

# Autumn Newsletter



November 2004

*Don't worry - you didn't miss the Summer Newsletter! I am sorry to say that I did not have time to get round to producing one. However, I wanted to get a newsletter out to you all now to make sure that you are all aware of the **AGM** date, the voting for **Club Member of the Year**, the date of the **New Year Club Run** and details of the **NSRRA Annual Presentation evening** in January.*

*I shall try and produce another newsletter before Christmas in which I can round up the year as well as report back on the AGM and give details of the date and venue for the Club Annual Dinner.*

## **2004 Annual General Meeting**

This year's club AGM will begin at 8.20pm prompt on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the Bar Lounge at the Oakley Centre. I have arranged for the bar to be open from 8.00pm so that you can purchase refreshments before we get started.

Copies of the full agenda for the meeting will be circulated on the night together with copies of the Minutes of last year's AGM, but the main business of the evening will be as follows:

- ❖ ❖ *To receive the Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Report and the Chairman's Report on the year.*
- ❖ ❖ *Election of the Management Committee for 2004/5 including the Club President, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary together with 6 other members to serve on the committee.*
- ❖ ❖ *Election of the Honorary Auditor*
- ❖ ❖ *Set the 2005 Subscriptions rate*
- ❖ ❖ *Solicit members' views on the format, date and venue for the 2005 Club Annual Dinner. The main purpose of the dinner is to get as many members as possible together when we present the awards to the Club Runner of the Year and to the Club Member of the Year. There has been some discussion on the committee over whether this should be dinner plus disco as we have had for the past few years or just a dinner followed by the club awards. We have decided to throw this open to discussion at the AGM.*

## **Club Member of the Year**

*There are two major trophies that the club awards each year at the Annual Dinner. The first of these is for the **Club Runner of the Year** and this is decided by who finishes top in the Club Championship of races. The championship makes*

*allowances for age and sex, but generally speaking the award goes to the best-performing runner in the club.*

*The award for the **Club Member of the Year** is designed to honour the Club Member who members feel most deserves recognition for their contribution to the club. Members can use whatever criteria they wish when casting their vote – it could possibly be someone who has done tireless work as an officer of the club or someone who has helped you personally in your running over the year or perhaps someone whose running has served as an inspiration to you. Last year's winner was Roger Foden, who had just retired from the committee after four years as Chairman. The 2002 and 2003 winner was Simon Walker, who organises the club 10K race and 5K fun run every Easter as well as giving lots of encouragement to others in training. Voting slips will be available on every club training night between now and the Annual Dinner for members to cast their votes.*

### **Club New Year Social Run – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2005**

Please note in your diaries that the New Year Social Run will take place in the morning on the above date. For those new members unfamiliar with the New Year Run, it is along the same lines as the Summer Run that we did at Delamere Forest. It is likely to be a run on the Sandstone Trail from Peckforton, as it was this year. However, the route has not yet been finalised, so feel free to make any other suggestions to myself or Alan Williams. The main requirements will be a run with plenty of potential for short-cuts and the proximity of a good pub to adjourn to for refreshments after the run. Full details on the start time and venue will be posted on the notice board and the website once they have been agreed.

### **NSRRA Annual Presentation Evening**

*2004 has been a very successful season for the club in the North Staffs Road Runners series of races. The following club members are all due to receive awards at the Annual Presentation Evening at Burslem Cricket Club on Friday 21 January 2005:*

**Pete Mallinson (2<sup>nd</sup> in Group A and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 18-39 age group), Dave Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> in 18-39 age group), Mike Hatton (2<sup>nd</sup> in Group B and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 40-44 age group) and Mike Cutler (3<sup>rd</sup> in 45-49 age group).**

*It is envisaged that a number of members would like to attend the Presentations to see their fellow club members receive these awards. A subsidised mini-bus will be laid on for transport from Crewe if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to go on the mini-bus, please let me know as soon as possible.*

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