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**CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION!**  
Please let us know you're coming to our Games by completing the Confirmation of Participation slip previously supplied and returning to [enquiries@cyg2011.com](mailto:enquiries@cyg2011.com)  
Last date for entries 1st August 2010.  
See p3 for details.

# New Minister to deliver 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games

The Island has a new political "man at the top", for the Commonwealth Youth Games next year. Following a restructure within the Isle of Man Government, the Department of Tourism and Leisure was dissolved on 1 April 2010 with Tourism joining the newly formed Department of Economic Development and Leisure joining the newly formed Department of Community, Culture and Leisure (DCCL). The new Minister for DCCL is Hon David Cretney MHK who will now lead the political front in delivery of the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games.

He is a remarkable man in sporting terms. Very few politicians can claim to have gone round the famous TT motorcycle circuit (37 miles of winding country roads) at an average speed of over a hundred miles an hour. And that is just one of David Cretney's claims to fame.

"It's great to see young people getting into sport" he says. "I love going along to the local annual Manx Youth Games, to really encourage the youngsters. It is a celebration with youngsters getting involved in sports they may not have thought of taking part in before. It can lead them onto great things, perhaps even a place in a Commonwealth Youth Games team!"

"I greatly appreciate all those in the Island who are getting involved in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games and aiming to make this great celebration of international sport for young people possible. Work is underway to complete the renovation of the National Sports Centre athletics track and this will be completed by June 2010. Refurbishment work to other venues continues and these will all be ready well before the September 2011 deadline.

Mr Cretney has been a member of the Island's Parliament, the House of Keys, for a constituency in the south of the capital, Douglas, for over twenty years. Like many on the Island, he is a great race walker and most years puts



on his tracksuit and competes in the Manx Parish Walk. This is a real test of stamina, with 85 miles of hilly country roads to be completed in just 24 hours. Certainly no "walk in the park!"

One thing that Mr Cretney is renowned for is his enthusiasm. He is the perfect man to keep an eye on the Games next year, making sure the high standards set so far by the other host countries, are maintained. He has been tagged "The Minister for Fun" in the past and that's just one aspect he will be making sure is a key ingredient when the Games arrive in Mann!



# Confirmation of Participation In CYG2011

Please let the CYG2011 Organising Committee know you are attending our event by returning your Confirmation of Attendance slip to [enquiries@cyg2011.com](mailto:enquiries@cyg2011.com) or [joyce.hall@gov.im](mailto:joyce.hall@gov.im) as soon as possible.

Although the deadline for return is Sunday 1st August, we would urge teams to respond prior to the start of a very busy sporting period, with the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in August 2010 and the Commonwealth Games in October 2010.

The original letter of invitation was sent out to all nations by email on 2nd December 2009 followed by a reminder email on 27th April 2010. The letter contained information regarding athlete allocation, travel grant and on-ground costs, sports programme and age groups. This information can also be found on our website [www.cyg2011.com](http://www.cyg2011.com). Should you be unsure of your athlete allocation then please contact the Games Administrator, Joyce Hall either at the email address above or by phone on +44 (0) 1624 662011.

We are delighted with the response to our invitation so far with many nations advising of their intention to travel to the Isle of Man in 2011 to take part in the 4th Commonwealth

Youth Games. We do however require all nations to let us know if you will be taking part in the Games as this will help the OC considerably with forward planning.

A further reminder email will be sent to you in June 2010 and a reminder will also be put in our next newsletter, due for email distribution in July 2010.

A CYG2011 team, including a representative from our preferred travel agent, Regency Travel, will be attending Delhi 2010 between the dates of 30th September and 10th October and we would be happy to meet with nations who wish to discuss any issues of concern they may have regarding CYG2011. Our team will be visiting various sporting venues and will also have a base within the One Stop Shop at the Ashok Hotel.

Please take the time to complete your Confirmation of Participation which we look forward to receiving in the near future.

The CYG2011 Organising Committee looks forward to welcoming all 71 Nations of the Commonwealth to our Games in September 2011.



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# CGA's visit the Isle of Man

Following an invitation by the CYG2011 OC on 21 January 2010 for Commonwealth Nations to visit the island prior to the Games next year, we were delighted to welcome representatives from England and Wales on 13th/14th April. Over the 2 day itinerary we visited sporting venues, proposed cycle routes, catering facilities, the Isle of Man Institute of Sport as well as arranging meetings with the representatives to give an update of our progress and to allow them the opportunity to raise any areas of concern. The visits were not only very positive but also very useful to the CYG2011 OC with some helpful and constructive ideas put forward by the CGA's.

In May 2010 the CYG2011 OC will host a visit by Australia and in November we have a visit by the South African CGA. We are also liaising with Scotland and Wales to arrange a joint visit to the Island in June 2010.

If any nation wishes to either join these nations or arrange a separate trip to the Isle of Man please contact Joyce Hall at [joyce.hall@gov.im](mailto:joyce.hall@gov.im) or by phone on +44 (0) 1624 662011. We would advise that due to the restrictions on our time 6 months out from CYG2011 that we may be unable to accommodate visits during that period.



From left to right:  
Richard Howarth (Regency Travel), Andy Varnom (CYG2011 Chief Sports Co-ordinator), Geoff Karran (CYG2011 Chairman and Games Director), Ann Hogbin, Craig Hunter and Don Parker (England CGA) and Chris Jenkins (Wales CGA) pictured outside the Isle of Man Institute of Sport.

# Douglas: The Games Village



Douglas, the capital of the Isle of Man, will become the 'Games Village' for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games.

Douglas, which in Manx is Doolish, is the largest town on the Island, with a population of over 26,000 people. It is situated on the east of the Island near the meeting point of two rivers, the Dhoo and the Glass.

A unique blend of holiday resort, business and finance centre and working harbour, Douglas offers visitors a wealth of things to do. It is here, in the pedestrianised shopping centre, that you may find many of the major high street stores, plus a number of specialist shops.

Many of the hotels in Douglas are situated along the length of the 2 mile promenade and this is where most of the athletes and officials will be accommodated during the Games.

Steeped in history Douglas boasts several visitor attractions. The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway, built in 1876 by Thomas Lightfoot and runs every year between the months of May and September.

Built in 1899 the Gaiety remains one of the finest remaining examples of work from the legendary theatre architect, Frank Matcham.

One of the Island's main entertainment venues, the Villa Marina was restored to its former glory and opened in 2004. It has showcased several world class performers since that time in the spectacular Royal Hall. With function rooms, a cinema and children's play area, the Villa Marina will be the boxing venue for the 2011 Games.

Linking the above venues is the Villa Marina Arcade, venue to the boxing training during the Games. Following a refurbishment, the redeveloped Arcade comprises a multi-purpose performance area, a café and retail space as well as being home to a 1929 Wurlitzer organ.

Also based in Douglas is the refurbished Victorian Camera Obscura, the Jubilee Clock, built in 1887 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign and the Manx Museum which contains many of the most important cultural artefacts relating to the Manx nation.

Cafes and restaurants are plentiful in Douglas, offering a wide variety of foods including our own local produce, Manx lobster (which has a unique taste), Queenies (a seafood delicacy derived from a variety of small scallop) and Manx lamb.

# Focus On...

# BADMINTON

The venue for the Badminton events will be the National Sports Centre (NSC) in Douglas, based approximately 1 mile (1.6 km.) from the Games Village on Douglas Promenade. The NSC will be the main sporting centre for the Games with Athletics, Swimming, Rugby 7's and Boys Gymnastics taking place on the same site.

The Main Sport Hall which will be used for the competition is 44 x 36 metres and is the size of ten badminton courts. For the Games "teraflex" floors will be installed to provide four competition courts and there will be over 500 seats for spectators. Four practice courts will be available in the adjacent Secondary Sports Hall.



The Badminton World Federation have asked Badminton England to assist with our preparations and they are providing excellent support. Chris Miller, Event Operations Manager has been designated as our main contact and is a member of our organising team.

Max athletes per CGA: 4 men & 4 women.

Men: Singles & Doubles – 2 men in the Singles, 2 pairs in the Doubles.

Women: Singles & Doubles – 2 women in the Singles, 2 pairs in the Doubles

Mixed Doubles: 2 pairs

The BWF's Junior World Championships age bracket (under 19):

Men and Women: 14 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997)



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# One to Watch: Jackson Law



Talented Australian New South Wales cyclist Jackson Law will this year line up in the Junior Track World Championships in Italy after a strong showing at the Australian Track Championships where he claimed two silver medals in his first year in the junior ranks.

"We watched the track cycling at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and afterwards we asked Dad if we could get some bikes," said Law whose father Grant had been a cyclist in his younger years. "My older brother Scott and I really got into it and Dad got back on his bike as well.

"This year the focus will be on the worlds and next year I hope to be selected for the Commonwealth Youth Games and the worlds," said Law who is a track endurance and road specialist. "I hope to represent Australia at Commonwealth and Olympic Games as well as earn a place on a professional team and ride in the Tour de France."

The 17 year old has already amassed an impressive resume of results including a clean

sweep of the U15 road race, time trial and criterium in the U15 ranks at the 2007 Australian Championships. In the U17 division he claimed silver in the time trial and fourth in the road race.

When not on his bike Law is a second year apprentice carpenter who, along with brother Scott, works in their father's kitchen company.

"CJ Sutton (Team Sky professional cyclist) also did his apprenticeship with Dad and it's to make sure I have something to fall back on in case," said Law who hopes to follow in the footsteps of Australian cycling star Brad McGee.

"I really look up to Brad because he's a really nice guy and he's achieved what I want to achieve in terms of gold medals and riding in the Tour de France," said Law.



# Rugby 7's Squad Prepare For CYG 2011

The "Games" next year will provide a considerable challenge to all those taking part but none more so than for the Isle of Man Commonwealth Youth Games Rugby Sevens squad.

"It is totally different to anything the boys are used to", says Ian Williams, known as "Wagga" to one and all. He helped set up the squad about eighteen months ago with the aim of training an elite group who could compete with some of the best youth rugby nations in the world.

"The idea was to get the boys early," he says. "We play sevens at Easter but that's about it," he admits, "so we wanted to get them together as soon as possible, to coach them into how they should be playing as a team and to give them an opportunity to compete at such a high level."

The full squad started off numbering forty players but was whittled down to twenty-five following trials and a selection process. The eldest member of the squad is just seventeen while the others are fifteen and sixteen. Wagga however says the squad are still looking for one out and out sprinter, a flyer "We have one, but we need two."

Summer time training this year will be relatively quiet, he says. "We have one more set of games planned this summer as well as sevens competitions. We will also, pre season, have beach sevens at Castletown".

"The squad are going to start a fresh regime from September, a year ahead of the games. We will step up both the training and the games we play from then". Wagga smiles and adds "It's what I would term a progressive programme that we have in place".

The team was given a run out at the famous



Rosslyn Park sevens in London earlier this year, in the Festival Tournament for under eighteen year olds and picked up some valuable competition experience. "Fitness and speed were not an issue" says Ian, "however discipline was, along with ball possession and good defence. As the tournament progressed there were definite improvements in these areas and we will be back at Rosslyn Park next year and also participating in the North of England Sevens. As part of their training routine the squad are also planning a game every month against some form of opposition".

"One great advantage these days, " he adds, "is that every sevens tournament is shown on Sky Sports so we can watch the games, then use them to learn tactics and show players what they should be doing. We also do video analysis and have just received new equipment to help us with that. That's for the coaches predominantly at the moment but we will involve the players later on".

The Manx Sevens Squad is determined to step up their game for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games. Whatever happens then, it will have been a valuable experience for the young players who will be able to pass on their newly found expertise to other Manx players.



# UPDATE ON MEDICAL PROVISION FOR CYG 2011

The CYG2011 OC is pleased to announce the following medical provision has been agreed for visiting nations (athletes and officials) during CYG2011.

It has been confirmed that any immediate and necessary consultation will be provided by any Island General Practitioner free of charge. Treatment solely within the Accident & Emergency Department at Nobles Hospital as an 'out-patient' will be provided free of charge as will transport by ambulance (if needed) to the hospital.

Nearer to the event CGA's will be asked to provide details of team doctors assigned to their team during the Games. On collection of their accreditation, team doctors will also be issued with a prescription pad for use during their time on the Island. Unused prescription forms must be returned to the OC prior to departure from the Island. Due to a separate issue linked with their medical insurance cover some Doctors may only be able to treat members of their particular team and cover will not extend to other residents of that country, such as parents. The Island's Department of Health will circulate details of all visiting team doctors to Island GP's and chemists located in the Douglas area prior to commencement of the Games.

Nations should be aware that any hospital treatment out-with the above provision (ie hospital admittance following assessment at A&E, operations, etc) will be paid by the individual or team and we would therefore urge all nations to ensure comprehensive medical insurance cover is sought before travelling to the Island and to check that your policy covers the Isle of Man and the costs of repatriation.

The above information can be found on our website [www.cyg2011.com](http://www.cyg2011.com)



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# UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING VISA/TRAVEL

The CYG2011 OC continues to liaise with the Isle of Man Government and the UK Home Office to ensure a smooth transition through UK airports for those nations with Visa requirements. We have advised the UK Home Office that the main arrival airports will be Manchester and London Heathrow however London Gatwick may be utilised. Dialogue will continue between the OC and both Governments in an effort to ease entry for nations into the UK and updated information will be forwarded to you. Once through UK Passport Control there are no further Visa requirements for your onward journey to the Isle of Man although passport documentation will be necessary.

Further details regarding Visa requirements can be obtained from the British Government website for visa services via the following link:

<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/doineedvisa/visadatvnationals>

Presently, Commonwealth countries requiring Visa entry into the UK are:

Bangladesh  
Ghana  
Jamaica  
Malawi  
Pakistan  
South Africa  
Tanzania  
Zambia

Cameroon  
Guyana  
Kenya  
Mozambique  
Rwanda  
Sri Lanka  
The Gambia

Cyprus, northern part of  
India  
Lesotho  
Nigeria  
Sierra Leone  
Swaziland  
Uganda

As previously advised by the CYG2011 OC your onward journey to the Island can be made either by air or sea and we would remind CGA's if travelling to the Island by ferry (via Liverpool) that a special rate has been agreed between the OC and the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company of £39 return.

This rate can be booked through our preferred travel agent, Regency Travel, email contact [richard@regencytravelholidays.com](mailto:richard@regencytravelholidays.com), which probably makes this the easiest and least expensive way to travel.



# CYG2011 ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN BEGINS

An Island wide campaign to raise awareness of CYG 2011 has begun. 'The Games Are Coming' and 'Your Games Needs You' aim to bring the Games to the attention of the people of the Isle of Man and to ask for their help in running the event by becoming volunteers. Press articles, radio interviews, billboard advertising, bus advertising and posters have all helped in securing the first wave of volunteer applications. Further campaigns are planned for the future with the emphasis on getting the people of the island involved in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games.



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