

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**



**County
Squad**

**Chairman's Report
April 2010**

All of the County teams i.e. U13, U15 and U17 level have performed well this season. The U13's and U15's qualified for their National Team Challenge Finals and acquitted themselves extremely well.

The U13's and the U17's have now qualified for the National Shires League Finals which will take place during the next couple of months at the Hertfordshire Sports Village at Hertford University. It also looks as though the U15's squad will join them but they still have two County fixtures to complete but the signs look positive.

The U17's squad are now looking forward to the ICT Tournament which takes place over Easter in Nottinghamshire. This is a superb event with over forty English Counties taking part over a four day period. Once again we would expect Nottinghamshire to feature within the top five as we have done for the last seven or eight years.

The two annual residential events at Lea Green in Derbyshire took place in January and February and were very successful – all of those taking part thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and many thanks as always to the County coaches for supporting both events.

For the first time this year the County will be hosting a joint presentation evening in early May for the County schools squads, the Junior Clubs, the Senior County squads and the County Vets. This should be a very enjoyable event and will bring together for the first time the four core strands of Nottinghamshire Badminton.

With regard to former junior squad members, I felt very proud of what has been achieved by Nottinghamshire Schools Badminton during the last fifteen years when I sat and watched the English National Championship Men's Doubles Finals in Manchester in February of this year. Three of the four players came from Nottinghamshire and have now represented England at Senior International level on many occasions. Congratulations to 'old boys' Nathan Robertson, Anthony Clarke and Christopher Adcock. They will also be joined at the forthcoming European Individual Championships next month by fellow Nottinghamshire Senior Peter Mills. Congratulations to you all.

Once again, many thanks to all our Coaches, Administrators, Committee Members and Squad members. Enjoy the summer!

**Paul Adcock
Chairman**