

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019**

THE LEAGUE HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON, WITH ALL LEAGUE FIXTURES BEING COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED.

FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF KEY SIGNING PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON, THE 1ST DIVISION TITLE WAS COMFORTABLE WON BY BANKS ST STEPHENS, FOR THE 3RD TIME, WITH A WINNING MARGIN OF 24 POINTS SECURING 20 WINS IN THEIR 22 MATCHES. WHILST BURSCOUGH RBL A FINISHED RUNNERS-UP FOR THE 10TH TIME WITH A NARROW 3 POINT MARGIN OVER 3RD PLACED BRETHERTON. AT THE ANOTHER END OF THE DIVISION, HOLMESWOOD A & MAWDESLEY A FINISHED IN THE RELEGATION POSITIONS.

THE 2ND DIVISION WAS ALSO A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR, WITH NEWLY PROMOTED MERE BROW WINNING SUCCESSIVE DIVISIONAL TITLES, WITH A 40 POINT WINNING MARGIN OVER RUNNERS-UP CROSTON BLACK HORSE, WHO HAD ONLY A POINT IN HAND OVER 3RD PLACED LONGTON VM B TO GAIN PROMOTION TO THE 1ST DIVISION.

CONGRATULATIONS SHOULD ALSO GO TO CARL GREGSON (BURSCOUGH RBL A) ON WINNING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION MERIT & JOHN GREENWOOD (MERE BROW) ON WINNING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION MERIT. COMPETITION WINNERS: STEVE RIMMER MEMORIAL SINGLES WINNER – BILL RODDAN (ZETLAND), WHO WON THIS TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME. PAIRS COMPETITION WINNERS: STEVE MCCALL & NEIL RIGDEN (BRETHERTON)

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP & SUPPORT THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR, ESPECIALLY TO DAVID TAYLOR WHO HAS ONCE AGAIN DONE A SUPERB JOB AS CHAIRMAN & ROY WIGNALL, WHO WILL BE SADLY MISSED AFTER HIS DECISION TO RETIRE FROM HIS POSITION AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AFTER MANY YEARS SERVICE. TO ALL DELEGATES FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS & PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES PROFESSIONALLY, TO TARLETON BOWLING CLUB FOR THE FREE USE OF THEIR ROOM FOR MEETINGS, TO ALL CLUBS WHO ALLOWED THEIR GREENS TO BE USED FOR & ORGANIZED LEAGUE COMPETITIONS, TO ALL CAPTAINS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, FLEXIBILITY & COMMONSENSE TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE FIXTURES, TO ALL GREENKEEPERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN MAINTAINING THE PLAYING SURFACES TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS, TO ALL PLAYERS OF THE LEAGUE FOR THE FRIENDLY & SPORTING MANNER THEY HAVE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON IN MAKING THIS LEAGUE THE FRIENDLIEST & MOST COMPETITIVE LEAGUE IN THE AREA.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE EVERYONE WHO WON LEAGUE TROPHIES & PRIZEMONEY LAST SEASON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RUNNING ANOTHER REWARDING SEASON & I HOPE EVERYONE WILL ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE WHETHER THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL OR NOT.