



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

THE BEAR – JULY/AUGUST 2007

1 www.WarwickshireCountyAA.co.uk

The Association Website's technical problems have been resolved and it is up and running again.

2 Officials

Did you receive the "Bear" technical Officials Special Edition, recently distributed and posted on the Website?

There was a LEVEL ONE Course at Leamington on Saturday 21st July.

There will be a LEVEL TWO Course at Exhall Grange School on Sunday 4th November.

Stuart Paul will organise a Level 1 and a Level 2 course next spring – details to follow.

All enquires to Margery Ewington (WCAA President and Officials Secretary) on 02476 314990

As a result of the excellent response for UKA Road and Cross County Licenses, amongst the promotions were:-

To Level 5 Bill Adcocks, Noel Butler, Alan Edwards

To Level 3 Bryan Axford, Richard Carney, Bob Cooper, Barry Ewington, Tony French,

Tony Jackson, Nick Price, Ashley Sherren, John Turner

Congratulations to all.

3 Venues 2008

The venue for the 2008 County Cross Country Championship has not yet been selected. It will be announced in the next issue of the "Bear".

Following the success of the first three County Track and Field Championships earlier this year, despite the dreadful weather, discussions about 2008 have started with the other two Counties. Northamptonshire have confirmed that they would like to join us and Leicestershire and Rutland again next year but a decision on the venue has not yet been taken.

The Officers of the County have spent a lot of time discussing the future of the County Road Relays. Many thanks to those people who responded to our appeal in an earlier Bear for views on these races. With great regret we concluded that we should suspend the County Relays in 2008 but keep our options open for 2009. We could possibly reintroduce the event in the same format or stage something similar but perhaps at a different venue and/or a different time of year and/or extend the program to include races for different/more age groups.

CAU Inter Counties Championships for 2008

Cross Country Saturday 15th March at Nottingham

Track and Field (Seniors) Sunday 25th May and Monday 26th May at Bedford

4 County Association General Meetings

The next County General Meeting will be at Nuneaton Harriers HQ on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30p.m.
The 2007 AGM will be at Coventry Godiva Harriers HQ on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30p.m.

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Stewart Harris has expressed an intention to stand down as Association Secretary soon. The Association's Officers are keen to maintain momentum and Ray Morgan (01926 330667) invites Clubs/Individuals to contact him with offers to take over from Stewart.

5 Teams

- Road.
Warwickshire was creditably represented in the Humber Bridge (Inter Counties) Half Marathon on 24th June by Paul Andrew (6th overall), Chris Stokes, Emerson Combstock, Stuart Hopkins, Myshola Kirkham (8th overall), Helen Taranowski and Linda Howell. The inter Counties 10k Championship will be held in conjunction with the Chichester Priory race on Sunday 7th October. Pauline and Tom Dable (01926 498335) are keen to learn of potential County representatives as soon as possible.
- Track
There is a Young Athletes (U13, U15) Seven Counties match at Cudworth, South Yorks on Saturday 8th September. Track and Field teams are being assembled by John Nash (01926 421563) and Becky Freeman (07834 087834) and the arrangements will be published soon. Indications of help from Officials would be appreciated. Let us hope Warwickshire again contributes significantly to this very worthwhile fixture

6 Development

A major aim of the two Development Forum in our County (covering Birmingham and Greater Warwickshire) is to plan ahead and to request grants to help make those plans happen. This year, working through the Forums, grants have been given to five clubs for Sportshall equipment. There have also been grants for coach education and to Leamington C and AC, Nuneaton Harriers and Coventry Godiva for a variety of initiatives. Applications are currently going through for Sphinx AC and two other Clubs for Road Running equipment.

Does your Club need help? Would a grant help?

If so then work out what you want
come to the next Forum
get it into the Forum Development Plan
ask for a grant at the Forum.

7 Lost Property

Ray Morgan still has some clothing (and a watch) left behind at the Inter Counties Road Relays and at the County Champs at Saffron Lane. You can claim your lost property from him at Ray.Morgan1@btinternet.com

8 The World Stage

Congratulations to JORDAN McGRATH (Sol+SH) who ran 47.09 for 4th place in the 400m in the World Youth Games at Ostrava in the Czech Republic. Congratulations also to GARY WHITE (now Cardiff AAC) and LAURA KENNEY (RSCAC) for winning gold at the European U/23 Championships at Debrecen in Hungary where the GB team took five individual titles and one relay gold. Gary triple jumped a long PB of 16.33 and Laura ran 5k in 16.22.28.

Road Championships

Four County events have now taken place and we thank the Promoters at Stratford, Northbrook, Coventry and Birmingham Rowheath.

Stratford Half Marathon 29th April 2007.

1 st	Steve Golbourne (Sphinx)	Sue Harrison (Leam) and W35
2 nd	Steven Hainsworth	Kate Wright (Strat)
3 rd	Daniel Peabody (Cherwell)	Helen Taranowski (Spa Stri)
M40	Mick Hudspith (Sphinx)	W45 Heather Fooks (Sol +SH)
M50	Steve Golbourne (Sphinx)	W55 Ann Rollings (Rug+N)
M60	Derek Burns (MF)	

Northbrook 10k 4th June 2007

1 st	Paul Andrew (N'brook)	Sue Harrison(Leam) and W35
2 nd	Nathan Holmes (N'brook)	Eleanor Greenfield (Nun)
3 rd	Garry Payne (GES) and M50	Myshola Kirkham (Cov God)
M40	Steve Marklew (RSCAC)	W45 Sarah McAney (N'brook)
M60	Gordon Orme (Birch)	W55 Ann Rollings (Rug+N)

Coventry Midsummer 5 miles 27th June 2007

1 st	Scott Hazell(Cov God)	Sue Harrison(Leam) and W35
2 nd	Nathan Holmes (N'brook)	Helen Finch (Sol+SH)
3 rd	Harvey Speed (Cov God)	Eleanor Greenfield (Nun)
M40	Aaron Keane (Tip)	W45 Monica Williamson (Leam)
M50	Garry Payne (GES)	W55 Loretto Denley (N'brook)
M60	Gordon Orme (Birch)	

Birmingham Rowheath 5k 12th July 2007

1 st	John Ndaysenga(Birch)	Sue Harrison(Leam) and W35
2 nd	Steve Edmonds (Birch)	Liz Crawford (Sol+SH)
3 rd	Martin Matthews (Bir Row)	Helen Finch (Sol+SH)
MU20	Peter Whitehouse (Birch)	WU20 Jess Saunders (BirRow)
M40	Adrian Iszatt (Bir Row)	W45 Heather Fooks (Sol+SH)
M50	John McNally (SpaStr)	
M60	Gordon Orme (Birch)	

Top performer accolade? Sue Harrison surely.

Feedback required; two years ago the County extended the award of road race medals to the veteran's age groups. It is time to review that decision and to decide whether to continue it (or not). Similarly we have introduced winner's medals for the U20 age groups over the shorter distances. Should we continue with them too (or not)? Let any of the County's Officers know your view.

The final championship will at Wolvey (10 miles over 2 laps) promoted by Nuneaton Harriers on Sunday 9th September. Please enter well before 1st September indicating your County qualification.

10 Student Games.

Richard Oddy, the Sport Scholarships and Volunteer Coordinator at the Centre for Sport and Recreation at Coventry University, is recruiting volunteers to help at the UK School Games which takes place in Coventry 23rd - 26th August 2007.

The UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the most talented teenagers across the United Kingdom. The 2007 Games has expanded to feature 1300 athletes competing in eight sports - athletics, badminton, fencing, gymnastics, judo, swimming, table tennis and volleyball including disability events in athletics and swimming. In each sport both male and female competitors will participate in a one age group category as agreed and selected by the sports. Each of the eight sports will be combined into a 4-day programme in an environment designed to replicate the feel of a large multi-sport event such as an Olympic and Paralympic Games with, in addition to the competition itself, the experience of an Opening and Closing Ceremony and Athlete Village. Website – www.ukschoolgames.com

If you would like to help please contact Richard on 02476 795979 or at r.oddy@coventry.ac.uk

11 County Trophies

Many thanks to Ann Smith who have taken over responsibility for all of the WCAA trophies. You might be able to help her with some outstanding issues.

Firstly, the Jack Hartley Trophy which is awarded to the athlete who gives the Best Performance in the County T&F championships. This trophy is a Rose Bowl with a metal lattice grill that sits inside the bowl. It has not been seen for a couple of years so please check within your Club to see if anyone has won this trophy - or if it is in a cabinet in your Clubhouse.

Secondly, we have been given the Ellis Trophy and the Yelling Trophy but we have no idea for what event they were intended to be awarded. Do you know anything about them? They may not even be Warwickshire Trophies.

If you can help with any of the above queries Ann would be very pleased to hear from you. Ee-mail to annsmith227@btinternet.com

12 Keeping in touch

The County does its best to keep in touch with the clubs via the County "Bear". It is always good to hear from the Clubs too. If you have a club newsletter or magazines please send a copy to the County Secretary (Stewart Harris) and/or County Chairman (Ray Morgan).

The next "Bear" will be early in September
... please keep following him!

Keep up to date via the "Bear"

Please copy, distribute, display in your Club

and keep following 'THE BEAR'

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