

Perth Road Runners Race Series 2025

In what has been a great year for running with 2 out of the 3 series fully completed, (only the 2nd & 3rd places in the Men's championship are still to be decided), it is time to give a short update as to where we are now.

Summer Series

The Summer Series got off to a flyer at the Strathkinness – Blebocraigs 4.5 mile run in May. Early indications as to winners were set out from the start with Diane White leading the charge. Then there was the drama of a last-minute change of venue to St. Andrews Parkrun where the competition between Kevin Rogers & Adam Wooler kicked off.

Those 2 athletes would thrash it out all season with Kev finally obtaining victory with a race to spare at the Killin 10K. Diane was also declared series winner after Killin.

Aside from the winners there was some fantastic competition for the other podium places with Ann Reid just pipping Maria Dale for the 2nd spot in their annual battle. James Fotheringham also pipped Grant Wooler for the final podium place amongst the men.

This was a very popular series this year with 36 runners taking part in at least 2 of the races and 16 completing the series. It would appear that the decision to incorporate more local races paid off.

A fantastic 25 podium places in the various categories in the races were obtained by Perth Road Runners in this series.

The Hills Are Alive

The Hills Are Alive continued with the mixed format of Trails & Hills.

4 of the 8 races were internal with an emergency last minute race organised in the West Lomond Hills. Well done to all involved in this. Also included in this was the Mob Match at Crook of Devon which was very well attended – more to come on that later.

Amongst the ladies Paige Brown took victory. 2nd and 3rd went to Fabienne Thompson and Fiona Manson respectively.

The men's competition ended with Elliot Collins again taking the crown with Peter Will and Kevin Rogers taking 2nd and 3rd respectively.

A total of 25 runners took part in at least 2 of these races and there were 9 athletes who finished this series.

Again, the internal races were very well attended but it would be good to have a similar level of attendance at some of the other events – most are quite local with very reasonable entrance fees.

The Championship

At the time of going to press there are still 2 podium places up for grabs in the Men's Championship.

Our Champions are Liz Johnston and Paul McCormick

From starting in Bishopbriggs to closing at the Path of Condie this saw some brilliant running from PRR all over Scotland.*

There has been some magnificent running so far in our championship with no less than 9 Diamond and 27 Platinum standard runs split between 10 different runners. This is absolutely fantastic.

A total of 22 runners took part in at least 2 of these races and there were 16 athletes who finished this series.

An astronomical 40 podium places in the various categories of the races were obtained by Perth Road Runners in this series.

Great running from great athletes!

*Note must be made of our previous 2024 Club Champion Mike McConnell who ended up being taken to hospital at our 2nd Championship Race - the Alloa Half Marathon – word is he is recovering well.

The Hill Trophy

Included in the HAA is the Kinnoull Hill Race (organised by our own David Knight and Perth Strathray Harriers) which serves also as the venue for our PRR Hill Race trophy. On a fine evening, the trophies went to Paige Brown and Elliot Collins.

Internal Competitions

The Duathlon

In a lovely Scottish Summer evening Caroline Hogarth and Richard Hughes once again stepped up to organise this rather quirky event. It involves Cycling as well as Running!

16 PRR took part in this and the winners were Fabianne Thompson and Kerr MacKinnon.

Target Zero

Again a rather odd race. Clive Bowman organised this event on a mixed course out by Destiny Bridge.

19 PRR took part and Claire Douglas was the winner estimating her time to within 2 seconds!

Yahoo

Another strange race that is very popular with PRR. A handicap race in which everyone should finish together if handicapped correctly.

Taking place at the end of 2024 this was attended by 30 PRR and organised by the man with the super spreadsheet - Mark Crawford.

The prizes for fastest lady and man went to Paige Brown and Mike McConnell

However, the main prize was won by Jo Brinkman who was seriously underestimated in the handicap by approximately 9 minutes!

Bertha Relays

Kristen Bain again stepped up and organised this around the new Bertha Park development (hence the name).

30 runners took part in this and the competition was fierce. After some fantastic running the prize went to Tessa Ward and Paul McCormick.

Mob Match PRR v DRR

This was the inaugural mob match between ourselves and our rivals in Dundee.

This took place at Perth Parkrun and despite our best efforts the wee crocheted birdie went to Dundee. We will have revenge!

Mob Match PRR v KRR

Last but by no means least there was the small matter of a competition against our local rivals Kinross Road Runners.

This consisted of a race around the Crook of Devon in which a fantastic effort by Perth Road Runners ensured victory for the first time on their patch.

As well as Peter keeping his lovely green jacket, the after run feed is fantastic!

Full results of all races can be found on the PRR website: www.perthroadrunners.co.uk.

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