

ALDERSHOT AND DISTRICT LEAGUE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2023

The Aldershot and District League is still doing very well with 26 clubs, Summer and Winter leagues totalling 235 senior teams, over 1,000 matches per year. We remain one of the largest local leagues in the Country.

The Aldershot and District League has an excellent committee. My thanks go out to Alison Fortune who is the secretary, Andrew Littlecott, treasurer, Darrell Merrick Willson, men's results secretary, Carole Lee, ladies results secretary, Cath Pearson, mixed results secretary, Brian Greig, junior results secretary, Sam Williamson, pennants and Chris Iles who maintains the website. 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 extra work she and Chris Iles do on the online results system.

As a committee, we have had a number of committee meetings with excellent attendance.

Team players will be required to have a British Tennis membership number in order to play in matches.

As usual, there is still confusion with some team captains and members being unaware of some of the match rules. Rules should be displayed in your clubhouse or if you haven't got a clubhouse, please 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 website or the ADLTA e-mail. You can now submit online Summer and Winter league entries, nominations, club details, Chairman, Match Secretary and Secretary details.

There have been instances reported to the committee of very offensive language and verbal abuse during and after some matches. This will not be tolerated by the committee. Furthermore, the committee are volunteers and work very hard in their own time. I will not tolerate any abuse or bullying, be it verbal or written, to any member of the committee.

I have been on the ADLTA committee for over 35 years and Chairman for 13 years. I was hoping to step down at this AGM but even though we have asked for someone to step forward, no-one has. In view of this, and to maintain continuity, I will continue in this role for a maximum of one year. I would, however, like to reiterate that we need to find someone to take on the role of Chairman. If anyone has questions or is interested, please contact me on 01252 715711.

There is a strong possibility that Chris Iles will be moving up North in the near future. As such, we will require a new member on the committee who can do the online work. Ideally, whoever this person is, we would like them to shadow Chris before he moves. If you are interested, please contact him on adlta@outlook.com

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers in your clubs who do so much. My thanks also go to Avondale Tennis Club for hosting the AGM.

I wish you all success in 2024.

Keith Morris, Chairman