

# Peterhead Athletics Club Members Newsletter #13 December 2024



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## **WELCOME TO ALL NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS OF PAC**

Welcome to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final newsletter of 2024! It has been another hugely successful year for the club and many of you have played a large part in that. Well done to you all.

Much has happened since the last update in August with the outdoor Track & Field season and the Lido 3k/Junior Mile series concluding in September and the cross-country season getting underway again in October and our 10K road race in November.

# **LIDO 3K / JUNIOR MILE SERIES**

The  $5^{th}$  event was held on the  $31^{st}$  August. The U12's race winner was Ollie Mitchell in a time of 6:39, closely followed by Aaron Cruickshank in  $2^{nd}$  (6:42) and Sammy Smith  $3^{rd}$  (6:57). In the U16's race, James Horne took the win in a time of 5:28 ahead of Leighton McLean  $2^{nd}$  (5:37 - a new U15 boys record) and Struan McKay  $3^{rd}$  (5:41).

The 3K race was won by Mark Beagrie in a time of 10:15 with Sean Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> (10:48) and David Horne 3<sup>rd</sup> (11:03). The 1<sup>st</sup> female finisher was Rebecca Clueit (12:55) followed by Linda McGee 2<sup>nd</sup> (13:17) and Anneke Neumann 3<sup>rd</sup> (13:30) with a new U17 women's club record.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and final event was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September. The U12's winner was Coco Czekalowska in a time of 5:59, with Jess Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> (6:13) and Ollie Mitchell 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:57). Gracie Mae West broke the U9 girls club record with her time of 8:43. In the U16's race, James Horne again took the win in a time of 5:31 ahead of Leighton McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> (5:41) and Lewis Geddes 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:07).

The 3K race was won by Chris Forman in a time of 10:38 with Neil Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> (11:22) and Bryan Mackay 3<sup>rd</sup> (11:24). The 1<sup>st</sup> female finisher was Jennifer Robertson (12:35) followed by Rebecca Clueit 2<sup>nd</sup> (12:43) and Anneke Neumann 3<sup>rd</sup> (12:51) with another new U17 women's club record.

The series winners for 2024 were awarded their trophies at the prizegiving at the final event;

**Junior Mile U12 girl – Jess Davidson (Young Meldrum Runners)** 

Junior Mile U12 boy - Ollie Mitchell (Unattached)

**Junior Mile U16 girl - Hollie Steele (AAAC)** 

**Junior Mile U16 boy – James Horne (AAAC)** 

3K - U20 woman - Anneke Neumann (PAC)

3K - U20 men - Finley Collins (PAC)

3K - Senior woman - Rebecca Clueit (PAC)

3K - Senior men - Mark Beagrie (PAC)

**3K - FV40 - Alice Bruce (Unattached)** 

**3K - MV40 - Neil Murray (Garioch Road Runners)** 

3K - FV50 - Linda McGee (PAC)

**3K - MV50 - David Horne (PAC)** 

**3K - FV60 - Susan Thores (Kirkcaldy Wizards)** 

**3K - MV60 - Brian Urquhart (Fraserburgh Running Club)** 

3K - FV70 - Gaynor Devine (Fraserburgh Running Club)

**3K - MV70 - Charlie Noble (Fraserburgh Running Club)** 

**3K - FV80 - Marijtje Adams (Unattached)** 

3K - MV80 - George Adams (Unattached)

Best Junior Mile age graded performance (PAC only) - Aaron Cruickshank (70.8%)

**Best Senior 3K age graded performance (PAC only) – David Horne (84.0%)** 

Overall numbers taking part in the series continues to grow and we look forward to seeing you all again in April for the start of the next series.

# TRACK & FIELD / ROAD RUNNING / CROSS COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## **OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> August, Mark Beagrie was competing at the Monument Mile Classic held at Stirling University track. There were 32 heats in total for competitors aiming for various mile time targets. Mark ran in the heat aiming for sub-5mins and he achieved that goal, finishing with a time of 4:56.54 and also earning himself a new PB and M35 club record.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August the RAM Athletics League Final took place at Inverness. The senior women were our only team of qualifiers at the finals this year with Isla Davidson, Sarah Shields, Nicola McDonald and Babs-Anne Needs all competing. Isla ran a PB in the 100m (15.68) and achieved both a PB and U20 club record in the 1500m (6:17.97) and Long Jump (3.02). Sarah threw the Shot Put (9.17), equalled her PB in the 100m (16.60) and achieved both a PB and W35 club record in the Long Jump (3.41). Nicola threw 7.28m in the Shot Put and Babs ran the 400m (1:24.39) and 1500m (6:39.17). All the women ran the 4 x 200m relay to set a new women's club record and overall, they gained enough points to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done ladies!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September the AAAC Championships/OGM event was held at ASV with Ben Steele (U11), Ava Alexander (U13), Sophie Needs (U13) and Lewis Geddes (U15) all competing. Ben had new PB's in the 800m (3:33.12), Long Jump (2.47) and Shot Put (3.44). Lewis also had new PB's in the 800m (2:35.21), Long Jump (4.09) and Shot Put (5.34). Ava had new PB in the 800m (3:10.12) as did Sophie in her 800m run (3:13.81).

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September we held the THROWS event which was the fourth and final event of our new track & field series at Catto Park this year and everyone had the chance to take part in the Javelin and Shot Put events. There were good results from all that took part especially Blake Bremner who broke the long standing U11 boys javelin record with his throw of 13.83m.

A massive well done to all our junior and senior athletes who competed and represented PAC at track & field this year. The indoor track & field season has begun with the 1<sup>st</sup> indoor OGM held at ASV on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be another three OGM's held in Aberdeen over the next three months so if you much prefer track & field to XC and staying out of the cold then get yourself along to these events. The indoor seasons events will be covered in the next newsletter.

## **ROAD RUNNING / TRAIL / ULTRA**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> August we had James Turnbull, Kelly Cruden and Steve McMorrow all taking part in the Nairn Half Marathon. James finished in a time of 1:28:38, Kelly (1:35:49) & Steve (1:40:11).

On the 18th August, Andy Thom was in Forfar for the Forfar 10K. Andy completed his run in a time of 57:03.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> August, Bryan Mackay, Lee Morrison, Shaun Adam, Richie Masson & Andy Thom all took part in the Kinloss Running Festival 10K. Bryan finished in a time of 41:48 (2<sup>nd</sup> MV50), Lee (42:07 – 3<sup>rd</sup> MV50), Shaun (44:56 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Men), Richie (46:23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> MV40) & Andy (57:03). Well done guys!

Also on the 31st August, Mel's Mile was held on Union Street in Aberdeen. Babs-Anne ran the mile in a time of 6:51.

Concluding a busy day of races on the 31st August was Stuart Giles taking on the challenge of the Mormond Hill Run. Stuart completed the tough 9K route in a time of 49:24.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September the Old Mart Gym in Maud held their 5K & 10K races. 5K – Sean Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> (20:07) & Stuart Giles 4<sup>th</sup> (25:38)

10K - Richie Masson 4<sup>th</sup> (47:36), Mark Urquhart 6<sup>th</sup> (48:56), Sarah Duff 8<sup>th</sup> (50:03 - 2<sup>nd</sup> female), Heather Linklater 9<sup>th</sup> (50:30 - 3<sup>rd</sup> female), Maria Willox 10<sup>th</sup> (55:23 4<sup>th</sup> female) & Teresa Hood 16<sup>th</sup> (66:31)

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, Caroline Buchan and Tracey Weston both ran the Great North Run. Caroline finished the Half Marathon run in 2:45:45 and Tracey in 2:52:25.

Also, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September we had Callum Urquhart, John Robertson and Richard Dodunski running in the Podfather Stirling 10K. Callum finished in a time of 36:04, John (42:32) and Richard (50:23).

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Linda McGee ran the Kelpies Half Marathon at the Helix Park in Falkirk. Linda completed her run in 1:47:11.

On the 29th September the Crimond Run Fest 6K & 12K races took place;

6K – Mark Beagrie 1<sup>st</sup> (23:31), Graham Steele 3<sup>rd</sup> (25:52), Jennifer Robertson 5<sup>th</sup> (26:29), Greg Bruce 8<sup>th</sup> (29:17), Maria Willox 11<sup>th</sup> (31:33), Caitlain Willox 17<sup>th</sup> (38:17), Caroline Buchan 24<sup>th</sup> (44:34)

12K - Mark Beagrie 1<sup>st</sup> (50:16), Graham Steele 4<sup>th</sup> (53:06), Teresa Hood 23<sup>rd</sup> (78:37), Alison McGee 26<sup>th</sup> (85:04) & Tracey Weston 28<sup>th</sup> (85:04) - tail runners.

Well done to both Mark and Graham for taking on the double and winning themselves some trophies.

Also, on the 29<sup>th</sup> September we had 7 runners making the journey to Inverness for the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon Festival.

Marathon – James Turnbull 3:04:27, Kelly Cruden 3:46:04, Arlene McRae 4:10:08 & Scott McRae 4:12:19. River Ness 10K – Steve McMorrow 39:43, Babs-Anne Needs 51:13 & Andy Thom 56:33.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October the first race of the Metro Proms 3K winter series was held along the Aberdeen beach promenade. Steve McMorrow, Greg Bruce, Linda McGee, Andy Thom and Alison McGee were all taking part for PAC. Steve finished 19<sup>th</sup> in a time of 11:12, Greg 52<sup>nd</sup> (12:46), Linda 55<sup>th</sup> (12:52), Andy 91<sup>st</sup> (15:46) and Alison 95<sup>th</sup> (16:23).

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October, Teresa Hood, Tracey Weston, Alison McGee and Corrie Dean all took part in the Great Scottish Half Marathon run in Glasgow. Teresa finished in a time of 2:23:43, Tracey (2:31:19), Alison (2:33:13) and Corrie (3:10:03).

On the 13th October the Middleton Trust races were held at Gordon Park in Ellon.

**3K - Sophie Needs 24th (14:56)** 

5K - Leighton McLean 4th (18:08 - 2nd U20) & Babs-Anne Needs 17th (23:43 - 1st FV40)

**10K - Michael Rose 59th (52:46)** 

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October, Tracey Weston held a Wear It Pink 5K trail run at Aden Park in aid of Breast Cancer UK. On what turned out to be a very wet and windy day we still had a few of our members turn up to support her and this charity cause.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Metro Proms 3K race was held at the Aberdeen beach promenade with Steve McMorrow, Jennifer Robertson, Greg Bruce, Linda McGee and Caitlain Willox were all taking part for PAC. Steve finished 16<sup>th</sup> in a time of 11:12, Jennifer 41<sup>st</sup> (12:33), Greg 42<sup>nd</sup> (12:34), Linda 58<sup>th</sup> (13:20) and Caitlain 91<sup>st</sup> (16:09).

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Tracey Weston ran the Supernova Forth Road Bridge 5K in a time of 35:27.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November, we had John Robertson, Richie Masson, Mark Urquhart, Stuart Gladstone and Tracey Weston all running in the Fraserburgh Half Marathon. John 43<sup>rd</sup> (1:37:13 – 4<sup>th</sup> MV60), Richie 67<sup>th</sup> (1:43:51), Mark 83<sup>rd</sup> (1:45:38) and Tracey 231<sup>st</sup> (2:28:49).

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Metro Proms 3K race was held at the Aberdeen beach promenade with only two members of PAC taking part - Greg Bruce and Linda McGee. Greg finished 63<sup>rd</sup> in a time of 12:34 and Linda 68<sup>th</sup> (12:55).

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December some of our juniors and seniors came along dressed in their Christmas outfits to take part in the Santa mile fun run at the Lido. We hope you all liked your medal and sweets.

On the 18th December, Nicola Buchan took on a 100-mile challenge to help raise funds for Calvin Cheyne a young man suffering from Chiari Malformation. All funds raised went to his JustGiving page to help give him the best chance of walking and living a normal life again. Some of our members joined Nicola on her 10-mile loops of the town throughout the day and night to provide her support and encouragement in the bitterly cold and windy conditions. Nicola completed the gruelling challenge in just over 31 hours. Well done Nicola, what a superstar!

## **CROSS-COUNTRY (XC)**

The cross-country season kicked off as usual on the 5<sup>th</sup> October with the North District XC Relay Championships held at Nairn. We had a junior girl's team of Ava Alexander, Sophie Needs and Emma Steel and a junior boy's team of Euan Steel, Lewis Geddes and Leighton McLean. Each junior ran a loop of approximately 2.5K with the girl's team finishing 9<sup>th</sup> and the boys also 9<sup>th</sup>. Great team effort everyone!

The regular North District XC season began on the 12<sup>th</sup> October with the 1<sup>st</sup> league race held at Forres. Approximate distances for XC races are U11 Girls/Boys – 1600m (Mile), U13 Girls/Boys – 3.5K, U15 Girls/Boys & U17 Women – 5K, U17 Men – 6.5K and Senior Women/Men – 8.5K.

In the U11 boys race Ben Steele finished 18<sup>th</sup> (8:15) and Nathaniel Smart 19<sup>th</sup> (9:13) and in the U13 girls race Sophie Needs finished 20<sup>th</sup> (16:09). In the U15 girls race Charlotte Smart finished 7<sup>th</sup> (26:24) and Emma Steel 8<sup>th</sup> (26:31). In the U15 boys race a good run by Leighton McLean saw him finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (19:13) to pick up a bronze medal whilst Lewis Geddes finished in 9<sup>th</sup> (21:44). In the Senior/Masters Women's race Linda McGee was 25<sup>th</sup> (41:37 - 5<sup>th</sup> FV50) with Babs-Anne Needs 29<sup>th</sup> (42:52 - 7<sup>th</sup> FV40). In the Senior/Masters Men's race Steve McMorrow was 37<sup>th</sup> (32:18 - 11<sup>th</sup> MV40), Graham Steele 55<sup>th</sup> (34:49 - 17<sup>th</sup> MV40), Greg Bruce 85<sup>th</sup> (41:13 - 36<sup>th</sup> SM), Andy Steel 87<sup>th</sup> (44:48 - 5<sup>th</sup> MV60) and Andy Thom 91<sup>st</sup> (53:16 - 21<sup>st</sup> MV50).

The Scottish National Short Course XC Championships were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Kirkcaldy over a 4K route. Babs-Anne Needs finished the Senior Women/Masters race in 245<sup>th</sup> overall and 40<sup>th</sup> in her FV40 category in a time of 19:57.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, Sophie Needs competed at the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the UK Athletics Cross Challenge at Llandaff Fields, Cardiff. In the U13 girls 2.8K race Sophie finished 111<sup>th</sup> in 13:23.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> North District XC race was the Ross County AC event held at Evanton on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and not many fancied the trip up north. In the U13 girls race Sophie Needs finished 22<sup>nd</sup> (17:35) and in the U15 girls race Charlotte Smart finished 8<sup>th</sup> (27:08). Unfortunately, Leighton McLean was a DNF in the U15 boy's race. In the Senior/Masters Women's race Linda McGee was 24<sup>th</sup> (45:01 - 6<sup>th</sup> FV50) with Babs-Anne Needs 30<sup>th</sup> (47:00 - 12<sup>th</sup> FV40).

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Sophie Needs competed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the UK Athletics Cross Challenge at Sefton Park, Liverpool. In the U13 girls 3K race Sophie finished 123<sup>rd</sup> in 16:50.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November the North District XC Championships were held at Gordonstoun School, Elgin. In the U13 girls 3K race Sophie Needs finished 21<sup>st</sup> in 19:44 and in the U15 girls 4K Emma Steel finished 13<sup>th</sup> in 21:27. In the U15 boys 4K race Leighton McLean finished 8<sup>th</sup> in 15:27, Jakob Whitham 23<sup>rd</sup> (18:38), Lewis Geddes 24<sup>th</sup> (18:41) and Noah West 26<sup>th</sup> (19:53).

In the Senior/Masters women's 8K race, Linda McGee was 36th (6th W50) in a time of 41:20 and Babs-Anne Needs 41st (8th W45) in 42:31. In the Senior/Masters men's 8K race Andy Steel finished 75th (5th M60) in 44:50.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> North District XC race was hosted by our club at Aden Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Although we had terrible rainy and windy conditions that weekend caused by Storm Darragh at least the event went ahead and we didn't have to call it off like in two of the previous three years. In the U11 boys race Blake Bremner finished 7<sup>th</sup> (7:24), Isaac Bruce 9<sup>th</sup> (7:43), Noah Milne 10<sup>th</sup> (8:45) and Nathaniel Smart 11<sup>th</sup> (8:45). In the U13 girls race Hannah Bruce finished 9<sup>th</sup> (17:01) and Sophie Needs 11<sup>th</sup> (17:16). In the U15 girls race Charlotte Smart finished 7<sup>th</sup> in 30:15. In the U15 boys race another good run by Leighton McLean saw him finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (20:43), Lewis Geddes 8<sup>th</sup> (24:21) and Angus Robertson 9<sup>th</sup> (25:38). In the U17 Women's race Chloe Pirie finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 28:40. In the Senior/Masters Women's race Linda McGee was 13<sup>th</sup> (45:09 – 2<sup>nd</sup> FV50) with Arlene McRae 18<sup>th</sup> (48:44 - 5<sup>th</sup> FV50). In the Senior/Masters Men's race Ryan McRae was 19<sup>th</sup> (34:46 - 14<sup>th</sup> SM), Dave Fraser 20<sup>th</sup> (34:58 – 15<sup>th</sup> SM), James Turnbull 21<sup>st</sup> (35:14 – 16<sup>th</sup> SM), Steve McMorrow 25<sup>th</sup> (36:46 – 3<sup>rd</sup> MV40), Graham Steele 29<sup>th</sup> (38:39 - 5<sup>th</sup> MV40), Greg Bruce 38<sup>th</sup> (44:22 - 17<sup>th</sup> SM), Andy Steel 43<sup>rd</sup> (50:15 - 6<sup>th</sup> MV60) and Andy Thom 46<sup>th</sup> (54:50 – 10<sup>th</sup> MV50).

Apologies to anyone if any races that club members have participated in have been missed out. All efforts are made to track the available race results.



## **PAC 10K**

Our 10K event was held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and was another great success. This year the event was sponsored by Peterhead Motors and we're extremely grateful to them for their support.

Kris Urquhart of Fraserburgh Running Club was 1<sup>st</sup> across the finish line in a time of 32:18 and Elaine Murdoch of Cosmic Hillbashers was the 1<sup>st</sup> female finisher in 39:32. Well done to all our PAC athletes, especially to those that won prizes in their age category; Callum Urquhart (1<sup>st</sup> U20), Kirsteen Donald (2<sup>nd</sup> FV50), Bryan Mackay (2<sup>nd</sup> MV50), Ross Aird (3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Men), Jennifer Robertson (3<sup>rd</sup> FV40), Arlene McRae (3<sup>rd</sup> FV50) & John Robertson (3<sup>rd</sup> MV60).

Thanks again to all those who volunteered to marshal and help us out on the day, this is always greatly appreciated.

Here's a full list of the PAC finishers. Times stated are chip timings.

#### **Male**

- 1. Ross Aird 35:55 (4th)
- 2. Callum Urguhart 36:08 (5th)
- 3. Chris Forman 39:03 (15th)
- 4. Steve McMorrow 39:47 (20th)
- 5. Bryan Mackay 39:50 (21st)
- 6. Graham Steele 40:26 (29th)
- 7. Ryan McRae 40:30 (32<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8. Lee Morrison 41:54 (43rd)
- 9. John Robertson 42:33 (46th)
- 10. Mark Urguhart 45:31 (65th)
- 11. Richard Dodunski 47:32 (79th)
- 12. Andrew Brown 47:48 (83<sup>rd</sup>)
- 13. Greg Bruce 51:14 (108th)
- 14. Michael Rose 52:37 (121st)
- 15. Stuart Gladstone 54:06 (131st)
- **16. Stephen Bruce 55:41 (138th)**
- 17. Ewan McGee 56:04 (141st)
- 18. Andy Thom 56:43 (144th)

#### <u>Female</u>

- 1. Jennifer Robertson 44:08 (37th)
- 2. Rebecca Clueit 49:45 (96th)
- 3. Kirsteen Donald 51:06 (105<sup>th</sup>)
- 4. Arlene McRae 51:13 (110th)
- **5. Heather Linklater 51:06 (111<sup>th</sup>)**
- 6. Maria Willox 53:37 (127<sup>th</sup>)
- 7. Shauni Gibb 56:03 (142<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8. Sarah Duff 57:10 (151st)
- 9. Sophie Willox 57:10 (152<sup>nd</sup>)
- 10. Caitlain Willox 60:58 (172<sup>nd</sup>)
- 11. Teresa Hood 63:50 (181st)
- 12. Tracey Weston 75:28 (191st (tail runner))

Please note that for race placings and course records these are <u>always</u> based on gun times. Chip timing is simply a means for giving a personal time as a reference only. This is the case for all races and not just limited to our PAC events.

Some exciting news for next year's 10K is that our event has been chosen by the North District Road Running Committee to stage the North District 10K Championships. This will be great boost to the club and a great race to look forward to and be involved in.

## **CLUB STANDARDS**

Well done to all the senior athletes who qualified for a club standard this year and received their well-earned award and certificates at the prize-giving. This next year's qualifying period started from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and will run until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Good Luck!

As a reminder or to any new members - there are 5 standards available, DIAMOND, GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE and COPPER. These in turn are set for 6 race distances – 3K, 5K, 10K, 10 Miles, Half Marathon & Marathon.

Awards - You will have to complete THREE out of the six distances at or below the times stated for your age category, you can of course complete up to all six distances, if you so wish, within the qualifying period. To obtain your standard, simply submit your three best runs out of however many distances you have completed. For full details visit – www.peterheadathleticsclub.co.uk/clubstandards



Well done to our two junior athletes who achieved a Thistle Award this year – Lewis Geddes (Bronze) & Ava Alexander (Purple). Indoor and Outdoor track & field results for the season were submitted to Scottish Athletics for calculating the relevant award. The award winners each received a certificate at the club prize-giving.

To be in with a chance of a Thistle Award, athletes must compete for PAC in a minimum combination of 1 running, 1

jumping and 1 throwing event. Good Luck to all our juniors for 2025!



Since the club joined up to easyfundraising we have managed to raise a total of £385 from our club members doing their online shopping via easyfundraising. Thank you very much to those that have helped fund our cause. You can continue to help the club raise funds. It's very easy and completely FREE!

Over 8,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. These donations will help the club so much, so please download the app or visit the website to sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/peterhead-athletics-club/

Also, if you're planning to go on holiday, you can raise FREE funds using easyfundraising for Peterhead Athletics Club when you book. Whether you're booking your holiday, or a short-getaway, if you book via easyfundraising on TUI, Booking.com, Expedia, First Choice, Hotels.com, Cottages.com, easyJet holidays, PurpleParking, plus 250+ other well-known travel brands, you'll raise free funds for us at no extra cost to you.

You can also raise money by booking your airport parking, transfers and even your foreign currency and travel insurance!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Here's a list of just some of the events due to take place over the next few months;

4th January - GAA New Years Bash (Indoor T&F - Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

5th January - Indoor OGM #2 (ASV)

10th January - Metro Proms 3K race #4

10th January - Jump Glasgow (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

11th January - Inter District XC Championships (Alexandra Park, Glasgow)

18th January - National Indoor Open (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

18th January - North District XC race #4 (Nairn)

25th January - National Seniors/U17 Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

1st February - North District XC race #5 (Forres)

2<sup>nd</sup> February - National Masters Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February - Secondary Schools Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

7<sup>th</sup> February - Metro Proms 3K race #5

8<sup>th</sup> February – National XC Masters Championships (Camperdown Country Park, Dundee)

9th February - National 3000m Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

9th February - Indoor OGM #3 (ASV)

**22**<sup>nd</sup> February – National XC Championships (Callendar Park, Falkirk)

1<sup>st</sup> March – National U15/U20 Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

2<sup>nd</sup> March - National U13/U20 Indoor Championships (Emirates Arena, Glasgow)

7th March - Metro Proms 3K race #6

8th March - D33 Ultra (Duthie Park, Aberdeen)

9th March - Indoor OGM #4 (ASV)

9<sup>th</sup> March – Inverness Half Marathon & 5K

15th March - National Young Athletes Road Races (East Fortune, North Berwick)

**22**<sup>nd</sup> March – National Road Relay Championships (Livingston)

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Newburgh Beach Bash 10K

If anyone would like advice on how to enter or help and assistance with travel to/from events then please speak to one of our coaches. If you're targeting a specific race or distance then our coaches would also be happy to give advice on training too.

There are of course numerous other road running, trail or ultra events on the athletics calendar which you can check on the SA events website (<a href="https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/">https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/</a>) or on the likes of runABC Scotland (<a href="https://runabc.co.uk">https://runabc.co.uk</a>) & Entry Central.

Please note that entry to events open well in advance and there is normally a limited number of athlete places available. To avoid disappointment, please go to the official SA website events calendar to check entry dates for a particular event and sign-up ASAP.

If you're new to the club or still haven't done so then click on the following link to get setup: <a href="Power of 10 User Login (thepowerof10.info">Power of 10 User Login (thepowerof10.info</a>) It's free to register so will not cost you anything. The benefit of being registered to this athletics website is that all your results from the events you compete in are collated together and listed in one place. This makes for a great reference point when tracking an athlete's performance especially for the likes of the RAL team manager for choosing who might be best suited to certain events. If you are solely a road runner then your results will also appear and be tracked on runbritain (<a href="www.runbritainrankings.com">www.runbritainrankings.com</a>) which is like a sister site to Power of 10.

# **ADDITIONAL NEWS**

We recently held our annual AGM & Prize-giving at the Apex Church Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> November to hand out many club awards to our successful athletes. Our top awards this year as voted on by the club committee went to – Arlene McRae (Best Female Athlete), Andy Thom (Best Male Athlete) & Linda McGee (Club Person of the Year). As well as the awards we also invited along para-athlete and wheelchair racer Joanna Robertson from Aberdeen AAC to be our guest speaker for the evening and to hand out all the lovely prizes. Well done to all our winners!

Stepping down from the club committee this year were Gary Collins, Richard Masson, Shaun Adam and Mark Beagrie. Mary Milne has also stepped down as our Club Secretary after 6 years but will remain on the committee. Thank you very much to you all for your help and support of the club!

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

In this edition of members spotlight we have chosen to feature our 2024 Male Athlete of the Year winner Andy Thom.



I started running about 5 years ago with the Peterhead Jog Scotland group. I used to be a swimmer at school events and doing loads of biking before running but I was so unfit. I had done Fit Club and the shred but as soon as I started running, I knew it was for me.

Soon I was enjoying running and doing lots of different events. As time went on, I thought I'd go along to the athletics club training for one night a week to give it ago and from there onwards I really started enjoying Peterhead Athletics Club.

Everyone at the club were so supportive towards me and I was feeling fantastic and so much stronger about my running. It's because of the club that I feel stronger and comfortable and happy with my running now. Getting PB's, working hard at my training sessions and meeting so much lovely members of the club is so enjoyable for me. I love being part of the club and helping out as much as I can.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Should you require further information on any of the above or have items you would like us to include for any future club newsletters, please contact either our club Chair (Ewan McGee) or Secretary (Alison McGee) at the following email addresses;

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If anyone has missed or would like to read any of the previous bulletins/newsletters, then please get in touch on the above-mentioned e-mail addresses and we can send copies to you. Alternatively, all previous ones can now be found on the club website.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Looking forward to seeing how you all get on in 2025 and we'll be back with more news for you around springtime.

Till then enjoy your running and stay safe & healthy!

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