



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Are you concerned about the County AA's future? You are needed at the Association AGM on Wednesday 26th November (7.30p.m.) at Coventry Godiva Headquarters.

The meeting will include an important statement about the future role of the County. As previously requested, any proposed Constitution changes or nominations must be with Alison Mills, Hon Secretary, by 31st October.

Don't be shy to step forward to offer to fill a role for the County, or nominate somebody even if that role is currently filled. It is always a good thing to have a new face helping the County.

2 INTER COUNTY YOUNG ATHLETES MATCH.

Well done to John Nash, Becky Freeman and all our athletes who competed on 13th September at Grimsby. Derbyshire gave us a good challenge but we had another overall win.

1. Warwickshire 515pts, 2. Derbyshire 493.5pts 3. Humberside 397.5pts
4. Nottinghamshire 387.5pts 5. South Yorkshire 383pts 6. Leicestershire 353.5pts
7. Lincolnshire 312pts

U13 Girls were 2nd U13 Boys were 2nd U15 Girls were 1st U15 Boys were 1st
Warwickshire produced 24 individual winners (14 As and 10 Bs). Adrienne Mulings was awarded the U13 match best performance for both track (200m 26.8s) and field (LJ 4.68m). Michael McKeown was awarded the U15 match best performance for the track (1500m 4:21.4). Michael dead heated with James Selway of Derbyshire.

3 2008 ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The final County Road Race Championships of this year will be the 10 mile race hosted by Rugby and Northampton AC at Draycote Reservoir near Rugby on Sunday 9th November at 11.00a.m.

4 2009 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next year's Championships are confirmed for Saturday 10th January at Cofton Park, Birmingham, promoted by Birmingham Rowheath AC. Well done to the Club for offering to host. The prospectus and entry forms are attached and are posted on the web site. Would all Club Secretaries please ensure that copies are made available to their membership and are posted on Club notice boards.

5 CLUB NEWSLETTERS

The County Association appreciates copies of Club newsletters. Please send to Ray Morgan (Chair) or Alison Mills (Sec).

6 2009 TRACK and FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next year's Championships will be held over the weekend of May 9th/10th at Saffron Lane, Leicester in conjunction with Leicestershire and Northamptonshire but coordinated by Warwickshire.

7 TONY HETHERINGTON (Rugby and Northampton AC)

Tony, a longtime distance runner, was tragically killed when cycling to work on Friday 26th September. An extremely loyal Club Athlete and helper, Tony was about to reach M50 status.

He is much missed and the Association offers sympathy and thoughts to those closest to him.

8 DEVELOPMENT.

A recent CSW Development Forum was given a presentation by some Nuneaton Harriers young athletes on their Club Youth Committee. This is a very interesting and successful development which, as far as we know, is unique. Clubs who would like to know more should contact Ray Morgan (County AA Chairman 01926 330667) or Dave Boughey (Athletics Development Officer for Warwickshire 07957 551833) or any Officer of Nuneaton Harriers.

9 OFFICIALS

Well done and many thanks to Margery Ewington for organising the recent Officials Skittles Night which was won by a team from Nuneaton Harriers (although we have yet to check eligibility and the B samples).

There will be a Level 2 Officials Course on 1st November for track, field, starters, marksmen and timekeepers and a level 3 course on November 2nd for modules – generic, track, field, timekeeping, EDM and photo finish. There will be a risk assessment course on Wednesday 12th November at 6.30 p.m. All at Alexander Stadium.

Application forms for both courses are available from Leonie Lightfoot (07824 302935)

10 CSW AWARDS.

Congratulations to SHELLEY WENT of Leamington C and AC who won the young female athlete of the year award, JAMIE BLUNDELL of Coventry Godiva Harriers who won the young male athlete of the award and MIKE SMITH and IAN RICHARDS who won the event of the year award for their organisation of the European Cup of Race Walking held at Victoria Park Leamington Spa.

11 STOP PRESS

Earlier this week England Athletics announced a major reorganisation. It is too early for us to comment in detail but you can see the announcement on the EA web site.

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