

TAUNTON ATHLETICS CLUB

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN Helen Stephenson: “Welcome back after the summer holidays and hope all are rested and ready to go this season. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members in both the junior and senior sections.”

OLYMPIC HOPEFULS? While Team GB underperformed on the athletics front in the Olympics the same could not be said of three members of Taunton AC. Izzy Jeffs took gold in the U17 women’s javelin in the English Schools National Championships in July. Her effort was matched by Robin Danaher with gold in the U15 boys javelin, while Charlie Maclean claimed silver in the U17 men’s steeplechase. At the International Schools event Izzy and Charlie represented England and took gold and bronze respectively. At the UK Schools Games the pair were part of the South West team. Izzy crowned a golden season by finishing first with a new record throw in excess of 47 metres. Charlie came second in his event.

Calling budding artists

Would you like to design a new logo for the club? The contest is open to all and can be designed in any medium but must be in the club colours of blue, green and white. The design should be on A4 paper and be able to be converted into a Jpeg. Submit your entries to Helen Stephenson, chairman, and junior registrar, or Charlotte Fisher by the end of September. The winning design will feature on new kit which will be available later this year.

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT is on Thursdays, 5.30pm-6.30pm. The sessions will move inside from **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9** to the Castle sports hall.

Be Punctual

The sports hall bookings are for 55 minutes. This includes five minutes packing away time when we have to exit the hall ready for the next booking. Sessions will run for 50 minutes to allow five minutes at the end to pack up and leave the hall. It is vital that we start sessions on time with all athletes having arrived and registered. This way we can give your child the best possible athletics experience and make maximum use of the time available. Thank you parents for your support with this.

The autumn/winter programme runs from September to March. There will be a Shine awards evening on October 2 (the last session out on the track) when athletes will have the chance to record performances for the awards.

No sessions:

October 30: half term; December 18 Christmas break

December 25 Christmas break; January 1 Christmas break

February 19: half term.

Chance to compete

Each year there is a regional sports hall event in Devon for the following age groups: U11s (school years 5 and 6) u13s (school years 7 and 8) and u15s (school years 9 and 10).

Dates for these events are not yet confirmed but are usually late January to mid February.

Get involved: Officials course

This is a chance for parents to become involved and earn points for the club without any athletic effort! Taunton AC is hosting a level 1 officials course for parents at the club. The course will qualify participants to assist more experienced officials at league fixtures and open meetings. In league fixtures clubs earn points not just for athlete performance, but also for supplying the correct number of officials. Helping out can help the club gain valuable points. The course is likely to run on Saturday, October 11, from 9am-1pm. For more information or to book a place please contact Richard Llewellyn-Eaton on (01823) 350532 or voicemail (01823) 328186.

Festive gathering: We are hoping to hold our Christmas social at Hollywood Bowl and then go onto the Chinese restaurant at Hankridge Farm. Nearer the time we will send out a flyer with a date and response form.

Diary date:The Exeter Combined Event will be held on 27th/28th September. This is open to all ages and if you are interested in going, please see Richard Llewellyn Eaton for more details.

Try out orienteering

Quantock Orienteers will not be coming to the track this term but will be meeting on Saturdays at various venues for simple events and training. Most events run from midday to 2pm. The first event is at Staple Common on September 27. All training events are free. Ring (01823) 323850 for more information or visit the website:

www.quantockorienteers.co.uk

Club contacts:

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