

# Isle of Man Veteran Athletes' Club

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President	Mr Dursley Stott OBE JP	Chairman	Colin Watterson
Hon. Sec.	Lesley Christian	Hon. Treasurer	Gill Churcher
Committee members:	Maureen Cox, Sarah Goldsmith, Mike Gellion, Robbie Lambie, Enid Watson, Jock Waddington, Marie Jackson Race Sec.		
Marathon organiser	Christine Bathgate		
Membership Sec.	Peter Cooper		

### **Annual General Meeting**

This took place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at St Johns Football Club, St Johns. The officers and committee members remain almost the same as last year, except that Peter Cooper has retired from the committee, although he will be continuing his essential work as membership secretary. We are pleased to welcome Marie Jackson onto the committee as our new Race Secretary, and I am sure she will do an excellent job. Mike Gellion remains on the committee to give us the benefit of his experience.

### **Annual Subscriptions due now**

The subscription rate has remained the same as last year, namely, £10 for 1<sup>st</sup> claim members, £8 for 2<sup>nd</sup> claim members and £3 for social members. Please send your cheques **asap** to the membership secretary: Peter Cooper, Woodheights, Knocksharry, German, telephone 842477. Remember that for the purposes of insurance you need to be paid up when taking part in an event. Peter has recently been congratulated by the BMAF as being the only membership secretary whose figures tallied. Well done Peter.

**New members:** Welcome to Lewis Veale who has been running in various 10k races and the cross country league for some time. Welcome also to Joanne Glassey who is a runner, currently looking for a Flora London Marathon place, and Robin Stockton a walker.

### **Colin Watterson – 25 years as Chairman**

This March Colin will have been serving the Club as Chairman for 25 years and has only missed 3 meetings in all that time. Quite a record. By way of thank you the committee presented him with an engraved beer tankard at their recent meeting, and the President gave him an engraved silver plate.

### **The Chairman's foot**

At the time of going to press (!) this is healing nicely and the plaster is off. Colin and Brenda would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and offers of help. Colin has been advised to make good use of his enforced leisure time by learning the recorder, and will shortly be available to play at weddings, funerals and bar-mitzvahs.

### **Club Fixtures 2007**

**ENTER NOW! 11 March 20 mile run      22 March Vets Spring handicap**

12 August	Marathon and ½ marathon	25 October	Vets Autumn handicap
9 September	Open 20 km walk	4 November	Sid Quirk ½ marathon
23 September	End to End Walk ( <i>note change of date</i> )		

Members are reminded that they could be eligible for a £50 grant towards their expenses if they compete as a Club member in a championship event in the UK or elsewhere. This grant is discretionary and is limited to one per person per year. If you are not sure whether you are eligible, then why not apply and see. Write to the Secretary, Lesley Christian at 1 Chester Mews, The Paddocks, Ballasalla, IM9 2DN, enclosing proof of participation.

### **Club kit**

At the moment we reviewing the Club kit. Also, are you happy with your Club vest? It has been suggested that we could apply for a modification of the design / colours, and that some yellow / gold would give improved visibility. Are you happy with the fit and the fabric. If you have any comments please let one of the committee know. We are also hoping to sort out a Club fleece which will be available from Promenade T-shirts. Watch the website for news of this. Also, do you prefer small trophies or socks for the minor prizes in competitions? Please let us know.

### **Seven Stations Walking Challenge**

This is a new event put on by the Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service. It is basically a 50 mile walk starting from Port Erin Fire Station, taking in each Fire Station on the Island. In the same style as the Parish, you can walk as far as your want to. For more information, go to [www.iomfire.com/walk.htm](http://www.iomfire.com/walk.htm). Or, presumably, phone the Onchan Fire Station to send you details.

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

1 March Ramsey Bakery Firemans runs Ramsey Fire Station 7pm  
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  
13 April HSBC Ramsey Commissioners Park Runs round 1  
20 April Scott Physiotherapy Dave Phillips Peel Runs round 1  
22 April Seven Stations Walking Challenge  
27 April HSBC Ramsey Park runs round 2  
29 April Boundary Stroll MH venue tba  
6 May 20 km walking championships MH  
7 May Peel to Douglas running race MH  
11 May Scott Physio Dave Phillips round 2  
14 May Carraghyn fell race  
17 May MH 5 km walks  
19/20 May IOM track and field championship  
20 May Northern 10 road race NAC  
24 May HSBC Ramsey Park runs round 3  
2 June 10k track running and walking championships  
9 June Glen Monda fell race  
12 June Bushy's Great South Run  
13 June Steve Jacobs Mile  
15 June HSBC Ramsey Commissioners Park run round 4  
23/24 June Parish Walk  
29 June Scott Physiotherapy Dave Phillips round 3

Remember to check in the local press nearer the time or go to [www.iomathletics.co.uk](http://www.iomathletics.co.uk)

The Road to Rhodes  
There is a ceilidh to raise money for this on Friday 13 April at 7.30 at The Old Friends Association, Finch Road, Douglas. Tickets tel. 862203

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A DVD of the 2006 European Veterans Athletics Championship is available on [www.sportvideo.dk](http://www.sportvideo.dk)  
Anyone wanting to know what the Scots veterans get up to should visit [www.scottishmastersathletics.co.uk](http://www.scottishmastersathletics.co.uk)  
Leeds half marathon on 13 May [www.leeds.gov.uk/runleeds](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/runleeds)  
Copenhagen marathon on 20 May email [info@copenhagenmarathon.dk](mailto:info@copenhagenmarathon.dk) Tel: +45 3526 6900  
Horwich Carnival 5k road race on 24 June phone me for entry form  
Mablethorpe marathon on 16 September [www.mablethorpeamarathon.org](http://www.mablethorpeamarathon.org)  
Loch Ness Marathon on 7 October [www.lochnessmarathon.com](http://www.lochnessmarathon.com)  
Trionium sports magazine [www.trionium.com](http://www.trionium.com)