

## **HSBC Securities Services Winter Walking League 2008/2009**

### **Round 1 NSC, Douglas Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

#### **Report by Bridget Kaneen**

A good turnout of over 70 walkers started in the first round of the winter walking league which was held on the perimeter roadway of the NSC on Sunday morning.

Also, it was pleasing to see many family members throughout the age groups having a go at racing a distance in the programme. In the first round all the walkers started together and it was not long before Steve Partington and Peter Kaneen stretched the field out, Steve drawing clear as the race progressed and recording a win in the main 10k event in the only sub 50 time of the day. Peter Kaneen was a clear second from Andy Green who had an equally comfortable margin over Vinny Lynch. Ian Callister and recent Novice race winner Michael Shipsides had a real tussle throughout the whole race and this had the benefit of helping Michael record his first 10k in under an hour, Dave Looker frustratingly just 15 seconds over the hour.

Fastest lady on the day was Lisa Motley but she also had a race on her hands with Jane Mooney and it was down to a dash for the line, with newcomer Carl Senogles splitting the pair. Third fastest lady was another experienced walker, Alison Brand and behind these three there were a number of performances from newcomers to the sport which suggests that there will be some good competition over the winter.

In the 5k, Enid Watson took the win from Kerry Mackey and Linda Green in third. There was a determined effort from Dave Knight who is recovering from a recent hip operation to finish this distance at his first attempt.

Adam Cowin was out on his own in the 3k event. Sinead Kaneen took second from Jessica Isherwood who just got the better of talented newcomer Danielle Oates. Ellen Robinson walked well and was also not too far distant from this pair.

Josh Looker carried on where he left off in the novice walk with a win in the 2k walk. Both he and Alex Cade showing good style at the front of the field. Alice Bell took third place and was another showing good form. Sisters Abbey and Breesha Quirk took the second and third girls places.

Daniel Scarffe was dominant in the 1k event with a minute margin, but the other podium places were much closer with Lee Mackey just a second ahead of Tom Partington. Similarly in the girls event Lois Mooney and Keira Mackey could not be split on time.

The next round will be handicapped based on times recorded in this first event so the slower walkers will be first away and improving walkers most likely to succeed. Please watch this space or [www.manxharriers.com](http://www.manxharriers.com) for venue details of round 2 which will be confirmed shortly.

Many thanks to the race judges, officials, tea brewers and everyone who gave up their time to help.