

RECORD TIMES IN MONARCH CHALLENGE

New record times were set in both the mens and ladies race in this years Monarch Challenge Mountain Race held last Sunday at Slievetrasna , Ravensdale,Dundalk. In the mens race Eamonn Mc, Mahon(Dundealghan A.C) broke his own previous best time by 12 seconds to win in a time of 37.02,while Helen Callaghan from Drogheda marked her return to the sport by smashing the previous ladies record by almost 2 minutes to win in a fabulous time of 48.54. In the mens race Mc Mahon was followed home by the Maher brothers,Robbie and Michael,also from Drogheda, who both had impressive runs especially considering it was their first attempt at the event.Willie Mc Cracken of Newry emerged as first finisher in a large field of Vetern runners. Surprise performance of the day however came from local Eric Cuthbert who, after originally turning up to spectate, was cajoled into competing in borrowed gear and finished in a remarkable 8th position much to the amazement of the many experienced Dublin based runner left in his wake.. After the race all competitors retired to the conveniently close-by Lumpers Public House for well earned sandwiches and drinks and for the presentation of prizes at which Mr Douglas Barry Chairman of the Irish Mountain Racing Association presented the Monarch . Challenge Cup to Eamonn Mc Mahon the individual Mens winner.As in previous years a large number of spot prizes were presented to many of the down-the-field finishers.

Results-

Mens.1st.E.Mc Mahon(Dundealghan)37.02(rocord)

2nd. R.Maher(Boyne A.C)39.27.

3rd. M.Maher(Boyne A.C)40.50.

Ladies:

1st.H.Callaghan(Boyne)48.54(record).

2nd.C.Caslin(Dublin)

3rd.A.Duffy(Dundealghan)

Vets:

1st.W.McCracken(Newry)42.36

2nd.M.Kelly (Mount pleasent)44.18

3rd.A.Mc Guirk(Mountpleasent)48.09