

Derbyshire Athletics.

County Officials Up-date December 2014

Thank-You

As we approach Christmas and another New Year it is time to reflect on another Track & Field Season gone by with yet another to look forward to and an Endurance Season well on its' merry way. Firstly on the behalf of Derbyshire Athletics we would like to say a very big thank-you to the active T&F and Endurance officials who have contributed in any way to Competitions and Athletics in general throughout 2014 in Derbyshire and further afield. Without your valued service and expertise Athletics as a sport would be so much the poorer. What has made Athletics the poorer this year is the sad loss of Peter Wilkinson and we send our condolences to his Family and Friends, and wish them well for the future.

Officials Education.

November 15th saw a busy day at the Derby AC HQ with an official's course for prospective new L2 Club officials from all over the midlands attending. There were 23 attendees in total with 16 of them coming from Derbyshire. Most were new officials but 3 were established officials learning a new skill. We say welcome to you all and if any one come across a 'Newbie' please make them welcome and help them as much as you can. We need to make officiating as welcoming as possible to keep our life blood coming in and in order to retain as many officials as we can. Remember without officials of the correct level and experience the Athletes cannot compete and we are there for the Athletes!

We are hoping to have an Endurance Course around March of 2015 this will include a Risk Assessment module. If you are interested in becoming an Endurance Official please keep an eye on the County website and the England Athletics Education website pages.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to the following people who have qualified at the following levels since the June '14 Update.

Joe Landers. Track, 2a Club. Shelley Morse. Field, 2a Club.
Damian Banks. Timekeeper, 2a Club. Jonathan Baker. Field, 2a Club.

Annual Record of Athletics Experience. (ARE)

So far this year 21 T&F Officials and 6 Endurance Officials have submitted ARE'S to the respective County Officials Secretary and a very heartfelt thank-you to them for doing so. It may seem to be just another bit of bureaucracy to you and more bits of paper to fill in but for us the County Secretaries they are actually an invaluable aid for us to help us keep up with who is actively officiating in the County at what level of meeting etc. If you are an active official and at any level including 2C & 3 and have not submitted your ARE to the County Secretary please would you do so as soon as possible as next years' availability list will be coming out soon and we would hate to offend you by not having your name in our Address' books!

County Technology.

At the last Derbyshire Athletics Committee meeting held in November a proposal was put forward to purchase, operate and maintain Technology Equipment. Initially this is to be a Photo-finish system followed at a later date by an EDM apparatus. This equipment will have to be obtained by the County in association with interested clubs who will be 'Partners' in the equipment. So far Amber Valley & Erewash AC and Derby AC have expressed an interest and some financial support for the scheme. Some applications for grant funding from various sources have been prepared and submitted. The Total cost for a PF system is currently estimated at around £17k. This equipment will be available for hire as well as for County / Participating clubs use. One proviso for hiring is that it must be applied for in writing and an authorised person is available to accompany / set up and oversee the use of the equipment. If you want to know more about it contact any member of the Derbyshire Athletics Committee.

Endurance.

The next big Endurance event is the County Cross Country Championships 2015 which as usual are being held in conjunction with Nottinghamshire.

The 2015 event is being held at Wollaton Park, Nottingham. The event date is Saturday 3rd January 2015 if you are available to help at this event in any way please contact Ernie Cripps as soon as you possibly can.

Advance Notice.

The County Track and Field Championships for 2015 will be at Moorways Stadium, Derby. The dates for your diary are 23rd & 24th May 2015 Please keep them free.

Availability.

The Track & Field availability list for events in the County during 2015 is currently being compiled. It is hoped to send this out to all County Active T&F officials in the very early New Year to enable everyone involved to 'sort out' their diaries.

Lastly.

On behalf of Derbyshire Athletics and ourselves we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and athletically productive New Year. Many thanks for all your efforts!

Ernie Cripps. County Endurance Officials Secretary.

Mike Heffernan. County Track & Field Officials Secretary.