HARDY LEAGUE "A" REPORT 2008

The league has survived many problems this year with competition for promotion and relegation being a hard fought series of games in all divisions. With big wins and losses in the crucial matches along with, the last matches again having an effect on the final promotion and relegation issues.

Division One was won by BROADSTONE, proving that their last year's form was also once again good enough to beat CANFORD MAGNA. WAREHAM, with two heavy losses, and THE ISLE OF PURBECK being relegated.

Division Two was won by QUEENS PARK overtaking KNIGHTON HEATH for the title by beating WEYMOUTH in the last match of the season. KNIGHTON HEATH beating SHERBORNE for second place by 0.5 of a point. WEYMOUTH AND CAME DOWN were both relegated after having points deducted for failing to give their opponents sufficient notice of their inability to play pre-arranged matches.

Division Three A was won by ASHLEY WOOD with, DUDSBURY beating HIGHCLIFFE in the final match of the season, to take second place second place. BRIDPORT finished last due having Five points deducted for late cancellation of their match against DUDSBURY.

Division Three B was won by CRANE VALLEY, leading from start to finish from LYME REGIS in second place with FERNDOWN level on points but inferior games won score taking third place.

BRIDPORT were the winners of the Cup beating **BROADSTONE** by winning a sudden death game after both teams finished level after 16 home and away. A fine performance.

The year has, ONCE AGAIN, not gone to well this year. I seem to be saying this every year so once again try harder. The number of rearranged matches being excessively high leaving everything to the last minute. This has resulted in the fixture lists for the coming season to be delayed which I am sure does not help clubs to organize their coming year. Perhaps better communications between Clubs, their Rep's and me is needed therefore I have enlightened myself and have gone on to E-MAIL (<u>notalec@talktalk.net</u>) hoping this may be of some use and improvement.

In closing I would like to thank you all, for taking part, and ask you to please ensure that both the RESULTS AND FIXTURE CHANGES ARE REPORTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BY BOTH TEAMS. It makes my job very much easier if I do not have to chase you for results when captains have forgotten to take the documentation with them. So please find a method that will help you remember. Also on behalf of Bob, myself, and all of you. I would like to give a big thank you to WAREHAM GOLF CLUB for allowing us to meet here and thanks to John for chairing the meeting. Thank you all.