

SCOA Chairman's report, 15/6/17

SCOA Championships

Since the last meeting the SCOA Championships were held at Hambleden by TVOC and went very well. The constant aerial displays by kites was very distracting for the chairman! Many thanks to TVOC for hosting and to Liz for organising the medals.

JK17

Several SCOA members did very well at the JK – too many to mention them all, but winners were:

Carol Edwards (TVOC) 1st W60 Sprint (by 2 seconds!), Frank Townley (SN) 1st M14 over days 2&3, Martin Wilson (BKO) 1st M70 on days 2&3 and 2nd on the Sprint, Fiona Bunn (TVOC) 1st W18 on the Sprint and over days 2&3, Sarah Rollins (SN) 1st W40 on days 2&3 and 2nd in the Sprint, Jane Morgan (SOC) 1st W55 over days 2&3 and finally the winning SN Mini Relay team of Jocie Hilton, Laura Bennett and Tommy Rollins.

Special congratulations to Liz Yeadon on being awarded Coach of the Year – well deserved.

JK19

There is a separate update for the JK2019, requiring a number of important and urgent actions. In particular, the region needs to decide whether to enter into a partnership agreement with BO or take on the whole risk ourselves and pay BO the super-levy.

SCOA League

The 9 SCOA League events for 2017-17 have taken place with final results on the website. This year the average attendance was 120 per event, down from 140 in 2015/16 but the same as 2014/15.

Although we have had some discussion and chosen a scoring strategy for an Inter-Club challenge, other issues have come to light, so there is more to discuss at the meeting. The first event of the new season is 8 Oct, so decisions now would be good but could be deferred to the 21st September meeting if really necessary. Please see separate sheet.

Use of Parks

Clubs who use public parks/open space for events or training may be interested in responding to this government consultation document <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/running-free-consultation-on-preserving-the-free-use-of-public-parks> which is focussed on addressing charges for Parkruns but interested in other non-exclusive users who may incur charges.