

WILSON SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

TEAM TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2011 SEASON

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Firstly thank you the host clubs - North Meols, Formby Holy Trinity, Sphynx and Campion for a job very well done. And well played all the finalists for the hard fought matches you put on. For the record the cup winners are:

Christiana Hartley Trophy	- Birkdale	Trinity Shield	- David Lloyd
Joseph Lord Cup	- Campion 2	The College Cup	- Waterloo

As confirmed at the last AGM, 2011 was my last year as Team Tournament Secretary. I would like to thank all those who participated during my tenure ie players, teams and clubs. I enjoyed working with you all. There were some wonderful evenings of tennis; hard fought matches played in a competitive but fair spirit. What more could anyone ask!

A high point of the year is the presentation evening. The winning club's representatives, old warriors and young pretenders alike, enjoy good food and good company and some friendly competition with the quiz. A huge Thank You to the host clubs for staging this evening, I know it is appreciated by all involved all the competitions.

Obviously my leaving has resulted in a vacancy for Team Tournament Secretary. I am hopeful that somebody will come forward and take the reins. I can assure anyone who may be interested that it is an extremely enjoyable task, and that I leave the role in a well organised, healthy state. Upon taking up the post vacated by Ian Bradshaw, I enjoyed Ian's support in the early stages and I would of course be willing to do the same for my successor. Any interested parties can contact me on 01695 573451 for an informal chat, and we can take it from there.

One thing I won't miss, or maybe I will, in a funny sort of way, are those damned answer phone messages! People leaving me their phone numbers asking me to call them back. Now, I really don't mind calling back, but blow me if I could understand the numbers, some folk talk so fast! It's a wonder my answer phone still works, the number of times I had to replay the messages back! It's me being picky I know, and I must stress it is only a few, but time consuming to deal with, so I'm sure my successor would appreciate clear, slowly spoken phone messages. End of rant.

I can't bow out of my Team Tournament Secretary role without mentioning my fellow Committee members. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them all for their help and support afforded me during my tenure. It was a pleasure to work with you, and particular thanks go to Hilary and Roger Bell, (the unsung hero of the committee) for their invaluable counsel, and Barry Burns, our Elder Statesman, for his continued presence and support on Finals Days. What more befits the occasion than to be presented with the Trophy by the League President.

I will of course continue to haunt the Committee in my role as Web Host, so you won't be totally rid of me just yet!

My very best wishes to all for the new season.

George