

SUSSEX MEN'S OPEN LEAGUE NEWSLETTER 7 OCT 2017

Dear All Hockey Colleagues,

Well a couple or so weekends into the new season. Certainly I am a year older than last season and it seems much harder to umpire one or two games and watch a couple more than it did last year and then start to write. Well at least, this week I have enough energy to enjoy a relaxed evenings with a fruity red and "Strictly" while drafting these thoughts.

So obviously early days within the season and very early days for Strictly. I admit to not knowing the majority of the so called stars this season, and apart from the odd dance (Alexander Burke) the quality has been poor to mediocre. However, I am sure, unlike my fitness, the dancing will improve.

All the results in this week nice and early - much appreciated. Also unlike the last couple of weeks there have been very few (only 1) issues with the Fixtureslive email results service.- so I hope this means that the kinks have been worked by Fixtureslive and that all the captains have got their logon details correct. However, if there should be any problems in the future - please contact info@fixtureslive.com) to resolve them, as I am not the one to provide the advice.

I am recording scorers for Division 1 as we have done for the last couple of seasons. However, to do this I need support from the teams.

I am missing the scorers from week 1 (30 Sept) from the following teams
Eastbourne 2, Mid Sussex 1 and Middleton 1.

Also missing from this week

Mid Sussex 1 and 2, Penguin 1, East Grinstead 3, Middleton 1, Saxons 2, and Hailsham 1.

Hopefully I will get these soon. To be bluntly honest, if we do not get the majority of the scorers each week, then I will stop recording the and save the League some money at the end of the season.

The results and latest tables can be found on <http://www.sussexhockey.co.uk>.

Shame that we lost East Grinstead 5s before the season began, St Francis 3s at the start of the season and now Southwick 4 playing their games as friendlies (I hope that they are playing games each week. - if not please let me know) and Penguin 2s have had a couple of difficult weeks - so obviously some issues with player numbers around the County. I have received a couple of comments regarding the difficulties these cancellations cause clubs, when they are made at the end of the week - after a period where the opposition has made all its efforts to get players out and umpires, teas and pitches arranged. Therefore if a team is having problems - please let their opposition know the situation and seek ways to get some kind of game played.

Only a short note tonight as not much to say at the start of the season and of course by now the wine and dancing have slowed the brain down to a "dead stop".

Have a great week and enjoy next Saturday's hockey

Best wishes