

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY VETERANS REPORT 2010-11

We have again had a full season of league matches, 39 in total. Including 4 Midlands play offs and two league finals. This could have been more if two teams had not dropped out of the over 40 league after fixtures had been agreed.

We also entered 5 teams in the ICC Yeylex competitions.

29 ladies and 36 men represented the county in the ICC Leagues and the Yeylex Team Tournament. Injuries and illness have affected selection but my thanks to all who played, especially those called upon at the last minute.

INTER COUNTY LEAGUES

Teams were entered in all age groups except the over 60's due to lack of players. All teams played in the Midland Region this year. The results were as follows:-

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	WINNING DRAW	LOSING DRAW	LOST	POSITION
O/40 1st e1111 st team	4	4			0	1st
O/40 2 nd	4	1	1		2	3rd
O/45	6	4	1		1	1st
O/50 1 st team	6	5			1	1st
O/55 2 nd team	8	8			0	1st
O/65	6	5			1	2nd

Congratulations to all teams. Four teams won their groups and qualified for the play offs. The O/40 2nd team having their best season and the O/65's missing the finals by one rubber over the season. At the play offs the O/45's lost to Derbyshire and the O/50's lost to Worcestershire but the O/40 1st team and the O/55's both won through to the finals by beating Warwickshire and Berkshire respectively.

In the finals the over 40's lost to Cheshire in the semi final, probably the best O/40 team in the country, but finished 3rd by beating Surrey in the 3rd/4th place play off. The O/55's

finished 4th by losing to Lancashire in the semi final and to Devon in the 3rd/4th place play off, an injury to one man did not help our cause.

ICC YEYLEX

This competition was played at various venues around the country on the 8th/9th January.

TEAM	DIV	VENUE	PLAYD	W O N	D R A W	L O S T	POSITION
Over 40	1A	Stoke	5	4		1	1st
Over 45	Premier	Milton Keynes	5	1		4	6th
Over 50	Premier	Hatfield	6	0		6	7th
Over 65	Premier	Hatfield	6	5		1	2nd PLAYED
Over 70	Premier	Hatfield	8	5		3	3rd

A reasonable season overall considering the number of teams in the Premier division. Congratulations to the O/65 and O/70's.

As always my thanks to players in both competitions who turned out at the last minute because of injury and illness.

A special mention to Ken Tantum in the O/65's, one of the few members playing in Open Tournaments. In the Mixed Doubles pairing with Joanna Elson (Avon) they have won events at Kent, West of England and York. Also the English Nationals and the All England Championships. He also won the Mens Doubles event at York pairing with Jim Garratt (Kent). Ken has also been runner up in three other Mixed Tournaments including the Scottish International where he was also runner up in the Mens event. In the European Senior Championships Ken won two Bronze medals with Joanna in the Mixed and with his Nottinghamshire partner Henryk Radziwonik in the Mens Doubles.

My thanks to all members of the County Veterans Committee, the Selection Committees and all team captains whose work for the Veterans is crucial. Without this commitment and the support of the players we cannot continue to be an organised unit.

In my opening season letter to players for the past few years I have asked for them to speak to me with any problems they may have. As no one has come to me this season I assume that the committee are performing well.

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