

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

DESPITE COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, LOSING 5 TEAMS & HAVING TO START THE LEAGUE LATER THAN USUAL, THE LEAGUE STILL MANAGED TO RUN ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON WITH ALL LEAGUE FIXTURES BEING COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED THOUGH WE WERE UNABLE TO RUN THE POPULAR KO CUP, SINGLES & PAIRS COMPETITIONS. FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SEASON, WE WERE BLESSED WITH GOOD WEATHER BUT SEVERAL GAMES HAD TO BE CALLED OFF DUE TO FLOODED GREENS ON A COUPLE OF MATCH NIGHTS.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE CLOSEST 1ST DIVISION TITLE RACES IN MANY A YEAR WITH BANKS ST STEPHENS PIPPING BRETHERTON A BY A SINGLE POINT TO RETAIN THEIR TITLE & CLAIM THIS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 4TH TIME IN THEIR HISTORY. AT THE ANOTHER END OF THE DIVISION, FLEETWOOD HESKETH & CROSSENS FINISHED IN THE RELEGATION POSITIONS. WHILST THE 1ST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS WON BY IAN GRADY (BANKS ST STEPHENS) FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE 2ND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP WAS COMFORTABLY WON BY MAWDELSEY, BY 23 POINTS TAKING THE TITLE FOR THE 1ST TIME AFTER BEING RELEGATED LAST SEASON (2019). WHILST ZETLAND B FINISHED AS RUNNERS-UP FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THEIR HISTORY. THE 2ND DIVISION PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS WON BY JEREMY ROWE (MAWDESLEY) FOR THE FIRST TIME.

FROM A 32 STRONG FIELD & AFTER 8 HOURS OF HIGH-QUALITY COMPETITIVE BOWLING, BRIAN COLEMAN (FLEETWOOD HESKETH) WAS CROWNED THE WORTHY WINNER OF THE 2021 LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S DAY. THE EVENT HOSTED BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT; MR. CHRIS HARDING & HESKETH ARMS PRIVATE BOWLING CLUB WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS.

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, JOHN MARRIOTT (VICE-CHAIRMAN), CHRIS HARDING (PRESIDENT) & 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 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.