



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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1. ASSOCIATION MATTERS

- The post of Hon Secretary is still **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.
- The next Officers’ meeting is on Wednesday 25th February.

2. WCAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2009

The Championships were staged on January 10th at Cofton Park, Birmingham, by Birmingham Rowheath. Our thanks go to the club members and other officials who braved a very cold day to put on an excellent Championship. Special thanks are due to the County President and President-elect, Rowheath members, Richard Carney and Nick Price.

Phil Hinch won his first County Senior Men’s title, with Sue Harrison adding yet another County title (Masters) to her collection finishing overall winner in the combined Seniors/Masters race. Bournville won their first ever team trophy (Masters Men) and Dean Parker won their first ever individual trophy (Masters). Royal Sutton Coldfield retained the U13 girls and U15 girls trophies both of which they have held uninterrupted since 2005. The full results and photos are on the County website.

Cofton Park is a superb piece of terrain for Cross-Country, but where would you like the 2010 Championships to be held? Let Ray Morgan know at Ray.Morgan1@Btinternet.com.

Congratulations to Danny Mills of Nuneaton for finishing first in the Midland Counties U17 Cross-Country at Mansfield.

1. 2009 WCAA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

2. REORGANISATION OF EA AND ITS REGIONS.

Chris Mallender has been appointed as Manger of the Midlands/ South West tri-region. Chris was latterly manager of the East Midlands Region.

3. 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.

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

Ann has returned home at last and is improving gradually. We are grateful to Bob Carey and Paul Bergin of Sphinx for looking after the medals and trophies whilst Ann recovers.

5. SOME FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY.

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

14th February WCAA Road Race Walking Championships at Alexander Stadium

21st February National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill

7th March CAU Inter Counties Cross Country Championships at Nottingham

14th March Younger Age Groups Race Walking Champs at Abbey Park, Leicester

4th April Inter Counties Road Race Walking Championships Warwick University

4th May WCAA U17 3000m Championships at Birmingham Rowheath

9th /10th May WCAA Track and Field Championships at Saffron Lane, Leicester

24th /25th May CAU Inter Counties Senior track and field match at Bedford.

12th Sep U13/U15 Inter Counties match at Nuneaton

6. MARIANNE LINGEN 1921-2009

It is with regret that we report the death of Marianne just 5 days short of her 88th birthday. Marianne was a Birchfield club member for over 60 years. She ran cross-country in the 1940' and 1950's. She was a knowledgeable, industrious and cheerful field official for many years and served terms as President of both Warwickshire and Midland Counties AA. She was a Life Vice President of both those organisations and Birchfield Harriers and was Treasurer of the Birmingham Sportshall Association.

7. WALKERS WIN MIDLANDS AWARDS.

Mark O'Kane, Godiva and Holly Smith, Birchfield won the 2008 'Most improved walkers' awards for the Midlands. They were joint winners of the International award for their performances in the Home Internationals at Leamington.

8. DAVE BOUGHEY

Dave was employed by CSW Sport on behalf of England Athletics. As a consequence of the on-going reorganisation of the Regions he has moved into another role with CSW helping the recruitment of volunteers into Sport in general rather than just Athletics.

Dave set up and maintained the CSW Development forum (and latterly the Birmingham Forum too), the CSW CAPS performance squad and the CSW U11 League. His contribution to the Sport was very significant and he will be sorely missed by the large number of people that he has helped. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for what he has done and wish him well for the future.

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