

Winter Handicap Series

The Grand Finale Race 4 February 2017.

First a BIG thanks to Dave Taylor the pace bike man who pedalled up from home with his front brake stuck on – and it stayed stuck on!! Bit of a slog up to Lancaster Park!

Dave and his bike have been a big help to the slower runners over the 4 races and he is certainly 'vocal' in keeping people pushing along!

Also thanks to Paul Waterston, Tony Ward, Gordon Dixon, Linda Bray & Pam Woodcock for their help in recording and timekeeping duties – we all have a much better idea of what the 'officials' experience at events week in and week out and as we found out last night wet weather poses an additional challenge!

Finally, thanks to Mike Steven whose computer skills have been invaluable in producing speedy and accurate results – they would be done even quicker if we could solve the problem of his specs constantly steaming up when he gets back in the van to sort the laptop out!

In total 48 of you have supported the 4 races which has been brilliant from my point of view – you need numbers to make handicap races work!

Five people, Cinty Wake, Carol Parry, Mike Steven (thank goodness), Andrew Richardson & Gavin Bayne have been ever presents so well done to them!

We also had 6 debutants last night, Lesley Chapman, Tony Lewis, Hamish Mac, Tim Miley, Paul Bellingham and Gordon Dixon – hope you all enjoyed it and there were some really good runs from you!

The race, well though I say it myself the handicapping wasn't too bad because all 25 were back within 2mins 29secs! Neil McAnaney told me that when he reached the dip on lap 2 there was a stream of runners ahead of him to chase down – unfortunately for Neil he was in the sights of Tony Lewis, Daniel Dixon and Matthew Briggs and getting chased down himself!

1st Tony Lewis 15.37, 2nd Daniel Dixon 14.32, 3rd Matthew Briggs 15.52 & unusually the first three finishers were also the fastest three on the night. Daniel's time is the quickest of the series so congratulations to him – the course record holder at 14 years of age!

The fastest lady was Lindsay Turnbull in 19.41, followed by Jane Kirby 20.03, and Cinty Wake in 21.13.

Best %age effort Daniel, a brilliant 85.53% followed by Tim Miley, a 'holy grail' run of 80.82% and Neil McAnaney in 77.14% - a really strong run with a VERY impressive finish!

Results below; **8th February 2017**

Finishing position				
Position	Name	Stopwatch time	Net time	Age grade%
1	Tony Lewis	0:24:37	0:15:37	75.44%
2	Daniel Dixon	0:24:47	0:14:32	85.53%
3	Matthew Briggs	0:24:52	0:15:52	76.86%
4	Phil Walker	0:25:11	0:16:51	76.67%
5	Neil Mcananey	0:25:27	0:17:27	77.14%
6	Kenton Duffield	0:25:29	0:18:29	66.68%
7	Tim Miley	0:25:31	0:16:31	80.82%
8	Hamish Mcallister	0:25:32	0:20:32	65.55%
9	Jane Kirby	0:25:33	0:20:03	68.82%
10	Andrew Richardson	0:25:35	0:17:15	67.80%
11	Lesley Chapman	0:25:37	0:23:37	60.55%
12	Lindsay Turnbull	0:25:41	0:19:41	72.49%
13	Mike Steven	0:25:44	0:18:14	76.39%
14	Mike Winter	0:25:49	0:18:04	69.82%
15	Alex Zeller	0:25:50	0:18:50	60.70%
16	Richard Sill	0:25:55	0:19:25	73.65%
17	Cinty Wake	0:25:58	0:21:13	70.68%
18	Margaret McDonald	0:26:07	0:24:07	63.81%
19	Richard Kirby	0:26:18	0:18:48	66.06%
20	Gavin Bayne	0:26:28	0:18:28	76.76%
21	Paul Bellingham	0:26:33	0:18:33	73.80%
22	Frances Naylor	0:26:42	0:22:42	64.42%
23	Scott Allan	0:26:55	0:18:55	62.74%

24	Gordon Dixon	0:27:05	0:19:50	68.45%
25	Carol Parry	0:27:06	0:22:21	64.62%

Special mention to Mrs. Kirby who was 'mildly chuffed' to have 'thrashed' Mr. Kirby! (Next year I might have to consider some 'me & wor lass' prizes - apologies to the Blaydon Race!).

Anyway, thats for the future – hope everyone enjoyed the food and drink and thanks for your contributions! Great that Pam could make it and that her arm is on the mend!

