

Local Athletes take the honours in Border's League.

A large group of Dunbar and Haddington athletes travelled down to Lauder on a beautiful but cold day to take part in the sixth and final race of the 2007/8 Borders League Cross Country Races. With nearly a hundred juniors and nearly 200 seniors taking part the series has become an established event that bridges both Scottish and English Border clubs.

Whilst the event proved to be another run away success for two East Lothian Juniors attached to the Lasswade Athletic Club, with Ross Mathieson (Tranent) and Lindsay Gordon (Prestonpans) both showing their supremacy having won all five previous events. Ross again was the comfortable victor over his older rival winning in 10m36s over half a minute clear of Lindsay. Both lads won their respective M14/15 and M16/17 titles. Alex Noble of Dunbar RC was 2nd finisher in the M14/15 Category in 11m45s In all a total of 20 juniors from Dunbar and HELP completed the course.

In the Senior/Junior/Veterans Men and Women event Brian Marshall, HELP's champion hill running turned out for his only race in the series and finished 3rd in 25m39s with Ian Sills (M40) and George Gilhooley (M45) from Dunbar RC taking 9th and 10th places overall but were 3rd and 2nd in their respective age group categories. Other locals who featured in their age groups were Peter Probin (M60 1st; Sandy Wallace (M55) 2nd; George Armstrong (M65) 1st; Julie Oswald (F35) 1st all HELP. Mary Pattison (F50) 1st. Dunbar RC.

When the overall results of the six events were summarised the following championship placings were identified:

Junior Men: Andrew Chrishton (Dunbar RC) 1st.

Veteran Men: M40: Ian Sills Dunbar RC 2nd;

M45. George Gilhooley (DRC) 1st

M50. Steve Pattison (DRC) 5th;

M55. Sandy Wallace (HELP) 1st;

M60. Peter Probin (HELP) 1st;

M65. George Armstrong (HELP) 1st.

Women. JNR. Lisa Menzies (DRC) 3rd (one run only)

F35 Julie Oswald (HELP) 1st;

F40. Rhona Anderson (DRC) 3rd

F40 Ruth Watson (HELP) 4th

F40 Claire Simpson (HELP) 9th

F45. Anne Hay (DRC) 1st.

F45 Judith Donaldson (HELP) 5th.

F50. Mary Pattison (DRC) 1st;

In the overall placings Dunbar Running Club finished 3rd in the Senior event and 4th in the Junior event and HELP finished 10th in both sections.

This Saturday runners from all clubs will head Falkirk where the Scottish Power SAL Championships will be held in Callender Park.

Full details of the Borders League events can be found on the Norham Running Club website. www.norhamrc.co.uk

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