

# BC ELST

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## Chairman's foreword

*By Paul Selman*

Unfortunately the 2022-2023 season is already over. A season with a lot of changes and events. The first change is now in front of you: a new layout for our newsletter!

This was the season in which we celebrated our 55th anniversary with very nice events for young and old, organized by the anniversary committee. This included the season ending, more about it later.

This was also the season in which a lot of changes came to the board. Danny Samson left the board after many years, and in his place came Mike Mientjes and Niels van Erp.

With this new board I also look forward to the plans we have for the board.

For now, enjoy reading and have a great summer. Don't forget to take your racket(s) with you on vacation to keep playing badminton

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## Season ending

By Cécile Hornes

On Saturday, July 1, we ended the party season with a fun BBQ. There was a great attendance of youth and seniors. Before we started, we put the members of the party committee in the spotlight and thanked for their efforts and organization of many activities. Then the BBQ went on and we enjoyed the meat of catering company Van Marwijk. Dj Diego made the evening pleasant with nice music and it was a successful evening.



# Competition

By Mike Mientjes

Meanwhile, the 2022-2023 league season has been over for a while now. The necessary work has already taken place behind the scenes to facilitate the league again for the 2023-2024 season. This coming season we have managed to form no less than 8 (!) teams: 2 senior teams and 6 junior teams. These teams are formed by a total of 31 members compared to last year's 21 members. A fantastic growth in one year for our club. Many of last year's players continue in more or less the same composition. But 3 teams have also been formed with members who will be introduced to the competition for the first time next season. Selman Engineering will again provide our league players with league shirts this season.

When the season is about to start, all league members will be informed about the course of events surrounding matches as well as the match dates. The league is currently still working on the final arrangements after which the competition schedule will be published.

When the dates are known then the links to the teams' match pages will be included in the newsletter so that everyone can follow the teams closely and cheer them on at the home matches. We hope for a great turnout in the stands and let's make it another fun and enjoyable season!



Competition playing dates 2023 - 2024	
Date	Hall
24-sep-23	Helster
07-okt-23	Helster
19-nov-23	Helster
03-dec-23	Helster
17-dec-23	Helster
14-jan-24	Westeraam
28-jan-24	Helster



## NK Competition teams

By Mike Mientjes

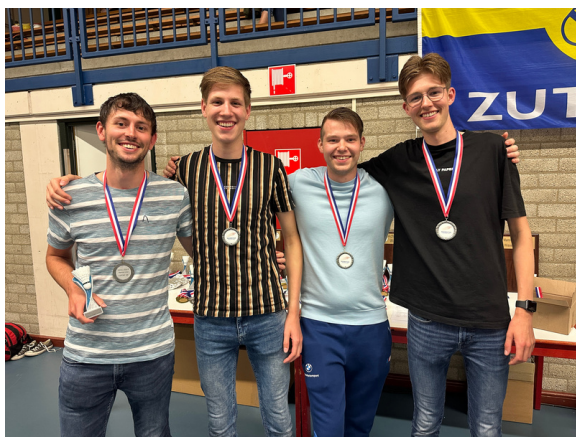
Saturday, July 1, the time had finally come, the NK competition teams. After Elst M1 had already won the regional championship this season. They now had to try to win the national title Men Nylon in Zutphen. As with all home matches, the regular supporters were also present in large numbers this time.

At 10:00 it was time for the first opponent: WIK 80. Niels and Joep both started with their singles. With playful ease both opponents were put aside: 2-0, the start was there. Davey got ready for his single. The match went evenly for a long time but in the end Davey managed to put enough pressure on his opponent to win his single as well. That made it 3-0 and the win was already in the pocket. Time for the doubles. The van Erp brothers were the first to play the doubles. The first set was a bit difficult, but was won 21-19. The second set was much easier with 21-11: 4-0. The last double was played by Mike and Davey. The first set had a difficult start and was lost 21-23. The second set went a lot better and was won 21-14 so a decisive third set had to be played. This was made a little too exciting for the grandstand but was won 21-18: 5-0. The first opponent was defeated.

At 12:00 it was time for the next opponent: Hoevelaken. For all of them a familiar opponent from last year. The same formation was maintained so again Niels and Joep started with their single. Niels met a strong opponent who unfortunately was just a bit stronger than him. With two times 21-19 the win unfortunately went to Hoevelaken. Joep had significantly less trouble with his opponent, who was easily defeated with 21-10 and 21-11: 1-1. Time for Davey's single. This opponent was more difficult than the opponent of WIK. Partly due to fatigue this one unfortunately went to Hoevelaken: 2-1. To win the overall match and clinch the title both doubles had to be won. Niels got his revenge on his single opponent. This time he had to fight again with Joep at his side. He succeeded within 2 sets: 2-2. Mike and Davey started well in the last double. The first set was won and the title was close at hand. Unfortunately the opponent was helped in the second and third set by some mistakes so the win went to Hoevelaken: 3-2.

Now to wait and see what WIK was going to do against Hoevelaken. Given their own results against both opponents, there was little hope. Nothing turned out to be less true. Hoevelaken had a lot of trouble with WIK. Until the last game it was (too) exciting. Unfortunately for us Hoevelaken was just too strong for WIK so they finished 1st in the group and we 2nd.

After the awards ceremony it was time to head back to Elst for the end of season barbecue. There the team was warmly welcomed with a hedge of honor and loud applause. All in all a fantastic result for the team and for the club, on to more!





## New plans

*By Paul Selman*

We have not been idle with the board recently. Over the past few months, we have been thinking a lot about how to keep the fun of playing in it for the members. And with some rejuvenation on the board, we have come up with some new ideas that we could implement. Here are a few previews:

### Training seniors

First, we are looking at options for training on Tuesday evenings for the more experienced players. The board noticed that there is a need for this among the members and we are looking at how we can best fill this need. At the general membership meeting it was decided to rent the entire hall instead of half the hall on Tuesday nights from now on as a trial. Currently, the extra half hall is still relatively empty and so there would be room for a training session. Who should provide this training and how long it will take are still issues we are considering.

### Reservation system

Before corona we still played with the reservation system, where you had to put on your own name card on one of the fields on the board to play a game there for the next twenty minutes. Because of regulations, this had been abolished during corona. At the last general membership meeting it was decided to revive the reservation system starting with the new season. In the background, all new name tags are being worked on, as a lot of new members have joined in the meantime! I do like to add that members are expected to rotate and not constantly play with the same people on one field. We are still looking for a way to prevent abuse of this playing system so that it remains fun for young, old, experienced and less experienced members.

### Tournaments

Due to the great success of the Delta tournament that was organized this year, we are looking at possibilities to organize a regional tournament more often. We have heard positive experiences from inside and outside our club. So how nice would it be if we could organize such a tournament every year, for example.

### Other ideas?

Do you have any great ideas to improve our club? Mail us or talk to someone on the board. We can only grow together, so all input is welcome!

## News from the trainers

By Erik Schrier

After the summer break we will start the youth training again. We have enough children for both the older youth on Tuesdays and the younger youth on Thursdays, so we have a full house on both nights. To be able to give all children enough attention we have fortunately been able to expand the group of trainers. We have found Patrick Aarts willing to help out in Rein's group. This gives us the opportunity to train in groups of about 8 children.

Despite the full halls, we still have a waiting list for the youth, which fortunately has decreased somewhat but not completely. We try to eliminate the waiting list as soon as possible, but also make sure that the hall is not too crowded.

### Grote club actie (GCA)

On Saturday, September 23, 2023 the Grote Club Actie starts. As in previous years, we as a club will participate again this year with the youth and hope that the seniors will also help with the sale this year. We want to raise a lot of money with this action again this year so we can organize fun outings for the youth. Also this year the children can earn a medal if they sell more than 25 tickets.

Soon we will start the preparations and we will inform you how we are going to organize it this year.



### Yonex Dutch Open 2023

Like every year, the Yonex Dutch Open will be organized again this year. An important international badminton tournament in Europe for top players, including Selena Piek, Robin Tabeling, Debora Jille, Cheryl Seinen, Ties van der Lecq and Mark Caljouw (see also Team NL). The Yonex Dutch Open is always a good time to see the Dutch top players towards the next World Cup and Olympic Games at work in their own country. During the Yonex Dutch Open, all matches can be followed live via [www.badmintoneuropetv.nl](http://www.badmintoneuropetv.nl).

This year the Yonex Dutch Open will be held in the Maaspoort in 's Hertogenbosch from October 11 to 14. We are planning to take a group of children to watch the quarter and semi-finals on Saturday, October 14, 2023. A fun outing where several children have already seen the tricks of the professional players. More information will follow via email in early September.

# Playing dates

By Niels van Erp

BELOW ARE THE PLAYING DATES THROUGH THE END OF 2023.

Tuesday	Youth	Seniors	Thursday	Youth	Seniors	BOD	
	19.00 - 20.30	20.30 - 22.00		18.30 - 20.00	20.00 - 22.30	14.00 - 15.30	
29-aug-23	Yes	Yes	31-aug-23	Yes	Yes	NO	Summer holiday
05-sep-23	Yes	Yes	07-sep-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
12-sep-23	Yes	Yes	14-sep-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
19-sep-23	Yes	Yes	21-sep-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
26-sep-23	Yes	Yes	28-sep-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
03-okt-23	Yes	Yes	05-okt-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
10-okt-23	Yes	Yes	12-okt-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
17-okt-23	Yes	Yes	19-okt-23	NO	Yes	NO	Autumn holiday
24-okt-23	Yes	Yes	26-okt-23	NO	Yes	NO	Vaccination
31-okt-23	Yes	Yes	02-nov-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
07-nov-23	Yes	Yes	09-nov-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
14-nov-23	Yes	Yes	16-nov-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
21-nov-23	Yes	Yes	23-nov-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
28-nov-23	Yes	Yes	30-nov-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
05-dec-23	Yes	Yes	07-dec-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
12-dec-23	Yes	Yes	14-dec-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
19-dec-23	Yes	Yes	21-dec-23	Yes	Yes	Yes	
26-dec-23	NO	NO	28-dec-23	NO	Yes	NO	Christmas holiday