

## **WAC Presentation Evening**

Cross-country manager Ian Kennedy showed a whole new side to his talent by entertaining WAC members at the Presentation Evening at the Allendale Centre on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Part time dee-jay Ian brought plenty of exercise to the dance floor.

The main business of the evening however was the presentation of the clubs trophies for the year. Club chairman Peter Impett summed the year up as 'The Long and Short of It'. At the long end was the successful culmination by Tim Harris of his Seven Marathons on Seven Continents in Seven Weeks in the early part of the year. Unsurprisingly Tim won the club's Marathon trophy. In the middle was the club's sprinting success in taking two sprinters and a long jumper to the English Schools. Karyn Light won the Senior Women's and the Sprints trophy. Abby Sandford won the Carol Hollins Long Jump trophy and best female performance of the year for her 5m41 long jump while Kyle Wilson won the best Male performance for making the final of the 100 metres at the English Schools and also took home the under 15 boys trophy. Sprints coach Ed Arnold was honoured as coach of the year for his work with these athletes and the largest track squad in the club.

The year finished with another 'long' milestone when the club organised its tenth anniversary Wimborne 10 mile race which was upgraded to become the South West Championship on this occasion. Conditions on the day were dreadful with cold strong winds and driving rain and in recognition the club's team award went to the logistics crew who set the race up and successfully took it all apart again at the end of the day's events.

Hannah Winton took home two trophies as the leading under 13 girl and the Jonathan Edwards trophy for triple jump and her brother Liam retained the best Under 11 boy title. The Snook family had a good evening with Jack taking the under 13 boys award and dad Steve lifting the Senior Men's and Male Throwers awards. Kelly O'Mahoney was the under 11 girls winner with Kieran Finn winning the Under 17 Men's award.

The under 15 girls age group has been very competitive this year and Ellis Marples took home the closely fought trophy in this age group and the High Jump cup. A local coach was so impressed by Maddy Vaughan-Johncey's novice performances over 300 metres hurdles that he donated a trophy for the purpose. Maddy added this to the under 17 women's title. Speedster Rachel Welch was the best Junior and Letitia 'TC' Hardy was the best Newcomer. Kirsty Harvey won the Middle Distance Cup with sister Laura taking the Clare Bailey trophy. Becky Light who rarely misses a training session and who travelled to most of the far-flung matches despite not being a very good traveller won the Robin Blackburn award and Ros Alexander took the best Female Thrower Shield.

Bob Caines, a very senior competitor, won the club's Roadmaster trophy for competing over a huge number of miles for the club and Wendy Kennedy and Jerry Shield were the best Roadrunners female and male respectively.

The clubs all round service award, the Les Phillips Trophy, went to Glyn Davies who is working up the Club Mark bid, is Minutes Secretary and Welfare Officer and has competed in senior men's competition and the Wimborne 10 amongst other activities.

Glyn's award highlights the need to bring more volunteers into the club to join a very hard working crew. The quality of help at the club however is such that coach Dave Pearson has won a South West Regional award as 'Coach of the Year' and starter Dick Edwards has similarly been honoured with the 'Official of the Year' having acted as starter at over 60 events during the year. The club extended the honour by making Dick an honorary patron of the club.

Dick's wife Jan was presented with a small bouquet for all her trackside work and there were also bouquets for Claire Gladden and Ros Alexander for all their hard work in creating such a successful evening

*Peter Impett*

### **Award Winners**

Best Newcomer	Letitia 'TC' Hardy
Best Junior	Rachel Welch
Under-11 Boy's Trophy	Liam Winton
Under-11 Girl's Trophy	Kelly O'Mahoney
Under-13 Boy's Trophy	Jack Snook
Under-13 Girl's Trophy	Hannah Winton
Under-15 Boy's Trophy	Kyle Wilson
Under-15 Girl's Trophy	Ellis Marples
Under-17 Men's Trophy	Kieran Finn
Under-17 Women's Trophy	Maddy Vaughan-Johncey
Senior Man's Trophy	Steve Snook
Senior Woman's Trophy	Karyn Light
High Jump Cup	Ellis Marples
Hurdles Trophy	Maddy Vaughan-Johncey
Carol Hollins Long Jump Trophy	Abby Sandford
Middle Distance Cup	Kirsty Harvey
Sprints Trophy	Karyn Light
Male Thrower's Trophy	Steve Snook
Female Thrower's Trophy	Ros Alexander
Jonathan Edwards Triple Jump Trophy	Hannah Winton
Marathon Runner	Tim Harris
Male Roadrunner	Jerry Shield
Female Roadrunner	Wendy Kennedy
Roadmaster	Bob Caines
Male Performance of the Year	Kyle Wilson
Female Performance of the Year	Abby Sandford
Clare Bailey Trophy	Laura Harvey
Robin Blackburn Trophy	Becky Light
Les Phillips Trophy	Glyn Davies
Coach of the Year	Ed Arnold
Team of the Year	Wimborne 10 Logistics Team