- Full access to the hall on Saturdays and Sundays (26 hours access time over the weekend – usage from 9.00 am to 10.00 pm)
- Five (5) hours day access to the hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during school term
- Full access to the hall during school holidays (total additional access hours of 35 hours)
- DPS has access to the hall for 8 evenings for the year (reduced access for DTBA – 56 hours)

Total weekly access to the hall is **66 hours** ; Our current weekly usage of the hall per week is **60.5 hours**
Percentage usage of the hall weekly is **92%**

DTBA Newsletter – Talking Point

A club our size with such a large membership base should have no problems to generate enough Talking Points.

With this in mind and with the dedication of our Chief Editor, Simon Gan, we have resurrected the DTBA Newsletter appropriately termed “Talking Points” with our first edition published in early July.

Future editions of “Talking Points” will be published on our website.

Contributions in any shape or form are most welcome from the members. After all, this newsletter is about DTBA, our members and the game of badminton. Keep up the good work Simon!

Nathan’s Olympic Dream is still alive & kicking

It has been Nathan Tang’s dream to one day represent Australia in Badminton for the Olympics. Nathan is ranked 6th in Australia and with his selection into the Oceania backup squad, Nathan is one step closer to achieve this dream. DTBA is very proud to have a senior National player in our ranks

Well done Nathan – Keep up the great work!

Lifetime Memberships

As a non-profit social sports club, we rely on our members to provide voluntary services in some shape or form. It is also important that we recognise members who have provided the club with such dedicated services. It is a very small reward for a huge sacrifice from these fine and diligent members.

With sincere appreciation, Life Memberships are awarded to **Mr. John KOK** and **Mr. John QUAY** this year.

The awards will be presented at the forthcoming AGM, so please come along and share the proud moment with them

*Note: Life memberships are presided through nominations from our members. Our club rules stipulated that two (2) life memberships can be offered per year.

Revamp Monday Night Competition (MNC)

This year the Competitions Sub-Committee (CSC) recommended a revised format for the club's internal Monday Night Competition.

Instead of the usual four (4) competitions, it was revised down to two (2). The duration for each of the competition season is slightly longer.

Most of our regular MNC members are comfortable with the revised format and also a slight adjustment to the "handicap" system

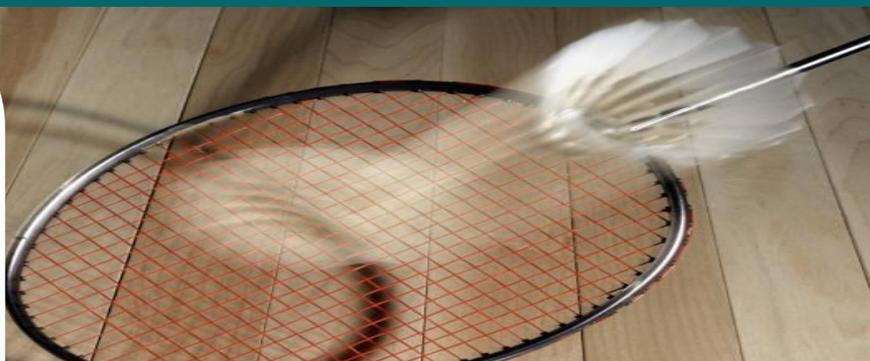
Well done and keep up the good work!

Veterans Competition

There is a new team in the block – Doncaster DEMONS (C Grade).

It is great to see the buzz amongst our regular members of the BV organised Veterans Competition

The Dragons (B Grade), the Dingbats (C Grade), Pussycats (E Grade) aptly renamed the CATS – so watch out for the PURRING CATS!



Our Coaching Programs

There are two coaching clinics supported by the club. These coaching clinics are managed by a group of dedicated members of the club with most attaining the Badminton Victoria Level 1 accredited coaching certificate. More volunteers are needed to ensure longevity of these two coaching programs - contact the Committee if you can assist.

DTBA will consider a subsidy to Coaching Accreditation courses attended by members (Some Conditions may apply).

Project Small Fry

- We are into our 4th year of this great partnership with DPS and enjoying continuous success
- Students participation in the high 30's
- This partnership with DPS will continue for many more years
- To learn more about this program - visit the club's website, www.dtba.info and click on "Our Coaching Programs" from the home page.

Sunday Coaching Clinic

- Primary objective - to encourage "beginners" of all ages to take up the game of badminton
- Clinic time – on most Sundays from 9.00 to 11.00 am
- Program available for members and non-members
- Participation cost is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non members
- Attendance at these coaching clinics is consistently high and limits on the number of attendees have to be set at some sessions.
- There is a proposed modification to the format of the coaching clinic, effective 2013



Time for Reflection

▼ **Badminton Related Injuries**

Common badminton related injuries are the knee, elbow, shoulder and ankles

About 48% of our members are age 50 years and over.

Our body takes a longer time to recover as we get more mature in age

So please take the necessary steps to keep our body healthy to ensure longevity in this game.

▼ **Willful Damage to Properties**

There were a few reported incidents of damage to member's cars with private properties stolen. In August, we had a damaged front glass door.

The club will do its utmost to mitigate these incidents and we strongly encourage our members to be vigilant. The Council had recently re-connected the floodlight located at the kindergarten. Additional street lightings are planned for 2013.

▼ **Lost Property**

There were more reported cases of lost property this year. Please be vigilant with your personal properties.

▼ **Increase in incident on line disputes**

There is a noticeable increase in the number of line disputes. Please refer to the guidelines on Members Etiquette which provided some guidelines on social play.

▼ **Personal Disputes**

It is inevitable that not all of us can get along with every member. However, this does not mean we cannot be civil when we are allocated to play against each other.

The Committee would like to encourage members that personal disputes are kept where they are – personal and private- and not brought onto the courts or in public. More importantly our supervisors (regular for the session or relief) should not be sandwiched or dragged into the dispute(s).

▼ **Members' Expectations**

Manage members' expectations by our group of supervisors: Our supervisors will endeavour to provide "balanced" games for all players. At times this may not be possible. Also, our supervisors will endeavour to provide consecutive games to players where possible.

Our supervisors are provided guidance to manage the use of shuttles. There should not be more than two (2) new shuttles used per game. Our supervisors are encouraged to give preference to our members at any social session. They have done a great job in this aspect with the exception of a couple of instances which are beyond their control. A bit more understanding, patience and support would be much appreciated by all.

Our Administration

■ **Management Committee**

The elected Secretary Mr. Graeme Harding resigned from his post due to personal reasons.. He was replaced by Committee member Mrs. Jennifer MORCOM.

David Yeung also resigned from the Committee due to work commitment. The vacant Committee member positions were filled by Mr. Simon Gan and Mr. Kim Kan.

Sincere appreciation to the Committee members who filled up the vacant positions. Committee Meetings are held each month.

■ **Quarterly Supervisors Review**

Quarterly reviews are scheduled with our supervisors to ensure two way communications between our supervisory group and the Committee.

■ **Monthly Liaison with MRA**

DTBA works closely with MRA to ensure that the facilities for badminton are managed efficiently and effectively for the enjoyment of members at affordable costs. In addition, DTBA/MRA continuously explores possibilities of increasing badminton facilities in Manningham to meet the ever increasing demand.

■ **Monthly Review by our CSC**

Our Competitions Sub-Committee held monthly meetings to:

- Review MNC players handicap and to see that they are updated timely & fairly.
- Plan for inter-club competition
- Plan for the next Intra-club Graded tournament

■ **Quarterly Review by our Coaching Group**

Our coaching group will schedule quarterly reviews (end of each school term) to:

- Review recently conducted program
- Fine tuning program for next term
- Work out schedule of volunteers

■ **Club's Functions**

The club's two formal functions continue to enjoy great support from our members.

Quarterly pizza/noodles social functions were organised annually with enthusiastic support from our players.



MRA – An Update

MRA continues to perform an important role in the delivery of sporting and recreational opportunities in Manningham. It operates under a highly efficient, low cost and well-tested community facility management model which incorporates volunteerism at all levels of its operation.

In 2011, the focus of MRA efforts has been to strongly advocate for and contribute to further planning for the development of multi-use indoor sports facilities at Manningham DISC to meet the future needs of sports such as badminton, table tennis, gymnastics and basketball. For badminton, MRA has proposed to include eight (8) additional courts into Manningham DISC. Additionally, Badminton Victoria has also formally supported the inclusion of new badminton facilities into the DISC development project.

However, in its Annual Budget for 2010/2011 and forward capital works program, Manningham Council eventually opted to give funding priority to the development of two (2) additional courts for Bulleen Boomers Basketball Club. Hence the funding for Manningham DISC forward capital works program may now not flow in until the 2014/2015 financial year at the earliest.

Another important challenge for MRA has been to respond to Manningham Council's call for Tender to manage and operate community indoor stadiums into the future.

MRA has already lodged its tender for the existing facilities that MRA manage and it is currently under assessment by the evaluation panel. If successful, MRA will need to submit a transition plan to Council, changing from existing arrangements to agreed specifications.

You will be advised after Manningham Council has announced the Tender result.

Our Website

Our website is one of our primary sources of communicating with our members and will continue to be so. We strongly encourage our members to regularly browse through our website for the latest updates on the club activities.

Grading our Members Skill

Our adult players are graded to assist supervisors in organising balanced social games. Members are encouraged to discuss with our Supervisors or Committee Members (if one is available) if you do not agree with our grading. Currently, the breakdown of our members' grades is as below:

1. 135 - Grade 1
2. 140 - Grade 2
3. 130 - Grade 3
4. 90 - Grade 4

Managing our Facilities

We liaise with MRA to adhere to their propose annual maintenance schedule of our facilities. A defibrillator was installed by MRA as part of this partnership with MRA. Cleaning of our facilities is undertaken by Jani-King. They have done a reasonable job to date

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