

ALDERSHOT AND DISTRICT LEAGUE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2018

Happy New Year to all clubs.

The Aldershot and District League is still doing very well with 26 clubs, Summer and Winter leagues totalling 233 senior teams and 10 junior teams, about 900 matches per season. We remain one of the largest local leagues in the Country.

We had 6 committee meetings in the year with excellent attendance. This was in addition to the 2 promotion and relegation meetings that are attended by league secretaries and Laura Williams.

The Aldershot and District League has an excellent committee. My thanks go out to Alison Fortune who is the secretary, Andrew Littlecott, treasurer, Chris Iles, men's results secretary, Carole Lee, ladies results secretary, Sam Williamson, mixed results secretary, Brian Greig, junior results secretary and, new committee member, Darrell Merrick-Willson, who is the pennants organiser. My thanks also go to Laura Williams for the work she does regarding promotion and relegation at the beginning of each season, as well as the work she and Chris Iles do on the online results system.

Once again, there is still confusion with some team captains and members being unaware of some of the rules for matches. The rules should be displayed in your clubhouse or if you haven't got a clubhouse, make sure the team captains have them. It would be helpful if when there was a new match secretary or new team captain, they were given some help by the previous match secretary or team captain on what their new role entails and the online system. Please make sure that match secretary changes during the season are communicated via the ADLTA e-mail. You may have noticed that we now have a logo as we felt it was time we joined the 21st Century.

Yet again, there is one rule that I would like to draw your attention to - Rule G10. **This Rule states that matches shall not be postponed except for bad weather prevailing at the home venue at the actual time laid down for starting, as per the online system.** If it is raining, please be optimistic. As I have said numerous times before at A.G.Ms, do not leave messages on e-mail or voicemail. Perhaps we can go back to my era and actually speak to someone. Also, matches must not be rearranged. Any appeal for postponement must be made to League Secretaries and shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Could all match secretaries please note that match dates must be entered within 8 days after the dummy date at the beginning of each season or penalty points will apply.

A small minority of teams do not supply light refreshments (coffee, tea, squash, biscuits). This should be a standard practice and I would appreciate it if all teams did it.

Thanks to Avondale Tennis Club for hosting the A.G.M and twice yearly fixture evenings.

Thanks to all of you and the other volunteers in your clubs who do so much.

I wish you all success in 2019.

Keith Morris, Chairman