

Another Treble for Clubmark Programme

A further three Scottish clubs in Tayside & Fife have been awarded the **scottishathletics** Clubmark in the past few weeks. Clubmark is the athletics programme which recognises clubs who meet national standards of practice and who provide a safe and effective structure for members.

Arbroath & District, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers and Perth Strathtay have all been successful clubs within the region to achieve this recognition following on from Pitreavie AC earlier in 2009.

The clubmark awards were presented during the recent Petrofac League meeting at the George Duncan Athletics Arena in Perth. Pictured are (from left to right) Clare Bibby (PSH), Catriona Tavendale (PSH), Nigel Reynolds (DHH), Linda Greenhill (ADAC) and Ewen Cameron (scottishathletics)



Arbroath & District Chairman Winston Webber said:

"ADAC is committed to developing athletics and athletes in the Arbroath area and helping the athlete to reach their full potential in a safe and challenging way. This CLUBMARK award is recognition of the committed and professional approach of the coaches and committee in achieving this role and making ADAC the no1 club in the region. "

Dundee Hawkhill's Chairman Ian Silver said:

"The Dundee Hawkhill Harriers were founded 120 years ago. The vision was to provide an environment for athletes to enjoy their sport and develop their full potential. Such ideals are pivotal to CLUBMARK and accreditation confirms our drive to uphold our traditions and meet the standards expected of modern sports clubs."

Ian Leitch, Secretary from Perth Strathtay Harriers said:

"The Harriers are delighted to have achieved Clubmark. The preparation has been a rewarding process in itself as it has allowed us to focus in on what we should strive for and also on what we already do well. Clubmark and The George Duncan Track have been catalysts for our own development. I have already seen positive change within the club and within our contact with other clubs, local and national organisations and local authorities. It is our intention to use Clubmark to develop and to build from this starting point."

Alasdair Donaldson, Athletics Development Manager for Sport Tayside & Fife has been a key support to the clubs in submitting their Clubmark files and commented, *"For three clubs from the Athletics Tayside Partnership to have achieved clubmark status in the last few months is a fantastic for athletics in the area; it demonstrates real strength in the clubs that they have all been able to receive this recognition. I look forward to continuing to work with the clubs as they look to achieve the ambitions they have set out in their club development plans."*

scottishathletics Education and Development Manager Ewen Cameron added: *"We are very pleased to award the **scottishathletics** Clubmark to these clubs in recognition of the excellent structures which the club volunteers have worked hard to implement. The clubs work well with **scottishathletics** and their Athletics Tayside Partnership and are to be commended for their efforts."*