

Record Turn Out for Ne'er Day Promathon.

There was a record number of 269 starters for this Ne'er Day Portobello Promathon in the Senior event over 4 miles and over 50 in the Fun Run event over 2 miles. Despite the damp rather cool weather it made for some fast times and good runs. John Newson of Pitreavie was the overall winner in a time of 19min 01secs but well outside Ian Archibald's run of 18m.37s in 1989. Freya Murray who lives in Midlothian was the fastest woman in 21m05 sec but over a minute outside Yvonne Murray's remarkable time of 19m57s. 20 years ago in 1987.

Fastest East Lothian runner was Dunbar RC veteran Stuart Hay in 22m20s in 16th place, and shows he is well on track for some good times in 2008. Musselburgh ADAC Andrew Marthieson finished in 23rd place in 22m41s, Andrew Chrichton DRC was 28th in 23m07s and HELP's first man home was Bill Watson who finished in 42nd place in 23m50s, but is concentrating on the ultra distances this year.

Other local East Lothian runners were:

71st Alan Proudfoot HELP 25m19s; 73rd. John Graham HELP 25m23s; 110th Stewart McConnell MADAC 26m59s; 144th Ann Hay (FV) DRC 28m18s; 154th Malcolm Quinn HELP 29m10s; 162 Jan Oliver (FV)MADAC 29m44s;173rd Kenny Edmond HELP 30m19s; 184 Mary Pattison (FV) DRC 31m26s; 221.Emiela Majendie (u20) HELP. 34m48s; 229th Maggie Shea (FV) HELP.35m33s; 251 Lil Brotherston (FV) MADAC 37m50s.

This week-end (12th/13th Jan) will see the BUPA Winter Run in Edinburgh and the BUPA International and Scottish District Cross Country Races in Holyrood Park, whilst over in Glasgow athletes will be taking part in the District Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Henry Muchamore (Pacemaker)

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