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Difficulties of running cricket clubs

FORMER TOWN PLAYER'S VIEWS



Pictured on the top table are (left to right) Mr and Mrs Sheard, Mr and Mrs Morley, Mrs Binns, Coun and Mrs Turner.

A FORMER Halifax Town footballer, Mr Jim Moncrieff, who also played cricket in the Yorkshire, Bradford and Lancashire leagues, spoke of the difficulties of running a successful club when he was one of the guests at Sowerby Bridge CC dinner at Walton Street on Saturday night.

He said so many people played sport on Saturdays that there were very few available to become officials of a club.

Mr E. H. Sheard (Mirfield), a former president of the Central Yorkshire Cricket League, spoke of the friendly welcome given at Walton Street to visitors and also of the fine work done for the club by the late Mr George Mitchell.

He was sorry to see that the club had finished the 1969 season in a lowly league position, but was sure that with the fine spirit which existed in the club, next year would surely bring better results.

Mr Raymond Morley, the club president, welcomed members, friends and guests who also included the chairman of Sowerby Bridge Urban District Council, Coun W. F. Turner, and his wife, Mr T. Burnhall, a former president of the league, and Mr A. Brierley, president of the Heavy Woollen Cup competition.

Coun Turner presented prizes as follows: First - team batting, D. Kitchen; bowling, T. Wellings; fielding, S. R. Gidley. Second-team batting, T. Coulson; bowling, J. B. Smith; fielding, T. Martin. Under-18, batting and shared fielding prize, D. M. Robinson; bowling, R. Morgan; shared fielding prize, B. Morgan.