

# Isle of Man Veteran Athletes' Club

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Committee members:	Maureen Cox, Sarah Goldsmith, Robbie Lambie, Enid Watson, Jock Waddington		
Marathon organiser	Christine Bathgate		

## **Annual General Meeting**

This will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30 pm St Johns Football Club, St Johns.

Please make every effort to attend. This year we are looking for a **new race secretary** as Mike Gellion would like to have a break after 9 years. This is not as complicated a job as first appears, as the Marathon and the End to End have their own organisers. That means there are only 6 races per year if you include the cross country. The main tasks are applying for the race permit, booking the time keepers and taking entries. If you are interested, please give Mike a ring to discuss what is involved on 834822. You would not have to be on the Island for every race, as the work is partly done in advance, and someone else could deputise on the day. Also, if you did not want to be on the Committee, and have to attend meetings every month, that would be alright.

## **Annual Subscriptions due soon**

The subscription rate for 2007 will be decided at the Annual General Meeting on 29 January and will be posted on the website shortly afterwards. Please print off the form and send it with your subscription to the membership secretary: Peter Cooper, Woodheights, Knocksharry, German, telephone 842477. If you don't have internet access, then you can (if you don't know the amount) give Peter a ring and just send the cheque with your name and address to him, or you can wait for the next newsletter to get your subscription form,

## **New Sponsors**

Good news, three new sponsors have come on board for 2007. SalChem Ltd will be sponsoring the Marathon and half marathon. Thanks to David Salter.

The 2007 IOM 20 mile road race will be sponsored by Leinster Management Ltd. Many thanks to one of our staunch members, Jack Murphy.

The Spring and Autumn run and walk handicap races will be sponsored by BlackRock. Thanks once again to Dave Nixon.

**New members:** Welcome to Chris Cale who is best known as a long distance walker, but is also a runner. Chris became a Centurian at our 100 mile walk in August, has 4 Parish Walk finishes and also ran the Dublin marathon this year. Welcome also to Bethany Clague who has run several marathons, has 2 Parish Walk finishes and also ran the "Tough Challenge" which is a cross country half marathon, in November. See further on for her account of this.

Club entries for Flora London Marathon 2007 have been awarded to Lynne Quine, Maureen Kelly and Andy Gosnell.

Thanks to BLACKROCK and Dave Nixon for photocopying free of charge and help with the posting.

### **Provisional Club Fixtures 2007**

11 March	20 mile run	30 September	End to End Walk
22 March	Vets Spring handicap	25 October	Vets Autumn handicap
12 August	Marathon and ½ marathon	4 November	Sid Quirk ½ marathon
9 September	Open 20 km walk		

### **Provision Fixture list for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2007**

- 1 Jan St Johns Fell race at St Johns Foot ball Club 2 pm Manx Fell Runners
- 4 Jan Ramsey Bakery Firemans' Runs round 4 Ramsey Fire Station 7 pm NAC
- 7 Jan FPI winter walking league 10 km round 4 at Ronaldsway 10 am Manx Harriers
- 14 Jan Empire Garage Peel to Douglas Walk Peel Town Hall 9 am Manx Harriers
- 21 Jan Manx XC champs and Manx Gas X challenge round 4 Glen Lough, Glen Vine 2 pm
- 27 Jan Greeba Fell race MFR
- 28 Jan FPI round 5 at Andreas 10 am Manx Harriers
- 1 Feb Ramsey Bakery Firemans' runs round 5 Ramsey 7 pm Northern Athletic Club
- 4 Feb Manx Gas XC round 5 2 pm
- 18 Feb FPI round 6 NSC 10 am
- 25 Feb Bradda Fell race MFR
- 1 Mar Ramsey Bakery Firemans' runs round 6 Ramsey 7 pm
- 10 Mar Manx Harriers Open Walks NSC
- 11 Mar IOMVAC open 20 mile race NSC
- 18 Mar Manx Gas XC round 6 Crossags Farm Ramsey 2 pm
- 22 Mar Veterans Spring Handicap walk and run NSC 6.30 pm
- 24 Mar Snaefell fell race MFR
- 25 Mar IOM 10k and age group walking champs NSC 10 am MH
- 6 April Easter 10k road race
- 7 April Peel Hill race
- 7 April Manx Mountain Marathon and half MMMO
- 9 April Easter Festival road relays

18<sup>th</sup> February Northern Veterans Cross country championships, Moss Bank Park, Bolton  
visiting vets club members welcome, closing date 3 days before event, phone 01204 491 877 for more  
details. (I can supply an entry form if you have left it a bit late)

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