

Mucky Duck
Sunday 30 May 2010
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club

This year's Mucky Duck 8½ mile race attracted a record entry and 229 runners completed the challenging multi-terrain course around Driffield last Sunday.

Organised by Driffield Striders, the race was more windy than mucky this year, testing the athletes' stamina even more on the tough, hilly course.

Local running clubs were well represented and there was also a significant number from further afield in Yorkshire.

The race was won for the second year in succession by Bridlington Road Runner Phil Taylor in 47 minutes 25 seconds – more than 2 minutes faster than his winning time in 2009.

A new course record was set by the first lady to cross the line, Karen Pickles of Pudsey Pacers. She finished in 12th position overall, completing the course in 53.51 and breaking the record she set in 2008 by almost a minute. She finished more than six minutes ahead of the next lady.



With the Mucky Duck a designated handicap race for Beverley AC the club fielded a squad of 24 runners and won four prizes.

Ian Husband (left) was the first Beverley athlete to cross the line. He finished in 16th position overall and won first prize in the 50 – 54 category.

Pete Watkinson finished in exactly the same time as last year and won second prize in the 50 – 59 age group.

The first Beverley lady to finish was Claire Traynor in 64.56 making a welcome return to racing after injury.

Two Beverley ladies won second prize in their age groups Helen Storr (45 – 49 and pictured below) and Jayne Dale (50 – 54)

Sam Allen warmed up for the main race by running the fun run with her son. This finished 30 seconds faster than last year after warming up by running the fun run with her son.

Debs Brant continued to improve completing the course 8 minutes faster than last year.



Despite recovering from an injured ankle, Elaine Julian enjoyed her debut in the Mucky Duck.

The men's team prize was won by Bridlington Road Runners and Pudsey Pacers won the ladies' team trophy. The trophy for the fastest team of runners not attached to a running club was won by Wolds Way to Health. Their 16-strong team was led home by Andy Smith in an excellent time of 61.01.

Beverley AC finishing times

Ian Husband 54.39; Andy Johnson 56.20; Pete Watkinson 59.25; Martin Hall 62.28; Claire Traynor 64.56; Tanwen Gray 66.19; Helen Storr 67.45; Rob Reid 67.52; Jayne Dale 68.10; Sam Allen 68.17; Debs Brant 68.19; Tony Beck 69.20; Brian Richardson 69.34; Tim Simpson 69.52; Steve Hadley 71.36; Dianne Coleman 72.09; Pam Atkins 76.25; Andy Grainger 76.52; Frank Harrison 79.49; Kay Farrow 79.51; Pete McNally 82.26; Jacqui Dickinson 82.28; John Boardley 84.23; Elaine Julian 85.31.