



Warwickshire County Athletics Association
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ASSOCIATION MATTERS

- There are no General Meetings scheduled for 2010
- The next Officers' meeting is on Wednesday April 14th.
- The 2010 AGM will be held on 24th November at the Coventry Godiva Clubhouse.

1. CROSS-COUNTRY

Midlands: James Walsh added the Midlands title to that of his County success on a cold, wind-swept Stafford Common. Coventry Godiva won the Senior Men's trophy for the first time since 1990, and their under 15 Boys team followed their example.

National: Jack Gray was the highest-placed Warwickshire athlete with 4th in the under 17 race. James Walsh was 7th in the Senior Men's race followed by Phil Hinch 14th. Billy Bowman-Shaw was 12th in the under 13 event. Coventry Godiva had the best team performances: 4th in the Senior Men, 6th in the under 15 Boys and 8th in the Senior Women.

2. INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross Country: After many years at Woolaton Park, Nottingham, this year's event will be held in Warwickshire, at Cofton Park, on Saturday 13th March. Teams have been selected and they are shown on the County website.

Road Walks: the Inter-Counties walks were held at the Warwick University Business Park on Saturday 6th March. Brendan Boyce (Godiva) led home a large field in a new pb for 10k, 41.50. Warwickshire won the Senior Women's Team (Ann Wheeler, Karen Davies and Tracey Mills) and the overall Men's team award, and finished second to Kent in the men's and Women's combined overall award.

3. CAVIN WOODWARD

It is with great regret that we have to report the death, on 26th February, of Cavin Woodward. Cavin was a long term member of Leamington C and A C. He excelled at ultra distance events for many years. In 1975 he set world best times at 30 and 50 miles and went on to set new times at 100km and 150km and 100 miles. He also won the London to Brighton race the same year, and went on to complete 11 more 'Brightons'.

He was an accomplished and enthusiastic ballroom dancer and petanque player.

He has been the Warwickshire County auditor for many years during which he coached the Treasurer and second auditor in the ways of accounting and auditing, a task he performed for a number of other local organizations. We have lost a running legend and a wonderful friend.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife of 42 years, Carol, his father Earnest, 3 sons and 3 grandchildren.

4. BIRMINGHAM ROWHEATH

Birmingham Rowheath has merged with the Birmingham Triathlon Club, and will now be known as 'Birmingham Running Athletics and Triathlon Club'.

5. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Road Walks, Younger Age Groups Saturday 21st March, Abbey Park Leicester.

Track and Field, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham (combined with Leicestershire)
Saturday/Sunday 08/09th May.

**U17 Men's and Women's 3k will be held during the
Birmingham Rowheath Open Meeting on 3rd May**

Road	5k	Birmingham RATC	Thursday 8 th July
	5 Miles	Godiva Autumnal	Monday 30 th August
	10k	2 Castles	Sunday 6 th June
	10 Miles	Nuneaton	Sunday September 19 th (tbc)
	Half Marathon	Kenilworth	Sunday 26 th September (tbc)

6. COACHING COURSES.

27th March Alexander Stadium Level 2, separate courses on Endurance, Jumps and Sprints, all £30.

7. OFFICIALS

No courses are planned in the Midlands at the moment. The new contact is Natalie Shaw on 0121 781 7223. There is a UK Officials Conference on 18th April.

8. SOME FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR 2010 DIARY.

28th March Coventry Easter 5 multi terrain, University of Warwick, masseyrunners.co.uk

17th April Birchfield Open Track and Field meeting

18th April Coventry Way Challenge (40 miles) see www.acoventryway.org.uk

24th April Rugby and Northampton Open Track and Field meeting

jw@foodsolutionsconsulting.co.uk

23rd May Hilly 100 (10 by 10 mile relay) Stratford AC

9. WCAA CONSTITUTION - IMPORTANT

The Officers of the Association have posted the new Constitution as adopted at the 2009 AGM on the County web site. Go to www.WarwickshireCounty.co.uk and click on "Governance" The new document takes into account the new role of the County as a competition provider following the two major reorganisations of the governing bodies in recent years.

10. SITUATION VACANT

Stewart Barnes has fulfilled the Treasurer's post for the past 7 years. He has advised that he will be standing down at the November AGM. If you have any suggestions of somebody who you think could do the job and might like to, or if you yourself would like to have a go please contact the Chairman, Ray Morgan on 01926 330667, or, Ray.Morgan1@Btinternet.com

11. WARWICKSHIRE ROAD RUNNING LEAGUE

The League AGM will be held on 22nd March commencing at 7.30 pm, at the Coventry Godiva Clubhouse.

We have a wide distribution but we cannot reach everybody.

So, please copy, distribute and display in your Club.

Keep following 'THE BEAR'.

www.WarwickshireCountyAA.co.uk