

## 2009 Junior Badminton Tournament

### An annual event

Hamilton Sports Council held its annual junior badminton tournament at Larkhall Leisure Centre on 1 February this year. Invitations to participate were sent to all primary and secondary schools in the former Hamilton District and to all affiliated badminton clubs. 36 children entered and enjoyed a great day of games.

### Results

The tournament included competitions for Primary children, U14 and U16s. The results were:

**Primary girls' singles:** 1st Danielle Graham; Runner up was Cairn McNiven.



**Primary girls' doubles:** 1st Sophie Simm and Tayler Brown; Runners up were Cairn McNiven and Eimear King.



**Primary boys' singles:** 1st Alastair McKune; Runner up Alex Dunn.



**Primary boys' doubles:** 1st Alex Dunn and Jordan Philip; Runners up Scott Dunn and Alastair McKune.



**U14 boys' singles:** 1st Robert Dunn; Runner up Craig Taylor.



***U14 boys' doubles:*** 1st Robert Dunn and Nickie Craig; Runners up Dean Anderson and Craig Freeland.



***U16 boys' singles:*** 1st Scott Jackson; Runner up Chris Smith



***U16 boys' doubles:*** 1st Ewan Skehan and Euan Galloway; Runners up Chris Smith and Liam Kelly.



### **A flight of fancy**

The event is organised as a round robin in order to give players plenty of games and lots of competitive practice, especially if tournaments are new to them. Just for fun and to add something extra to our round robin, we invited the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to attend. Jackie Brown and Ben Mitchell kindly gave up their Sunday morning to set up a stall with an identification quiz, the lovely collectable RSPB bird and wildlife badges and information about local birding opportunities.



## **Baron's Haugh**

Ben Mitchell is the warden at Baron's Haugh Nature Reserve which lies beside the Clyde between Hamilton and Motherwell. Ben explained that the reserve is a wonderful place to watch wildlife, especially birds. The site went through a bad patch due to vandalism, but with a bit of TLC, the hides are now in much better condition, littering has greatly reduced and bird watching is once again the relaxing and satisfying pastime it should be.



## **Thanks**

The event was organised by Hamilton Sports Council with great administrative support from South Lanarkshire Leisure. The event could not be run without expert advice and we were very fortunate to have Pamela Casey along to run the tournament on the day. Pam is a dedicated volunteer for badminton and set up and runs at least two clubs in Hamilton in her spare time.