

County Chair

I start my report by thanking all those of you that managed to fulfil all your League games, especially if you had to rearrange some of them. Quite a few matches had to be changed due to clashes of fixtures with the Regional League. Hopefully, next season will be a lot easier date wise.

Our Junior League is thriving and we even had to turn a couple of teams away this season because we were full. As the years come and go and as those young players age I hope they will follow up by playing in our Senior League and enjoy the competition.

Your Committee has been working hard again this season so please read the officers' reports carefully as they deserve your support. Lots of things have been going on, apart from the playing side - courses for umpires and testing leading to many successes.

I am proud that we introduced the Essex Met Drop Box this season to get some ideas from you as to how we can improve your experiences playing, umpiring, or volunteering in Essex Met. Many suggestions came in and they were shared with Redbridge as to whether any of the suggestions could work. There was a follow up meeting at Redbridge with club members to go through the proposals. Although a few clubs attended, (thank you), it would have been nice to see more of you there.

It is the World Netball Cup this year in Cape Town South Africa - is anyone going? All matches will be shown on television I am told.

Finally, you will see a number of vacancies on the Committee through resignation - one of which has given many, many years of her free time and I personally want to thank Maggie Fuller for her commitment and for doing a fantastic job in keeping our books healthy. In fact, anyone that gives up their free time deserves all the support they can get from the membership. We cannot survive without volunteers.

Have a good summer and see you in the 2023/24 season.

Pat Meadows