



A.C.E. RaceRunning Club Newsletter - Spring 2016

Club sessions for 2016 re-commenced in March at Dam Park Stadium, Ayr, in pleasant sunshine - a lovely surprise.

[Youth and Philanthropy Initiative](#)



YPI is an inclusive, multi-award-winning secondary school program that strengthens the social sector by engaging youth in social issues, local charities, and grant-making. Teams of pupils from a school prepare and deliver a presentation on a local charity of their choice, following which the team judged to have given the best presentation is awarded a grant for their charity. We were delighted to be chosen by a group of 3rd year pupils from Kyle Academy (which included Gavin Drysdale) and have very much enjoyed being interviewed about the club and

taking them to see the Girvan winter group in action. They made it to the final round and, though not the ultimate winners, we are sure being part of the YPI program was a valuable experience for them. They also organised a bake sale which raised £75 for A.C.E. Thank you very much.

[Ayr Seaforth Athletics Club](#)

We are delighted that Ayr Seaforth Athletics Club, who are based at Dam Park Stadium in Ayr, are to set up a disability athletics group, starting with RaceRunning. The Monday night Running Bike sessions will become part of Ayr Seaforth, and other disability athletics disciplines will follow. It was always an aim of A.C.E. that the RaceRunning would evolve into a disability athletics group and this is a very exciting development.

[Congratulations & Thank You!](#)

During the last couple of years, we have had the pleasure of working with Hannah, a student from Edinburgh University, as she undertook research on RaceRunning for her Sports Science degree course. We were very touched when Hannah decided to run the 'Marathon de Paris' fundraising for A.C.E. A huge thank you to Hannah and all those who very kindly donated as over £1,500 has been raised. We really appreciate it - here is Hannah with her finisher's medal.



[Ayrshire Sportsability](#)



Ayrshire Sportsability, who became the local branch of Scottish Disability Sport in Ayrshire, are organising a Disability Athletics competition at Ayrshire Athletics Arena on Thursday May 26th. RaceRunning is included in the event program. This is a welcome addition to the competition event calendar as there has been no 'open' disability event in May before now.

Stop Press! We have just heard that this years 'Ayrshire Track & Field Championships' will include RaceRunning & other disability events. It takes place at Dam Park Stadium on Sunday May 8th.