

VAC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23 September 2021 using Zoom

Track and Field Secretary's Report

The track & field events planned for the winter were all stifled by the lockdown on London from December-March. It had been hoped to lay on a full programme of events thereafter but due to the limited availability of Ben Noad who is helping us with many of our events this year, the season started slowly.

VAC members had the following opportunities for competition:

- Field events at Wimbledon Park (free entry for VAC members) for VAC/HW members:
 - o 23 May: Triple Jump, High Jump and Discus
 - o 30 May: Shot Put, Discus

- London Inter-Club Challenge (LICC) track & field meetings at Hendon (reduced entry fees for VAC members)
 - o 31 July
 - o 21 August

- VAC track championships
 - o 21 July: 5000m championships at Wimbledon Park
 - o 15 September: 10000m championships at Wimbledon Park

VAC members also competed at the BMAF events at Oxford (27 June), Lee Valley (01 August) and Derby (21-22 August).

We fielded a men's and women's team of 35 members at the EMAA track & field inter-area challenge at Nuneaton (18th July). However, this clashed with the Sussex/Surrey Masters at Kingston and some members opted for the latter in order to minimise travel and the risks of coronavirus. We were 7th overall out of the nine area clubs present.

In the compressed season, we were unable to find a date or venue for the VAC main outdoor track & field championships, but we have now managed to arrange the VAC indoor championships at Lee Valley on 4th December (the only date available this winter after many attempts to get through to their management).

Next year, VAC will be full members of LICC and there should therefore be four meetings our members can attend at a reduced rate, on condition that we provide 8 officials each time.

Peter Kennedy

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