



INTERIM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2022-2023

I am pleased to report that we had a full return to Badminton in the 2022 -2023 season. We had a very full calendar of events at all levels and although we lost some clubs because of Covid in the past few years. I am pleased to say that a number of new clubs have also come into being.

Our Senior team had a highly successful year and won Division 1 of the Inter County Championship and are promoted to the Premiership for next season.

It was a really good season for our juvenile teams and under the management of the Youth Activities Committee, the U13, and U15 teams won Gold and the U17 team won Silver in the Interpro competitions.

Our Under 14 team won gold at the U14 Celtic Challenge in Scotland and our U18 Leinster team had a phenomenal showing at the English U18 Inter Counties Tournament to bring home Gold. This is only the second time in 40 years that this has been achieved.

Our Masters teams were not to be left in the shade. Both the over 40s and 50s Masters teams won Gold in the Interpro competition. Thanks goes to the selectors, team managers and players for representing our province so well. Congratulations too to Sian Williams and Pam Peard who won Gold in the ladies doubles at the All England Masters over 60s championship. Congratulations too to Mark Topping and Brian McGowan who narrowly missed a podium spot in the over 50s. Individually many of our players won Irish titles in different age groups from over 40s-over 70s.

My thanks go to all the various sub-committees including YACs, DDLC, BPL, SWLBL DSC, CAC, Midland and Baldoyle Committees who have all been very busy over the past season. The amount of time and effort needed to bring back tournaments, leagues, schools' competitions and intercounty competitions cannot be overstated. Leinster Badminton is extremely privileged to have such dedicated volunteers on these sub-committees.

The Executive has undertaken a review of the Branch Rules and a proposal for Rule Changes is to be brought to a Special General meeting shortly.

The Executive has also been working on our Governance Code and significant work has been done in this regard over the past season. We are required to constantly review and update our Governance procedures.

My thanks to our trustees for all their support during the year and I am pleased that Mark Peard has agreed to join our team of trustees.

Our thanks to Badminton Ireland for all their assistance during the past year.

At this time, it is an also opportunity for us to remember all Badminton people who left us in the past year and in particular, it was with great sadness that we heard of the recent passing of two Leinster greats:

Derek Stewart whose sudden and sad passing has lost one of Leinster Badminton great supporters on so many levels both as a Player, Administrator and Coach stretching back over fifty years.

David Gannon – a fantastic player for Ailesbury Senior Club, Leinster at all levels and Ireland.

As this is my last event as Interim Chairman, I would particularly like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for all of their hard work during the past year.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to our professional staff who support us and ensure that the work of the Branch and the volunteers is supported in the best possible way.

Yours in Sport

John Taylor
Interim Chairman

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