

Congleton Harriers Race Reports.

The Staffs Moorlands AC Summer Series goes from strength to strength and the 4th race in this year's competition took place on Thursday 28th June at Rudyard. As with previous races the weather was not kind to the runners having poured down all day and the course was flooded in parts. Thankfully the rain eased during the race and, apart from conditions underfoot, was run in fairly reasonable weather. The route was down the old railway track to the end of the lake before turning back to follow the undulating track through the woods on the other side of the lake. After crossing the dam the last 600 metres was again on the railway track back to where the race started.

International fell athlete (and local runner) Simon Bailey of the host club was again the winner of the senior race. This time Pete Newham had the distinction of being 1st Harrier home in 11th place in a time of 30.25. Claire Thompson was next in, completing a hat trick of firsts in the Ladies race, with an overall position of 16th and a time of 30.56. James Wood ran strongly to complete the course in 31.05 (19) closely followed by Jason Chappell 31.56 (29), a commendable achievement considering that he had been working nights for the previous week.

Chris Moss, making his debut in a Harriers vest was next home in a time of 33.58 (51), followed by Rich Benson 36.22 (74), Pete Ceuppens 36.38 (82) and James Bradbury 36.44 (85).

Gill Armstrong was placed 2nd LV35 in a time of 39.50 (88), followed by another debutante, Ben Glimmerveen 36.56 (90) and Seaton Kennerley 36.58 (93)

The competition for top female in the O45 category is proving to very exciting and is between Harriers Debbie Hill and Sandre Jackson with them taking in turns to win. This time Debbie was successful in a time of 37.01 (93) with Sandre not too far behind in 37.40 (105).

Pete Doyle, now slowly recovering from his virus was next to finish in 38.10 (107) followed by Steve Dunn 38.16 (108), Dave Taylor 38.30 (112), Harold Pinkney 38.45 (116), Chris Tanner-Tremaine 38.52 (117), Liz Reeves 39.26 (120), Tony Smith 39.36 (123) and Paula Kennerley 40.30 (135). Simon Hill (husband of the aforementioned Debbie and a "Harrier in waiting") was next to complete the course in 41.01. Felicity Doyle was tracked all the way round by Derek Lucas but managed to hold him off in a fast finish with a time of 41.27 (151) with Lucas just two seconds and one place behind. Len "Knee Bandage" Frodsham ran well to finish in 43.26 (170) with Simon Wadsworth, 44.28 (179) in hot pursuit. After months of injury it was good to see Trevor Thorndyke racing again finishing in 46.34 (192) with Caroline Partner 48.25 (200) just behind. There were 208 finishers.

The Harriers had only one runner in the mini fun run with Joshua Carr finishing in 8th place.

Forthcoming Events

Sat. 14th July 25th Anniversary Dinner.

Sat. 14th July Buxton Carnival 5

Tues 17th July Gun Run 5.8M 700ft ascent

Thurs 19th July Biddulph Country Park Summer Series Race 6.

Thurs 19th July Forest 5- Leather Smithy.

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