

RUNNING BRIEFS

Team Southampton

April 2008

The Clubhouse

Our planning application to build a clubhouse at the Sports Centre has been approved by the City Council Planning Committee and we can now go ahead with raising the funds for what is an expensive project.

Obviously we shall be seeking grant aid from various bodies, but a substantial sum must come from our own efforts. This requires the active help of all club members.

Beautiful as the Sports Centre undoubtedly is there is a sad lack of covered accommodation and the clubhouse will help to improve that situation for our members.

Team Southampton Open Meetings

The Club will once again be staging a series of Wednesday evening Open Meetings as follows;

23 April, 28 May, 18 June, 16 July, and 27 August

Full details are available on the Club website at www.teamsouthampton.co.uk or from the Club portacabin

The Indoor Season

The indoor season saw an increased number of Team Southampton athletes competing. Hopefully with the new facilities at Lee Valley we shall see more athletes competing in future years.

Medalists in championships

Sian Scott	3 rd National 400m
Melanie Purkiss	2 nd Southern 400m
James Grocock	1 st Southern U20 Long Jump and 2 nd National U20 Long Jump
Richard Humby	2 nd Southern U17 Pole Vault
Gareth Price	2 nd Welsh U20 60 & 200m

Mary Axtell, Vic Novell and Will MacGee all picked up medals in their age groups at National Vets events

Club Subscription draw

Sophie Jones and Neil Starks will both receive a full refund of their 2008 Annual Subscription having both been drawn out from the names of all Club members who had paid their subs by 31 January 2008.

If you have not yet paid please now do so without further delay or you may not be registered to compete

Leading Cross Country Results

Hampshire League

Senior Men	Team 2 nd Division 1 Neil Phillips overall 1 st
Under 17 Men	Team 2 nd Jamie Knapp 2 nd overall
Under 15 Boys	Team 4 th Simon Nimmin 6 th overall
Under 13 Boys	Team 3 rd Alex Ruggles 6 th overall
Under 15 Girls	Team 4 th Jenny Beckingham 5 th overall
Under 13 Girls	Team 2 nd Emily Jenkinson 5 th overall

Hampshire County Champs

Senior Men	Gareth Keplacz 10 th
Senior Women	Ceri Mitchell 6 th
Under 20 Men	William Davies 10 th
Under 20 Women	Tina Rosenburg 5 th
Under 17 Men	Jamie Knapp 7 th Team 1 st
Under 17 Women	Louise Webb 2 nd Team 2 nd
Under 15 Boys	Louis Gates 1 st Team 3 rd
Under 15 Girls	Mhairi-Clair Stewart 8 th Team 3 rd
Under 13 Boys	Alex Ruggles 13 th Team 3 rd
Under 13 Girls	Daena Bennett 5 th Team 2 nd

South of England Championships

Under 17 Women	Louise Webb 5 th
Under 17 Men	Jamie Knapp 10 th
Under 15 Boys	Louis Gates 7 th

National Cross Country Championships

Under 17 Women	Louise Webb 11th
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Road Runners 10 Series

Date	Time	Venue
23rd April 2008	7pm	RVCP Netley
7th May 2008	7:15pm	Ashurst
21st May 2008	7:30pm	Wilverly Inclosure
28th May 2008	7:30pm	Ashurst (TS Hosting)
11th June 2008	7:30pm	Itchen Valley Country Park, West End
25th June 2008	7:30pm	Cadland Park, Holbury
9th July 2008	7:30pm	Manor Farm Country Park, Hedge End
23rd July 2008	7:30pm	Janesmoor Pond, Stoney Cross
6th August 2008	7:30pm	Lordswood
20th August 2008	7:15pm	IBM Hursley

2008 Track & Field League Team Managers

British League	Terese Swain
UK Women	Coral Rogers
Southern Men	Neil Starks & Mark Gallant
Southern Women	Coral Rogers & Tim Hall
Young Athletes Boys	U17 Keth Ninnim U15 Tony Campbell U13 Brian Fisher
Young Athletes Girls	U17 Susan Stevens U15 Gillian Seaman U13 John & Bec Jenkinson

2008 Hampshire County Track and Field Championships

These take place as follows;

Multi Events

Monday 5 May, Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth
Plus

Under 17, Under 20 and Senior Women 2000m Steeplechase

Track & Field

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May, Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

Entries close Thursday 24 April 2008

Forms available at www.athletics.hampshire.org.uk or from Club portacabin. Please note these are individual championships and therefore you are responsible for your entry. No entries can or will be made by Team Southampton

Help is urgently needed in all areas of our coming track & field season – if you can spare us even just one afternoon or evening to help with judging at home or away matches, home match administration or in manning the Club portacabin on match days/training evenings then please contact us at either teamsouthampton@hotmail.com or Janet Smith on 023 80463384

Congratulations to all who represented Hampshire this winter at Cross Country Aiya Abe, Jenny Beckingham, Daena Bennett, Louis Gates, Jamie Knapp, Mhairi-Clair Stewart and Louise Webb together with those who won their events for Hampshire at the Regional Sportshall Championships - Bradley Awuah-Peasah, Will Hodgetts and Jacob Tudball.

Welcome to those new members who have joined us from Eastleigh Juniors. Sadly their club has been disbanded because of the continuing ill health of Ady Burke and we all join in wishing Ady a full recovery

Welcome also to Owen Harries who will be joining the Club Committee as the new Road Running representative

Apologies to all of you still waiting for your England Athletics registration details. The Club has submitted all necessary fees and data and are actively pursuing the reason for the continuing delay.

It seems only a short time ago when I wrote to congratulate everyone on the success achieved during the winter of 2006/7. Much has happened since then in a successful track season for 2007.

Behind the scenes the committee has also put in some sterling work. First and foremost seeking approval for a purpose built clubhouse to replace the outgrown and dated Potakabins and as you will have read we have received permission to move ahead and the task of raising the necessary funds will commence. The club is seeking Clubmark accreditation and whilst this is proving challenging this will be another step in the right direction.

Our membership is 'healthy' and providing the necessary facilities for coaching, competition for all age groups is very demanding especially with the many administrative controls required in this day and age. Health & Safety and CRB checks and this year registering competing athletes for example!

However the club does provide the best resources available for everyone to enjoy our sport to the best of our abilities. So in closing I wish you all a successful and enjoyable 2008 season.

Vic Novell (Vice Chair)