



Captains Report November 2019

Secretary again am pleased to report a busy and successful Summer for many Centurions in many fields of Athletics and again a highly successful 100 mile qualifying event on the Isle of Man in August.

Our sport and Athletes rarely make the news or television screens but am sure many will have watched the live screening of Centurion Dominic King in Doha in September walking in the world championships, Dominic fell foul of the judges but continues to walk at world level, also in the news and tv screens was Centurion Sharon Gayter who again broke the John O'Groats to Lands end record, very different events but Centurions at the highest level its only by having exposure that we as a whole can raise our profile and draw Athletes in and the possibility of sponsorship to our event.



On the domestic racewalking front the Essex league remains popular and is supported by not just walkers but officials too the committee has been well represented and our President has been busy handing out our handbooks to raise awareness about Centurions and our history, we already have a number interested in competing in Colchester lets hope they make the start line.

Secretary as previously reported Ultra distance is a growing branch of Athletics and Centurions are increasingly using this for training and competing two stalwarts Sarah Lightman and Sandra Brown being examples competing in the Robin Hood Ultra 100 miles race in September, we now have only two distance races in the calendar our 100 and the Parish Walk.

August saw the 100 mile race at Castletown on the Isle of Man, a great event organised by Steve Taylor and his team, the 100 has changed greatly over the years and now shows how important it is to have facilities for both walkers and supporters to make this a fun event and to this end organisers provided tents and food for competitors and helpers alike, again the weather wasn't kind with windy conditions and added to a tough course made for a challenging event for the walkers, Eric Howell and John Eddershaw again were to the fore on judging duties our President and Secretary supporting too, a video is available of the event and can be accessed on Isle of Man 100 facebook page, first home was Rob Tersteeg 19:47:15 second Peter Asselman 20:24:24 third Andrew Titley 20:59:54 and we welcome 16 new Centurions

- C1196 - Paul Sayle (IOM)
- C1197 - Edwin van Wijngaarden (NED)
- C1198 - Graham Jackson (UK)
- C1199 - Lee Johnson (IOM)
- C1200 - Peter Duijst (NED)
- C1201 - Andrew Dent (UK)
- C1202 - Claire Bass (UK)
- C1203 - Corina Riezebos-Rijploeg (NED)
- C1204 - Sophie Dvorakova (IOM)
- C1205 - Mark Hempsall (IOM)
- C1206 - May Hooper (IOM)
- C1207 - Courtenay Heading (IOM)
- C1208 - Adrie Romijn (NED)
- C1209 - Alison Kenyon (IOM)
- C1210 - Dick Stoevelaar (NED)
- C1211 - Wilko Koster (NED)

The presentation was also well supported and finished off a fine event, for those not reaching the mark this time were reminded there's next year at Colchester 2020.



October saw another edition of our social walks organised by Steve Kemp this time around Epping Forest, 13 walkers had a guided tour around the forest finishing with a coffee and a cake, this nice relaxed walk allowed old friends to catch up on the walking world, Steve who next year is looking to do some track running before he promises to have another outing on the 100 in 2021 is looking to organise another event around London next year.



Secretary a full Summer of Athletics in some areas we have positives we need to keep evaluating our event to keep it an event both walkers and now Ultra Athletes may be attracted to, our media remains a negative to Centurions as a whole and as we look to the future and next years event this area must change if we are to attract new Athletes and sponsors.

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