

## **Dublin Athletes feature strongly in the National Marathon and Airtricity Dublin Marathon 2013**

The Woodies DIY National Marathon, held in conjunction with the Airtricity Dublin Marathon, took place on a cool October Bank Holiday Monday with 14,600 athletes setting off from Merrion Square at 9am. Thousands of athletes took part from all over Dublin with the overall individual men's and ladies winners from two Dublin clubs; Rathfarhham WSAF and Dundrum South Dublin AC. Dublin Clubs also featured well in Senior and Masters individuals and teams.

### **Senior Men**

In the men's race, Sean Hehir, Rathfarhham WSAF took the honours in a time of 2:18:19 after being pushed all the way by Joe Sweeney from Dundrum South Dublin AC and winning by 67 seconds. In third place was Clonliffe Harriers athlete, Sergiu Ciobanu in a time of 2:22.02.

The winning Senior Men's team was Clonliffe Harriers (Sergiu Ciobanu, Gary O'Hanlon, Michael Mac Diarmada) followed by Crusaders (Thomas Frazer, John Frazer, Rob Cross) and Annadale Striders (NI).

### **Senior Ladies**

The ladies race was also a close contest with Maria McCambridge, Dundrum South Dublin A.C winning by 36 seconds after a close race with Clare McCarthy from Leevale AC in Cork. Maria finished in a time of 2:38.51 and topped off a good year having won all four races in the Airtricity Dublin Race Series. In third place was Pauline Curley from Tullamore AC in a time of 2:42.57.

The winning Senior Ladies team was St. Finbarr's AC from Cork with Raheny Shamrock (Fiona Stack, Annette Kealy, Jenny Mulry) in second and Sportsworld AC (Orna Dilworth, Ruth Kelly, Stephanie Bergin) in third

### **Master Men**

In the Masters Men's teams, Donore Harriers were first team in M35 (Fergal Whitty, John Dunne, Niall Lynch) and Tallaght AC came third in M50 (Brendan Ryan, Garry Clarke, Dave Meehan).

In the individual Masters Categories, the following are top three positions for Dublin male athletes:

M35 Fergal Whitty, Donore Harriers 2<sup>nd</sup>; M40 Rob Cross, Crusaders AC 2<sup>nd</sup>; M50 Paul Moran, Rathfarnham WSAF AC 2<sup>nd</sup>; M55 Paddy Parrott, MSB 3<sup>rd</sup>; M60 Garry Clarke, Tallaght 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Master Ladies**

In the Masters Ladies Teams, Donore Harriers came first team in W35 (Anne Curley, Florence Curley, Angela Eustace) and Raheny Shamrock AC came first in W50 (Liz Rouine, Bernadette Manley, Fiona Kirwan).

In the individual Masters Categories, the following are top three positions for Dublin female athletes:

W35 Ruth Kelly Sportsworld 3<sup>rd</sup>; W40 Anne Curley, Donore 2<sup>nd</sup>, W45 Annette Kealy, Raheny Shamrock AC 1<sup>st</sup>; Maria Dolan, Rathfarhham WSAF 2<sup>nd</sup>; W50 Liz Rouine, Raheny Shamrock AC; W55 Susan Waterstone, Civil Service Harriers 1<sup>st</sup>; M60 Eileen O'Brien, Lucan Harriers.

Well done to the many thousands of athletes who completed the marathon, many raising valuable funds for charities throughout Ireland.

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