**PRESS OFFICER REPORT**

**TO CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE AGM ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023**

I am standing down as the League Press Officer after 31 years. Looking back at my stint in the role I remember “the early years when Ken Cracknell helped me write the reports with his extensive and well-informed notes”. I also enjoyed the spell in the role when I used to travel into London with Graham Turner, and we were able to swap score cards and details of notable performances on the train journeys. A work colleague sitting near to us commented that she had no idea what we were taking about but we certainly found plenty to discuss.

Perhaps the most significant change in the last 30 years is how the reports are submitted. When I started I wrote my reports by hand and then moved on to typing them. In those days is was only for the local papers. By around the year 2000 most people were using E-Mail and naturally the reports were submitted electronically. Nowadays all Leagues have Web-Sites and the reports are written primarily for the League's Web-Site. if we get good coverage in the local papers it is a bonus. Nothing more.

Thanks are extended to everyone who has delivered the scorecards to me over the years.

Steve Kerns