



Newsletter

Welcome back, and a happy new year, we hope that you have all had an enjoyable, relaxing and indulgent Christmas.

The newsletter has now been going for a year and we hope that you have found it informative, as well as enjoying its contents. We are always looking at ways of trying to improve it and if anyone has any ideas or wishes to contribute an article, please contact us on ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk.

By now most team's recruitment and training programmes for



OGI 2018 will be in full swing and anyone wishing to compete in the forthcoming games who hasn't registered with a team yet, needs to get their skates on. The deadline for athlete registration with OGI is the end of February, **SO YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW.**

As well as our usual reports on the various events which have happened over the last three months, for this

issue, we will also be concentrating on explaining the various rules which may impact an athlete's registration or their ability to compete in the games

What is a club athlete and can they take part in the OGI games?

A frequently asked question with people often misunderstanding OGI's rules with regards to this matter. According to the latest revised handbook & rulebook OGI's definition of a club athlete is given in **Rule 2.4** as the following:

Definition of a Club Athlete

For the purpose of OGI an individual whose name or details appear on any database or reference site, which is operated or recognised by either UK Athletics or British Swimming, including any of their subsidiaries, will be classified as being a Club Athlete. Irrespective of whether the individual is or has ever been a member of an athletics or swimming club.

So just being a member of an athletics or swimming club will not mean that an individual is classified as a club athlete. However if their details appears on, for example, **The Power of 10**, swimmingresults.org or similar sites then they will be.

There is also no time limit after which the entry is no longer taken into account.

Does this mean that they cannot compete? The simple answer is **YES**, if they are classified as being of non Italian origin. Even if an individual has competed legitimately in previous games, once their details appear on any recognised reference site, then they will no longer be allowed to compete. This may seem unfair but for any rule to be effective, it must be unambiguous, easy to administer and not open to misinterpretation.

A word of warning to any non Italian competitors who may decide to enter a local race or event, even as an individual, as part of their training regime. They should first enquire with the organisers as to whether the results are uploaded onto such reference sites because if they are, this will mean that they will no longer be allowed to take part in OGI

Do I really need to go to the team training sessions to compete in OGI?

The simple answer is no, training is not compulsory, the teams understand that an individual may have other commitments such as football or school. However teams hold training sessions for a variety of reasons.

Firstly, it helps the team managers get to know their athletes and establish which events they are good at.

Secondly, it allows the individual athlete to try out the various events in a more relaxed atmosphere. An athlete may well discover that he or she has an aptitude for a certain disci-

pline, which may never have come out if they hadn't gone training.

Thirdly and most importantly, it allows the competitors to get to know their team mates and helps build the team spirit which is so vital if the team has ambitions to win The Padre Russo Shield.

So while it may sometimes seem like an unnecessary chore, the reality is, that it is an integral and important part of the team building process.



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Who can be classified as being an athlete of Italian origin?

Rule 2.3 of the latest handbook gives the definition of an athlete of Italian origin as follows:

Definition of a competitor with Italian origin

For the purpose of OGI a competitor will be classified as being of Italian origin providing that at least one of the following criteria are met:

- 1) They were born in Italy;
- 2) Hold or have held Italian Citizenship;
- 3) Either of their parents or grandparents meet conditions (1) or (2)

- 4) Have been adopted and either of their biological or adopted parents meet conditions (1) or (2).

The OGIC may require an individual to provide documentary evidence to support a claim of being of Italian origin.

In all cases an individual will be classified as being of non Italian origins, if they do not meet any of the above criteria or cannot provide documentary evidence to support their claim

Stepchildren will only be considered of Italian origin if at least one of their biological parents meet conditions (1) or (2)

Southgate Fundraising Dinner & Dance



On Saturday 7th. October the committee for the Southgate OGI team held their very first fundraising dinner & dance at the Bishop Douglas School Hall in East Finchley.

Over 230 people came along to enjoy a beautifully presented and delicious four course meal with wine a plenty.

The entertainment was provided by the Italian Trio who kept the tempo and party going with a varied mix of old and new numbers

to suit the tastes of everyone present.

We had the usual raffle and an auction with some truly spectacular items on offer and a special mention needs to be made of the generosity of the sponsors.

That it was such a good evening should come as no surprise to anyone but well done to Francesca and her dedicated committee for all their hard work in ensuring that

this event ran like clockwork.

Southgate OGI Dinner and Dance

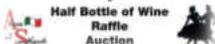
Saturday 7th October 2017
Arrive at 6:30pm for 7pm sit down - Late

at Bishop Douglas Hall
Hamilton Road,
East Finchley, N2 0SQ

£30 Adults
£12 Children (12 and under)

Live Music
4 Course Meal

Half Bottle of Wine
Raffle
Auction





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OGIC Fundraising Golf Day



On Monday 9th October at the prestigious Hadley Wood Golf course the OGIC held its first fundraising golf day.

Fifteen teams made up of 70 golfers came along to enjoy this spectacular golf course and its many challenges..



The day got under way with everyone enjoying a coffee and a bacon roll before the golfers were presented with a complimentary shoe bag, tees, golf balls, pitch mark repairer and a bag of jelly beans.

This was followed by them being given a quick lesson on how to operate their live scoring PDA's

before making their way to their starting tees for the shotgun start.



This is England after all, so despite the weather predictions showing no rain for the day, the golfers were made to feel at home when the heavens opened shortly after the start of the competition. Fortunately it was only a passing shower designed to quicken up the already very fast greens.



Once this initial scare was over, the players were faced with a pleasant if slightly overcast day, for them to enjoy the many challenges which this beautifully mature golf course presented.

As well as the main tournament, there were several other challenges namely the longest drive, nearest the pin and the hole in one competition where players could win a

brand new Mini Clubman kindly supplied by Stephen James of Enfield.

Once complete the golfers made their way back

the club house to enjoy the presentation three course dinner,, raffle and auction.

Overall an extremely successful and enjoyable event with special thanks going to all the sponsors, who are too many to mention, for their generosity and Peter Ciccone and his wife Simmi for all their help in making the event happen.





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Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley Bollywood Night

When people ask you to hold a fundraiser but to make it different, do you think to yourself, "that's a bit too risky it may frighten people away!" or do you say "Yeah., why not!" And that was how idea to hold a Bollywood night came into being.

So on Saturday 14th October the Finchley Club held their very first fundraising Bollywood evening.

Obviously you can't have an Indian night without a curry and you most certainly can't have a Bollywood night without a giant helping of traditional Indian dancing.

The excellent food was the work of their very own Gordon Ramsey, Gaetano, together with his team of master

chefs, Vince and Romeo. The dancing was provided courtesy of Veena Storm and her dance troupe..

It's a shame that more people didn't come along to enjoy what was a truly memorable experience, nonetheless 130+ people did make the effort and they were not left disappointed.

During the meal we had a truly remarkable exhibition of Indian dancing, with possibly the highlight being the two remarkable young girls, however the real fun began after the meal when Veena and her DJ got everyone up and dancing ala India.

Well done Finchley for a great evening.



Rob Delogu Trophy Quiz Night

The second annual Rob Delogu Trophy Quiz night was held in the Sala Padre Russo at St. Peter's Italian club on Saturday 28th October.

Over 120 people came to test their brains, catch up with friends, enjoy the food, while helping to raise money for both St. Peter's OGI and Winston's Wish Charity for bereaved children and remember their late dear friend Rob.

The event being organised by Gillian

Martin and her band of dedicated friends.

At the end of a testing evening with a Halloween twist, in which two tables of youngsters competing in their own mini quiz, the result was draw with two teams, one being last years champions sharing the trophy.





Dino Carnevale

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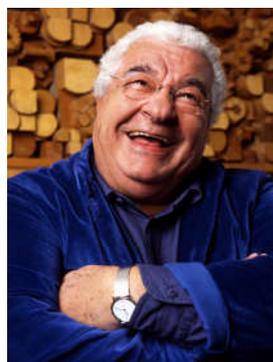
Almost everyone within our community has heard of the Carnevale family. Generous benefactors to the many Italian associations as well as our own Italian church.

From the start they were a part of OGI, initially sponsoring the Harrow & Wembley team and though this team no longer participates they have remained keen supporters of OGI.

It was therefore with great sadness that we heard that Dino had lost his brave fight against his illness and passed away on the 11th August.

A one time competitor in the OGI for Harrow & Wembley, he and his family helped raise over £150,000 for the Royal Marsden Hospital after he lost his sister in 2012. He leaves a wife and two children.

The OGIC sends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the Carnevale family on their loss,



Antonio Carluccio

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It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Antonio Carluccio, following a fall at his home in Italy.

Born in Salerno, he moved to the United Kingdom in 1975 and started working at the Neal Street Restaurant in 1981 as a manager before he eventually bought it in 1989.

He was one of the first of the new breed of TV celebrity chefs and Jamie Oliver credits him with igniting his passion for pasta.

He wrote 20 books on Italian cooking as well as making numerous TV shows, the last one being two greedy Italians where he starred alongside chef Gennaro Contaldo.

In 1998 he was made a Commendatore della Repubblica Italiana and in 2007 he received an OBE from the Queen.

He also made several appearances over the years, on the last day of OGI to hand out medals.

RIP Antonio



Lowering the age limit and age groups

It was suggested earlier this year that the OGIC look into the feasibility of lowering the age limit at which children may first compete in OGI from 9 years old to 8 years old.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to establish whether there is a demand for such a move and so it has been decided to postpone reaching a decision for these games.

We will look into this matter again for OGI 2020 and have asked that the teams gather information during their training sessions to help us establish viability.

The OGIC was also asked to look into the possibility of adopting the academic year as a way of determining age groups, rather than the current system of the competitors age on the first day of the games.

While they could see certain merits in the proposals, it was decided that any advantages would be outweighed by the complication of updating our programme to accommodate such a move.

Volunteer Marshals & Timekeepers

As everyone is aware OGI would not be able to function without all the volunteers who kindly give up their bank holiday weekend, to help us with the marshalling of events and timekeeping. This year's games will be no different.

So can we ask that all teams start to send requests for volunteers for these essential duties and start to compile lists of people who will be available over the three days.

Remember we would like to have at least 3 volunteers on each event, ideally each one from a different team. The more volunteers we have the better it is for everyone, because it will mean that we can establish a rota, thus allowing people a rest rather than expecting them to work throughout the day.

We will also need football & netball referees, so if anyone knows of anyone who can fulfil these tasks and who would be prepared to help us, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can contact them.



Reminder of new OGI Rule for 2018

In order to try to eliminate scheduling clashes, the OGIC has decided to categorise individual events as either, **Sprint, Distance, Jumping, Throwing and Swimming**, as listed in the table below:

Individual Categories	Events
Sprint	60m, 100m, 200m, & 400m
Distance	400m, 800m & 1500m
Jumping	80m & 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump & High Jump
Throwing	Shot Put, Javelin & Discus
Swimming	25m swim

For 2018 competitors will still be allowed to choose a maximum of three individual track and field events and one individual swimming event from the table above, apart from those events listed in the **Sprint** and **Distance** categories which cannot be chosen together.

For further information, please refer to the new rule book.

Au revoir Stanmore & Hendon

It is with sadness that we have to report that the Stanmore & Hendon OGI team will not be competing in the forthcoming games. Due to changes in their various personal circumstances, the old management team felt that they were not able to provide the commitment and time which is needed to organise and run a team. An appeal was made for volunteers to come forward to take up the baton but sadly there was no takers, so they have decided to call it a day.

Hopefully this will only be a temporary absence, since the team has a very proud tradition in OGI, having won four consecutive titles in the 90 and despite being a relatively small team they still managed to finish 3rd overall in 2016, winning the Les Rickard Cup.

OGIC wishes Sandra and her team the very best for the future and in the meantime if any of their potential competitors still wish to compete in this years games, they can still do so by registering with one of the other teams.

If you would like us to promote your event, please email the details together with any posters to:

ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk

OGI 2018 Athlete Registration Forms

Make your team managers day by downloading your registration form from www.ogi-olympics.co.uk and handing it in completed with two passport size photos on your first day of training.

The Quick Quiz

Another five questions to test your OGI knowledge. Answers in the next issue.

- Who was OGI's Third President?
- Who holds the OGI record for the longest throw in Javelin?
- Name the team which was sponsored by Carnevale?
- In which year was the Les Rickard award introduced?
- Not including Londra Sud, how many teams have competed in OGI from south of the river Thames?

Answers to the last quiz:

- Scotland
- Boxing & Rugby Union
- Arrotini
- 1996
- Mario Volpi of St. Peter's who won 8 medals 5 individual and 3 team

OGI 2018 Games Countdown

As I'm sure that you are all aware by now, athlete registration is well underway. However, what some of you may not be aware of yet, is that due to a dramatic increase in the cost of hiring the stadium and pool, OGIC has had to increase individual athlete registration charges by £5.

Some teams may absorb these costs, while others may have to pass this on but please remember that this is the first increase that we have had to implement in over 20 years

A reminder to an athlete's registration timetable:

28/02/2018: Is the last day for the teams to register an athlete for OGI

01/03/2018-30/04/2018: A team may make amendments to an athletes registration, other than changing their name, origin and DOB. An athlete may also be withdrawn from OGI without incurring any penalties or charges.

01/05/2018: No further changes are allowed and while an athlete may be withdrawn the team will still be liable for their registration fee

02/05/2018-04/05/2018: Events declared