



NEWSLETTER (OCTOBER 2014)

Birmingham Sportshall League is for young athletes in an exciting team-based competition, it is starting back on Saturday 18th October 2014 at our new temporary venue North Solihull Sports Centre, following the sale of our long standing venue at Stockland Green.

Finding an alternative venue has been difficult. We have found a fantastic venue, but it is outside the City of Birmingham. We are in discussions with an alternative venue as our long term aim is to return to Birmingham. Until then I wish to thank North Solihull Sports Centre in meeting our requirements and I am sure you will find the facilities second to none.

Sportshall is a competitive, almost quirky introduction to athletics for school children aged from nine to 15.

FIXTURES

- Saturday 18th October 2014
- Saturday 22nd November 2014
- Saturday 13th December 2014
- Saturday 24th January 2015
- Saturday 14th March 2015

LEAGUE OFFICIALS

- Chair - Chris and Sian Brook
- Treasurer - Sharon Jacks
- Secretary - Lynne Moody
- Welfare Officer - Tony Ashford
- Committee Members - Brian Holyfield, Phil McDonald, Stuart Paul, Tessa Barnard, Liz Neville and Sharon Morris

Each meeting starts at 5.00pm (First Event at 5.30pm) at North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5LA

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**Good Luck for the season
Yours in Sports
Chris and Sian Brook (Chair)**

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DID YOU KNOW.....

Birchfield's 19yr old; Matthew Hudson-Smith competed in Sportshall only a years ago and was selected for the League's Regional and National Final Teams. He is now the current European Silver Medalist over 400m and was in the 4x400m Gold Medal winning team at the European Championships and Commonwealth Games.



Matthew Hudson-Smith with Idol Martyn Rooney

High Jumper Robbie Grabarz competed at Sportshall from 11 yrs old. Recently retired Kelly Sotherton (Birchfield), the 2004 Olympic heptathlon bronze medalist, won the All-Rounder in the National Final of Sportshall in 1992. Mark Lewis-Francis (Birchfield) won the National All-Rounder at Sportshall, in 1998. He was 15 then, and not long afterwards he sprinted to 100m gold in the World Youth Championships.



Mark Lewis-Francis

Others to compete at Sportshall include Jade Johnson, Nathan Douglas, Meghan Beasley (Birchfield formerly Tamworth) and Rachel Wallader (Halesowen) who is the current number 2 in the UK for Shot Putt and this year represented England at the Commonwealth Games.



Rachel Wallader



Meghan Beasley



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What it remains, apart from a great deal of fun, is an indicator of all-round athletic talent on the rise.