



## STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS & DISTRICT FEDERATION

### *President's Ramblings*



#### Greetings All

It may come as a shock to some of you who were not able to attend the recent AGM that this newsletter comes from me and not from Roy Jones. But for those who have not heard on the "pigeon grapevine", Roy decided that it was time to have a well earned and deserved rest after more than two decades in the position as President and I was asked to take on the role in his absence. A role that I was proud and honoured to accept.

Roy has guided the Federation through many years, some extremely happy, and some with more problems than any man should have to bear, particularly when you realise this is only a hobby that we are taking part in. Roy maintained his dignity and fairness throughout these years and was, and indeed still is, a man to turn to when advice or help is needed. I, for one, will always be grateful for Roy's guiding hand and look forward to many more years working with him on the various Committees he has agreed to continue to be involved with. We all owe Roy a big debt of gratitude for his untiring work on behalf of the Federation and I hope you will shake him by the hand and say "Thank You" when next you meet.

Now, I can hear you all saying "What is the new boy going to bring to the Federation"?

One thing I can assure you is that there are not going to be large number of changes. Why fix something that ain't broke? Our Federation has been extremely successful during recent years and with the continued assistance of our Secretary Neil Mullins and the Management Committee I intend to ensure that we continue along those lines.

However, there is one area that I consider does need improving and that is COMMUNICATIONS. Communications between those that you, the Members, have voted into office to run the organisation, on a day to day basis, and all the Clubs who need to know what is going on.

That does not mean that I intend to call Federation Meetings every five minutes because, judging by the attendance at last season's AGM you don't want them, but I will promise to keep you up to date by means of this newsletter and by use of Neil's excellent website. Don't worry, those who aren't keen on computers will get a hard copy by "snail mail". So there will be no excuses for not knowing what is going on.

If, you (and by that I mean your Club or a member of your Club) have a grievance against the Federation it will now be dealt with in a more formal way and will not be accepted by means of a telephone call to me or the Secretary or any other Official.

If you have something to gripe about, put it in writing and send it straight to me either by post or e-mail and I promise you I will deal with it in a matter of a couple of days and no longer. I'm sure you won't always agree with my response but at least you will get one in double quick time.

Now here comes another offer!

I am quite prepared to come and attend any of your Club Meetings if you think there is something I can contribute or if there is a point about the Federation that you would like to discuss. All you have to do is give me a bit of notice, invite me and I will be there. So there's an offer you can't refuse.

Well it seems I have come to end of the space I am allowed so I will end for the moment with this assurance – I will do my very best for the Federation and its members and try to ensure that we continue, as a team, to be the best Fed around.

Cheers for now

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