

Derbyshire Athletics.

County Officials Up-date June 2014

County T&F Championships

Firstly a very big **THANK YOU** to all of the county officials who took part in organising, refereeing, chiefing, or working in any way shape or form to ensure that this year's T&F championships was such a raging success, I find it very humbling and gratifying that so many of our officials give up so much time to ensure that the athletes have in the most part a very positive experience at these championships. The very big THANKYOU also comes from the Championship organising committee and the Derbyshire Athletics Committee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following people who have now qualified at level 2a (club) since the last Up-date.

Susan Heffernan L2a Field Judge, Emma Schaanning 2a Field Judge, Jonathon Whyatt 2a Field Judge, Mick Smedley 2a Track Judge, Sarah McGraw 2a Track Judge, Steve Palmer 2a Field Judge. Jaime Walker 2a Field Judge. We hope that they are all now working toward their 2b County qualification.

Officials Education Forward Planning

We are currently planning to hold a Level 2 course at Derby on 25th October 2014. It will include Health & Safety (which is now included in the Generic part of the course) Field Judging, Track Judging, Time keeping, Starting and it may also now include Photo Finish. If other courses such as Endurance or Risk Assessment are required please let either me, Ernie Cripps or Barry Parker know so that a suitable date time & venue can be organised.

Official of the Year

Roy Kissack was a Field Official from Lincolnshire who was much loved by all of his peers, he so loved coming to Derby that he viewed it as his second home. Sadly Roy died in 2009. His family in his memory, because of his love of Derby donated a Memorial Shield to be presented to the Derbyshire Official of the Year.

The 2014 Derbyshire Official of the Year who received the Roy Kissack Memorial Shield, which was first presented in 2010, began officiating when his children competed for Chesterfield & District AC. His interest in the sport of shooting, lead him towards the role of Starter & Marksman.

This Official began with club athletics and still regularly officiates for Chesterfield AC, other club meetings in the county including the County Schools Championships and our County Championships.

He has risen through the ranks to International status culminating in being one of the Starters at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London. His claim to fame there was that he started the Men's 200m Final which was won by that Jamaican legend, Usain Bolt.

He is also known to encourage and mentor less experienced Officials including many youngsters who show an interest in officiating.

Our President, Julie Feeney, had the great pleasure to present the Roy Kissack Memorial Shield for 2014 to Gordon Staines.

Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) (formerly CRB)

Recently some officials have had problems with DBS and the issue of Licenses so here is a little reminder of what you need to do, plus some useful information.

A few weeks before your License is due to expire Athletics Welfare in Sale will send you an application form for a DBS check. Complete the form and get all the necessary documentation verified by an accredited verifier. (This can be Club president or Secretary, County Official's Secretary, Mike or Ernie, or the Officials portfolio holder Barry Parker) Send the completed DBS application form to Athletics Welfare having first made a note of the form number, this will enable you to track your application on the DBS web site

<https://secure.crbonline.gov.uk/enquiry/enquirySearch.do>

When you receive your Disclosure from the DBS

YOU MUST SEND IT TO ATHLETICS WELFARE having first made a copy of your disclosure or at least your disclosure number. Athletics Welfare will return it to you; a few weeks later your new license will appear in the post. If after issue you do not receive your disclosure in the post from the DBS you can, up to 91 days from issue, obtain a replacement by contacting the DBS on 0870 90 90 11

If you have any problems contact Mike Heffernan and I will try to help resolve them.

Endurance

The County is now getting short of qualified endurance officials who are willing to volunteer to help at County Endurance Events. (The main one is the County Cross Country Championship) The tasks are really quite simple and are similar to the tasks carried out at a Track meeting, Line Judges, Funnel Judges & Funnel Recorders, Time-keepers and Time-keepers Recorders, Rope Marshalls etc. Anyone can qualify and again the grades are the same as for Track & Field 2a Club, 2b County, and 2c Regional. Also we are short of Race Adjudicators; these are officials who check that the UKA Event Standards are upheld in races and are in line with UKA rules. Anyone interested in qualifying should initially contact Ernie Cripps, Barry Parker or Mike Heffernan; Courses can be arranged before the start of the next Endurance season in October.

Mike Heffernan (T&F Secretary)

Ernie Cripps (Endurance Secretary)