



Baldoyle Badminton Centre

Report to Leinster Branch AGM April 2016

Personnel Structure:

Centre Manager Jean Denihan

Trustees: Declan McGinn
Gay Sullivan

Baldoyle Badminton Club Committee:

Chairperson	David Murphy
Hon. Treasurer	Michael Smith
Hon. Secretary	Christina Smith
Committee	Gay Dinan Mary Dinan Veronica Farrelly Karen Lawlor Barbara Smyth Gay Sullivan

The Centre continues to be busy throughout the year. Currently the DDLC League playoff's, quarter and semi finals are being held in the Centre during April 2016.

Looking back on last year (2015/16) from early May to mid-June our annual over 35's event (Ladies and Mixed team competitions) took place. This fundraising event was co-ordinated last year (and will be again this year) by Jean Denihan, Veronica Farrelly, Muriel Moles, Frances Young and David Murphy. Many thanks for their time and commitment for this long running event.

From mid-June to late August, the centre committee ran a Summer Club for all levels of play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. It is our intention to continue the summer club in 2016.

As a pre-season warm up, from September to mid-November 2015, the Raheny Mini League tournament was held in the Centre. It received its biggest entry and matches at all levels were very competitive. It wrapped up with an excellent finals night in the bar. A special thanks to the sponsor Raheny BC and to Jean Denihan, Noel Dixon and David Murphy who co-ordinate this tournament over a 3 month period.

Our beginners and improvers badminton courses ran every Tuesday night from September to May. They have been well supported throughout the year, both introducing and re-igniting people back to badminton.

Throughout the year the Graded Events continue to be run with great success and support in the Centre – namely Kick Start, Oktoberfest, Christmas Bonanza, Valentine's Day, St Patricks Day & Good Friday tournaments. These events would not succeed without the amazing input from members of the DDLC committee and from assistance from members of our own committee. These tournaments generate much needed income for the Branch.



A special thanks to a couple of clubs who ran one day fundraising events in the Centre which received great attendance and support.

Thankfully our tenant clubs, Senior – Baldoyle District, KADCA, Raheny, Raheny Smashers & North City Coasters and Junior Clubs – KADCA Jnr and Phoenix continue to thrive. However we still have a little availability if another club needs additional courts on some nights.

Most weekends during 2015/2016 the Centre has been busy hosting various tournaments namely the Carlton U15/19 Open, the Carlton Irish Open, the Irish Masters Open, National, Inter County & Under Aged Championships, Juvenile & Schools League and Cup competitions.

We are fortunate to have a number of Tenants (not related to badminton) renting space in the Centre namely – Curves, Laptop Repairs, Art Design, The Kitchen and The Badminton Shop. Again this brings in much needed income to the Sport.

Even though the bar area had a badly needed mini renovation during early 2015, we would love to see it utilised more from Badminton players. During 2016/2017 we intend running a number of events so all your support and promotion would be gratefully appreciated. Our weekly fundraising Lotto runs from September to May on Thursday nights, again thanks to everyone for all their support. A special word of thanks goes to local residents in the Baldoyle area for their continued support to this fund raising event “Lotto” and of course to other events.

Our Centre Manager, Jean Denihan, has been very pro-active in the last year promoting the usage of the Function Room off the Bar and parties within the Bar. The function room is home to Baldoyle Bridge Club and has been successfully used in the last year for Art and Floral classes and by businesses in the Industrial Estate for training and meetings. In addition Jean arranged a parking deal with another business in the Industrial Park, utilising unused parking spaces during the day time. We take this opportunity to congratulate Jean for generating this extra income for the both the Centre and Branch.

Finally, like the Branch our Facebook page is well supported. If you haven't already done so, please “like” our page and you like all our followers will be continually updated with all events and promotions being run in the Centre. Again any additional support or promotion of the Bar or Function Room would be gratefully appreciated.

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