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Perth Road Runners contest Cupar 5

After a sunny start, Perth Road Runners had a rapidly cooling afternoon and threatening rain clouds to contend with when they took on the second event in the Club Championships on Saturday 1st March in the Cupar 5. The rain held off and the course proved to be quite fast for the time of year, despite the potholes, (well marked!) with some good times posted.

David Hunter was first Perth runner home with a 29:03 giving him 21st overall in the field. Stuart Robertson was next in with another 'sub 30' in a time of 29:52. The Perth men's top three was completed by Duncan Ryan with a strong 30:20. Over the next 2 minutes another 5 green vests crossed the line with strong performances from Michael Wilson in 30:57, James Fotheringham 31:17, Mark Leach 31:53, Derek McIntosh 32:07 and Grant Wooler 32:43.

The first three Perth ladies home were Angela Irving 32:54, Julie Ramsay 33:30 and Nicola Crowe 33:58. Colin McCreath put down another fine time of 33:35. Less than 20 seconds separated Fiona Angus and Barry Campbell finishing at 35:26 and 35:41 respectively. Peter Ritchie and Hugh Daly were almost inseparable, placing 99th and 100th at 36:01 and 36:07 respectively. The training miles were rewarded for Joan Wilson and Melanie Macrae with strong performances at 36:30 and 36:50 and Allison Brown less than a minute later at 37:49. Amy Greig and Bob Brown crossed the line together at 38:20. Bob, fresh from his 127th marathon performance in Malta, secured another record as first male veteran over 70.

The other Perth contenders were Beth Gripton 39:00, Sue Jones 39:05, Steven Gilbert 40:07, Kenneth Stewart 40:43, David M Wood 41:53, Susan Smith 41:57, Fiona Hair 42:19, Sally Newton 46:28, Alan Paterson 49:23, Kirsty Johnston 49:24 and Fiona Morrison 51:17.

Club members are reminded that the Tay Ten trial run is taking place on Sunday 9th March at 11am from the back gate at the George Duncan Athletics Track. Come along and run, or cycle, all or part of the route, the more the merrier!

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