

EASB Referees annual report



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Firstly let me apologise for my absence, I am in Malta refereeing at the EBSA Team and under 19 championships, which was booked prior to the AGM being organised.

During the 14 months since I became part of the Referees section and subsequently the Director for Referees, we have made good progress in overhauling the Referees structure.

We have appointed two co-ordinators for referee selection, Steve Starkie in the North and Iain Ripo in the South, plus Clive Scott for Billiards events. Their task is to allocate referees for sanctioned tournaments and ensure a fair distribution of work to those who have indicated the locations to which they are prepared to travel.

We have organised two Examiner Seminar weekends, appointing eleven new examiners with 6 more in training.

During this period, we have certificated fifty-one new referees, with four returnees and have lost 17 refs for various reasons. We are currently in the process of circulating those who have not yet renewed for 2010 and reminded them of their oversight. We have also written to all the Tutors and Examiners and asked for a report on their activities, because some of them are less active than in previous years.

The task ahead is to ensure that all areas have an active Tutor with a small team of Examiners, to promote the game at grass roots level and increase our pool of working Referees.

For those Referees who are unable to continue in an active role, there is a new associate member category of "Referee Emeritus", at an annual cost of £8.00

Lastly, may I thank you all for your support and effort over this difficult and hectic season. The weather has caused problems and we have been affected by internal problems at some of our regular venues. With hard work by our volunteers and the goodwill of the players, we have managed to overcome them with a minimum of inconvenience and remained on course for another successful season.

Dan Lewis – Director for Referees