

NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY SUCCESS FOR SUSSEX JUNIORS

Much inter-county activity over the last two weekends, taking Sussex Teams all over the country, has resulted in considerable success, with the **U-17 Girls, U-15 Girls, and U-13 Boys all becoming National Trophy Champions**, and the **U-17 Boys finishing as runners-up**. Although the Trophy Competition is, in effect a Plate Event, and we would undoubtedly have preferred to become actual National Champions, rather than Trophy winners, this is still a very noteworthy achievement. The more so, at the end of a season when the whole Sussex Junior Squad structure was re-organised, in order to combine the Girls' and Boys' Squads, and the Girls' success is particularly gratifying, as we were without any Girls' teams at all, only three years ago.

As Senior County Coach, I should firstly like to thank all the Players and Parents for their enthusiastic commitment to the 'Sussex cause'. Then, many thanks and congratulations to everyone involved on the coaching side - the other County Coaches, Ben Hutton, Giles Cowdell, and Zoe Shardlow, who have proved to be a great Team, with whom to work, and to the newly appointed Development Officer, Camron Malik, whose great energy, enthusiasm, and tremendous knowledge of the Junior Game has already had a really positive effect.

Well done to everyone! Let's use the success of 2012/13 as the basis for the next season's campaign, when we are hoping to compete in the newly formed E.S.R. U-11 Inter-County Championships, as well as re-entering the U-19 category, so there will be Inter-county Squash for all.

Just in case there is anyone out there with suitable commercial connections, the Sussex quest for Junior success would be greatly assisted by a **Junior Sponsor**, so do please come forward to let us know.

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