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YOUR ISLE OF MAN SPORT PEOPLE



Isle of Man Sport Executive Chairman, Sarah Corlett

Sarah has recently taken on the role of Isle of Man Sport Executive Chairman, replacing the long-serving Gary Corkhill. Having been Chairman of both the Isle of Man Sport Aid and Isle of Man Sports Liaison Committees, Sarah brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role.



Isle of Man Sport Aid Chairman, Andy Varnom

Andy was the Chairman of the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management (ISRM) 2004 – 2007 and was the Deputy Games Director for the 2001 Island Games and the Chief Sports Co-ordinator for the Isle of Man 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games. Andy has previously held the position of Head of Sport and Recreation for Manx Sport and Recreation and is the current General Secretary for the Island Games Association. Andy was appointed as the new Sport Aid Committee Chairman in November 2020.



Isle of Man Sports Liaison Chairman, David Morgan

David continues in his role as Chairman of the Sports Liaison Committee, is an integral part of the IOM Sport Support for Sport process and a member of the IOM Sport Committee. David has participated in many sports including, clay target shooting, classic rallying, golf, sailing and tennis.



INTRODUCING



Stephen Cregeen (left) and Tim Leeming (right) both joined Isle of Man Sport as committee members in November 2020. Stephen has also joined the Isle of Man Sport Aid Committee and Tim has been appointed to the Isle of Man Sports Liaison Committee. We wish our newest members all the successes in their involvement with IOM Sport.

ISLE OF MAN SPORTS AWARDS

The Isle of Man Sports Awards is an inspirational evening where the Island's top athletes, teams, and coaches are recognised in front of sports fans and media, with 11 awards up for grabs.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Isle of Man Sports Awards has been postponed until Wednesday 2 June 2021 where Olympic champion Peter Kennaugh MBE will be the guest of honour

Dr Alex Allinson MHK, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture said:

'Given the current situation we had to take this decision but we hope it gives sports fans and those nominated something to look forward to this summer.'

The shortlist for the 2020 Isle of Man Sports Awards, sponsored by Microgaming Play It Forward, was announced in February. This year's event will reflect the exceptional challenges faced by many in 2020, by shining a light on the Island's unsung sporting heroes.

As a professional cyclist Kennaugh, 31, rode at the highest level for nine years and won a gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, becoming the first Manxman in 100 years to do so.



The two-time British National Road Race Champion, who retired from cycling in 2019 said:

'It's an honour to be part of this year's Isle of Man Sports Awards. I am really looking forward to seeing young Manx talent recognised and acknowledged for their hard work and achievements.'

For more information on the Isle of Man Sports Awards 2020 nominations please check the IOM Sport website.



Previous Isle of Man Sports Award winners

THANK YOU CHRIS!

How did you come to work for IOM Sport and how long you have been in post for?

I started in this role in January 2004. It was a new post and I had no professional background of working in sport. My own sporting career was coming to an end and a number of people suggested that I seemed to fit the role really well. I put in a speculative last-minute application and ended up being given the job!!

Who is your favourite sporting hero?

For a sporting hero, I grew up in the era of Seb Coe, Steve Ovett and Steve Cram and loved watching them run. Watching the 1984 LA Olympics was a great experience, I remember staying up most of the night to watch and then sleeping most of the day! I have been lucky enough to meet all three at different times (see photo below).



Sports Performance Co-Ordinator Chris Quine is leaving his post with Isle of Man Sport after 16 years of dedicated service.

We caught up with Chris to reflect on his time within the role....



What would you say is your greatest success within the role?

Probably the development of the IOM Sport Institute from an idea to a building and team dedicated to supporting our performance athletes. In addition, the establishment of the IOM Sport Aid Academy, which provides an opportunity to a higher number of individuals than in the past. Overall, people have so much more belief and ambition than 15-20 years ago, hopefully, I have played a part in helping to change our sporting culture.

What role has IOM Sport played in the success of some of our athletes?

I hope that IOM Sport has further supported the drive of the individual athletes and their coaches. This does, of course, vary from athlete to athlete. We are not involved in the sport-specific aspects but rather helping them maintain consistency of training through our medical services, gym programme and psychological support.

Can you put into context the success of our athletes on the international and world stage for such a small Island?

It has been said many times that the Island punches above its weight in sport. Over the past 15 years we have had World Champions, two Olympic medallists (plus other Olympians), Commonwealth Games medallists and numerous British Champions and Internationals.

There are many reasons for this but when compared to the UK Sport Great British Medallists survey, the Isle of Man ticks virtually every box of what the ideal sporting environment looks like in terms of population size, access to facilities, coaching and role models.

What are the biggest lessons you have learnt from your experience in the role?

You need a combination of factors to succeed, relying on one thing such a natural ability is not enough. Good coaching and advice, having a plan, being prepared to put in the hard work, making good decisions and a little luck are all as important.

A bit about Chris...

Favourite food:
fish and chips or Shepherd's pie

Favourite hobbies:
sport, travelling and current affairs

Interesting fact:
Chris won a medal in each of the first 9 (yes, nine!) Island Games that were held



Have you got any advice for young people looking to establish a career in the sports industry?

Sport is a great thing for individuals on a personal level and society in general and it is great to be able to contribute towards that and make a career out of doing so

Being interested in sport is essential and, like with sport, I would suggest that you do as many roles as you can to find out which areas of work you enjoy the most.

However, you need to understand that most jobs are not glamorous, all have their downsides such as writing reports or taking a training session in bad weather. Make sure that you enjoy the upsides so you can take the less enjoyable aspects in your stride.

A little birdie has told us that you are retiring shortly, what plans do you have to enjoy your retirement?

Hopefully, as things move forward, I would like to do more travelling again.

At some point, I will look to volunteer to help at sporting events, I know how hard it can be to find helpers and volunteers these days when people have such busy lives.

For the full interview with Chris please go to www.iomsport.com

SUPPORT FOR SPORT BACKGROUND



Support for Sport framework

Following a period of transition, the Support for Sport framework has been updated for 2021/22 providing a clear, logical and aspirational pathway for sports to obtain financial assistance from IOM Sport.

The appointment of the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) in March 2020 provided a professional resource to sports in terms of support and guidance when completing the 2020/21 Priorities and Objectives process.

For 2020/21 sports were encouraged to think about how their priorities and objectives aligned with those recognised by IOM Sport, and for 2021/22, in order to receive funding, the documentation submitted by the sports must align with the three IOM Sport priorities and objectives

The Support for Sport process recognises the importance of travel to sports on the Island. As such IOM Sport, contrary to 2020/21 when travel restrictions and border closures led to uncertainty to sporting activities on and off the Island, encouraged Sports to include travel initiatives that fall under IOM Sports priorities and objectives in their 2021/22 documentation.

Priorities and Objectives Process 2020/21

Working with all 28 recognised sports during the last year, the Sports Liaison Officer has ensured that all submissions from sports are aligned with the IOM Sport Priorities and Objectives, the majority of which are recommended for funding thus allowing IOM Sport to support more initiatives than ever before.

Support for Sport Claims Process 2020/21

Due to the ongoing pandemic, three separate lockdowns, border and travel restrictions, sports have found it difficult to achieve a lot of their identified objectives which has resulted in an underspend.

The recommended funding allocations from the Sports Liaison Officer for 2021/22 factors this underspend into account allowing for a greater number of relevant initiatives to be funded throughout the forthcoming period.

For all sports submitting claims as part of the Support for Sport process 2021/22, please ensure all relevant information is included with your Support for Sport claim form. For more information on the claims process contact sportsliaison@gov.im

SPORTS LIAISON

Support for Sport Process 2021/22

All sports who engaged in the Support for Sport process should now have received their agreed allocation of funding letters.

This year saw over 95% of objectives funded, with the allocation of funding to sports increased by 67% from 2020/21. Three more sports also submitted funding applications this year. Going forward it will be increasingly more likely that sports will have to really focus on specific objectives that will develop their sport aligned to IOM Sport criteria and also look for additional funding sources to assist in achieving their objectives.

IOM Sport would like to champion some of the initiatives funded for sports. Please feel free to invite IOM Sport members to any events, to see new equipment purchased being used or just for us to meet members of your sporting community.

Your Sport Review

A huge thank you to all sports who have returned their 'Your Sport Review' document. We hope you found it a useful exercise to get a picture of how many people are involved in making your sport great on the Island.

The information gathered from sports has highlighted a number of great things that happened during an extremely disrupted year and has assisted us to guide your future development.

2700 Volunteers in 2020

Over 2700 people volunteered to support sports on the Isle of Man in 2020

950 Active coaches

There are currently over 950 active coaches across all recognised sports

41% Increase in active officials

There was a 41% increase in active officials for 2020 compared to 2019

One year on from the appointment of the Sports Liaison Officer...

90

number of people met from supported sports

80

face to face meetings held with sports representatives

28

number of sports supported



PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES 2021/22

The Priorities and objectives process for 2021/22 is the first full one since the appointment of the Sports Liaison Officer. Here are some of the key themes that emerged during the process.

Your Sport Review Guidance

The data collected from the 'Your Sport Review' was used to discuss the Priorities and Objectives for the forthcoming year with the sports. This has led to specific objectives being included that focus on delivering coaching courses, hosting events targeted at underrepresented groups to increase participation as well as ensuring members have appropriate qualifications.

Border and Travel Restrictions

Off-island travel and initiatives that require teams/tutors/coaches to travel to the Isle of Man are still prominent features of the funding allocation requests. The notable difference this year is that sports have been realistic with their requests given the border and travel restrictions that are still in place and on the whole they have focused their attention on travel to and from the Island from September onwards.

Sports working with the Sports Liaison Officer

Sports have utilised the Sports Liaison Officer this year, with no less than 21 sports submitting at least one draft Priorities and Objectives document before final submission. This measured approach by sports is reflected in realistic funding requests compared to previous years.

Promotion of IOM Sport Courses

Further to reviewing draft submissions by sports, the Sports Liaison Officer has been promoting the courses, training and workshops that IOM Sport deliver. The Priorities and Objectives documents evidence this with over 50% of sports including one of these as an objective within their Priorities and Objectives for 2021/22.

Covid Kick Start Fund

IOM Sport is supporting 'kick start' initiatives this year to attempt to counter the effects the pandemic has had on sports over the last 12 months, this is reflected in the number of funded objectives.

YOUR SPORT REVIEW

Participation in sport on the Isle of Man

The information provided by Sports in the 'Your Sport Review' provided a fascinating insight to how many participants were able to enjoy sports clubs and Island based events during a period where the world and sport suffered from the worldwide pandemic. Below are some key statistics around participation in sport on the Island in 2020

15,708

**12% Increase in the
number of registered
members of Sports clubs
from 2019 to 2020**

17,849

**243 Active
Sports Clubs
in 2020**

Number of participants in on Island events in 2020

10,603

Senior
males

3,941

Senior
females

216

Disability
Athletes

6,304

Junior
males

3,782

Junior
females

SPORT AID

Isle of Man athletes will receive Isle of Man Sport Aid (IoMSA) scholarships this year through a programme that will see them act as sporting ambassadors for the Island.

Recipients will receive financial support to help with travel and equipment and access to facilities at the Isle of Man Sport Institute from 1 April 2021.

Those chosen athletes from various sports will formally receive their certificates at the Isle of Man Sports Awards on 2 June. The full list of athletes who will be supported can be found on the IOM Sport website.

Isle of Man Sport Aid has played a pivotal role in supporting the Island's top athletes for more than 20 years by helping them to compete at national, international and world level.

Andy Varnom, Chairman of IOMSA, said:

'The investment demonstrates our commitment to helping Isle of Man athletes fulfil their potential. The past year has been extremely challenging for those who compete in the UK and further afield, and the ongoing situation has made our selection process harder than normal this year. We could not run such a robust programme without the generosity of the third party sponsors and organisations who help, so I would like to say a massive thank you.'

Dr Alex Allinson MHK, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture said:

'It has been a tough year full of complications for our sports stars, so I know what a difference these scholarships will make. I am confident the recipients will act as fine ambassadors for the Island and we will see the Manx flag flying at future events across the world.'

Thank you to all of our 2021 / 2022 Sport Aid Programme sponsors:

Aston International, CTH Insurance, The Dan Kneen Charitable Fund, Duke Travel, The Elizabeth Clucas Charitable Trust, Hadrian's Charity, The JR Moore Trust, Nedgroup Investments, Ramsey Crookall & Co, TLC Business Solutions, Top Spec Fencing and Tower Insurance.

Want to Know More?

Please visit www.iomsport.com or contact Paul.Callow@gov.im the IOM Sport Business Administrator for further information on IOM Sport Aid.



COACHING CORNER

Isle of Man Sport Coaching Festival

The 2020 virtual coaching conference has had a host of sports experts delivering workshops to island-based coaches. Thank you to those coaches who signed up for the festival.

Isle of Man Sport Podcast

Our very own Trevor Christian hosts a podcast with a variety of sports people on and off the Island. Previous episodes can be found on the IOM Sport youtube channel, 'Isle of Man Sport'.

Fancy a chance in the hot seat to share your sporting story? Contact Trevor for more information.

CPD Opportunities and Workshops

IOM Sport has guest speakers who deliver a host of seminars and workshops on a variety of topics. These can be delivered 'in-house' at a venue and time that suits a sport. Contact Trevor for more details.

Trevor has been in the role since 2015 and has created and delivered a number of initiatives to improve the standard of coaching on the Isle of Man and opportunities for coaches to experience on Island CPD.

Education and Training

IOM Sport offers a variety of training and education opportunities for athletes, coaches, volunteers and anyone else involved in sport on the Isle of Man. These include Safeguarding, Welfare officer and First aid training courses/workshops

Furthermore, Isle of Man Sport can offer bespoke First Aid and Safeguarding training for your sport. The courses can be delivered for up to 20 people for Safeguarding and 12 people for First aid. The course can be delivered at a venue and on a date of your preference and attended solely by members of your sport. Participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age.

For a full list of all available education and training Isle of Man Sport offer please copy, and paste the following web link into your internet browser.

<https://msr.gov.im/media/1867/cep-2020-2021-master.pdf>

Trevor Christian Isle of Man Sport Coaching Co-Ordinator



YOUR SPORT, YOUR PEOPLE



Name: **Claire Battye**
Governing Body:
Manx Netball Association
Roles:
Development Officer & Head Coach of the National team - The Rams

What made you want to become a development officer?

Netball is not only a passion of mine, it's an obsession. My mind is constantly thinking about Isle of Man Netball and all the different opportunities for people to enjoy something that I get so much from. When I was younger I didn't know what I wanted to be but I have ended up so lucky in a job that is naturally me.

What part of your role do you enjoy the most?

I really enjoy meeting new people, especially from other sports, and listening to the things they are doing and how they can be adapted to work for Isle of Man Netball. I believe all sports can gain from one another, push each other to be the best we can be, working together to achieve more.

What does a normal working week look like?

I am not sure a Development Officers week ever looks the same. Each week you have a new idea, try to work out how it can work to benefit your sport, looking at what other governing bodies are doing and other sports on the Island and further afield. Looking to improve the existing and offer new things. This could mean meeting new people, it could mean working on your own, continuously checking that at each step of an idea it is in line with the values and objectives of both Isle of Man Netball and Isle of Man Sport.

What makes your sport great?

People, the people make the sport great, no matter what role you choose to play, whether it is as a player, coach, official, volunteer, supporter, or anything else, it doesn't matter what level or how far you want to go, the support to help you achieve is amazing.

What has been a highlight of your role so far?

The formation of the board has been a highlight. We have professional knowledge that we can draw against each other looking after various areas. We have always had amazing volunteers who have worked tirelessly over a number of years making Isle of Man Netball what it is today, but the board has been another forward step for Isle of Man Netball.

For the full interview please go to www.iomsport.com

