



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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- 1 **Still wanted – Urgently**
Association Secretary and “Bear” Editor.
Offers to Ray Morgan please on 01926 330667 or Ray.Morgan1@btinternet.com
- 2 **Still wanted** – copy for the “Bear”.
This newsletter will be so much better with contributions from you and your Club.
Offers to Stewart Harris please at 42 Orson Leys, Rugby, CV22 5RF.
Distribute the Bear as widely as possible in your Club because it contains information for lots of people – especially athletes.
- 3 **County General Meetings 2008.**
The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th April at Sutton Coldfield.
The AGM will be held on Wednesday 26th November at Coventry.
- 4 **West Midlands Regional Elections 2008**
You should have received information about nominations to the West Midlands Council. The Council’s constitution demands that two of its six members stand down every year and Graham Heeley and John Graves are standing down this year. We are encouraging nominations from our Clubs but time is of the essence and names must be submitted by the end of January. Please play an active part in these elections. In this way Warwickshire clubs have improved prospects of contributing to and getting the most from the Region.
- 5 **Development**
The recent CSW Forum resolved to launch a new League for U11 athletes in the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire area. There will be three fixtures on the last Wednesday of April, June and August. All athletes will do three events of their choice and there will be no limit on the number of athletes per Club. Ray Morgan and Dave Boughey would like to hear from Clubs who are interested in taking part by February 17th please.
- 6 **Officials - from Margery Ewington (02476 314990).**
Firstly, warm thanks to all colleagues for their very efficient work at the Cross Country Championships, and, secondly, confirmation of training courses as follows (all to be held at Alexander Stadium)
Sat 26th April Level One
Sat 12th April Level Two - all disciplines
Sat 26th April Level Three
Application forms for all levels are
on the West Midlands Region website at www.EnglandAthletics.org/West-Midlands
or from Leonie Lightfoot 07824-302935 or L.Lightfoot@EnglandAthletics.org

7 Cross Country Championships 2008

Good weather and good competition with Leicestershire at Burbage Common and thank you to Nuneaton Harriers... again! Although the turn out numbers favoured Warwickshire 2:1 Leicestershire certainly made their mark, not least in the Senior Mens race. Congratulations to all who took part.

We introduced some new trophies this year and there is now a trophy for every winning individual and every winning team. The trophies have been named after people who have given tremendous service to their Clubs, the County and the Sport. They are:-

U13 Boys	Bob Carey Shield
U20 Men	Bill Adcocks Shield
Masters Men	Mike Doyle Shield
U13 Girls	Norma Blaine Shield
U15 Girls	The Ewington Shield (Barry and Margery)
U17 Women	The Riley Shield (Ian and Margaret)
U20 Women	Mary Hodges Shield
Senior Women	Stewart Harris Shield
Masters Women	The Paul Shield (Doug and Janet)

We acknowledge the generous support of England Athletics, West Midlands Region for their sponsorship of the event in general and the new trophies in particular.

8 Inter Counties Championship at Nottingham on 15th March.

If you could not compete at Burbage Common or if you did not get an availability form and you want to be considered for selection to the County team at the Inter Counties Championship at Nottingham on 15th March then tell Becky Freeman (the overall Teams Coordinator) at rfreeman276@yahoo.com or on 0121 745 9948

Many thanks to the people who are looking after the County Teams this year.

Simon Kinson of Leamington (SenM)
Nick Price of Birmingham Rowheath (U20M, U17M, U15B)
Simon Gale of Sutton Coldfield (U13B)
Eddie Cockayne of Birchfield (SenW)
Robert Pinton of Solihull and Small Heath (U20W, U17W)
Becky Freeman of Solihull and Smallheath and Bob Carey of Sphinx (U15G)
Brian Higson of Sutton Coldfield (U13G).

9 Track and Field Championships 2008.

The Championships will be held at Saffron Lane, Leicester over the weekend of May 10th/11th in conjunction with the Championships of Leicestershire and Rutland and Northamptonshire. The prospectus and entry forms will be available on the County web site by the middle of February. Go to www.WarwickshireCountyAA.co.uk

10 Road Race dates 2008.

A reminder to promoters to make early application for event permits/licences. We hope to publish a comprehensive list of races in Warwickshire 2008 in Issue 2 of the Bear (after the Warwickshire Road Race League AGM). Let us know the details of your race if you want it included in the list.

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