Hampshire Hockey Association Open League Secretary Report May 2019

Dear All

An end of a another season, it only feels like my 2nd but i know it it is not.

Every year I would say it gets easier but it does not, What with again teams pulling out during the season and again postponed games

Some clubs are lucky that their player numbers are increasing but I still have many clubs that struggle from week to week. I am hoping that one year that I can go the entire season with a team not dropping out.

We have all seen on various websites that we in the open leagues could again have seen some major changes in league numbers due to National League changes and the introduction of several teams into the South League from the London Leagues but we were lucky that none of this really effected us. The only issues we have are teams dropping out.

The League Winners this Year are

Div 3 - Winchester 3

Div 4 - Fleet and Ewshot

Div 5 - Basingstoke 3

Div 6 - Petersfield 2

Div 7 - Alton 3

Div 8 - Winchester 6

Div 9 North - Petersfield 3

Div 9 South - Isle of Wight 2

I have pennants for the winners.

Another season of Division 9 North and South, Looking at tables and results there is still some ironing out to do in these leagues

I said last season that it might be much closer for the teams but not quite yet.

I have not included my projected leagues for next season, with the teams that have dropped out and the promotion I am trying to even out the leagues the best I can and will hope to send out something the 1st week of June for projected next year.

I am doing this as I believe a number of clubs would like to enter new teams.

I have used the competition entry system on the HHA website again this year and at the time of this report i have had 10 out of 36 clubs replying.

Apologies if I have not been responsive to e mails this year but after 27 years I changed jobs and it took it out on me

cheers

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