

TTMA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of 2017 so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and that your Christmas celebrations went well.

Well, here we go again! With less than 4 months to the start of the 2017 TT work certainly ramps-up now even though we have been working on some issues in the background since the beginning of September!

This year brings new challenges with new contracts in place for certain aspects of the event which will need close monitoring.

There are a number of new or changed instructions for Marshals which will be outlined at the Incident Management Courses and in various publications including our own 'Marshalling the TT Course' and 'supplementary information' booklets which you will receive in your packs so please take the time to read them.

For the first time in many years, we decided to effectively close the TTMA office over the winter as there isn't enough to keep everyone busy 5-days a week but we will soon be opening again for business as usual. Keep an eye on the website for details.

Online signing-on should be available shortly and you can find out more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

There are also the three social evenings planned around the Island which I hope you will enjoy. Again, details either on our website or elsewhere in this newsletter.

In the meantime, let's hope the worst of the winter weather is behind us now and we can look forward to it slowly improving up to (and including!) May through to September.

Regards,
Robert Crane

TRAINING

IMC COURSES 2017

Saturday 25 th and Sunday 26 th February	– Gloucester
Sunday 12 th March	– Douglas
Saturday 25 th and Sunday 26 th March	– Bedford
Saturday 8 th April	– Redhill
Sunday 9 th April	– Rugby
Saturday 29 th and Sunday 30 th April	– Liverpool

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May – Douglas
Wednesday 31st May – Douglas
Thursday 1st June – Douglas
Sunday 16th July – Douglas
Thursday 24th and Friday 25th August – Douglas
Sunday 15th October – Douglas
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October – Liverpool
Sunday 5th November – Douglas

In addition to the above there will be the usual half-day refresher course at Douglas on Sunday 28th May and Sunday 20th August.

If you are due to renew your IMC, or have not yet attended a course, would you please contact the office by email, noting your preferred date and location. You will then receive confirmation once you have been booked onto the course.

ON-LINE SIGNING ON

Online signing-on will be available from early to mid-February and we hope you will sign-up as soon as you can so we get an early indication of numbers for each day.

There is a new look to the site this year which we hope is clearer and easier to understand.

You will also be able to submit your application to the Steam Packet company for your refund if you attend – and Marshal! - at both the TT and the MGP but obviously this can't be completed until you have Marshalled at the MGP!

If you've never tried using the system before, please give it a go; Not only does it save us (and you!) money but it avoids any possibility of incorrect information being transferred from paper forms to our database.

SOCIAL EVENINGS

Please find below the dates for the Isle of Man social evenings. These all start at 7pm. If you would like to attend any of these, would you please inform the office by email the Monday prior to the event. This is so we can cater for food at each event.

Wed 15 February – Masonic Hall, Ramsey

Wed 01 March – Hydro Hotel, Douglas

Wed 15 March – Tynwald Inn, St Johns

SECTOR 1

Well that's January nearly done with, the months will quickly roll by for TT 17. So, what do you think of Guy coming back to race next to John McGuinness on the Hondas? I believe it will be a bumper TT, Guy will hopefully bring the crowds over to the island.

I hope you have your boat booked, don't leave it till the last-minute folks and if possible bring a friend to marshal the world-famous TT course. Look us up on YouTube to see our instructional video and see what we do. No marshals, no racing. It is as simple as that, so please if you can give us some of your time it would be much appreciated.

The marshals' social nights start in Ramsey on the 15th of February and these are always a good night. Although you don't see the work behind the scenes, the directors and sector marshals are already busy at meetings preparing for this year's event. It's all go here! Finally, a happy new year to you all.

Alan Blaney

SECTOR 2

Firstly, Happy New Year to everyone! Can't believe it will be February when you read this! Not much to update you on at the moment, apart from to let you know there are various meetings being held to discuss plans & updates for TT2017. I will be in touch with all the DSM's shortly & would like to organise a get together to give you an update & have a chat about everything for TT.

In the meantime, if anyone has any questions, please give me a shout

Helen

SECTOR 5

Hello to you all and I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to the 2017 season.

Unfortunately, I missed the deadline for the pre-Christmas newsletter but I did send a message to all Marshals that had helped in Sector 5 during 2016 so to everyone else, please accept a belated 'Merry Christmas and good wishes for 2017'!

For those that are unsure, Sector 5 runs from the end of Cronk-Y-Voddy through to the bottom of Barregarrow and includes places such as 11th Milestone, Handleys and Barregarrow Crossroads so if you have never visited us before, why not make 2017 the year you visit (or move!) to Sector 5 :-)
You will receive a warm welcome from the regulars who will show you the ropes and ensure you have an enjoyable time.

To our returning Marshals, I look forward to meeting you again in May and August.

It will soon be here!

Robert

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year everyone! It has been very busy here with meetings starting already with various government departments and the ACU, all in preparation for the TT. Any changes or developments will be notified on the website and in the newsletters.

The office is on very limited hours over the winter months, so if you do not get an immediate reply do not panic, we are not ignoring you! It may take a few days for a response to be issued.

The next issue will March, so if you have any pictures or stories you would like to share, please send these to the newsletter email address by February 25th 2017, at the very latest. These could include funny tales, experiences of marshalling, support to race crews, tales from any racers who have needed our help etc.

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