

TETLEY TORNADOES STORM TO VICTORY

The second Teapot Relays, hosted by Wolds Veterans Running Club, but open to all, was held during the month of April. Unfortunately the wind direction was not kind during the month with only a few opportunities to take advantage of a favouring wind. Once again there was a good turn out of around 70 runners all racing down the South Sea Lane mile segment, kindly remarked by Steve Green for the occasion. Teams were drawn at random out of a teapot (yes I really am that sad!), during the first couple of weeks. After a few false starts mainly due to;

- a) runners not reading instructions
- b) runners not following instructions
- c) runners making their own instructions up

17 teams eagerly started the challenge.

Steve Brewin took an early lead for Lets Get Ready to Partea and finished with a very respectable time of 5:13. Alan Young chased him all the way (Team Veloci-tea) to second in 5:48. Meanwhile young Will Burkitt (Darjeeling Dashers) was having a terrific battle with Tanya Mackie (Lets Brew This) and Rachel Portlock (The Tealeafs we nick PBs), with less than 20 seconds separating all three

Fastest Males

Steve Brewin 5:13
Alan Young 5:48
Will Burkitt 6.13

Fastest Females

Tanya Mackie 6:18
Rachel Portlock 6:31
Sarah Heinzman 7:06

Leg 2

Steve handed over to Richard Smith, who with wife Jayne was going to compete in an ultra-marathon just a week later. With all those training miles in his legs he couldn't hold off 12 year old Archie Amis who took Team Veloci-tea into the lead. Alan Turnbull (The Tealeaves) was hot on his heels with Allen Nicholson (Positivi-tea is the Key) just 9 seconds adrift.

Fastest male

Allan Turnbull 6:14
Allen Nicholson 6:32
Steve Green 7:06

Fastest Females

Imogen Mackie 7:03
Fay Fenwick 7:19
Hannah Salah 7:22

Leg 3

Anne Mortimor took the baton in the lead, but despite her best efforts was being closed down with every step by Chris Burkitt (Positiv-tea is the Key) and Simon Gibbs (Team Terrific). After solid runs by Hilary Burkitt and Imogen Mackie (Tetley Tornadoes) in leg 1 and 2 respectively, Mike Harrison set off in pursuit determined not to let the gap grow for the last leg runner.

Fastest Males

Chris Burkitt	5:30
Simon Gibbs	5:47
Mike Harrison	5:57

Fastest Females

Mary Craig	6:43
Helen Robinson	6:51
Marina Clifton	7:03

Leg 4

Excitement was high as the final runners took to the stage. With less than 2 minutes separating the first 4 teams and the other teams not far behind, the results were far from certain. Erin Robinson (Positiv-tea is the key) and Lily Wilkinson took to the road in the lead (Team Tea-riffic) but it was a big ask for the young girls and it wasn't long before they could hear footsteps closing in. Richard Roe followed suit with his teams consistent performance bringing the Tetney Tornadoes to a clear victory. Erin Robinson (Positiv-tea is the key) just managed to hold off the fast finishing Mike Dougall (Team Veloci-tea) to take second place.

Fastest Males

Mike MacDougall	5:37
Graham Colbeck	6:17
Jack Tutass	6:20

Fastest Females

Sam Colbeck	6:54
Jemma Anderson	6:58
Dianne Pegg	7:26

And as so as the final runners snaked their way down South Sea Lane the air was full of talk about wind direction, success, disappointment and wanting to have just one more go. Well done to everyone who competed, the teapot has once again returned to the cupboard to be continued