



**DONORE HARRIERS**

**The 124th Waterhouse Byrne Baird Shield  
A 10-Mile Open Handicap Race**

**St. Stephen's Morning, Dec 26th 2020 @ 11am**  
(Start at The Dog Pond, Phoenix Park)



# The Longest running Organised Cross-country race in Europe

This unique event hosted by our very own club, for our very own club has a proud and unique history just like Donore Harriers. The race has only been stopped for the year of the The Easter Rising in 1916 during the First World War.

This year marks the 124th consecutive running of the event. We are indebted to the Phoenix Park authorities for allowing the race to be run as a club run, given the backdrop of COVID 19 restrictions to events. The race will be run under a COVID 19 safety protocol and our usual gatherings and spectator friendly finish cannot be allowed this year. Athletes will turn up to the start 5 minutes before their start time and given the open handicap this will naturally form starting pods of small numbers of athletes and prevent mass bunching.

Samuel Waterhouse esq. originally presented the Shield in 1896 for a 10 mile cross country race. It has to be won 3 times by the same person in order for the trophy to be property of any one individual. In 1919 P.J. Byrne, after winning the trophy 3 times, represented the trophy to the club and the same happened in 1938 when Davy Baird similarly had 3 victories. A Mr Uhlemann has won the trophy 3 times but 2 of those occasions occurred before Mr Baird managed to achieve immortality and add his name to the trophy.

There have been several legendary races over the years. Eamonn Coghlan, ran the course record 49 minutes 56 seconds in 1979 to win, overhauling the legendary Frank Cahill. Willie Smith, our former Club President is still the youngest winner when he won in 1958 age 15 with a time of 69 minutes. Valerie McGovern symbolised the new era of women's athletics in the club with a win in 1988. She has been followed by many fine female athletes since. John Travers, our multi-national champion on track and Irish international, has the fastest times in the last decade. The Shield reads as a who's who of Donore athletics over the years with the names including: Jim McNamara, Eddie Spillane, the Dunne and the Redican families. Sometimes it is noteworthy for those who have not won the Shield showing how tricky it is to confound conditions and handicappers alike.

Last year Luke Boland in his debut snatched victory from Julia Hackett in the closing 100m. In fact the first 5 athletes finished within a minute of each other – the most exciting finish in years. Fastest time for the 10 mile and winner of the Tommie Hayward perpetual trophy was for the third time, Niall Lynch, in a time of 61mins and 3 seconds. This additional trophy is now rightly an integral part of the Shield race honouring the great Donore Administrator and athlete.

Sadly in interest of reducing numbers the Willie Dunne Shield for Juvenile athletes, a 2 mile open handicap event, has been held separately as part of a training session for those athletes for this year.

Recent Results	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>2019</b>	Luke Boland	Julia Hackett	Gavin Keogh
<b>2018</b>	Anne Curley	David Campbell	Gavin Keogh
<b>2017</b>	Niamh O'Neill	Barry Potts	Des Gill
<b>2016</b>	Tony Griffin	Ian Redican	Niall Lynch
<b>2015</b>	Alan Farrell	Tom Fagan	George Brady
<b>2014</b>	Ian Redican	John Dunne	Jim McNamara
<b>2013</b>	Paul Cummins	Barry Potts	Angela Eustace
<b>2012</b>	Michelle Dawson	Angela Eustace	Terry Mee
<b>2011</b>	Arthur Connick	Jonathan Daly	Ken Nugent
<b>2010</b>	Colin Moore	Tom Hickey	Fergal Swaine
<b>2009</b>	Fred Kiernan	Andy Hanrahan	Cindy Hickey

# 124th Waterhouse Byrne Baird Starter List (pre-entries)

Dec 26th 2020 1st runner off at 11 a.m.

Athlete's Name	Handicap (minutes)	Start Time
Deirdre Brennan	35	11:00:00
Dana MacKey	35	11:00:00
Marianne Dunlevy	34	11:01:00
Michelle Dawson*	34	11:01:00
Angela Eustace	32	11:03:00
Claudia Redmond	32	11:03:00
Ava Clarke	31	11:04:00
Clíodhna Carthy	29	11:06:00
Julia Hackett	29	11:06:00
Frank McNally	28	11:07:00
James Clarke	27	11:08:00
Ariana Ball	24	11:11:00
Barry Potts	23	11:12:00
Desmond Gill	23	11:12:00
Claire Mulligan	23	11:12:00
Audrey Gahan	23	11:12:00
Ian Redican*	22	11:13:00
Tony Kynes	22	11:13:00
Dean Fullston	22	11:13:00
Tom Fagan	21	11:14:00
Tony Griffin*	21	11:14:00
Florence Curley	20.5	11:14:30
Patrick Farrell	20.5	11:14:30
Oliver O'Hara	20.5	11:14:30
Justin Conneff	20	11:15:00

Scratch:

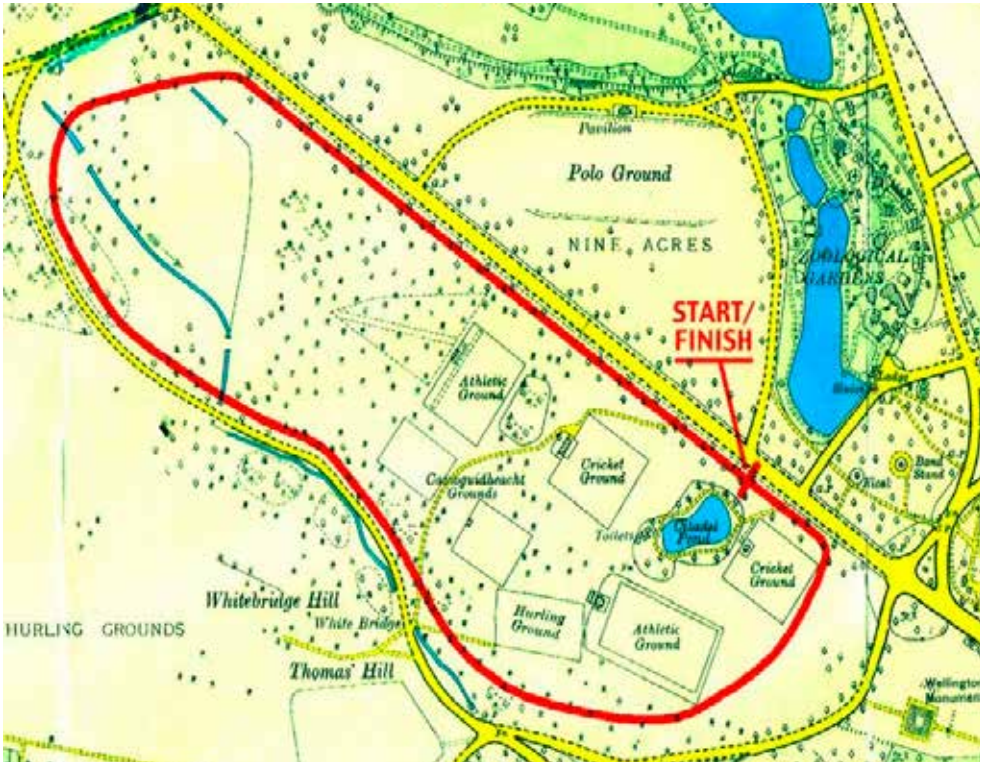
Athlete's Name	Handicap (minutes)	Start Time
Stephen Murphy	20	11:15:00
Peter Nugent	19	11:16:00
Owen Robinson	18	11:17:00
Sean Redmond	18	11:17:00
Ciaran O'Flaherty	18	11:17:00
Andrew Wilson	18	11:17:00
David McConn	17	11:18:00
Stephen Dawson	17	11:18:00
Donal Iremonger	16	11:19:00
Craig Scott	15	11:20:00
Alan Farrell*	13	11:22:00
Sorcha Loughnane	13	11:22:00
Neil Hand	13	11:22:00
Sinead Lambe	12.5	11:22:30
Alan Keogh	12.5	11:22:30
James Bolton	11.5	11:23:30
Peter Gaffney	10	11:25:00
Gavin Curtin	9	11:26:00
Emmet O'Briain	9	11:26:00
Barbara Cleary	8.5	11:26:30
Danny O'Sullivan	8	11:27:00
Niall Lynch	7.5	11:27:30
Rossa Hurley	7	11:28:00
Louis O'Loughlin	6.5	11:28:30
Robert Murphy	1	11:34:00
<b>Eric Keogh</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11:35:00</b>

\* Previous Waterhouse Byrne Baird Shield Champions



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# Race Layout: 5 x 2-mile laps.



## OFFICIALS

### **Handicapping/Race committee:**

Iain Morrison, Florrie Curley, Craig Scott and Donal Iremonger with assistance Willie Smith

### **Time Keepers/Recorders:**

Willie Smith, Iain Morrison and Charlie O'Neill

### **Course Markers:**

Willie Smith and Charlie O'Neill

**Please note we cannot have our usual Club House gathering festivities and prize giving this year. Please refrain from gathering at start/finish area.**



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