

 **MASTER NEWSLETTER 2025**

 **Linda’s Comments**

 **Can you help? We are looking for more ladies in 3 age groups. 38-45, 45-50, 50-55s. Call Your captain or me for info.**

 **If you are a regular league player and interested in County matches please come to the friendly Trials.**

 **Hampshire Trials are at Westgate 21st September 2025.**

 **The 38-45 & 45-50s on court at 10-12pm, 50-55 & 55-60s on court 12-2pm, 60 & 65s on court 2-4pm.**

**70 and 75s will be at an earlier date tbc. at the Lido. A charge of £5-00 will be made for court costs.**

 **This is the results of the 2024/25 Masters season in brief.**

 **County Teams. 7 entered. All teams performed well, 3 teams qualifying for playoffs and 3 teams coming second in their division.**

 **The 50s just lost the playoff for the finals while 55’s and 60’s both beat Essex to qualify for the finals. 60s lost the final to Yorkshire while the 55s won the final v Lancashire WELL DONE 55s. Nationally No 1.**

 **There were no concessions by Hampshire. Captains put in a great effort overcoming shortages & injuries. Thankyou.**

 **Masters County Challenge. Positions 2024/25.**

 **40s 6th in premier so relegated to 1B, 45s 3rd in 1B, 50s 3rd premier, 55s won 1B so promotion to premier, 60s 5th in premier & 70s 4th in premier. This season 4 teams in the premier division.**

 **Masters County Challenge for 2025/26. 10th& 11th January 2026**

 **Venues for the Challenge 2026: Wolverhampton, Worcester, Milton Keynes, Eastleigh & Bournemouth.**

 **Details will follow in September.**

 **For the coming season. Hampshire have entered 9 County teams. The 65s come back in after a 2 year absence.**

 **2025/26 Championship Divisions.** There are a few changes as teams come and go.

 040s. South & East South 6 matches Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire. H & A

 045s. South & East South 5 matches Berkshire, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex. H or A

 050s South & East 6 matches Berkshire, Herts, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex. H or A

 055s South West 4 matches Devon, Wiltshire. H & A

 060s South & East South 6 matches Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire. H & A

 065s South & East South 6 matches Kent, Surrey, Sussex. H & A

 070s 1 South West 6 matches Avon, Cornwall, Devon, I.O.W, Somerset, Wilts. H or A

 070s 2 South 6 matches Berks, Surrey 1, Sussex 1. H & A

 075s South 6 matches Kent, Middlesex, Sussex. H & A.

 **Play off date 29th March 2026 for 40s, 45s, 60s, 65s. Finals date 25th /26th April 2026.**

 **Qualification for the County Matches and Tournaments.**

 You will need to affiliate to Badminton England also hold a Compete Licence

 These can be obtained through your club membership, for online renewal and other options,

 **Badmintonengland.co.uk** *Follow the link* or contact B.E. direct 01908 268400.

 Please use your name as listed with Badminton England no initials.

 **Team Captains for 2025/26.**

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 **2026.**

 **Date for your diary.**

 Hampshire open is February 14th& 15th We receive entries nationwide.

 Graphic Solutions have sponsored the Hampshire Masters for over 11 years. Grateful thanks.

 County Team shirts will be available use this email for details info@winchesterbadmintonacademy.co.uk

 The 2025/26 Calendar for Masters Tournaments is available from Margaret.

 **Roundup.**

 More Teams have entered the League and Challenge for the coming season which is welcome news.

 Hampshire play home matches at Westgate, if you are curious about the standard and would like to watch

 a county match please come along have a cup of tea and be entertained by 2 of the following teams,

 040s, 045s, 050s, 055s, 060s.

 For a match date give Linda a call. 01202 285909/07502023891

**Finally,**

***2025/26 will be my last season as Hampshire Coordinator. After nearly 30years new blood is required***

***with new ideas to keep the Masters thriving. If anyone is interested in taking over, please call me for a chat.***

***Margaret will carry on for 2025/26 but will be looking at retirement at the end of 2026/27.***

 To the Captains. **Thank you for all your hard work**, we could not do this without you.

 **Wishing you all an enjoyable season**.

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Congratulations to England Masters who won the Nations Senior Cup! 

After a fantastic performance across the weekend in Spain, England beat Denmark in the final, which went down to the last match which was three sets to win 13-11 overall! 

Well done to everyone involved!

 

  **Below Hampshire Winners of the O55’ Challenge Tournamet 2025**

 