



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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I am sad to have to report the death of Roy England of Coventry Godiva Harriers. Roy was very well liked and greatly respected as a starter and coach. He will be missed by his athletics friends and colleagues. A true gentleman has left the sport.

ASSOCIATION MATTERS

- There are no General Meetings scheduled for 2009
- The 2009 AGM will be on Wednesday 25th November at the Coventry Godiva Clubhouse, commencing at 19.30.
- The next Officers' meeting is on Wednesday October 21st.

1. YOUNG ATHLETES LEAGUE 2009

Congratulations to young athletes from Birchfield Harriers and Rugby and Northampton, who qualified for the National Final (R&N for the first time). Rugby and Northampton finished 5th and Birchfield 7th.

2. INTER-COUNTIES YOUNGER AGE GROUP

Warwickshire's under 13 and under 15 athletes gained a comprehensive victory in the annual 7-County track and field match held at Nuneaton on September 12th. Warwickshire finished top in all four sections. Congratulations to Kerry Murch (Rugby and Northampton) and Kai Williams (Coventry Godiva) who won awards for best performances in their age group.

Our thanks are due to John Nash and Becky Freeman, Team Managers, to all officials and volunteers, and to Nuneaton Harriers for staging the event

3. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

2010 County Championship Events:

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| Cross-country, | Newbold Comyn, Leamington Spa Saturday 9 th January. The entry form and full details are available on the website: WarwickshireCountyAA.co.uk |
| Road Walks, | University of Warwick Business Park. Saturday 6 th March |
| Track and Field, | Alexander Stadium, Birmingham (combined with Leicestershire) Saturday/Sunday 08/09 May. |

At a meeting in Birmingham, County Treasurer and West Midlands Council Chairman, Stewart Barnes chaired a gathering of County representatives to explore further joint Championships. None of those who attended were willing to hold joint championships but would consider joining for specific events where their numbers were very low.

4. ENGLISH SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Mark O'Kane of Coventry Godiva on his silver medal in the Senior Boys 5,000m Race Walk held at Bedford.

5. OFFICIALS

There is a level 3 Officials Course on Saturday, November 14th at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. All disciplines are covered plus a Technology module, false start, EDM and Photo finish. Costs are £30.00 or £10 per module.

Officials working towards Level 2 Regional are welcome to attend.

A Registration Form is on the website. The contact is Morag Ford on 07920 532558.

The next Officials Social Evening will be on 11th December at Brandon Social Club. Anybody who has officiated for the County is invited to attend for a buffet and skittles matches.

The track season is over now but don't forget to send your Form 10s to Margery Ewington as soon as you can.

6. COACHING COURSES.

There are a variety of courses in the area over the next 3 months:

17th October Level 1 Stratford-upon-Avon High School £60.

2010:

9th January Level 2 Endurance Stratford as above £30

9th January Level 2 Jumps Stratford £30.

10th January Level 2 Sprints Stratford £30.

10th January Level 2 Stratford Throws £30.

Further details are on the England Athletics website.

7. 2009 WCAA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

The final County Championship race on the road, 10 miles, was staged by Nuneaton Harriers on September 13th (a busy weekend for the Club – see Inter Counties above).

Results:

Men: 1) Harvey Speed , 2) Iwan Jones, 3) Ian Mansell.

O35 Iwan Jones, O45 Paul Davies, O55 Paul Archer, O65 John Turner

Women 1) Sue Harrison 2) Monica Williamson, 3) Kate Wright.

O35 Sue Harrison, O45 Monica Williamson, O55 Marilyn Maidment

8. SOME FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY.

8th November Rugby and Northampton A C 10 miles Road Race Draycote Reservoir,
Rugby

22nd November Sphinx multi terrain race Coombe Abbey, east of Coventry.

9. WCAA CONSTITUTION - IMPORTANT

The Officers of the Association have posted a draft version of a new Association Constitution on the County web site. Go to www.WarwickshireCounty.co.uk and click on "Officers". 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. Please look at the document carefully and send your comments by the end of October at the latest to the Chairman at Ray.Morgan1@btinternet.com

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