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HORSFORTH HARRIERS NEWS

Time to pay those subs!

OK, I'm afraid it's that time of the year again when we ask you to renew your subscriptions to the club.

This time though things have changed - down to England Athletics rather than us - and for those of you who didn't read it first time round or who haven't kept a copy, included here is Angus's recent piece detailing the changes.

Basically, in simple terms, we need £18.00 from everyone in the club to bring us up to date. This year however, there cannot be the leisurely payment terms we've allowed in previous years. We have to pay membership fees to England Athletics by the end of April, so we need your renewals in the next couple of weeks.

Anyone missing the bulk renewal will have to re-register which will cost you an extra five pounds and while you wait for your competition licence to come through you won't be allowed to compete as a Horsforth Harrier.



"My picture never appears in the Newsletter" No.1 Justin Balfour at the Huddersfield 10K. Thanks to Flaming Photography for shattering his illusion! Next month, Martin Coates takes a header into a stream....maybe.....

Please send your renewals, if you can't hand them in personally at the club, to: **Angus Teanby, Membership Secretary, Horsforth Harriers, Alandale, New York Lane, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6QJ. You can e-mail Angus if in doubt - see article!**

Horsforth Harriers membership

New Membership Fee Structure for 2009-10

The October newsletter outlined the new membership fee structure for next year. This news bulletin provides additional information on why the changes are being made and how the new fee structure will affect you personally:

Over the last 2 years the England Athletics (formed out of UK Athletics) competition licence has increased from £2 to £5 per member. Previously HH has treated this as a cost to the club and paid to EA a lump sum based upon an estimated number of club competitive runners.

Early 2008-09, EA launched a data base to capture member's details of competing athletes. Each individual competing member has to be separately identified and a fee paid accordingly if they are to receive a Competitive Licence. We therefore can no longer pay EA a fee based on estimates as in previous years. This has resulted in HH paying £765 for 2008-09 as we have registered all 1st claim members because we have no accurate records of who competes in races and who does not.

For 2009-10 we are separating the cost of competitive licence from that of the HH membership fee. At the same time we are taking the opportunity to review the HH membership structure and remove the inconsistencies and loopholes that have in some cases made the charges unfair.

Questions/Answers

Why is the membership structure being changed?

We have to meet escalating costs imposed on the club by EA through competition licence charges; this currently stands at £5 per person but is likely to increase over the next few years. Horsforth Harriers is one of the best value clubs

in and around Leeds and we aim to keep it that way through simple fee re-structuring.

What is the new Structure?

All Members of HH who train and run with the club will pay one price. This is set at £13. In addition, all fully paid up 1st claim members are encouraged to purchase through HH a Competition Licence currently at a cost of £5. This will make the total cost £18 per member.

Social members are valued members of the club and this class of membership will continue. Many social members support the club by giving up many hours of their time in assisting with club races and social activities. A £1 charge for social membership has been in place for many years. This is increased to £5 for 2009-10. This is not unreasonable, all social members will now be making a contribution if not as a volunteer then financially to help cover some of the social activity costs. All social members will continue to be included in all free and subsidised social activities.

What if I don't want a Competition Licence due to the fact that I don't enter races?

That's OK, your status as a member of HH is not affected in any way. But it does mean that you won't be able to enter races as a Horsforth Harrier or be selected for team competitions such as the Leeds Country Way. Your fee for 2009-10 will be £13.

Will I be able to enter races if I haven't purchase a competition licence but decide I want to run in a race?

Yes, you can enter as an unattached runner and pay the £2 levy. If you race 2 or 3 times in a year it starts to become more cost effective to purchase a Competitive Licence through HH for £5.

If I don't purchase a licence, can I change my mind and purchase one later in the year?

Yes, pay the £5 and the club will buy one for you.

I'm a 2nd Claim HH where do I stand?

You will pay the £13 (nominal) membership fee and become a HH and enjoy the same privileges as a 1st claimant. Your Competition Licence will have been paid through your 1st Claim club.

This year I paid family membership for my wife and daughter, where do I now stand?

You are still encouraged to carry on membership for your family. It is recommended that you enrol your family as social members if they are not runners. You should then only see a modest increase in total cost.

What about OAPs/Unwaged?

You will see an increase in price to the £13 membership fee or £18 if you wish to also purchase a Competition Licence. This represents good value when the numbers of free and

subsidised social activities on offer are considered.

When do I pay my fees?

The EA financial year is the same as HH (1st April to 31st March). We will start to collect from 1st April. Members have to the end of April to pay. After then any unpaid members will be deemed to have left the club.

Can I re-join if I didn't want to leave the club, I simply didn't pay on time?

Yes, but there is a £5 re-joining fee and you won't be able to compete as a HH until you have been re-affiliated to EA and are in receipt of a competition licence. You will though be able to compete in races as an unattached runner.

I am at the club most Tuesday evenings if you have any questions you wish to ask or you can e-mail me on ***andy.teanby@hotmail.com***.

Angus Teanby, Membership Secretary

A Day at the Races

The next planned Social Event is a trip to Ripon Races on 17th May.

Cost will be £10.00 (approx) to enter the racecourse and if there is sufficient interest we will lay on a coach, price of this to be determined. We would plan to leave Horsforth about 12.30 pm to get to Ripon in time for the first race at 2.00 pm. If you want to go on this trip then please contact Bev Chaplin and let her know. You can contact Bev by e-mail at:

b_9_chaplin@hotmail.co.uk

For those wanting to make a full day of it Andrew Charles has organised a full English Breakfast at the Kings from 11.00 am. Cost of this £3.00 (drinks extra!). If you plan to head to the Kings first let Bev (or Andrew) know this too.

How much you plan donate to bookmakers at the racecourse is naturally down to personal means and preference!

ABC MARSHALS REQUIRED

Those of you who attended the club AGM will have no doubt been pleased to see the healthy financial state of the club. Those of you who didn't should still be pretty happy too. Much of the success of the club, which enables us to pay for entry costs for team races - i.e., Leeds Country Way, Bradford Millennium Way etc., etc., and to subsidise Social Events, is down to the revenue earned for the club by our two highly successful races, the ABC and the Horsforth 10K.

Naturally, these don't just happen, there's much hard graft involved. The first of these, the Apperley Bridge Canter, takes place on 21st May and we need the usual big team of marshals to make sure the race goes without a hitch. Please give us a couple of hours of your time to help out on Thursday 21st May.

If you can help out on the evening please see Tina Dickinson and/or Bob Foulkes. We'll give you a lovely yellow plastic bib and full instructions on what to do, maps to show you where to go **and** you'll be making a huge contribution to the continuing success of the club.

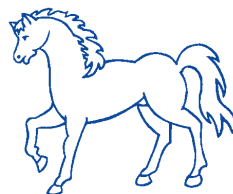
Also see Bob if you'd like to join the Race Committee and get involved in the overall planning of the ABC and out 10K. Ta ever so!!



Ian Robertshaw at the Dewsbury 10K. Thanks again to Flaming Photography for the picture - check out their website!

LEEDS HALF MARATHON

We have been asked by the LHM organisers if we will, as a club, man a drinks station on the course. Contact Bob Foulkes if you can help:
bob.foulkes@sulzer.com



HORSFORTH HARRIERS

welcome runners old and new at Horsforth Hall Park (Cricket Pavilion),
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