



TTMA NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the first newsletter for some time and my first as Chairman.

Following the Annual General Meeting at the end of September there have been some changes to the Association which include the line-up of Directors, appointment of a new Company Secretary and the retirement of the Office Administrator. More details may be found on our website at <http://www.iomttma.com>

Along with my fellow Directors I hope to introduce some changes and improvements to some of our practises & procedures for the coming year including the online signing-on system. I also hope we will oversee a new era of cooperation between the Marshals' Association and the Promoter and Organisers.

As always, without your support and dedication the Races could not happen so I thank you if you Marshalled during 2015 and I look forward to hopefully meeting many of you in 2016.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2016.

Robert Crane

TRAINING REPORT

We have now completed all our training courses for 2015, many thanks to everyone who attended, a bigger thank you to all those who helped deliver the training around the country, without your support and help we would not be able to deliver the course in the high standard that we do. We are now planning our trips to the UK and Ireland for the following dates. Please look at when your IMC course needs to be renewed and make sure that you book nice and early.

Our 2016 dates are now posted on the web site www.iomttma.com. If you would like to book onto one of these courses, please email the office on info@iomttma.com.

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

Once the course 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 on 01624 618191.

Please therefore take a look now to see when you are due to renew your IMC training and don't leave it to long to get your training. If you are due in June, please try and renew it before then as it's the busiest time for us with the visiting marshals having first choice on

the two dates we train in practice week. We ask you see which time of year and venue is the closest to you, please also note we are having two training weekends in Liverpool in 2016.

We are looking forward to seeing all marshals new and old that attend these training days and they have proved valuable with dealing with incidents on and off the course. The skills we teach you will be transferable to everyday life and more marshals tell us that it's our training that has helped them deal with situations they have found themselves in. 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 suitable articles to be included in our newsletters. Once you are booked onto the training course I would ask you to make a real effort to attend. 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. Our office emails everyone a couple of weeks beforehand to also remind you.

Brett Hammonds

SECTOR 1

Well I must start with a thank you to Amanda for getting the newsletter back up and running. Where do I start? Well I will start by saying a big THANK YOU to you all for marshalling or working with the medics, one big team. I have fond memories of TT 2015 and look forward to meeting you all each year. It's always good to see familiar faces. Don't forget folks we need marshals for MGP as well. So ask your friends or if you're in a bike club encourage your friends to have a look at marshalling on the course. We need each and every one of you.

Well for all the marshals at St Ninians we must say good bye to Steven Griffiths. Steven has joined Hog motor sport providing first aid on the island for motor sport events. I wish Steven well and he's joining a fantastic team all dedicated to their work.

The course always looks strange this time of year all the rain and leaves on the roads etc. but there's always YouTube as a reminder of happy days.

I wish you all a merry Christmas (be careful and enjoy) and for all of you in Scotland have a good Hogmanay. You can then start saving your pennies for TT 16. I have a short quiz for you all.

QUIZ TIME

- 1 WHO IS YER MAN?
- 2 NAME THE ARMOY ARMADA?
- 3 WHAT YEAR DID THE BOAT SINK?

Answers at the end of the newsletter

Take care
Alan Blaney

SECTOR 5

Although I have already been in touch with all marshals that served in Sector 5 this year, I would just like to reiterate my thanks for all the help and support you gave during the TT and MGP/CTT. For some reason, this year seemed more difficult to organise but as people were willing to move from their usual or favourite spots we managed to meet our minimum-manning each night without the need to call on the Response cars.

Although I very much appreciate all the work my Deputies do – and freely admit they make running the sector a much easier task than it could be - I'd especially like to mention the people that stepped up to take on the role of Deputy Sector Marshal while a couple of the regular ones took a break this year. Thanks to Jon & Chris Hood for looking after Barregarrow and to Lee Chelton and Peter Giles for looking after the other end of the sector at Burnside.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year and look forward to seeing many of you again in May.

regards

Robert Crane

SECTOR 10

Hello All

I hope you are all well and those of you from across had a safe journey home after the Manx GP. Well we are now well in to the closed season and outwardly all is quiet, but behind the scenes talks are being held regards the next event and what if any changes will effect ourselves. It is great to hear from some of you that you are already booked for TT 2016, including some of you from overseas. I'm sure we all wish Robert and Frank all the best as chairman and vice chairman and a big thank you to Terry and Brett for their previous work. Have a good Christmas and New Year

All the best

Mike Brown

SECTOR 12

Hello to everybody in sector 12. Just a short note to you all.

Well that's all the racing done for another year. All the road and airfield meetings done and even the Moto GP season finished for the year. Still, that one ended on a controversial note thanks to the Spanish mafia stitching up the results to their own best advantage. Who said whose side am I on? Still it was good to see that we finished the year with a British Champion. Very well done to young Danny Kent.

A very big thank you to everybody for all your help this year, we keep saying, and we keep meaning it, they could not do it without you.

There is not much to report from the sector from a racing point of view. We have been promised that our concerns regarding riding standards during parades will be looked into. I

believe that something positive will be done when it actually happens. I have told the organisers that if nothing is done, and the poor standards of riding that put marshals in danger continue, I will stand down for the duration of the parade, as, if nothing is done, I do not believe that the organisers have enough regard for the safety of marshals during parades. They have stated that they will continue to run parades as they generate income. I will keep you all informed of any further developments regarding parades if any discussions do take place over the winter months.

My very able social secretary, Maryrose is organising a Sector 12 meal on Sat 5 Dec. It would be very nice to see as many of you as possible there. Details have been sent out but contact myself or Maryrose if you have not had them and wish to attend.

Sadly, as I am sure you are all aware Gary Stevens, our DSM at Governors Bridge passed away after a short illness late in October. I am sure that you will all miss him as much as I will, if for nothing else the constant good humour he brought with him to every practice and race session. I still can't believe that I was the only one who could understand him on the radio and will have to teach somebody else to sound just like him or I won't know what is going on there. It was really great to see a very large turnout of Marshals, with waved flags, to line his route into the church; it is so nice to think that so many of you thought so much of him. Thanks to all of you for taking time out to show your respects in this way. My (and I am sure, all of your) deepest and most sincere condolences to Lisa, Tasha and Chris. We all still want to see you at Governors next year and for many more.

It's now time to batten down the hatches for the winter and hibernate until March when racing starts up again. Hang up your tabards, have a very well earned rest over the winter months slobbed out on the sofa watching racing repeats. Take care everybody and have a great Christmas and New Year.

John Walsh

RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR

I was elected on to the Directors board at the AGM on 25th September.

I agreed to take on the role as recruitment lead to give an input to an issue that affects the Association's future ability to provide marshals for the TT/MGP/FOM.

Without doubt, our focus of future recruitment has to target the local younger generation to come forward and give a strong presence as marshals. Over the years, we have been extremely fortunate to have a very large, loyal and dedicated group of hard core marshals both from the Island and mainland who continue to give freely their commitment to the races. We now need to have a steady flow of young local people signing on as marshals with the same commitment as at present, then the future of marshalling the races would be a more reassuring picture for all.

David Cairns

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After some time without any newsletters being issued, we are keen to get these back up and running. These newsletters need input from marshals all over the world so we can share short articles of different experiences, funny stories or photos and also information vital to everyone. Over the quiet winter months, it would be great to hear from you, especially tales from TT and MGP 2015.

As and when information is available or updated in relation to marshalling, we will endeavour to get this into the newsletter and onto the website.

Please send any articles to the newsletter address by **Friday 29th January 2016** so they are available for the February issue. There will not be an issue at the start of January as I am sure you all will be having too much fun over the New Year period, I know I will be!!

On behalf of all the board of the TTMA, we would like to wish you a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Amanda Wightman

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Answers to Alan's Quiz

1 JOEY DUNLOP

2 JOEY DUNLOP/ MERVYN ROBINSON/FRANK KENNEDY/JIM DUNLOP/ ESTABLISHED IN 1977

3 1985