



THE WEIR ARCHER ACADEMY

Christmas

**CELEBRATION & AWARDS
EVENING 2019**



1930 *Arrival*
1945 *Dinner commences*
2115 *Awards presentation*
2200 *Disco*
0000 *Carriages*



2019 HI-LIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Mo Jomni

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Best race of the year in **Paris Grand Prix** and back so close to PB.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Competing in the **London Marathon** and beating my PB from 2016.

Dillon LaBrooy

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Competing and winning the 800m at the **Olympic Stadium** Diamond league event.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Really enjoyed the **warm weather training** time in Spain and just spending time with the squad.

James Freeman

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Breaking the **20 sec barrier** for the 100m for the first time in Switzerland.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Attending the **Paralympics futures academy** for the first time.

Jamie Edwards

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Moving to **2nd in the UK** in the 100m.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Really enjoying my first year of **modelling** and the new circle of friends and opportunities.

Morgan Woods

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
First for 5th consecutive year in Worthing Mile. PB'd every event and at Stoke the last event of the season **managed 7 PBs**.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Passed my college course with distinction. Learning to drive and **passed theory test**.

Eden Rainbow-Cooper

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Winning **3 silver medals** at the World Juniors.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Moved to Kingston and **started University**, the next chapter in my life.

Olivia Gallagher

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
First T33 over the line at the **Muller games** in the London Stadium in front of 45,000 people.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Applying to join **St Marys University** to hopefully start in 2020. And the amazing difference my new cochlear implants have made.

Jabari Knight

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
My **winning 400m race** in Paris Grand Prix.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Pleased to be back from long injury and **competing again**.

Hilmy Shawwal

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Managed to get within 0.6 secs of my **PB at Bedford**.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
My support for a **Tanzania project** where we sent 45 wheelchairs to help the disabled and poor gain mobility.

Fabienne André

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
2nd in the Muller Anniversary games and managed to get to **9th in the world** in first season.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Work with Toyota with **para sport project** getting more disabled people active.

Graham Spencer

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Breaking 100m, 400m & 800m PBs and **achieving the goals** I set for the year.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Constant improvement in the gym which has helped regain fitness following my injury early season.

Matt Cooper

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Made my **international debut** in August at world juniors and winning 3 medals.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Starting my first year at **University**.

Millie Swinchin Rew

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Taking **14 secs off** my 400m time.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Finally getting the support and funding for **my own racing chair**.

Abbie Hunniset

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Keeping up the hard work and determination with a **positive mindset**, despite 2 years of highs, lows and disappointments.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Finding a solution that seems to be helping me with my CP and muscle tone, **back focused on Tokyo**.

Jean Pascal Laperotine

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Finding the WAA and feeling part of a team and having access to excellent facilities and coaching.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
A **new baby girl** earlier this year and finally after one year having my leg support frame removed.

Sam Walkington

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Competing for the first time at **Stoke Mandeville** and PBs in all races.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Took part in **1st school sports day** in 7 years, raced in my chair with David, Jenny and WAA athletes cheering me on.

Yasmine Hodkinson

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Coming 2nd in the U20s **Westminster Mile** race.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Getting to know and spend more time with my new **Weir Archer buddies**.

Lucas McElroy

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Love the feeling of getting faster with all the **training and good coaching**.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Confidence now to take part on other sports like wheelchair tennis and represented my school at sitting volleyball.

Joe Tucker Lawrence

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Timings improved on 2018 despite a lot of issues with shoulder injury.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Starting a new job as a youth worker for 8 to 16 year olds. Got to train with the **Carolina Panthers** US football team and am enjoying my voluntary work with Mencap.

Natasha Settelen

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Having the opportunity to race in the **Muller Anniversary games** in London.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Starting at university and getting involved and balancing studying with my hectic life and **increasing my confidence** in social situations.

Xander Foster

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Coming 6th in the under 40s category of the **Mercedes World 5k** Grand Prix race.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Completing my **10th Mini Mudder** as the only disabled child to tackle the course and met the CEO of Tough Mudder USA.

Illias Zghoundi

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
First competitive races at Stoke Mandeville and 2 PBs.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
My role as an **Ambassador** for the Variety Club and supporting their fundraising activities.

Owen Edwardes

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Jenny shaking my hand after a **roller session** and telling me I should feel so proud as I had worked really hard.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Winning the **National Frame Football** Championship at St Georges Park alongside Miles and with Kings Hill FC.

Martin Lepant

BEST 2019 TRACK ACHIEVEMENT
Beating PBs at every event this year.

PERSONAL HI-LIGHT OF 2019
Overcoming phobia of needles by having a jab done after months of therapy.



INSPIRATION UNLEASHED

Thank you...



To all the Weir Archer Academy athletes, coaches, cyclists , supporters , family and sponsors we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts during 2019.

We will celebrate later some individual and team-based achievements during the year.

We must reflect that with nearly 100 people at our Xmas celebration and awards how the WAA is growing from strength to strength on and off the race track.

Each and everyone involved should feel proud of their contribution into what arguably the strongest Wheelchair Athletics Club in the world. At events whether in the UK or overseas our representation and impact is recognised and we are often asked what is happening with the Academy and what is the secret.

Like any club there are various phases during development, and we are absolutely delighted to see the potential impact our new and growing relationship with Tarmac will bring us into 2020 and beyond. We will be in a clearer position of the various areas of the relationship we are exploring to be in a position to share at the new "Club Facility "official opening in January.

With a special thanks to -

- Our cyclists (UK and Spain)
- Our committee & trustees
- Purley Downs Golf Club
- Tarmac
- Get Kids Going
- London Marathon Charitable Trust for the grant
- Our project management team for the new club facility, in particular Brett Cooper
- Abbott World marathon majors
- Penn Pond dog walkers
- Brian Freeman Bursaries
- Penn Pond café
- St Marys University staff Jed & Gary
- The Xmas party organising team

It just leaves us to say once again a huge thanks to you all and we look forward to a lovely Xmas celebration this evening, an exciting 2020 of racing and competition and please enjoy the festive period with your friends and family.

Happy Xmas
David Weir CBE & Jenny Archer MBE

