

President's Report to the Regional AGM 13/11/10

I don't want to just repeat last years report although it would be very easy to do so because not a lot has changed.

We always struggle to find enough people willing to put in the effort of running the region and one consequence is that the people doing the work are sometimes stretched and don't necessarily do things as well as they could.

On a personal level the regional singles brought home to me that organising , umpiring and discussing other issues which require my input as president , not to mention playing is all a bit too much. The agenda for the regional meeting to follow the AGM includes several topics related to this.

2010 was another mixed year for Northern.

Regional and club events continue to be well attended. Over the summer there were 33 events with an average attendance of 37 players. This doesn't include 2 regional squad events and several melees. There is a view that we play too much but no one is forced to play every week and some other regions would like to have the option.

The squad had good results against Leicestershire (winning for only the 2nd time in 11 years) and winning the first inter regional against West Midlands.

The squad didn't do as well as expected at Brean Sands but still had the 2nd best results in division 2. Whether we will be promoted following the fiasco of Anglia being given 2nd place when their score included a false win still remains to be seen.

The challenge squad at Brean did remarkably well winning the challenge for Northern for the 1st time , our previous best was 4th place.

Congratulations to Angela , Malcolm and Aled who , playing as Northern 2 , won 11 from 12 and were the top team in the Challenge.

James , Luke & Matt also won 11 from 12 in the Championships but 3 other teams had a better points difference.

The best result from Northern players playing in national tournaments was by Ray Gatenby , Steve Rice and Dan Rice who played as England 2 in the Home Nations and won 10 out of their 12 games , only 1 England team did better by winning 11 games.

I would like to end by congratulating the winners of the regional tournaments this year , 4 players shared the honours between them.

Singles - Steve Meadowcroft

Pairs - Luke & James

Triples - Luke , James & Matt

Player of the year - Steve Meadowcroft