



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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1 SOME OUTCOMES FROM THE 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Keith Richards, Association Auditor and latterly Midland Race Walking President, has agreed to edit “The Bear” as from January 2009. The Association is very grateful to Keith.
- The post of Hon Secretary is **unfilled**. Do you know of anyone who might be prepared to take on this role?
- It is NOT anticipated that there will be a general meeting in April but regular feedback will be maintained via “the Bear”, e-mails and our website.
- The 2009 AGM will be on Wednesday 25th November.

2 WCAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2009

The Championships will be held on January 10th at Cofton Park, Birmingham but **the closing date for entries is Wednesday 10th December.**

3 FINAL WCAA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10 mile race at Draycote Water, Rugby Medallists:-

Senior Men 1st Harvey Speed (Cov God) 2nd Garry Payne (Geo Eliot S.) also 1st M45
3rd Nathan Holmes (Northbrook)

1st M35 Paul Birch (R+N AC), 1st M55 Paul Kelly (Northbrook)

1st M65 Colin Talbot (Mid Masters)

Senior Women 1st Sue Harrison (Leam) and 1st W35 2nd Myshola Kirkham (CovGod)
3rd Sally Baker (R+N AC)

1st W45 Kate Wright (Strat) 1st W55 Marilyn Maidment (Centurion)

A big thank you to the promoters of our Road Race Championships.

The 2009 programme will be:

Sunday 26 th April	Half Marathon at Stratford
Monday 4 th May	Coventry May Day 5 miles
Sunday 7 th June	Two Castles 10k from Warwick to Kenilworth
Thursday 9 th July	Birmingham Rowheath 5k
Sept/Oct (tbc)	Nuneaton 10 miles

4 REORGANISATION OF EA AND ITS REGIONS.

You will have seen lots in the athletics press recently about the reorganisation of England Athletics. It is too complex a subject to cover here but the important points are that the 9 Regions will be grouped into 3 Tri-Regions which will channel support and funding through “Networks” of Clubs. You can read more about the Networks in the notes and minutes of the recent Association AGM.

5 IS THIS A RECORD?

Sue Harrison, 9th overall in 223 finishers at Draycote Water, as first woman added a Warwickshire title she had not previously won. Whilst nothing may be completely unique Sue now has held senior County titles on the track at 800m/1500m/3000m/5000m. Additionally she has won the cross country title on three occasions, has road golds for 5k/5m/10k/10m/half marathon and in representing Warwickshire has Inter Counties medals for track and cross country.

Certainly we're pleased and proud to have you in our ranks, Sue!

6 ROAD RELAYS

The Warwickshire Open Relays are not planned to be held in March 2009 but our Officers/Officials are reluctant to "close the door" on this fixture. What are your views? Richard Carney and Ray Morgan need your feedback.

7 YOUNG ATHLETES (U13/U15) INTER COUNTY TRACK and FIELD MATCH 12/9/2009

Warwickshire play hosts for this 7 County lively popular fixture next year. Would your Club like to be considered for the venue? Offers to Ray Morgan by 31st January 2008 please.

8 NEWS of ANN SMITH, OUR TROPHIES and MEDALS COLLEAGUE.

Ann has been hospitalized recently and the causes are taking a long time to diagnose. Ann has our very best wishes for a satisfactory resolution in the near future. Your work for the Association is much valued, Ann!

9 SOME FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY.

CSW Development Forum meetings: 18th February, 17th June, 7th October

24 th January	MCAA Cross Country Championships at Mansfield
7 th February	WCAA Road Race Walking Championships at Alexander Stadium
21 st February	National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill
28 th February	Inter Counties Road Race Walking Championships near Warwick University
7 th March	CAU Inter Counties Cross Country Championships at Nottingham
14 th March	Younger Age Groups Race Walking Champs at Abbey Park, Leicester
4 th May	WCAA U17 3000m Championships at Birmingham Rowheath
9 th / 10 th May	WCAA Track and Field Championships at Saffron Lane, Leicester
24 th /25 th May	CAU Inter Counties Senior track and field match at Bedford

Season's greetings and Best Wishes to all in 2009

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