

DIRECTORS NOTES – POST EVENT 2009

Please find the printed (second draft) of both 'A' 'X' and 'B' results, which I hope you, will find comprehensive and inspirational. Electronic version of Results including 'Combined A X & B, can be requested from ludomacaulay@hotmail.com and should now appear on Fire Services Sporting websites of, www.fssaa.co.uk and/or www.salisburyfirestation.info *In this complex, logistical 24 hour Challenge, we seek your understanding that it takes the computer to sort out positions, please (diplomatically) advise of any minor amendments required for incorporation into any future drafts. *Please feel free to email any constructive comments on this years Challenge to ludomacaulay@hotmail.com

Congratulations and well done to 800 individuals in 112 teams, who successfully participated in the 2009 Challenge to climb the Three Peaks in under 24 Hours. Only eleven teams, of 112 who started, were unable to fully complete the Challenge, either with reduced below minimum number of walkers/drivers, or pulling out, due to being very slow. So we believe 90+% full achievement rate, remains pretty good. An increased 17 Teams achieved 'Platinum', which I believe shows some serious focused training is going on, out there. Last years winners Avon Fire & Rescue Service team, 'Jampotters' successfully defended in warm conditions and gained 15:25 (B), only two minutes from the Challenge record. Many regular teams have shown an improvement on times and many safety marshals have commented on how most teams seemed to be well prepared, calm, act cohesively together and enjoy the experience which included 22C+ strong sunshine on Ben Nevis (X event) There was still some 'Faffing' & 'Splitting' going on and one team picked up 45 minutes of time penalties for not carrying all the minimum safety kit on the last mountain.

Probably harder than the climbing itself, will now be the collecting of your sponsorship and pledges, for the newly Rebranded Fire Fighters Charity, or up to 50% if you chose another/second charity. We enclosed a 'Charity Return form' with paying slip into the 'Registration Pack' and would ask that, (even if your event was not for Charity this year), that you complete the form *including 'Nil Returns' and send it back to us. All teams are asked to pay their fundraising totals through these Charity Head Office paying-slips which allow us to track payments, prompt thank-you letters. If you need more then one paying-slip just email me.

Event Photographer Simon Rowley has offered e-mail attachment copies of your Team Photo's taken at the start to Teams making a donation to one of our other Appeals of 'Gift-a-Goddess' and we would ask you to consider supporting this project by Fire-Aid international to supply Fire Engines to third World Countries.

Shortly we hope to launch a new web site address for other photographs taken on the Mountains of your team in action, it may even be possible to post your own in the future with any profits in aid of the Official Event Charity the Fire Fighters Charity. For more details email christiane@clanmacaulay.co.uk

You may also help the Charity by buying remaining limited stock of 2009 Event T-shirts and the new Black 3 Peaks Embroidered Polo Shirts which are still available @ £5 and £10 each, including PP. that are still available in most sizes. The price remains the same, but we offer to cover the postage FOC. Certificates needing any minor alterations may be requested by including a Large Reply Paid envelope with your order.

The winning ticket pulled out of the Drum for the 10 day Fire Fighters Trek to the Cedarberg Wilderness, South Africa 4th-13th June 2010 was a Kim Gauld-Clark of Watford. Places are also available on another Great Wall Trek late April and four other future treks, on a first come/first served basis. Please visit Trek Page at www.firefighterscharity.org.uk Other Grand Draw prizes, (not collected on the night) are being sent direct to recipients over the next two weeks and I am sure you will agree there was a terrific range and value to the donated prizes this year. Thank you for your team's contribution and purchase of tickets.

There are still a number of walking opportunities left on the Challenge Calendar for this year and a reminder that participation in three or more, will qualify individuals for a FSSAA Series Walk Medal 2009. I enclose an entry form for the Salisbury 54321 Challenge Walk & Trail runs for Sunday 9th August, which is another event our 3 Peaks Team, will be organising. *There are new routes for the Lake District Walk, now from Ambleside to Penrith and a fantastic new walk in the Exmoor National Park and N. Devon coast.

***Dates for the 2010 3 Peaks Challenges (A)=20/21st, (X)=22/23rd, (B)=24/25th June**

Thank you for your co-operation this year, in all aspects of preparation and participation. **Well Done!**