

CLUB PERSON

SPYBT (Suzanne)

“Suzanne PYBT who is tenaciously supportive, can talk a Gpger round, offers to take people out to show (for example) that they are able to do the Chicken run route etc and is so gritty in her approach to her own running etc that the self belief rubs off. I must add that everyone who I have come across in my year with the club could be the recipient of this award, Nikki, Rachel, Macca, Dawn, Gareth and many more but Suzanne strikes me as extraordinary. Maybe one day when I can run and talk at the same time I will be able to pass it on.”

“Suzanne has personally offered me a lot of support this year, encouraging me to come to sessions, offering me lifts etc. She noticed a change in my Running enjoyment and has taken the time to try to help me find it again. “

“Suzanne bt for support of club through membership and promoting attendance at sessions and park run etc”

Mazzo (Ian Marriott)

”For Club Person I would like to vote for Mazzo. He stepped into the role of Chair with little notice and he provides leadership to the Club in a style that is understated but very effective. Most members do not see directly the hugely influential wisdom and common sense he brings to running the Club. He is unafraid to deal with difficult issues, and does so with sensitivity and wisdom. His leadership this year has helped maintain and promote the Club's values and development. “

YT (Adrian Crookes)

“well deserved of this award is Adrian - for all the work he does behind the scenes on Club Champs and Handicaps and of course putting up with the constant comments about his random number generator!”

“Adrian Crooks for the time trial organisation, thanks!”

Froggles (Claire Froggley)

“My nomination for CLUB PERSON of the year is Froggles, a session leader/coach with a supreme amount of enthusiasm and support for other club members, an extremely funny and smiley person to be around, 100% gets my vote. “

MACCA (Richard McMahon)

“I think the person who is deserving of this is Richard McMahon. He is always there to support everyone, he is fair and inclusive. His presence within the club makes a big difference, a really positive one.“

“Richard McMahon for his behind the scenes diligent work on club documentation which could easily be overlooked as well as his always welcoming and friendly face at sessions.”

“Club person to Macca!! Never fails to have a smile on his face, an encouraging word and always making others smile and feel good. Amazing guy 🤗🤗”

“This award is not so straightforward, the majority of club members are so welcoming and encouraging that it is difficult to single one person out. I personally, however, would nominate our very own secretary - Macca. His constant enthusiasm for the club, despite what life throws at him, the fact he runs every session and every race with a smile on his face, and his patience with the occasional ill-considered email from members makes him my club person of the year.

For club person I'd like to nominate Macca. He's always such a supportive member and always so happy! Also with his committee role he's involved in organising and helping and I think he really does epitomise, for me, what the club is all about.

Nozzle (Chris Noble)

“Club person for me goes to Chris Noble. This person always puts the newcomers at ease and is a fountain of knowledge. They played a pivotal role in organising the Chicken Run, he's in charge of the Cross Country and is a great ambassador for the club. “

“This year I have to vote for Noz. A lot of people don't realise how much he has done over the year. As well as encouraging new members and providing advice to a few of us that don't help ourselves (with lack of stretching etc), he has been kit man, press man, marshall man for the chicken run, minute taker at chicken run meetings, captain muddly lugs, sorting the XC fixtures, allocating numbers and going early to set up the tent. He also arranged thank you gifts for the grocery shop that provided bananas for the chicken run and for Karine & Serge for their help with timing. He is also doing the course to become a session leader.

CHOOCHI (Nicola Crookes)

“Yet again, I have to nominate Choochi. A lot of Club and Committee members do great things, but Choochi seems to help in keeping everything together. A lot of her work for the Club is behind the scenes, but we all know and appreciate what she does (see my comments from last year). If there's something to be organised, she always there and she keeps YT and myself in check... just!!

She encourages everyone, laughs at herself (which lets her laugh at others, some more than others!!) and does waaayyy too much, no matter how much you try to tell her not to. Others go above and beyond aswell, like the help and advice Boggy gives, aswell as inspiring others, along with Clip Clop, to take part in events like the Cotswold 24hr. All the Club and CR Committes. Froggles organising Colworth (hope we're all doing that in 2019), Power and Pete (Surge & Karine) for their contribution to the CR. More should listen to Power, he has a mind full of running knowledge. YT for introducing the Club Standards, which encourages members to do races and feel even more part of the Club. Then there's the Session Leaders who give us entertaining workouts each Tuesday and Thursday (except those Winter routes, eh El Torro)

There's loads of others I could mention, but, a repeat of last year for me, it has to be Choochi.”

“For Club Person I would like to vote for Choochi (Nicola Crookes), it’s been a tough job for the webbo this year with the introduction and appliance of GDPR. Having dealt with this in my work I totally felt Choochi’s pain on this, she did a sterling job with it and I know she put in a lot of hours to get it all completed on time. Keeping the website up to date and running smoothly. Always there to answer any queries swiftly. Again another person who through guts and determination completed the VLM with half her foot hanging off. Great fun at all the team events normally having us in fits of giggles. Now I’ve got little bit faster lovely to run with and have a good old chin wag. Well done for her 100 mile bike ride achievement as well. “

“This is much easier for me. There is only really me who sees exactly what this person does for the club. Choochi, without you the club would be much worse off!”

The Crookes

Again, there are loads of people I could vote for here, but for me there is one clear choice... The Crookes.

It would be tough enough for any couple if one of them was involved in a club as much as both of the Crookes are with BDRC.

Despite busy lives, other commitments and periods when they’ve both been off running due to injury, they always commit to more than their fair share of club tasks/responsibilities, and not only that, but they’re happy to lend a hand or offer support with other people’s tasks as well as everything they already have on.

This level of commitment undoubtably has an effect on family life, and their two girls play a huge part in enabling this to happen: helping out at BDRC events themselves, giving up their parents to club activities on regular occasions, and also ensuring Grandpa Noz is kept on the straight and narrow!

BDRC events certainly feel like they’re missing something if the Crookes are not in attendance, and whatever event it is, it probably wouldn’t have happened without the Crookes’ help somewhere along the line. So, unconventional as it is (what a surprise- coming from me!), my vote for Club Person Of the Year 2018 goes to The Crookes, without who BDRC would not be the club it is.

The ‘Frenchies’

Could this be a joint award to our 'Frenchies' Serge & Karin? With their enthusiasm and willingness to support the club across so many activities (cross-country, chicken run, gpg, time trial, championship...) they are both a huge asset to the club.