

Edinburgh to North Berwick Road Race

One hundred and thirty five athletes took part in the annual Edinburgh to North Berwick road race at the weekend. In near perfect conditions the runners started at Meadowbank stadium on the 22 mile route to the old post office in the seaside town. Last year's winner John McMillan from Kilbarchan AC repeated his success in a time of 2hours 12mins 37secs only 13secs in front of his clubmate Allan Niven with local unattached athlete Stuart Symington a further 3mins down. The North Berwick man also picked up the trophy for first home in the veteran category, over forty. Jim Thyne from the Hunters Bog Trotters came in 15th in 2:32:23 to take the first over fifty age group prize. In the team competition a closely fought out battle was won by the three Hunter's Bog Trotters runners just pipping Portobello RC by two points.

In the lady's race, Falkirk's Fiona Mathieson (2:30:04) out sprinted last year's winner Kate Jenkins (2:32:43) of Gala Harriers with Sally Scott (2:44:45) of Portobello a distant third.

County running clubs had a lower the usual representation for this long standing event with only three HELP stalwarts taking part this year. A pre-arranged tactic to run together only lasted to Aberlady when Sandy Wallace (2:40:18) broke away to finish in 27th position, three places and 2mins in front of Jimmy Baird and Paddy McDonald 6mins and 10 places behind.