

VAC AGM 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

VAC RACE WALKING SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that a full series of races has been held which included the Jack Fitzgerald Memorial Race of approximately 6 miles held in Tilgate Park, Crawley with 24 entries, the Cecil Gittins Memorial Walks with distances up to 15k in Gravesend with 34 entries, and 9 attended the 10k track meeting at Battersea Park.

We were fully represented at the Inter Area Indoor Match at Lee Valley over 2k; however, we had no representation at the Inter Area Match at Coventry also over 2k, nor at VAC's own track and field championships.

The 5 mile races at Battersea Park are traditionally spread over the Summer months from April to August held in conjunction with the road runners – the average turnout was 8, down from 2018 when it was 10. The points-based Lester Cup was won by Paul King, and the 5 mile championships was won by Maureen Noel.

VAC had representation at the SCVAC Indoor Championships which included VAC's 3km walk championship. The popular Enfield 7 miles race which incorporated VAC's 7 mile championships was supported by 18 members, the highest for some years, The Steyning 5k track event which incorporated VAC's 5k championships attracted 6 VAC members.

VAC's members have set records at the Euro and World Championships, which have been continued to be dominated by Ian Richards with his usual crop of gold medals.

We have been able to have a full list of officials in all our meetings and I am grateful for their presence and invaluable assistance. In addition we have the expertise of Mike Peel who posts our results and notices on the VAC website with immediate effect.

Our walking members are busy in other areas too, in particular Chris Flint was elected as President of the Southern Race Walking Association from 2018. He had also completed 20+ years as Secretary of the Centurions.

David Hoben