

CHAIRMANS REMARKS

Firstly I would like to apologise for my absence tonight but unfortunately we are in Spain as Lynne is running a half Marathon.

The commitments which numerous people make on behalf of the Club are greatly appreciated by the vast majority of the members and should be recognized by everyone. The Club could not function without the endless hours which these people give each and every week throughout the year.

I would like to thank our Secretary Gillian Weir for her dedication and the excellent work which she does throughout the year to keep the Club running smoothly. She has a heavy workload and performs her job in a very efficient manner without complaint.

Our Treasurer Geoffrey Weir still manages to keep the Club on a good financial footing despite his business and voluntary commitments which takes him overseas for frequent periods. Although he is not able to attend every Committee meeting he still manages to keep the books up to date and in order.

The athletes from all sections of the Club who compete during the year and give outstanding performances are to be congratulated. They are a credit to the Club. The success of the competing athletes could not be achieved without the dedication of the coaches, helpers, Captains and Officials. A Club cannot succeed without good Coaches and the success of the athletes proves that we have excellent Coaches at NDAC.

The NDAC Web Site is managed by Barry Scarth who dedicates many hours keeping it up to date and it is the envy of many other Athletic Clubs in N.Ireland. There are a few problems with the Web site which have still to be corrected by the designer of the site and this does not make it any easier for Barry.

My thanks also go to the many Officials from the Club who assist at the various events during the year without whose help the events could not take place. These Officials are supporting our own athletes by their actions. We see at various events spectators who could assist with the running of the events but would rather cheer their Club runners from outside the arena whereas North Down AC members assist as officials. At the majority of events you will see more members from North Down AC assisting.

It is important that members of the Club assist with the running of the Club as we have seen during the past year that another N. Ireland Club has disbanded due to the lack of administrators.

I would ask that a representative from every section of the Club join the Committee and participate in the running of the Club. It is important that all views are taken into consideration when decisions are being made and this can only be done if all sections are represented and their views are made known.

Roy Kerr