

Secretary's Report 2009

Having completed our third year as a new club we continue get our act together and now gel as one club with all personnel working together. Most people now recognise our new name and as can be seen from the reports on the website we continue to enjoy considerable success. The club was again voted Club of the Year by Scottish Athletics and Lauren Peffers was the Disability Athlete of the Year after winning 2 silver medals in the World Deaf Championships. Several of our members were in the short list for awards - Yvonne Jones in Club Volunteer and Club Development categories, Eric Fisher Participation Coach and Anne and John Scott Participation Coach.

Freya Murray has had an excellent season and GB representation, possibly her best performance was winning the UK 5000m Championship.

The following athletes represented Scotland in the Loughborough International Match, Laura Dunn 1500m, Kathryn Evans 400m, Avril Jackson 400mH, Susie McKelvie Hammer, Jayne Nisbet HJ, Chris O'Hare 1500m and Patrick Swan 400m.

8 Members were selected for the Celtic International

This year's club athletes who became Senior Scottish Champions are Louise Dickson 100m, Avril Jackson 400mH, Lisa Ferguson LJ, Jayne Nisbet HJ and Susie McKelvie Hammer
Chris O'Hare 3000m in Scottish U20

Stephen Lisgo has achieved Commonwealth games Standard in the 3000mSC and was 5th in the European U23 Champs.

In the Scottish Schools champs our members achieved 19 golds, 12 silvers and 14 Bronze and Allan Hamilton was awarded the Eric Liddell Trophy for his 44 year old record breaking victory in the TJ

Kimberley Reed has made a great impact in the U15 Hammer and won the English Championship.

On the team front we won everything in Scotland and in the NJAL, Team Edinburgh, which is mostly EAC, were second in the Northern Premier League and qualified for the National Final. At the Young Athletes League Final in Birmingham we finished a creditable 4th and Emily Dudgeon and Ben Robbins were given Athlete of the match Awards.

We had a very successful relay season winning four out of six of the younger age group relays and both the Senior ones.

Our website is now well established and an excellent source of information, for our own members and athletics enthusiasts outside the club. I am even dipping into it now! Many thanks to the team including the newly married Martin.

We have achieved Clubmark and were presented with our certificate at the Dinner - this was a requirement to be part of the LDC sponsorship. We were one of 4 clubs to gain this sponsorship and I am sure you have all seen photos of the launch. It involves sponsoring induction nights - a

very successful one was held in October - and we have covers for the Welcome Packs which Yvonne has produced. Five of our level one coaches are being funded for level 2 courses (when they are available) We are also going to be involved in Run Jump and Throw courses. There was a feature about this in the PB magazine.

Team managers have all been on first aid courses and our next venture is sending coaches on Child Protection Courses.

We have a data base of Coaches/Officials, they are to be offered free membership of the club and we are hoping to send coaches on the new UKA schemes - Coaching Edinburgh can give assistance with funding. Scottish Athletics will fund progression from Level 2 to Level 3. Bill Walker is organizing our own courses for coaches which are more suitable to our needs being a bit more basic and event based.

A small committee set up an Away Day on 18th April with a view to utilizing the expertise of the members, parents and friends of the club and making the club more successful than ever, this was well attended and there was very positive feed back.

Unfortunately the men have been relegated from the BAL but steps are being taken to form an East of Scotland team which will afford our members BAL competition.

Next year's report will contain the 2009/2010 cross country results but we had a good start winning 2 gold, 3 silvers and 1 bronze in the East District Relays.

We have had a meeting with Geoff Wightman because we are unhappy with the competition structure in Scotland and various other issues - a report of the meeting will be on the website shortly.

I will finish by thanking all who make up for my lack of secretarial skills and computer illiteracy.

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