

## **A Message for all Sport Enthusiastic Navnatees!!!**

**NVA Sports is here and calling.....**

### **1. A Bit of Background:**

NVA Badminton Club (NVA BC) started as a first choice indoor sports activity at Navnat Centre in June 2010.

It initially ran for a while with some eight committed players and others on a play as you wish basis.

Around August 2012, NVA BC was approached by NVA Executive Committee (NVA EC) to promote NVA Sports and to extend the scope of NVA BC.

A Committee comprising of five members were elected, namely **Anil Lakhani (Chairman), Vipin Shah (Treasurer), Manish Bakhda, Meetul Vora and Madhusudan Mehta (Committee Members)**. Prime role of the committee is to help drive decision making.

Following the formation of the Committee, we took our proposal and plans for promoting NVA Sports to the NVA EC on 11th October 2012 for approval. This meeting formed the basis of the achievements to date.

### **2. Achievements to date:**

NVA BC is now an established club – NVA Affiliated and Funded. Within 12 months of establishing as a club NVA BC made a healthy monetary contribution to NVA EC.

Its prime aim and objectives are:

- Promote the game of badminton within NVA Community
- Run for the benefit of NVA Community
- To enjoy playing at Club nights and events
- Establish a sustainable structure for the future
- Maintain a transparent policy and process
- Attract and retain members of appropriate playing standards
- Introduced other sports e.g. Table Tennis, Volleyball, Cricket, Carrom, etc..

It is fair to say that we have not only formed an exciting club but a venue where we all members get together to share friendship. For some of us a means to, “unwind following a hard day’s work”.

Today, NVA BC have grown to some 30 regular members of all ages and genders (>16/<70), including Elderlies, Youths, Students.

These regular members have pulled together and collaborated in one way or another and have established a solid foundation with great potential to take NVA Sport forward.

To ensure standards and governance are maintained, NVA BC developed its Constitution Rules and Engagement Guidelines.

To ensure fair plays and to retain the number of high standard players, a Peg Board System was developed and adopted.

NVA BC successfully held its first Badminton tournament in August 2012, followed by its second in April 2013. The latter was sponsored by **Raj Bilakhia**, owner of Allenby Chemist - Southall. The proud winners of this tournament are **Anu Chandarana & Hitesh Mehta** and **Madhusudan Mehta & Ranjeet Ranjan** as the runners up.

**Bhupendra Shah (NVA President)** and **Dhiru Galani (NVA General Secretary)** presented the NVA President Floating Trophy to Anu and Hitesh.

These tournaments takes place half yearly where we welcome sponsors in promoting the take away trophies.

NVA BC also ventures externally and in May 2013 we held a friendly tournament with the Masters Club at the Jewish Free School in Kingsbury. The gents didn't do too badly but praise went to our ladies for winning all their games. Yes – NVA BC ladies did put an excellent show!

NVA BC is not just about sports - various social events are held, for example, XMAS Lunch, Evening meals and with the recent NVA BC Family Fun Day.

We are now at a cross-road where the club needs to broaden its sports activities and where next to go.

### **3. So what's next?**

NVA BC has exceeded capacity on Wednesdays and is now expanding into Fridays. Badminton is well established and NVA BC plans to introduce new sports activities.

During the recent NVA BC Family Fun Day, Volleyball and Cricket were trialled. It was great to see many members and family taking part. Volleyball and Cricket attracted huge interest with great enthusiasm.

We believe NVA Centre in Hayes has huge potential for engaging our Navnatees and friends.

Introducing various sports and social activities could provide the perfect platform and breeding ground in engaging our up and coming youths.

It is recognised for this to happen we require some investment and improvement towards our sporting ground at NVA Centre. Approval is being sought from NVA EC to pitch a Volleyball court and to renovate the Cricket pitch. As in any business model, one needs to ensure there is a return on investment. As for this one our return is primarily promoting NVA sport. We want to see our people in numbers.

**NVA BC is calling upon all keen Navnatee sports enthusiastic to enrol their interest to NVA BC committee members at [badminton@navnat.com](mailto:badminton@navnat.com) specifying their preferences in either joining Volleyball and/or Cricket. Players need to be committed and regular.**

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# 1. April 2013 NVA BC Tournament

Allenby Chemist Trophies



Right: Anu Chandarana & Hitesh Mehta – Winners  
Middle: Raj Bilakhia c/o Allenby Chemist  
Left: Madhusudan Mehta & Ranjeet Ranjan – Runners Up

NVA President's Trophy



Left: Anu Chandarana & Madhusudan Mehta  
Middle: Dhiru Galani & Bhupendra Shah  
Right: Hitesh Mehta & Ranjeet Ranjan

# 2. June 2013 Family Fun Day: Dodge Ball



# Catering for the finest



## Volleyball



## Games for all



## Jenga



## Cricket

