



## **Preparations Continue for Isle of Wight 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

Preparations for the NatWest Island Games XIV on the Isle of Wight in June are moving forward in a number of areas.

Entries have now been submitted from 7 Sports Clubs, representing Athletics (4), Badminton (10), Football (18), Golf (6), Shooting - Pistol and Shotgun (7), Shooting - Full Bore (2) and Swimming (1) supported by 8 team sports officials and 3 managers. There are expected to be 39 male competitors and 9 female competitors in total. All clubs and participants are in active training for their respective events, and we wish them the best of good fortune in their preparations.

The Falklands team of around 60 will be the biggest team the Falklands has sent to any multi-sports event, and is a major logistical exercise for all concerned. Accommodation for the team has been allocated at Cheverton Copse, near Sandown Golf Club ([www.chevertoncopse.com](http://www.chevertoncopse.com)) and we hope also to be able to include some allocation for spectators supporting our teams. FIOGA is in active discussion with a number of parties about travel arrangements to UK, though these can only be finalised when final team make up is known. We are unlikely to be able to make any travel arrangements for spectators.

None of this is possible without the generous support of our long term sponsors FIH/Caribbean Alliance, Cable & Wireless and FIG, who have now been joined by Stanley Services Ltd. SSL have committed £5000 per annum to FIOGA on an ongoing basis, in addition to their continuing support in other sporting areas. We are also grateful to our other supporters and contributors and members of the public who give so generously to support our sports men and women. The recognition of the role of sport and exercise in a healthy lifestyle is at the core of FIOGA's philosophy, and its contribution to the health of the community is vital.

FIOGA is also pleased to announce that, in accordance with the revised Constitution, Patrick Watts has been appointed as a Vice-President of FIOGA, in recognition of his long and dedicated service to sport in the Falklands, and the development of overseas sports participation in particular. We look forward to Patrick continuing to represent the Falklands at our sporting events.

For more information on FIOGA and its activities go to [www.fioqa.co.fk](http://www.fioqa.co.fk)  
For more information on the NatWest Island Games go to [www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk](http://www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk)

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