



Presidents Report 2023

I have now completed my first year as President of Leinster Badminton and it is with great pride, I wear the customary green jacket and the chain of office. I have attempted to officiate at all Leinster Tournaments and apologise for the events that I could not attend. It has been a great pleasure to meet all players and their coaches.

As President the Leinster Branch have tasked me with promoting the sport in the province, and I hope to carry this out with the diligence that my position deserves.

Since our last AGM three stalwarts of the branch have sadly passed away and we offer our condolences to their families and friends. Ruth Ellis, a life member and a good Leinster person RIP. Derek Stewart, former chairman of the Executive, former super Leinster player and deeply involved in the establishment of Leinster's Baldoyle Badminton Centre and a current Executive member at the time of his passing. Dave Gannon, a young man taken in his prime, a man whose whole family were involved in Leinster Badminton, him personally in Ailesbury BC and all different levels of the Leinster Badminton. Dave was also a great advocate of the BPL and a part of the Ailesbury winning team. It is with a heavy heart we mourn his passing.

There has been lots of fine work achieved by our sub-committees which details reports are available to all. I would just like to highlight a few reports in particular, the success of our YAC's winning Notts, Celtic Challenge, Inter Pro's and numbers of other juvenile events. The standard of our juveniles is extraordinary and makes us very proud to be a part of it (all details are available in the YAC's report).

I would like to thank the CAC for their work in the counties and hope in the coming season all their efforts will be rewarded.

Regarding Schools Badminton, there has been immense work done in this area and I cannot thank enough the people who are driving this, please such as Margaret Fallon, David Hogan, Brian Kelly and Lynn & Kim McCrave to name but a few. We applaud their work and diligence.

On behalf of all our committees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Leinster Volunteers for with whom the branch could not operate (these are too numerous to mention).

Also, I would like to thank our fabulous umpires, referees, match control and coaches, whose tireless work is beyond belief.

I would also like to congratulate Enda Lynch on his appointment to the position of CEO at Badminton Ireland, and I look forward to working alongside him for the greater good of badminton.

Finally, on a more personal note, I would like to thank all our Leinster staff who look after both centres, in particular Betty our General Secretary, whose support and help is boundless.

I would like to wish everyone the best of luck in the coming season and be assured they will have my support in all their endeavours and allow me to misquote the poignant words of John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech:

“Ask not what your branch can do for you,
But what you can do for your branch”.

David Murphy
President
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