

ALDERSHOT AND DISTRICT LEAGUE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2024

The Aldershot and District League is still doing very well with 25 clubs, Summer and Winter leagues totalling 260 senior teams, over 1,000 matches per year. We remain one of the largest local leagues in the Country. We ran junior leagues this Summer, thanks to Brian and Alison. There were 12 clubs involved.

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 Darren Sharp 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 Darren do on the online results system.

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

Team players are 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 some teething problems with the new system which has meant extra work for many of the committee.

There has been a fair amount of moaning to the league secretaries about penalty points. You must enter your results on time or add a comment, otherwise you will receive penalty points.

Some clubs are very lax in sending their entry fees into the Treasurer. This is very unfair on the treasurer and the secretary giving them more work to do.

I have been on the ADLTA committee for over 36 years and Chairman for 14 years. I am stepping down and we have a volunteer who will be put forward at the Election of the Committee. I will, however, still be on the committee and will remain President of the ADLTA.

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. And don't forget your pennants at the back of the room if you have won anything.

I wish you all success in 2025.

Keith Morris, Chairman