

**Champagne League 2009**  
**Champagne Celebrations for Beverley AC**  
**Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club**



Athletes from Beverley Athletic Club are celebrating after winning most of the main prizes in this year's Champagne League.

The Peter Taylor Trophy which is awarded to the lady scoring the highest number of handicap points was won by Kay Farrow. She completed all ten races and finished 16 points clear of her nearest rival, City of Hull's Tania Cream.

Whilst handicap points are awarded to runners who beat their handicap times, fast runners are rewarded for their speed. The athlete with the fastest combined time for all ten races is awarded the coveted Yellow Jersey. Jonathan Leskiewicz, competing in the Champagne League for the first time this year, hit the jackpot at his first attempt. He won the Yellow Jersey competition in style, finishing 10 minutes clear of his nearest rival. Club mate Pete Fielding-Smith finished just behind in third position.



The positions were reversed in the Green Jersey competition when Pete won the trophy and beat Jonathan by 10 points. This award recognises consistency, with points being awarded after each race to the 20 runners who finish closest to their predicted handicap time.

The Champagne League Trophy is awarded to the runner with the most handicap points and Kay Farrow narrowly missed out on this award, finishing in second place behind the winner, Richard Storey of City of Hull.

After competing in the League for more than ten years and winning minor prizes Kay was thrilled to finally win the ladies' trophy and to come so close to winning the Champagne League. She commented "I'll be aiming to win that trophy next year!"

**Photos** courtesy of David Robinson of Beverley AC

1. Dave Brooke presents Kay Farrow with the Peter Taylor trophy
2. Jonathan Leskiewicz, Kay Farrow and Pete Fielding-Smith with their Champagne League trophies