

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019

Membership for 2018 was slightly up from the previous year to 373 of which 285 were Senior/Life members. A successful beginners group was run again by KP (Keith Pritchard) and his helpers. A number of the group went on to join the club.

The junior section remains as strong as ever with 88 members. This is due largely to the coaches and helpers who run the sessions and I would like to thank Sharon, Emma, Helen, Natalie, Michaela, Clare, Mark, Pauline, Steve, Ryan, Richard and the Johns (sorry if I have forgotten anyone) for all their hard work and dedication in supporting the group.

A total of £2806 was raised by the 10k and the raffles held during the club social evenings which was shared equally between the 2 club charities for the year – MAGPAS and Teenage Cancer Trust.

The half marathon in conjunction with Nicetri Events was a success yet again and raised a significant amount of money (£4667) for the club funds.

The club wasn't quite able to repeat the successes of last year in the Frostbite league with the seniors coming second and the juniors third in their respective leagues. Riverside's runners of the series were Emma Evans, Callum Nicholson, Tilly Sayer and Ben Joyce.

The Club also had teams representing it in the RNR, the Thunder Run and the Dragon Boat race.

Individually there were a large number of achievements and PB's throughout the year. The George Callow Award for an outstanding running achievement was won by Johanna O'Regan for a number of record breaking runs throughout the year. But several people could have won the award this year. Maurice Hemingway completed his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon whilst running the 10 in 10 days event again, Michael Taylor for winning the 100k ultra event, KP, Phil Redden and Gary Barnes for the Comrades Ultra, Steve Childerley for his solo runs in the Thunder Run, Rodrigo Santos for his many runs including the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail (793km in 15 days). Congratulations to all of those people who won the monthly star award during the year.

Thanks again to Alan Turnbull and his brother, Ian for running the Tuesday night training sessions and for all the support and advice he has given to the members throughout the year. Thanks also to Matt Sellick for continuing to run the Saturday morning session.

A big thank you to Maurice Hemingway and his helpers for continuing to run the ever popular Handicap competition and to Tony Hainsby for processing the Star awards.

Social events play a major role in the success of the club and I would like to thank Phil Redden for the Xmas mud run, Norma and Kenny Leckie for the New Years Day bacon butty run and everyone who organised the summer social runs. Also thanks to the club members that gave talks as part of the club social evenings.

I am standing down as Club Secretary but hope to remain on the committee if needed. During my time I have seen the amount of work that goes into running the club and how the Chairman aided by the other committee members work tirelessly to make the club a success. Long may it continue.

Thankyou