



Leinster Masters Committee Report 2015-2016 Season

The Leinster Masters working group had its first meeting in July 2015 and was formed with the express aim of driving Masters in Leinster.

There are 5 members on the working group Breda Connolly, Sylvia Campion, Cheryl Evans, Chris Chambers, Seamus Halpin and Willie Stevenson.

The group held 5 meetings throughout the season and monitored the players entering the various Masters events – Connacht, Leinster, The Nationals and Ulster. Unfortunately, Munster were unable to hold a Masters event this season.

In December a squad was arranged open to all Masters where Pat Marron and Sian Williams put all those who attended through their paces. An enjoyable day was had by all.

In February teams were picked to represent Leinster at Over 40 & Over 50 age groups at the annual Interprovincials. Players were chosen based on their results in Masters Events and thereafter their availability.

The working group also held a practice night for all those selected for the Interprovincial events, which was extremely well attended.

Both teams were unsuccessful this year; the Over 40s losing out 7-5 to Ulster with the Over 50s losing out 8-4 to Ulster – we do hope for better results next season.

A number of players have also played in overseas Masters Events with Sian Williams, Mark Topping and Nigel Boyne representing Leinster with some excellent results.

At time of writing this report there are a number of players also entered in the 100th All England Masters.

In conclusion, Masters Events are becoming more and more popular, and with the introduction of the 35 year age group, this has added a new dynamic to the definition of Masters in Leinster.

We are grateful to Leinster Branch and the General Secretary for their continued support to promote this area of badminton in Leinster.

Report by Cheryl Evans - on behalf of the Leinster Masters Working Group