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Newsletter

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling refreshed, ready for the sprint towards the finish line of OGI 2020.

As you are no doubt aware, next year sees us celebrating 40 years of the OGI games and on top of all the usual preparations which need to be made for an OGI year, we are also busy planning for our celebratory gala dinner & dance which we are

Welcome Back



holding on March 28th of next year.

So to kick start these celebrations and help us raise some much needed funds we held a Sunday Lunch at the Italian Club at the end of September

We have also introduced changes to the format of our newsletter, so that while we will continue to promote and report on events in our community, the lead articles will concentrate on OGI related news and issues.

A new venue for 2020

It's all confirmed, for 2020 OGI is being held at the Watford Leisure complex which includes the Woodside Athletics Stadium, home to the Watford Harriers.

The stadium has a newly laid 400m, 8 lane, floodlit all weather track, with a 700 seater stand. On the infield there are two javelin, two long jump, discus and shot put areas, all visible from the stand. While the adjacent leisure centre boasts a 25m 8 lane swimming pool, complete with electronic timing and four floodlit 4G 5 a-side football pitches and parking for over 300 cars, coaches and 3 mini buses.

Unfortunately, not everything has been finalised, as we are still negotiating with Watford Harriers for them to supply and operate the photo finishing equipment and we are still looking for a local venue to stage our netball tournament but we are hopeful that this will all be sorted by the end of the year.



Plan of Watford leisure complex

**Watford Leisure Centre &
Woodside Stadium.
Horseshoe Lane
Watford WD25 7HH**

5 A-Side Football Tournament

Following our consultation with the team managers, it has been decided that for 2020 the football tournament will be expanded to include boys up to the age of 16 years old.

As a result of the extra time needed to stage the tournament, it will now be held on the Sunday, rather than the Monday and it will more than likely last all day. This means, that apart from some of the oldest boys, almost all the track & field events for Sunday will be given over to the girls.

Each team will be allowed to enter one five a-side team, consisting of one goalkeeper, four outfield players and two substitutes, per age group. Each age group will play in a league, with medals being awarded according to who finishes in the top three places, once all the games in that league are played.

All other rules and regulations will be as they are set out in the current OGI rule book.



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Swimming Gala

In an effort to reduce the amount of time that is spent having to rewrite the heat sheets, because of last minute withdrawals at the start of the gala, and in order to encourage the team managers to only choose competitors who want to swim, OGIC has decided to introduce a limit on the number of swimmers which each team is allowed to enter.



with the average across the board being 44%. It has therefore been decided that for OGI 2020, the number of swimmers which each team may enter in the gala, will be set at 60% of the total number of competitors which they have registered to compete in OGI on 30/04/2020.

Having studied previous years, it was noted that all the teams had a drop out rate, depending on age group, ranging from as low as 33% to as high as 75%,

that the gala gets underway quicker and hopefully if it finishes sooner, be able to present medals at the end of the evening, as we used to for the first OGI'S

This measure should ensure

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A new logo to commemorate 40 years

At the top of our newsletter is the new logo commemorating 40 years of OGI. It will also be seen on all our letterhead and promotional material, next year's tracksuits and it is the design for next year's medals.

A big thank you to Michael Cattini who designed it for us. He is not only studying graphic design and photography at UAL (University of the Arts London) but an ex OGI competitor.

OGI at the Sagra 2019

This year's traditional curtain closer before the start of the Italian community's summer holidays, took place on Sunday 21st. July and for the second year OGI had its own stall selling a variety of delicious Italian street food all of which you could wash down with a variety of drinks. After a busy yet enjoyable day OGI was able to make a donation of over £1,600 to the Italian church. A big thank you to all the OGI volunteers who helped out on the day and a special thank you to Ciao Bella for their generosity and support.

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OGI Sunday lunch at the Club

On Sunday 29th September, over 80 diners enjoyed a delicious 4 course meal with wine in the Sala Padre Russo at the Italian Club, while helping us to raise much needed funds for next years OGI.

So a big thank you to all those who supported us, by either coming or donating prizes and goods, the chef Antonio, owner of Il Cavaliere in Blackstock Road, for his wonderful food, Maddy and Marco of The Italian Job for providing the music and all those who volunteered their time to work on the day.



Updating the OGI Rule Book

We are currently in the process of updating the OGI Rule Book for 2020. It should be completed by the end of November or mid December latest and once finished, we will email it to all the teams.

It will also be available for download from our website at www.ogi-olympics.co.uk.

New event software

OGI has invested in new event software for both the athletic events and swimming gala and is currently in the process of testing and fine tuning it for our needs.

Once we are happy with its performance, it will be rolled out to the Team Managers for them to use for their athlete registration.

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 28th March 2020

**Gala Dinner & Dance
at the**

**Royal National Hotel
Bloomsbury**

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A Brief History



Part 3. OGI stands alone

After six years at the helm and three OGI games, the St. Peter's youth club committee decided that it was time for it to relinquish control and so it was that at the 1984 AGM the new independent OGI committee was formed. However, the links with the Youth Club would remain, with the newly elected President Les Rickard and nearly 50% of the committee coming from its ranks but they were being joined by likes of Armo & Rob Collini, Marie Tissi and Piero Schia to name four. And this new committee would make an immediate impact, with Rob Collini writing a software package that would see the registration process, events scheduling and recording of results computerised.

The 1986 games were held for the first time at the New River Stadium. St. Peter's, as if now liberated from the yoke of having to run the games, won their first title and Harrow & Wembley winning the Sportsmanship Cup. Sadly, for both St. Peter's and OGI, 1986 was also marred by the sad loss of Les Rickard.

Armo Collini became President and to commemorate Les, the OGI committee would introduce The Les Rickard Trophy. Apart from the new trophy, the 1998 games will be remembered for four reasons; firstly the three days of almost solid rain. Secondly, Southgate winning their first title. Thirdly, Willesden & Brent, with the ever cheerful Gregorio Chiparo leading them, winning the Sportsmanship Trophy and lastly, possibly most importantly, the almost immortal Stanmore & Hendon team. Not just because it finished second and won the inaugural Les Rickard Trophy, but because it would go on to dominate OGI for the next eight years, winning an historic four consecutive titles, a record which still stands today.

Piero Schia started his tenure as President for the 1990 games, with Stanmore & Hendon winning their first of four titles, Harrow & Wembley winning The Les Rickard Trophy and Lunigiana the Sportsmanship Cup.

1992 saw Stanmore once again crowned champions, with St. Albans winning the Les Rickard Trophy and Arrotini their first Sportsmanship Cup. 1994 witnessed another masterclass performance by Stanmore & Hendon as they won their third title in a row, with Scalabrini winning the Sportsmanship Cup. Hoddesdon, a large team who had taken part in OGI from the beginning, gave Stanmore & Hendon a good run for their money, finishing second and winning the Les Rickard Trophy. Surprisingly this was to be their one and only trophy.

Livio Spagnoli succeeded Piero as President for 1996 and these games saw photo finishing, independently operated by AAA officials, introduced for the first time. The unstoppable Stanmore & Hendon juggernaut would win their fourth and last title, with Southgate coming second and winning the Les Rickard Trophy and Arrotini winning their second Sportsmanship Cup.

1998 saw Stanmore & Hendon's championship reign come to an end. After three hard fought days, St. Peter's triumphed winning their second title, with Arrotini achieving a unique and never repeated double of winning both the Les Rickard Trophy and Sportsmanship Cup. However, 1998 will be remembered not for what happened at the games but at that year's AGM. With competitor numbers decreasing, fundraising proving increasingly difficult and funds diminishing, the committee decided that it was time for new blood to take over and resigned en-masse.

OGI had reached its Rubicon, either it would survive and rise, phoenix like, from the flames or wither and die.

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OGI at the Processione 2019



Although overcast and windy to start with, the weather proved to be kind to us in the end, becoming pleasantly warm and sunny as the procession made its way around the streets of Clerkenwell.

Unfortunately, not as impressive was the turnout from the OGI teams, with only St. Peter's there to represent us. We all need to make a greater effort for next year, especially with us celebrating 40 years of OGI.



To l'Associazione Piacenza Insieme and Parmense who kindly gave a donation of £250 to each of the teams.

BACKHILL ONLINE

Great News! After a brief spell offline, Backhill online is back online.

Running a web site requires a great deal of time, effort and money and if no one bothers to visit it, people will start to question whether it's worth it.

Our friends at The Mazzini Garibaldi Foundation are the ones who pay for its upkeep, but we need to start to use it because if we don't, we will lose it.

After all, it is a great source of information and an invaluable asset for our community, but it needs all of us to contribute to its contents. We can start, by using it to promote our events and functions and if you're not sure how to, you can always send the information to us at ogi@ogi-olympics.co.uk and we will forward it for you.

LET'S KEEP BACKHILL ONLINE

Non Italian Club Athletes

With OGI fast approaching, it is important that all team managers carry out regular checks on their non Italian competitors to ensure that they are not Club Athletes and keep a record of all their checks.

OGI's rule 2.4 defines a club athlete as follows: "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."

It doesn't matter whether the competitor has competed in previous OGI's or that the entry dates back years, if their details appear, they will be ineligible to compete.

If you're not sure about somebody, either check with us first or withdraw the competitor. A team will face no penalties for withdrawing someone before OGI has started but could face severe penalties if a competitor is found to be a club athlete once the games are underway.

The General Knowledge Quiz

Five more brain teasers to test your knowledge:

1. Which is the world's oldest currency still in use?
2. Who first used Ferrari's famous prancing horse?
3. Who said "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."?
4. What colour does gold leaf appear if you hold it up to the light?
5. In which sport would you see a Barani, Rudolph and Randolph?

Answers to the last quiz:

1. Uruguay
2. The Italian Church, Clerkenwell
3. Trafalgar
4. Mercedes-Benz
5. The Atom Bomb



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**Southgate OGI
Dinner and Dance**

Saturday 9th November 2019
Arrive 6:30pm for 7pm sit down - until late

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

£30 Adults
(Under 18 - no wine, two soft drinks)

£15 Children
(12 and under - no wine, two soft drinks)

Live Music

**4 Course Meal
+
Half Bottle of Wine**

Raffle & Auction

For tickets/enquiries
call Tony on 07435 786408



Join us for Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley's

**ABBA
Tribute Night**

Saturday 9th November 2019 | 7.30pm - midnight |
Villa Scalabrini, Green Street, Shenley, WD7 9BB

This year we will be raising money for 'Homeless Action in Barnet' and the 'St Peter's Project' (a charity that works with members of London's Italian Community who are suffering from physical and mental illness)

Abba Sensationelle will be playing, a DJ for a disco and an authentic 3 course 1970s themed meal for you to enjoy!

Tickets: Adults (15 year olds +) £25.00
Children (14 and under) £15.00

For tickets email: finchleyclub@gmail.com



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DINNER, MUSIC
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We warmly invite you
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LONDRA SUD
fundraising dinner
**SATURDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER 2019**

Location
Selsdon Community Centre
132 Addington Road
South Croydon
CR2 8LA

Time
6:30pm till late

Tickets
£30 Adults & £17.50 Children up
to 15 yrs

To buy tickets please
contact
morganazanelli@googlemail.com
07770 780 840



**'SAVE THE DATE'
13TH DECEMBER 2019
CELEBRATE WITH US**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
KICK OFF 7:30PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

ADMIT ONE
Badgers Sports Club
Middle Park Avenue
Eltham
SE9 5HR

Friday
13th
December
7:30pm
till
late

