

Ivanhoe Robins Junior Athletics Club

Chairman's Report for 2010

This year has seen the Robins membership increase yet again and I am sure that no one a year ago would have envisaged that we would be moving to new bigger premises.

The work carried on at the Club would not happen without the help of a lot of people. It is not just the coaches who have to be thanked. There are a number of Committee members who between them organise the Grand Prix events, Newsletters, Club Records and the list goes on. A big thank you to all of those who are involved in this and also to others who help from time to time. We do need to encourage more parents to help and join in the running of the club, particularly those with younger children, whether through coaching, or any other role.

The Club though is run for the children who hopefully see the benefits of what we are trying to achieve.

This year like others has seen us try out a number of things. Running in some shape or form is always going to be a priority. We have been orienteering again and we had the experience of trying out Quad Kids for the first time. Primary school children were able to complete the Primary School Decathlon and there have been visits to the track as well as regular cross country runs.

We have endeavoured to give the children a taster of various athletic related activities and will continue to do so in the future.

As you are all aware we have athletes of all abilities and again we have tried to cater for this over the year. It has been good to see these athletes perform at events away from our regular Saturday haunt, which include our Grand Prix Events, Open Meetings, our annual trip to Oxford and other events that we publicise from time to time.

We now have more athletes than ever before who have gone on to represent Leicestershire at their chosen events and even have high rankings in the Regional and National power of ten. We can be proud to say that they started with us and although not first claim they are still with us.

Having moved the Ivanhoe Challenge in 2010 to a Saturday for the first time, it was a resounding success with the highest number of entries ever taking part.

The year was wrapped up in spectacular fashion with the Club winning seven out of nine team trophies at the Inaugural Sportshall League. This event was in part organised by the Leicestershire Vision 2020 Network. Ivanhoe Robins has been actively involved in this since its inception and the Sportshall league matches are the first of the benefits that we have received from the Network. There will be more benefits to come.

I have tried to summarise the year as best I can, but so much has gone on, that you really need to go back to the monthly newsletters which has so much more detail. I have deliberately mentioned no individuals as this Club is a team effort which has really been emphasised by our Sportshall achievements. Let's continue to enjoy our activities and work as a team together.

Finally, we have now had one week to settle into our new home. Please be aware that there will be teething problems as we adapt to the new environment, but please be assured that we are trying to rectify these as the weeks progress.