

ROAD RACE LEAGUE – TEVERSAL FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST

JACKIE AND THE LADIES ARE CONFIRMED AS CHAMPIONS

Jackie “The Whittler” Massey and the ladies team took all the plaudits as they secured both the Overall title With Jackie Massey and the Ladies team title for the first time in the history of the club. It has been a summer of massive improvement for the Ladies section and in some respects they have overshadowed the Men at the club with their overall performances. There has been a brilliant atmosphere with all the women and they deserve the rewards for their efforts. I would also like to spare a thought for Liz Lilley who has been an integral part of the team and one of the main reasons for the improvements. Only injuries forced her from challenging for the overall title after a brilliant series of results previous to Teversal.

In the veterans ranks a consistent series of results saw Denise “The Smiler” Winfield storm to the Over 50 title and secure her first County Gold Medal. Tina “tiddler” Green was also in the prizes securing the silver medal in the Over 45 section. This all meant that the team secured Silver team medals.

So well done Ladies, the club and I are so proud of your achievements this summer!!!!!!

Jackie “The Whittler” Massey again produced the goods to secure 2nd place on the night and take the individual title for the first time ever. This was a brilliant series considering that before every race she is a nightmare. She is so self critical and despondent I don’t know how she performs but to her credit she pulls herself together and never lets anyone down and I for one am so pleased she took the title. **Lisa Farquharson**, the better half of the Farquharson running family continues to be the find of the summer. Lisa has gone from strength to strength in every race and again competed superbly to finish in 7th position despite suffering from a nasty ankle injury. She showed the spirit and desire to win that has been the key to the Ladies success this year. Next back for the club was **Eva Williams in 21st**, which was a superb run considering she has been battling with injuries most of the season. Eva is another one of the girls who possess a never say die attitude. Eva was a key runner on the night has a few runners where missing with injuries. **Tina “the tiddler” Green** again showed the consistency we have come to expect with a solid 25th place. Tina is one of those runners that every club needs by turning out week in and week out whatever the weather and whatever fitness levels she is at. She is a credit to the club even when she has to go in the bushes when she gets caught short. Julie “the shy one” Potts was a star again with her best finish of the series in 29th position. Julie is a brilliant servant of the club and has run every race for the club this year. She was reluctant to go up for a medal at the end but she deserves that medal for all her efforts this year. Maddy “The Silver Fox” Collinge was next back for the club in 32nd place with another solid performance from the lady who has been part of the Mansfield ladies section for longer than most and will be so proud of all their achievements this year. **Vanda “the suntan queen” Curley** is another lady who always turns out for the club unless she is on holiday. Her new nickname should be Judith Charmers I think. Joking aside Vanda is very enthusiastic and wants to get involved with the team which will hopefully help the ladies move up to the next level in the upcoming relays. **Denise “the smiler” Winfield** won her first major County title with another superb performance in 45th position. She has been consistent

throughout the year and deserves this award for all her grit and determination. **Julie “the not so shy one” Grainger** had an average run by her standards, which was not surprising considering she had just returned from South Africa less than 48 hours before. Julie again showed the spirit in the squad by running instead of taking the easy option of not running

You have all been fantastic this year and have showed what can be achieved when you put your minds to it and all turn out. The nucleus of the team is superb and if you continue to show the same fighting spirit and togetherness over the next few years you will achieve many honours.

Well Done Ladies

Love

Carl