

## **Organiser's Report**

Sincere thanks to Steve Gaskell for accommodating us at Thirlspot Farm this year . The availability of his farm buildings, campsite toilet and shower block and immediate access to the fell made this an excellent venue. Unfortunately Steve's initial fears about the ability of the parking field access to cope in wet conditions were realised – the six weeks of rain prior to the event ensured that.

I'm extremely grateful to those who agreed to marshal the car parking – not the most attractive of jobs under normal circumstances. When I initially asked them to report for duty at 7am I hadn't envisaged it turning into such an unpleasant task. The matting was laid and lifted with the invaluable assistance of Steve Gaskell and Gavin Bland and generously transported from and back to South Cumbria by Gavin.

The Climbers' Shop continued to support the Trial with generous sponsorship and assistance from Ben Lyon and staff at the Ambleside shop, in particular Joseph and Christine.

Very sincere thanks also to:

- Ordnance Survey for providing the map
- Donors of additional prizes, the Wasdale Head Inn, Pete Bland Sports and the YHA
- Checkpoint marshals and those on registration, start and finish and particularly the marshals who attended those checkpoints which were withdrawn on the day
- Mr and Mrs Tuer for arranging for the provision and transport of chairs and tables from Threlkeld Meeting Room
- Andrew and Anne Leaney of Staminade Computing for providing the Sportident timing service on the day
- Manchester Scouts Raynet Group for providing radio contact with the checkpoints
- St John Ambulance (Keswick Division)

Congratulations to all finishers and especially to Classic Trial winners, Gavin and Nicola

## **Next Year's Trial**

Subject to an organiser coming forward, next year's Trial will be held on Sunday 4 September, a week earlier than normal to avoid a clash with the 2005 World Masters Fellrunning Championships at Keswick. Anyone interested in taking on the job of Trial Organiser can find out what's involved by contacting Tony Richardson. Simon Patten has volunteered to succeed Mike Hind as Entries Secretary and will send details and entry forms to those who enclosed the requisite number of envelopes with this year's entry.

## **LDMTA Membership**

Please support the association by becoming a member, an application form is enclosed. Special prizes are awarded to members competing in the Trial. Offers of assistance are always welcome from those who are unable to run or who are just interested in the Trial.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Members and non-members alike are welcome to attend the Association's AGM at the King's Head Hotel, Thirlspot on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to express your views on any aspect of the Trial – be it this year's courses or something for the future. There is no charge for this event. Bar meals are available. The AGM will be followed by an illustrated talk by Ali Bramall, Wendy Dodds and Nicky Lavery on this year's Three Peaks Yacht Race – "Five Girls in a Boat"