

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

I wanted to write to you all to send my best wishes for the New Year and wish you all every success in your athletic endeavours during 2009. At the time of writing, our junior members have already excelled themselves at the Hampshire and Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships and SEAA Indoor Championships and let's hope that this sets the tone for the best ever year for our Club!

As ever we have a good programme of events to which to look forward with the Hampshire Championships and Jeux des Iles in May, Senior Athletics League, English Schools, Island Games and Inter-insular (in Jersey this year) to name just a few. In addition there is a full schedule of races for our distance and cross-country runners. Keep checking on our website to see what is coming up!

Of course Jersey Spartan is more than winning medals, it is also about enjoying our wonderful sport and your personal development as an athlete. To this end, one exciting development we hope to be able to offer our younger athletes this year is more opportunity to test themselves with a series of internal competitions over the spring and summer months please see the website for details.

The lifeblood of our Club is provided by our volunteers who give up their time in numerous ways and enable us to keep the cost of membership down to its current level where I hope that you agree we provide excellent value for money compared to other sports on the Island. However we are always looking for more assistance and, particularly if we are to provide the additional opportunities for competition, we can always use extra pairs of hands. Whether you are able to assist with officiating at events, becoming involved in coaching or are able to bring skills to vital activities such as raising funds for our Club, I would be delighted to hear from you! For example we shall need volunteers to assist in the running of the junior competitions mentioned above and if we cannot get sufficient help they will not be able to take place! If you are one of our younger members reading this, please see if your parents would be prepared to assist as I am sure that by becoming more involved with our Club they will obtain even more enjoyment when sharing in your own success. If you can help, please fill in the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the Clubhouse and one of our Committee will get in touch with you.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and fulfilling athletics season.

With my kindest regards

Richard Wilkinson
Club President

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Yes, I would be interested to hear how I can assist with Jersey Spartan Athletic Club. I would like to assist in the following area(s).....

Name..... Contact (phone or email).....