



ISLE OF MAN TT MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2014

QUICK APOLOGY FIRST

Please accept our apologies for the lack of a newsletter in November. It was prepared and it's on the website, but owing to some technical issues, surrounding a new computer system in the office, try as we may we failed, abysmally, to send it out.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well here we are at the end of yet another year, and my chance to thank you all for the support and dedication you have shown to use by donning the Orange tabard.

Without your support it just wouldn't happen, and the feedback we have received from Teams, Riders, Sponsors, Spectators, etc. just shows how great you perform and how much you are all appreciated throughout the sport.

It was great to meet so many of you at the recent NEC Bike show; it's like a family gathering and nice to be able to have a good chat with you away from the hustle and bustle of the TT and the Classic/Manx Grand Prix.

Hopefully lots of you will be in a position to support us again in 2015 and early in the New Year we will have the Online signing open followed up by the forms for those who prefer to do it that way.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and for all that you wish for in the New Year.

Terry Holmes

TRAINING REPORT

All the training is now over for 2014 and we are now planning our trips to the UK for the following dates. Many thanks to those who took part and we look forward to training more in 2015.

We do need you to look at when your IMC course needs to be renewed and make sure that you book nice and early.

Our 2015 dates are now posted on the web site www.iomttma.com and are also below.

21.02.15 Gloucester
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21.03.15 Bedford
22.03.15 Bedford
11.04.15 Redhill
12.04.15 Rugby
16.05.15 Douglas
17.05.15 Douglas
04.06.15 Douglas – TT Practice - Preference to visiting marshals
05.06.15 Douglas – TT Practice - Preference to visiting marshals
12.07.15 Douglas
27.08.15 Douglas – MGP Practice - Preference to visiting marshals
28.08.15 Douglas - MGP Practice - Preference to visiting marshals
11.10.15 Douglas
24.10.15 Liverpool
25.10.15 Liverpool
15.11.15 Douglas

The courses commence at 08:45 for registration and finish at approx. 5pm. There are 24 places (Maximum) available on each course.

Once this is filled names will go on a waiting list and other courses will be arranged to suit numbers, anyone wishing to attend please contact the office. Therefore take a look now to see when you are due to renew your IMC training and then see which time of year and venue is the closest to you. We are looking forward to seeing all marshals that attend these training days and time and time again they have proved so valuable with dealing with incidents on and off the course. We have more and more marshals who tell us that it's our training that has helped them deal with situations they may find themselves in, all year round and having the knowledge has made a big difference. This is very pleasing for us and we would always like to hear from you with any stories you may have. Please contact the editor newsletter@iomttma.com who can arrange for articles to be included in our newsletters. Once you are booked to do the training course I would ask you to make a real effort to attend these courses. We have people who could fill these places should you not be able to attend, so check and make a diary note, put it in your phone, mark it on the calendar, just do something to remind yourselves. Muriel from the office emails everyone a couple of weeks beforehand to also remind you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Safe New Year.

Brett Hammonds

AROUND THE SECTORS

SECTOR 1

Hi folks, well talk about being put on the spot. I said to someone I know its cold out, the reply was have you looked at the calendar lately its December hmmm! It was good to see so many of you at the NEC bike show hope you enjoyed the TT stand and all the bikes on the stand. Well I went for a walk in the NEC and got lost I had to ask for directions back to the stand. They were long days but worth it. Well I wish you all have a fab Christmas and a happy new year for 2015. And not forgetting all from Scotland have a good Hogmanay enjoy have one for me. But most of all take care. If anyone on sector one has any photos or stories please email them to me at alanb@manx.net . I'll look forward to hearing from you. Let's see if you can answer these questions.

- 1 LOAN OF MONEY
 - 2 CERTAIN COLOUR MALE
 - 3 OLDEN DAY UNDERGARMENT
 - 4 SOMETHING TO " "ABOUT
THIS ONE WILL CATCH YOU OUT
 - 5 T 7 W O T W
- Just for fun enjoy.
Only a short one this time

ANSWERS

- 1 GRANT
- 2 REDMAN
- 3 BODDICE
- 4 CROWE
- 5 THE 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Till next time be good
Alan Blaney

SECTOR 3

Well another year is almost over and yet again, the TT and MGP went smoothly thanks to the competence, commitment and enthusiasm of my marshals. I can't thank you enough for turning up and supporting the racing as professionally as you do, year after year.

The safety of the race is paramount and if anyone has any suggestions as to how the safety of the racing can be enhanced, please let me know. You know your sections of the course better than anyone, how the bikes travel through the sector, what happens if something untoward happens and how things could be made better. I'm always open to ideas.

Thanks to everyone who came to my quiz which was held on 6th December. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, particularly those who came across the sea to

join us and it was nice to see a few non-Sector Three folk there - Alan Blaney from Sector One and Colin and Dave T from Sector Four as well as Terry, Brett and Sam from the TTMA. Especial thanks to Martin and Jim for helping with the food, Dave T for doing the shopping, to Shay for his wonderful generosity in providing raffle prizes, to Barry from the Joey Dunlop Foundation for bringing the Honda, to Union Mills Football Club for providing the venue and the bar staff. Thanks also to local rider Dan Kneen for providing a fabulous jacket and signed photo for auction and for tearing himself away from a family function to join us for part of the night. I'm sure we all wish Dan well in this coming year with his new team Millsport Racing. We have some of Dan's Suzuki Tshirts in a range of sizes if anyone is interested in buying one and supporting Dan.

Altogether we raised £720 on the night which will be divided between the Joey Dunlop a Foundation and the Injured Riders' Benevolent Fund.

Merry Christmas to all of my marshals and a happy, healthy and successful 2015. Merry Christmas also to Big H who is back on the Island for Christmas and we all wish him well for the future.

Dave

SECTOR 5

I have already sent thank-you messages to everyone that helped Marshal in Sector 5 at either the TT and/or the MGP but in case I missed anybody, I wish everybody a safe and enjoyable Christmas and new year and look forward to welcoming everybody back for 2015.

Best regards
Robert Crane
Sector 5

SECTOR 10

Wishing you all a great Christmas and New Year, and looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

All the best
Mike Brown

SECTOR 12

Just a quick note to all of you, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

A good night out was had by all at the Welbeck on the 28th Nov when we had the Sector 12 Christmas meal, it's a shame more of you could not make it and we could have taken the place over and shown them what a great night out we can have when we all get together. I am sure my excellent social secretary, Maryrose, will be on the case to organise another night out as soon as the New Year celebrations are out of the way.

Any suggestions for the next venue will be well received, as long as they are physically possible.

Not much to report on the marshalling front but I suppose no news is always good news.

It seems like an awful long to go at the moment but I am sure when the celebrations are over it will race by to the end of May as usual. I will get an earlier fix than that with some of you up at Jurby in March. Hope it's warmed up a bit by then.

Finally a little Christmas story that I am sure you have heard before, but I am going to include it anyway as long as the editor and the censor approve.

A Christmas Story for people having a bad day:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?' And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas to all of you and all of your dear ones.

John Walsh

SOCIAL NIGHTS 2015

The dates for the social nights for 2015 have now been fixed. Once again we will be providing food so it would be appreciated if you could call the office on 01624 618191 to reserve a place. All welcome.

Wednesday, 4th February – Masonic Hall, Ramsey

Wednesday, 4th March – Hydro Hotel, Douglas

Wednesday, 25th March – The Tynwald Inn, St. Johns

OTHERS BITS AND BOBS

THE HUT PROUD MARSHAL

This is a picture sent in by Dennis Mawson of Graham Clarke, the flagman at the Creg at the door of his spotless little hut. Graham is very proud of his Mountain abode, keeps it spotless and this year even cut down the grass in the surrounding plot to improve his vision up the road



Well done, Meryl. Your training methods obviously work!!

TREE PLANTING FOR CONOR TURNER

A memorial tree planting was recently held at Appledene as a tribute to Conor Turner.

Conor, who was just 17 when we lost him, was part of the Hedzup race team from Scotland, and he joined up as a member of Team Orange and completed all the novice tasks of collecting his 10 signatures and also did his IMC course all at the one event.

He was awarded the TTMA Steve Judkin shield for his efforts and dedication, an award richly deserved.

There was a great turn out for the dedication, which was led by Ian Pert the top man at Hedzup racing, and it is a fitting tribute to such a lovely lad, sadly missed by a lot of people.



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WORLD EXCLUSIVE

THE 2015 SPRING SUMMER COLLECTION FROM GIORGIO ARMANI

DIRECT FROM MILAN FASHION WEEK.

The official new off-duty hi-viz apparel for all marshals on Sector 8 modelled by Steve Kelly, Deputy Sector Marshal at Schools. For details of stockists please contact Steve, as the office has absolutely no idea. By the way Steve, how much was the bet for?



FROM MILAN TO WARRINGTON!

On Thursday 23rd October I was delighted as Deputy Mayor and TT marshal to welcome the Morecambe Missile to Warrington to sign Sue Cartwright's large watercolour painting of John McGuinness as he raced past the Creg ny Baa.

The painting will be used to raise money for the Friends of TT Riders Association (FoTTRA) fund at an event that is to be staged at the Warrington Parr Hall on evening of Friday 5th December.

Geoff Settle
Sector 12 marshal



DUKES AVENUE MARSHALS – TT 2014



FINAL WORD

All that remains is for the office to add our Christmas greetings to all of those mentioned above. We would also add that we are looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Please note that we will be closed from Friday, 19th December 2014 to Monday, 5th January 2015.

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