

December 2008

Tournaments to come in early 2009

Sunday, 25th January	U11 (Yr 6 and under) Boys & Girls Doubles	9.30 am
	U15 (Yr 10 and under) Boys & Girls 'A' Singles	9.30 am
Sunday, 15th March	U13 (Yr 8 and under) Boys & Girls 'A' Singles	9.30 am
	U10 (Yr 5 and under) Boys Singles	9.30 am
	U10 (Yr 5 and under) Girls Singles	11.30 am
	U10 (Yr 5 and under) Boys & Girls Doubles	2.00 pm
Sunday, 1st March	Primary Schools Team Tournament	

All the above tournaments will take place at Stevenage Leisure Centre.
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On behalf of everybody involved with HSBA, I (Ken Winchester) should like to take the opportunity to wish Joan Walters a speedy recovery.

Joan is recuperating in Potters Bar hospital after a serious illness and we very much hope that she will be allowed home shortly.

Since her initial role as Treasurer when her own children were in the squad, Joan has acted as a guiding stalwart to HSBA for over 30 years. It is of enormous significance that she has been ready to assume the reins when, in the past, our Association has encountered difficult times.

Since 1987 Joan has worked diligently as Tournament Secretary for the Open Tournament and her hard work has provided valuable financial help to the benefit of all our players, including the subsidised level of our squad fees which would otherwise be substantially greater.

Please get well soon Joan as we need you back where you belong!

U17 Shires League

Scott Williams, Matt McCloskey, Laura Bygrave (U17 Squad) (on the way to badminton)

The U17 Shires league season started with a home fixture at the HSV. The opposing Cambridgeshire players were no match for the strong Herts team looking to build on its success in the Shires league from the previous season. After taking all four mixed games comfortably, Hertfordshire dominated a weak Cambridgeshire resulting in a 15-5 victory.

We continued with our excellent form into our second home fixture on Sunday 9th November against Lincolnshire. Emily, Helena and Ryan returned to bolster the side for what was expected to be a hard match as it was a top of the table clash. However, Hertfordshire once again blew the opposition away with a crushing 19-1 victory. Its been a fantastic start for the U17 squad, hopefully this is a sign of things to come.

Leicester U12 Invitation Doubles

Philippa English and Cayleigh Bambrick (U13 Squad)

On Saturday, 11th October, there was an U12 doubles tournament in Leicester. From Herts, four girls pairs and three boys pairs entered. This is a report about the girls matches - the pairings were: Amy George/Isabel Hatt, Cayleigh Bambrick/Philippa English, Renu Dhall-Chopra/Ellie Makewell and Eleanor Fitton/Zoe Taylor.

The day started off well, with all pairs winning their first match. In one of the second matches, Philippa slipped and really hurt her ankle in the middle of a game, after diving for a shot. She came off and had to sit out for 25 minutes, after which she was fortunately raring and ready to play. Isabel/Amy, Philippa/Cayleigh, Renu/Ellie all got through their boxes to the quarter finals. Eleanor and Zoe were very close, just missing getting out of their box by a few points.

In the next round, Amy/Isabel and Ellie/Renu won their quarter final games but Cayleigh/Philippa lost 21-19 to a Derbyshire pair. Then it was the semis and Ellie/Renu did well playing the Nottinghamshire pair, but lost 21-15 and 21-12. Amy/Isabel won their game, so it was up to them to see if they could beat Nottinghamshire in the final. They narrowly lost the first game 21-19 but came back to win the second game 21-9. It was all down to the last game and thankfully Isabel/Amy pulled through after being amazingly down 20-15 to win for Hertfordshire in a nail-biting dramatic finish. Well done Amy and Izzy!

First HSBA Tournaments of the Season

Barbara Lewczynska

15 Boys and Girls 'B' Singles / U13 Boys and Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles

The first HSBA tournament of the season was entered by over 150 children,

The U15 B singles saw some excellent support from our stalwart schools such as Haberdashers' Boys, St Albans, Owens, and some new ones such as Yavneh College, and Ashlyns. There were nine boxes with everything to play for.

The plate event saw Visakan Navayogaarajah win over Yossi Goodlink 21-10 in the semis, and the other semi had John Whittaker beating Thomas Latter 21-15. The final was a victory for John Whittaker.

In the main event the semi finalists were Alex Lethem, Daniel Farrugia, Junsong Clarke and Anish Khiroya, but it was Junsong Clarke who was the eventual winner over Daniel Farrugia.

The girls event, a little less well supported and playing in two boxes, had Lizzie Airey winning the main event over Hannah Last, and Chloe Hammond beating Abigail Lacey in the plate final

The biggest entry of the day was in the under 13 boys doubles, again very well supported by Habs and St Albans, but a fine array of other Hertfordshire schools too. The scores were all very close with most pairs winning at least one game in the box rounds but in the end the main event went according to the seeding with Lyall Daniels/Mohammad Khaku meeting Matthew Widdicombe/David Maughan in the final, Matthew/ David winning.

In the plate event final Rory Briers/Daniel Sweetnam had several close games getting to the final and finishing by beating Bhavik Shah/Christopher Combemale in another tight game.

In the girls event, again with only three boxes, Isabel Hatt/Amy George beat Renu Dhall-Chopra/Ellie Makewell in the final to take the shiny trophies home, and in the plate Celia Binns/Harsimran Sahotay won a very close semi-final against Laura Jennings/Lia Willis 22-20 before losing the final to Laura Thomas/Sarah Witty.

Fifteen lucky boys managed to bag a girl for the U13 mixed competition, and whilst there wasn't a great deal of talking going on whilst on court (funny that!), we saw some great partnerships emerging. In the plate Renu won another medal with partner Greg Benson beating Rishav Shah/Ying Cen Tee in the final, and in the main, another medal for both Matthew Widdicombe/Isabel Hatt, who beat David Maughan/Rachel Hibberd to win the trophy.

Apologies to anyone who had their photo taken for the website, I inadvertently deleted the whole lot off the computer by mistake!!!!

Better luck next time.

Results

U15 Boys 'B' Singles

Final **Junsong Clarke** beat Daniel Farrugia 21-10
Semi-finalists were Alexander Lethem and Anish Khiroya

Plate Final John Whittaker beat Visakan Navayogaarajah 21-16

U15 Girls 'B' Singles

Final **Lizzie Airey** beat Hannah Last 21-15
Semi-finalists were Charlotte Barton and Lucy Binns

Plate Final Chloe Hammond beat Abigail Lacey 21-9

U13 Boys Doubles

Final **David Maughan/Matthew Widdicombe** beat Lyall Daniels/Mohammed Khaku 21-10
 Semi-finalists were James Abrams/Rishav Shah and Greg Benson/Casper Siu
 Plate Final Rory Briers/Daniel Sweetnam beat Christopher Combemale/Bhavik Shah 21-17

U13 Girls Doubles

Final **Amy George/Isabel Hatt** beat Renu Dhall-Chopra/Ellie Makewell 21-7
 Semi-finalists were Zoe Taylor/Ying Cen Tee and Cayleigh Bambrick/Philippa English
 Plate Final Laura Thomas/Sarah Witty beat Celia Binns/Harsimran Sahotay 21-16

U13 Mixed Doubles

Final **Matthew Widdicombe/Isabel Hatt** beat David Maughan/Rachel Hibberd 21-9
 Semi-finalists were Jack Goode/Cayleigh Bambrick and Lyall Daniels/Laura Monk
 Plate Final Greg Benson/Renu Dhall-Chopra beat Rishav Shah/Ying Cen Tee 21-15

School / Club Affiliations

Since the last Newsletter 2 more clubs have affiliated - All Saints and Much Hadham. Some league matches have been played but no results are available at present.

One more senior school has also affiliated - St Albans Girls High School.

All players in the affiliated schools are awarded points for places reached in the knock-out rounds of the HSBA tournaments. The U18's, having completed all their tournaments in one day, resulted in Chancellor's and Parmiters in first and second places in the boys section. The girls section was won by St Albans High with St Francis College in 2nd place. I should point out that both Parmiters and St Francis College only had one player entered in the tournament. U15 and U13 age groups have one more tournament to play. The points for all age groups are as follows:

U18 Boys

1	Chancellor's	114	
2	Parmiters	70	
3	Haberdashers' Aske's		47
4	Richard Hale		42
5	Sherrardswood		30
6	Hitchin Boys	21	
7	St Albans	12	

U18 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High		177
2	St Francis College	44	
3	Presdales		42
4	Queenswood		36

U15 Boys

1	St Albans	132	
2	Chancellor's	59	
3	Hitchin Boys	36	
4	Haberdashers' Aske's		31
5	Richard Hale		29
6	Sherrardswood		17
7	Mount Grace		11
6	Parmiters	5	

U15 Girls

1	Chancellor's		79
2	St Francis College	57	
3	Queenswood		26
4	Mount Grace		24
4	St Albans Girls High		24
6	Watford Girls Grammar		13
7	Presdales		8

U13 Boys

1	Haberdashers' Aske's	175	
2	Sherrardswood	61	
3	St Albans	86	
4	Richard Hale		50
5	Lochinver House	75	
6	Hitchin Boys	41	
7	Parmiters	22	
8	Ralph Sadleir		18
9	Chancellor's	7	

U13 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High		62
2	Ralph Sadleir		41
3	Watford Girls Grammar		33
4	Mount Grace		25
5	Sherrardswood		16
6	Chancellor's	4	

Second HSBA Tournament Day

U13 Boys and Girls 'B' Singles / U15 Boys and Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles

U13 Girls 'B' Singles

Shayna Godin (Dame Alice Owen School)

The tournament was very fun to be in and the matches were good. The whole day was very well organised and most of the matches went straight on without a delay. First you play everyone in your box and then the winners play each other in the next round. The winners of the boxes were Shayna Godin, Bethan Gray and Libby Jennings who won all of their matches. The rest of the people in the boxes played the other people who came in the same place as them in another box. All the finals were best of 3 matches to 15 points. The place final was between Stacey Charlton and Tara McDonald with Stacey winning. The main final was between Libby Jennings and me. Both finals were very good matches and I managed to win the tournament. Overall the day went very smoothly and was very enjoyable and some good badminton skills were shown by everyone.

Result

Final **Shayna Godin** beat Libby Jennings 15-13, 15-6
Semi-finalists were Vanshi Shah and Harsimran Sahotay
Plate Final Stacey Charlton beat Tara McDonald 15-8, 15-5

No report of the Boys U13 'B' Singles but there were lots of very close games.

Result

Final **James Abrams** beat Elliot Reidy 21-12
Semi-finalists were Alasdair De Costa and Thomas Latter
Plate Final Tom Simpson beat Charlie Anderson 21-12

U15 Boys Doubles

Louis Walpole (St Albans School)

An excellent entry of 46 boys participated in the above event at Stevenage and all the matches proceeded quickly and efficiently.

In the quarters of the main event Dale Maddox/Oliver White, having beaten Oliver Ng/Vincent Chan 21-17 had a smoother win against Mitch Chapman/Michael Peak but lost in the semis to Dan Hatt/Mark Sadler. In the other half Nick Barnett/Daniel Regan had a tougher game against Conor Bambrick/Max Hodgkinson who had reached the semis beating first Steven Barnes/Edmar Thompson 21-7 and Edward Byrne/Gareth Lumb 21-13. The final was won by Dan/Mark.

In the plate George Dobson/Gary Parker had a smooth run to the final apart from a 21-19 win against Oliver Davis/Anshul Shah in the quarters. In comparison, Sam Gan/Luke Short had to fight closely all the way to the final and repeated this knife-edge scoring in the decider, but this time losing out to the winners George/Gary. Well done to everyone who took part and a special thank you to the organisers for another great event.

Result

Final **Daniel Hatt/Mark Sadler** beat Nick Barnett/Daniel Regan 21-10
Semi-finalists were Dale Maddox/Oliver White and Conor Bambrick/Max Hodgkinson
Plate Final George Dobson/Gary Parker beat Samuel Gan/Luke Short 21-19

U15 Girls Doubles

Cayleigh Bambrick (U13 Squad)

On Sunday, 9th November, there was an U15 Girls Doubles Tournament at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Twenty four girls had entered from all over Hertfordshire. There were three groups. In the first box there were 3 doubles pairs, in the second box there were 4 and in the third there was also 4 pairs. In each box the top two went into the main event and the bottom two went into the plate event. Alex English/Georgia Pittson had a bye into the semi-finals. The quarter finals were Cayleigh Bambrick/Pui Yi Tam versus Chloe Bungey/Jessie Northen. Cayleigh/Pui Yi won 21-19. The other quarter final was between Hannah McLaren/Kirsty Southey and Hannah Last/Rachel Hibberd. Hannah/Kirsty won so the semi-finals were Cayleigh/Pui Yi versus Alex/Georgia and Hannah/Kirsty versus Any George/Isabel Hatt. Cayleigh/Pui Yi and Hannah/Kirsty won the semis and Hannah/Kirsty went on to win the final.

Now onto the Plate event. The finalists were Reena Tarkhala/Isabel Batchelor versus Lizzie Airey/Lexy Richards and Lizzie and Lexy won.

It ended up as a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Result

Final **Hannah McLaren/Kirsty Southey** beat Cayleigh Bambrick/Pui Yi Tam 15-10, 15-7

Semi-finalists were Alex English/Georgia Pittson and Amy George/Isabel Hatt

Plate Final Lizzie Airey/Lexy Richards beat Isabel Batchelor/Reena Tarkhala 15-3. 15-7

U15 Mixed Doubles

Matthew Widdicombe (U13 Squad)

On 9th November, at Stevenage Leisure Centre, after the U15 doubles had been completed, the mixed event took place.

There were 11 pairs split into three groups, two groups of four pairs and one of three.

In group A, Daniel Hatt/Georgia Pittson were the winners, winning all their games and second were Luke Short/Lizzie Airey going into the main knockout tournament. In Group B, with only 3 pairs, Howard Stobo/Hannah McLaren were the winners and Dale Maddox/Anna Collis were runners-up. Lastly group C was won by Conor Bambrick/Alex English with Matt Widdicombe/Isabel Hatt as runners-up.

The winners of Groups A and C had byes through to the semi-final. Group A winners were to play Dale/Anna who had beaten Matt/Isabel 21-15 and Group C winners were to play Howard/Hannah who had beaten Luke/Lizzie 21-14.

The overall winners were Dan/Georgia who beat Conor/Alex in the final having previously beaten Dale/Anna 21-15. Conor/Alex got to the final beating Howard/Hannah 21-11

The plate event was won by Edward Byrne/Chloe Bungey who beat Steven Barnes/Ellie Makewell in the final and Mitch Chapman/Philippa English in the semis 21-16. The other semi-finalists were Gareth Lumb/Jessie Northen who lost 21-14 at this stage, having beaten Max Hodgkinson/Cayleigh Bambrick 21-17 in the play off round

Result

Final **Daniel Hatt/Georgia Pittson** beat Conor Bambrick/Alex English 21-12

Semi-finalists were Dale Maddox/Anna Collis and Howard Stobo/Hannah McLaren

Plate Final Edward Byrne/Chloe Bungey beat Steven Barnes/Ellie Makewell 21-14

Tournament Success

At the beginning of November Conor Bambrick/Dale Maddox beat Sam Murray (Ex)/Gregory Pearson (Bd) 15-13, 9-15, 16-14 to win the doubles gold at the Anglia U15 Silver tournament.

The same weekend at the Anglia U13 Bronze tournament, Cayleigh Bambrick/Philippa English won silver medals as doubles runners-up in a group of 7, losing only to Lucy Eyres/Devon Minnis (Nf) 17-21.

Squad News

U13s Off to a Flying Start

Marion Conway

The season started well with fourteen of our players taking part in the Leicester doubles where Isabel Hatt and Amy George won the girls section and 3 other pairs also reached the play off. Renu Dhall-Chopra and Ellie Makewell reached the semi-finals.

So far our matches in the Shires League have gone well. We have played 4 matches and have won them all with a comfortable margin - Norfolk and Bedfordshire 20-0, Lincolnshire 17-3 and Buckinghamshire 14-6. Although our core team has been the same for each match, 12 members of the squad have played in at least one Shires League match. Unfortunately, Lincolnshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire could only field 3 girls so some of our players had fewer games, particularly annoying when the team has travelled a long way.

We have also taken part in the regional round of the Team Challenge which we won by a clear margin only losing 4 rubbers during the whole day.

And finally we played a Boys 'B' match against Oxfordshire which we won 18-3.

Well done all of you. It has been a good term and we look forward to further success in the new year.

U17 News Round-up

Pat Walker (U17 Assistant Manager)

Tournament Results

Middlesex Silver U17 Singles Semi-finals Andrei Donko and Scott Williams
Norwich Silver U17 Doubles Isabelle Sadler won bronze

Sussex Silver U17 - a good day for Herts doubles partnerships
Winners Laura Bygrave/Ying Yi Tee
Runners-up Matt McCloskey/Scott Williams
Semi-finalists Andrei Donko / Dan Hatt
Andrei, Dan and Laura all reached the singles quarter finals

Wycombe U19 Singles/Doubles winner Helena Lewczynska

Oxford Senior Satellite Semi-final Helena

Staffs Open Singles Quarter final/Mixed semi-final Emily Westwood

HBA Senior Restricted Singles runner-up Ryan McCarthy
Singles Winner Emily
Singles Runner-up Helena
Doubles Winners Helena / Emily
Doubles Runner-up Daniella Farsiani
Mixed Runner-up Helena

Congratulations to both Emily and Helena for their International selections. Emily played in the U17 Danish Cup. Both Emily and Helena played in the Northumberland U19 International - England won, beating Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Sweden. Emily reached the quarter finals in both singles and mixed.

At the Premier Weekend Emily made her debut for the Senior County 1st team, while Helena and Ryan played for the Senior County 2nd team. Andrei and Laura have played in a Senior County 4th team match and Andrei, Laura and Ying played for the Herts U21 team.

The U17s have been invited to help with the U11s and so far Tom Dion-Fehily has spent a couple of evenings there. Others have also agreed to take part.

Friendly Matches

Herts 30 - Oxford 1

Team: Conor Barford, John Elms, Dan Regan, Iain Robinson, Alex English, Heather Myers, Steph White, Claire Widdicombe

Herts 9 - Surrey 11

Team: Ross Barnes, Tom Dion-Fehily, Richard Gentle, Iain Robinson, Alex English, Daniella Farsiani, Heather Myers, Claire Widdicombe

Shires League

Herts 15 - Cambridge 5

Team: Andrei Donko, Elliott Miles, Matt McCloskey, Scott Williams, Laura Bygrave, Jo En Choi, Ying Yi Tee, Steph White

Herts 19 - Lincs 1

Team: Andrei Donko, Ryan McCarthy, Matt McCloskey, Scott Williams, Laura Bygrave, Helena Lewczynska, Ying Yi Tee, Emily Westwood

Herts 20 - Beds 0

Team: Andrei Donko, Dan Hatt, Matt McCloskey, Scott Williams, Laura Bygrave, Laura Bygrave, Daniella Farsiani, Ying Yi Tee, Emily Westwood

Third HSBA Tournament Day

U11 Boys Singles

Barbara Lewczynska

In the very noisy bowls hall the U11 boys event saw a good array of club, school and county entrants - noisy yes, but extremely well behaved too (just a little over excited). The competition, run extremely smoothly by Sangeeta and Liz, transferred to the main hall for all the semis as we had run out of time in the bowls hall. In the main event, Rajan Lal, Zach Daniels, William Butler and Sam Newlove all reached the semis, with Sam finally emerging victorious over Zach in the final.

In the plate, apparently overrun by pupils from Norton St Nicholas, three NSN boys reached the semis (Conor Snell, Charlie Hall and William Newton) plus Max Titterton from Purwell School. Much to the delight of Mrs Gentry Charlie came out on top beating Max in the final. There will be a lot of medals to give out in assembly at that school!!!

Result

Final **Sam Newlove** beat Zach Daniels 21-12
Semi-finalists were Rajan Lal and William Butler
Plate Final Charlie Hall beat Max Titterton 21-9

U11 Girls Singles

Aimee Hodgkinson & Ellie Makewell (U11 Squad)

Hello, my name is Aimee. I am 10 years old - and I hit my leg with my racket and it hurt a lot!!! I can't write more as I have to leave for a match.

Aimee has gone to a county match so this is Ellie. I am very happy because I won the U11 singles. It was a great day. Thank you to all the organisers.

In the U11 girls there were 4 boxes full of hard working players. The tournament was split into a main event and a plate event. In the semis it was me v Keya Patani. I won 21-7. The other semi was Lia Willis v Sophie Vernon. Lia won 21-19, so Lia and I had to play in the final. It was hard but in the end I won.

It has been a great day - thank you to everyone.

Result

Final **Ellie Makewell** beat Lia Willis 21-9
Semi-finalists were Keya Patani and Sophie Vernon
Plate Final Keziah Cossey beat Jessica Marshall 21-10

After much arm bending and a few bribes Laura was persuaded to write the following. However, being the charming girl she is, it wasn't long before she had most of the other members of the squad roped in, and judging by the peals of laughter, I think they quite enjoyed it, so well done to everyone who was involved.

U18 Singles and Doubles Tournaments

**Laura Bygrave plus assorted members
of the U17 Squad**

U18 Boys and Girls Singles

Fifty three boys and girls turned up to the HSBA U18 singles. Whilst the girls enjoyed their lie in, the boys began. With some tantalising badminton, we ended up with ten box winners along with the runners up in the main event. With 14 getting byes to the last 16, 6 boys were left to fight for a place in the main event. After a nail-biting set of quarter finals, with 50% of them resulting in a score of 21-20, the semi finals ended up with Ryan Mc playing Dan Hatt and Elliot playing Arjun.

Dan and Ryan kicked off with some breath-taking rallies, then whilst Ryan attended to his shoe lace, and Daniel to the oil slick on court, Elliot and Arjun began. The two exhilarating games seemed to go on forever. After a war of spectacular rallies, we ended up with Ryan beating Dan 21-18 and Arjun barging his way past Elliot 21-15.

The final was set, Ryan with a new shirt from his colourful wardrobe and Arjun ready to go. Arjun pulled off some sizzling trick shots and Ryan some immense smashes. Ryan whipped shots left, right and centre, with Arjun trying his hardest to muscle them back. After a crunching match that left Hitesh S and Sally Mc quivering, Ryan emerged triumphant.

Meanwhile 20 boys battled it out in the plate event, and after a well fought set of rounds John Elms, Richard Tan, Tom Newton and Iain Robinson progressed to the semis. With Richard beating John 21-9 and Iain beating Tom 21-16, the final was set. It was a very tight game with Iain just winning.

While the boys were dominating the hall, the girls started to arrive. The girls were in 4 boxes and eight qualified for the main event. The tension was already building. Many parents were on the edge of their seats as the quarter finals began. After 4 very exiting and close games Stephanie White, Anna Collis, Alex English and Laura Bygrave found themselves in the semi-finals.

The final was an entertaining and hard fought match with Anna holding her own at the turn round before Laura's experience, extra height, and strength came into play and she ran out winner .

In the plate event Emily Stacey, Beth Kirby, and Pui Yi Tam all had qualifying rounds to reach the semis, whilst lucky Claire Widdicombe had a bye. Although it wasn't always an easy run for Claire who had a tough match with Pui Yi (22-20) to reach the final where she beat Emily Stacey.

Results

U18 Boys Singles

Final **Ryan McCarthy** beat Arjun Shah 21-17
Semi-finalists were Daniel Hatt and Elliott Miles
Plate Final Iain Robinson beat Richard Tan 21-19

U18 Girls Singles

Final **Laura Bygrave** beat Anna Collis 21-11
Semi-finalists were Stephanie White and Alex English
Plate Final Claire Widdicombe beat Emily Stacey 21-12

U18 Boys and Girls Doubles

After all the excitement of the singles, surely it couldn't get any better!!

The boys started with 5 boxes and 12 pairs progressing to the main event. In the quarter finals two games went to 21-15 and two went to 21-16, with Arjun/Ryan, Alex Regan/Ben Goodson, Andrei Donko/Dan H and Scott Williams/Matt McCloskey being victorious. The semis saw some gripping badminton, with Arjun/Ryan beating Alex/Ben 15-8 and Scott/Matt beating Andrei/Dan 15-11. The final was an exiting game with Ryan and Arjun coming through to win.

Meanwhile in the plate Chris Fisher/Paul Taylor, Andrew/David Maughan, Max Hodgkinson/Oliver White and Giuliano Morreale/Thomas Middleditch fought hard to reach the semis, and the competition ended with the Maughan brothers beating Max and Oliver.

In the girls doubles there were 2 boxes with six pairs progressing to the main event. Ying Yi Tee/Laura Bygrave, Anna Collis/Alex English, Heather Myers/Claire Widdicombe and Isabelle Sadler/Daniella Farsiani all reached the semis. The final which saw many parents covering their eyes as nerve racking rallies went by, finally concluded with Ying/Laura beating Isabelle/Daniella. In the plate event the remaining three pairs played a round robin format which saw Emily Stacey/Aimee Couch winning the box and Sarah Baldwin/Jess Johnson coming runners-up.

Results

U18 Boys Doubles

Final **Ryan McCarthy/Arjun Shah** beat Matthew McCloskey/Scott Williams 21-15
Semi-finalists were Ben Goodson/Alex Regan and Andrei Donko/Daniel Hatt
Plate Final: Andrew Maughan/David Maughan beat Max Hodgkinson/Oliver White 21-18

U18 Girls Doubles

Final **Laura Bygrave/Ying Yi Tee** beat Daniella Farsiani/Isabelle Sadler 21-16
Semi-finalists were Anna Collis/Alex English and Heather Myers/Claire Widdicombe
Plate Winners Aimee Couch/Emily Stacey

U18 Mixed Doubles

Barbara Lewczynska

By this time, at the end of a fairly long day the report writers had had enough, but they all did very well with the reports above. The mixed doubles was only about 40 minutes behind schedule, and the entrants comprised of fifteen pairs of the usual suspects. Eight pairs progressed to the main event Scott/Ying, Elliott/Isabelle, Andrei/Daniella, and Arjun, who had cleverly managed to persuade Charlotte Willis to be his partner, otherwise he would have had to carry on reading that physics textbook he had with him, pretending to do some revision!!! In the end it was indeed Arjun/Charlotte who ran out the worthy winners, but to be fair to the runners-up Elliott/Isabelle, they only managed a short rest after their previous game.

In the plate event Gareth Lumb/Alex English, Dale Maddox/Anna Collis, Chris Fisher/Emily Stacey and Chris Belfield/Bethan Griffith all reached the semis, with Dale and Anna winning in an incredibly close final, beating Chris/Bethan.

Results

Final **Arjun Shah/Charlotte Wilis** beat Elliott Miles/Isabelle Sadler 21-19
Semi-finalists were Andrei Donko/Daniella Farsiani and Scott Williams/Ying Yi Tee
Plate Final Dale Maddox/Anna Collis beat Chris Belfield/Bethan Griffith 21-19

From the Editor: Thanks to all who contributed - more, please, for next time.

On behalf of the HSBA Committee I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2009.

Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Thursday, 12th March**.

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