

**GOOLE VIKING STRIDERS**  
**ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT**

It barely seems possible that a year has passed since the last one, but once again it was time for the Goole Viking Striders annual awards presentation, the 31st since the club's inauguration in 1985.

If nothing else, a great evening at the newly reopened Capricorn was proof of a continued enthusiasm for the sport and a collective desire for the club to carry on doing what it's been doing over the last 31 years.

The trophy winners were as follows:

**NEIL STEAD** won the Male Newcomer award, fighting off competition from Harry Patrick and Dan Stevenson in the process. Neil has more or less started from scratch last year and cheerfully participates in road races, park runs and cross country league.

**ABBIE BATEMAN** was best Female Newcomer. Injury got in the way at one stage but Abbie has reduced her 10k time down to 54 minutes and looks a great prospect for the future.

There was fierce competition in the Most Improved Male category from such as Mark Johns, Matt Shillings and Pat Harness, but **STEVE COWLING** got the nod for his first 10k under 40 minutes and for great improvement at the longer distances, particularly the marathon, which also gained him the Giles Harris Marathon Trophy.

Julie Barker was a strong contender for the Most Improved Female Award, but significant improvements at all distances, including under 50 minutes for 10k and a 4.11 marathon, won it for **NICOLE MASTERMAN**.

Half a dozen runners could have won the Dave Campbell trophy for Fastest Male, but a 37.08 10k and a 79.50 half marathon swung it for **MARTIN INESON**, who only joined the club last year but looks destined for great things.

**JULIE MASTERMAN** has won the top female runner awards, including veteran and cross country, multiple times, but is still getting PBs and is still running marathons in 3.09. No-one else was even close.

**MARTIN BOOTH** was a cert for Male Vet of the Year, over 60 and still running 10ks close to 40 minutes, and his consistently high placings also won him the Cross Country award, fighting off competition from Matty Archibald who has recently shot to prominence.

After a great year of PBs and running more races than most of the other Striders put together, **MARK JOHNS** was unlucky not to win the Most Improved award, but was the worthy winner of the Marjorie Firth Trophy.

The Invercargill Trophy for an exceptional performance went once again to **DAVE HANNEY**. Dave ran the Hardmoors 60 to celebrate turning 60, finishing well up the field in 15 hours.

#### LEAGUE PLACINGS:

##### MULTI DISTANCE LEAGUE

1st Julie Barker, 2nd Nicole Masterman, 3rd Andy Trotter

##### 10K LEAGUE

1st Julie Barker, 2nd Julie Masterman, 3rd Mark Johns

##### HALF MARATHON LEAGUE

1st Mark Johns, 2nd Alison Hoggarth, 3rd Nicole Masterman.