



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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- 1 This is the last issue of the year. Hopefully the New Year will start with a good entry for the Warwickshire/Leicestershire and Rutland Cross Country Championships on Saturday 5th January at Burbage Common. Closing date for entries is December 12th.

- 2 2007 AGM – it was resolved that General Meetings will henceforth be held in April and November (the AGM).
Stewart Harris is standing down as Hon Secretary and Bear Editor so WCAA is without a Secretary and this is his last issue of the Bear. Many thanks to Stewart for his very significant contribution to the County. He will continue to help in other ways.
We urgently need two volunteers to take on these important roles. If you would like to know more of what is involved or if you know of somebody who might be interested then please contact the Association Chairman, Ray Morgan, on 01926 330667.

- 3 Affiliations. All previously affiliated WCAA clubs are now affiliated to England Athletics. The AGM resolved not to increase the 2007-8 County affiliation fees which are now due (£20 normally and £5 for single discipline clubs). Note that the fees have not increased for a decade!!
For clarification; to compete in Warwickshire team competitions all clubs must have affiliated to the Association. Of course this applies to the Cross Country Championships in January.

- 4 Race Walking: 2008 dates.
Sunday 2nd March: County Championships at Tamworth.
Saturday 8th March: Inter County Championships at Victoria Park, Leamington Spa.

- 5 Officials
Margery Ewington (02476 314990) has a small stock of the UKA Rules for Competition for sale at £2 each.
The level 2 course in November trained 12 more colleagues for the clubs. To reiterate, the next level 3 day is scheduled for April 2008.
Links between the County and the Region are now being established and not only is it important that Margery shares in the planning but also that the West Midlands Region keeps our officials in the picture. To that end a News Bulletin has been issued by Chris and Pat Lockley to all officials in Warwickshire and the Region.

- 6 Development
The next Birmingham Forum will be on 12th December at Alexander Stadium.
The next Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Forum will be on 16th January at Rugby.
All clubs should have a delegate at one of those meetings.

- 7 Opportunities to represent Warwickshire in 2008
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| Race Walking | Sunday 2 nd March: County Championships at Tamworth.
Saturday 8 th March: Inter County Championships at Leamington. |
| Cross Country. | CAU championships on Saturday 15 th March at Wollaton Park, Nottingham for all age groups. |
| Track and Field. | CAU Seniors Championships on Sunday/Monday 25 th /26 th May at Bedford. Young Athletes match for U13/U15 male and female on Saturday 13 th September (provisional) at Costello Park, Hull. |
| Road. | CAU 10k Championships on Sunday 1 st June at Coventry hosted by Northbrook AC within the Northbrook 10k. |
| Fell Running. | CAU Championships on Saturday 10 th May. 4.5 miles with 1000ft Ascent for Senior Men and Women at Belmont, near Bolton, Greater Manchester. |

8 UKA Rule Changes

We have notification of a number of rule changes from UKA including the following:-
It is proposed that with effect from the 2008 rule book UK Athletics will not legislate for competition in the Under 11 age group (present) or Under 12 age Group (proposed) in any discipline. However this will not preclude sections of the sport (e.g. Road Running and Hill & Fell Running) setting their own guidelines for these lower age children. Please reply by Jan 7th to: Cherry Alexander, UK Athletics, Central Boulevard, Blythe Valley Park, Solihull, B90 8AJ. calexander@ukathletics.org.uk

We have asked Bill Adcocks, who was elected to the UKA Council as a Club Representative to get clarification on the background to these propositions. If you have any important Club issues that you would like Bill to tackle with UKA then please contact him directly at b.adcocks@btinternet.com

- 9 Young Achievers Do you have a young achiever in your club? See attachment below.

- 10 And finally but most importantly..... The County's Officers and Officials send warm seasonal greetings and best wishes to all "Bear" readers.

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but even so we cannot reach everybody.**

So, please copy, distribute and display in your Club.

**Keep following 'THE BEAR'.
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Young Achievers

Do you know an inspirational young volunteer?

The Young Achievers Trust has launched a national search for England's star achievers with the opening of nominations for the prestigious Young Achievers Awards. The Awards recognise and celebrate inspirational young volunteers, activists and social entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 25.

Eight Young Achievers will each receive £1,000 cash prize for personal and project development, a trip on the British Airways London Eye for themselves and a friend, a full year's project support and tailor-made 'money can't buy opportunities'.

There are four categories: Sport, arts, community and environment, with awards for those aged 16-19 and 20-25, open to anyone living in England.

Nominations opened on 11 October with the closing date for nominations on 20 December 2007. Individuals can self nominate or be nominated by logging on to the website www.youngachievers.co.uk, filling in the form online or downloading it and e-mailing it back to fiona.jamieson@youthnet.org or posting it to 1st Floor, 50 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT.

If you would like to receive a awards launch pack including more detailed information about the awards, a nomination form and a pledge card then please e-mail fiona.jamieson@youthnet.org with your name and address.

