

Buckinghamshire Hockey Umpires Association

Presidents Report

I do have an advantage in writing this report of having seen and read our Secretary's excellent report, I could easily say "ditto", perhaps I should !

We have had an interesting season, we attracted a number of new umpires, we made more appointments than we have made for years, we introduced and published a grading system, that worked very well, despite occasions when we were so short of umpires/ or having so many games to appoint to, that a few umpires umpired above or below their capabilities. We had a better co-operation from SCHUA, we had a record number of our umpires on the SCHUA "books" but a few were made more available than has happened in the past

We made a record amount of coachings and watchings, no doubt it has helped to improve our umpiring, the number of umpires who had their gradings upped, I think proves that point

I applaud our Secretary, not an easy job following David Jenney who had done the job for years, Roger set to and did an excellent job, his report bears that out.

M/s Seabrook and Tobin are responsible for getting our website up and going, despite having a lack of cooperation from the county, they put in a tremendous amount of time and effort, we now have a website that we should be proud of.

Andrew Youl, despite being "not well" has done a wonderful job with our finances, he was helped there by Steve Marshall, he is the one who takes on the awkward and unsung jobs, kit etc

Lynn and Andy, between them are doing a good job on the Level One and looking after the Noth of the county, we are seeing more courses which is a good thing for hockey.

Jim (Patel) and David Lennie have given us the benefit of their experience and have been a great help with our gradings and umpiring some of our midweek games, so few umpires are available these days

I would like to say our council have worked very well together, I would hope this would continue in the future

Alec Graham
President

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