

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY MASTERS REPORT

2021-2019

After the difficulties presented by the covid pandemic, I am delighted to report that the Masters County teams had a full and successful season.

A lot of hard work took place behind the scenes during the pandemic in order to keep players interested, informed and updated. I would particularly like to thank Jenny Abbott for all her efforts in organising covid safe return to play practise sessions during this time.

We were encouraged by the interest and continued commitment of players, so much so that we were able to field an over 65's team for the first time in 7 years.

MASTERS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Winning draw</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Walk over</u>	<u>Position</u>
Over 40s	8	4	2	2	0	2 nd
Over 45s	6	3	1	2	0	2 nd
Over 50s	4	3	0	0	1	1 st
Over 55s	6	4	0	2	0	2 nd
Over 60s	6	6	0	0	0	1 st
Over 65s	8	5	0	2	1	2 nd

The 50s team (winners of the Midlands West) played Cambridgeshire (winners of the Midlands East) in a Play Off. Nott's won 9-3 and went through to the Masters County Championship Finals played at Birmingham University. They lost to West of Scotland 4-8 in the Semi Final then beat Devon in the 3rd/4th Play Off by 9-3 to finish in 3rd place.

The 60s team (winners of the Midlands division) lost to eventual winners Surrey 1-11 in the Semi Final, then beat Yorkshire on points in the 3rd/4th Play Off. Rubbers 6-6. Games at 14-14. Nott's winning the match with 526 points to Yorkshire's 480 to also finish in 3rd place. Congratulations to both teams.

MASTERS COUNTY CHALLENGE

This competition is usually played at various venues around the country in the 2nd weekend of January. Due to covid restrictions, this competition did not take place in 2022.

We are constantly on the lookout for more players in all age groups, over 40s through to over 65's. We are not looking for superstars. If you are of a good club standard and remain fit and injury free then age is a great leveller!

We would love to see you at one of our beginning of season get-together's, where we shall also be organising a ladies only session too.

If you would like to find out more about Nott's Masters County badminton, please come and join us at one of these sessions by getting in touch with Gill Maloney or Jenny Abbott.

My thanks to all members of the County Masters Committee, together with the Captains and their Selectors, who put in the effort to organise their teams. Without these dedicated people, it would be difficult to play County masters matches but with their commitment and support of the players, we will continue to be one of the best-organised Masters units.

Gill Maloney

Joint Masters Coordinator.