

### HELLO!

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter I giochi. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed about the goings on within the OGIC, letting you know about proposed changes to rules and regulations or other issues which may affect you. It will not replace our regular Team Manager's meetings but complement them, giving you the opportunity to digest and discuss proposals amongst your team, ahead of our meetings.

It will also help the OGIC promote the various fund raising events that the teams organise. In order for or us to be able to do this we will require that each team keep us informed about their event calendar.

#### Revised OGI Handbook

We have undertaken a comprehensive revision of our handbook, which apart from some last minute amendments, will shortly be making it's way to you.

While there wasn't much wrong with the old version, our aim was to bring the handbook up to date, clearly setting out the responsibility which the OGIC has in staging the games as well as ensuring that teams, competitors and parents understand what is expected of them.

To avoid confusion, OGI specific rules have been clarified and the possible penalties which can be imposed when these rules are not adhered to are now set out and explained.

Obviously there is too much to list here, so it is important that teams read the handbook carefully and familiarise themselves with it, once they receive it.

#### Allianz Park

As everyone is aware, Allianz Park will be undergoing a major re-development, starting in June of this year. The old stand is being demolished with a modern new stand replacing it. We have been assured that the works will be completed in time for our games, but even if they are not the impact on us should be minimal.

However, it is important that teams who use the stadium's facilities for their OGI training, contact the stadium's management in good time to establish what impact these works will have, if any, on their training.

It is important that teams have a contingency plan in order to minimise disruption to their training schedules.

#### New Committee Members

The OGIC welcomes Mark Murphy and Sandra Palormi onto the committee. Both are past competitors, who have gone on to help the OGI as marshals or timekeepers and both have children who compete in the games.

#### Forthcoming Fund Raising Events

As we are all aware fund raising is a fundamental part of running a team. It is therefore important that we support each other as much as possible, as it not only helps to ensure their success but brings everyone together.

The following three fund raising events will be taking place over the next three months:

**4th. February, Southgate Winter Quiz Night.** £12 per person, tables of 8-12 including a fish n chip supper.

**4th. March, St. Peter's OGI Quiz Night.** £12 for adults and £10 for children, tables of 8 including escalope, salad and chips.

**30th. April, OGI Fund Raising Lunch.** £30 for adults and £10 for under 12's. 4 course meal, wine and entertainment.

For more information, please refer to the posters on the next pages

#### Photo Finish

We are looking into the feasibility of introducing digital photo finish/timing equipment for the next games.

Obviously costs will be an important consideration but if we decide to trial the equipment, it will require that each athlete is assigned a competitor number, which they will be required to wear on the front of their clothing, otherwise they will not be allowed to race.

Teams may also need to consider where they print sponsors logos on clothing, as where the competitor number will need to be placed may result in logos being obscured.

#### Future Team Managers Meeting

The next team managers meeting will be taking place at St. Peter's Italian Social Club on Wednesday 5th. April 2017 at 19.30.