

BLACKPOOL WYRE & FYLDE AC

NEWS UPDATE 3 - February 2008

Membership Renewal - Important

Your membership fees for 2008–09 are due by 1st April 2008. Please complete a renewal form which is available from the clubhouse or the website and return to Jan Lavelle on a Thursday evening from 19.00 – 20.00 (or via myself). We need to ensure our membership database is up to date hence this request. Please note your membership fee includes the England Athletics Registration fee of £5.

Sports Hall & Track Use - Important

Can all athletes who use the Sports Centre facilities make sure that they pay, or have a valid pass, when using the facilities? Checks are being made by Council staff and we need to be seen to be complying. Coaches please ensure your athletes have paid.

Parents Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee is now up and running with Lisa Gowland and Denise Hollowell taking the lead. It was disappointing that only 2 parents took the time to attend the inaugural meeting. All we ask is an hour or two of your time and the more you volunteer the less time you will be needed. Help is especially required at T&F Meetings, as we have just been fined £260 for last year. This is money that could have been spent on other things within the club.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Monday April 28th at Blackpool Cricket Club commencing at 19.30. More details will follow but please note your diaries, as this is an important event for the club.

Cross Country Presentation

It is hoped to hold the Club's XC Presentation Evening on Friday 4th April subject to booking a suitable venue.

Congratulations

To: Elena Mingas on a new Club Record in the Pole Vault and winning the North Of England Indoors Senior Title.

To: Lancashire Schools Cross Country Champions Sam Channon (Senior Boys), Ben Everson (Year 7 Boys) and Ella Rembowski (Junior Girls). Also to Kristie Leybourne 2nd (Girls), Lauren Gowland 2nd (Junior Girls) and Joe Gigli 3rd (Junior Boys).

To: all the athletes who attended the Northern Athletics U15/U17 Indoor Championships in Sheffield and particularly Sophie Owen (300m Silver), Lucy Mansfield (200m Silver) and Declan O'Hara (Pole Vault Bronze).

To: The Sportshall Team who yet again won the Indoor Event at Blackpool Sports Centre on 20th January. David Jones continues to enhance his reputation.

To: the Pole Vaulters who did so well recently at Manchester

To: all the club athletes who represented the club at the North of England XC Championships at Leeds. Top performances came from Kristie Leybourne (U17W), Lauren Gowland

(U13), Tom Cunningham (U20), Caroline Betmead (SW) & Phil Leybourne (SM).

To: Antony Ford and Bev Wright who were Athletes of the Month for December. Nominations can be made via Nick Hume but only one award in a 12-month period to an individual. Winners currently receive a unique T-Shirt.

To: Hannah Dickson who represented Team Manchester in the Inter City Challenge

Blackpool Sports Council Awards

The following have been nominated for the above awards: Zoe Dixon, Lisa Daley, Junior Sportshall Team, Tony Airnes, Stan Taylor, Margaret Crompton & Tony Croft.

General News

The BWF AC Committee meets once a month, on the second Monday. If you have any items for discussion please contact Nick Hume or any other Committee Member (details on website).

Coaching sessions take place every weekday at various times and locations around the Fylde. Contact Tony Airnes for Senior sessions and Derek Newton for information on Junior coaching sessions.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Coach or a Track & Field Official funding is available through the club. The only commitment is to actively support the club once qualified. The list of Courses for 2008 is now on the Club website and Club Notice boards. If you wish to apply for a course please contact Tony Airnes on 358168 or email tairnes@hotmail.co.uk

Mid Lancs XC Positions (after 4 Races)

We are currently in a very strong position in the Mid Lancs XC with two races to go both individually and team wise. Molly Betmead (U11G), Bradley Yates (U11B), Lauren Gowland (U13G), Alex Evans (U13B), Caroline Betmead (F35) and Phil Leybourne (M40) all head their respective categories. In the Team competition the positions are: U13G 2nd, U13B 1st, U15b 2nd, SW 1st Div 1, SW B 3rd Div 3, F35 1st, F45 3rd, SM =1st Div 1, SM B 3rd Div 2, M40 2nd, M50 2nd, M60 2nd.

With two more good turnouts at Hyndburn (9th Feb) and Blackburn (1st Mar) these positions could improve or someone else could reap the rewards. Please make every effort to support your fellow athletes in these events.

Any items of information for the News Update can be sent to Nick Hume at the details below.

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