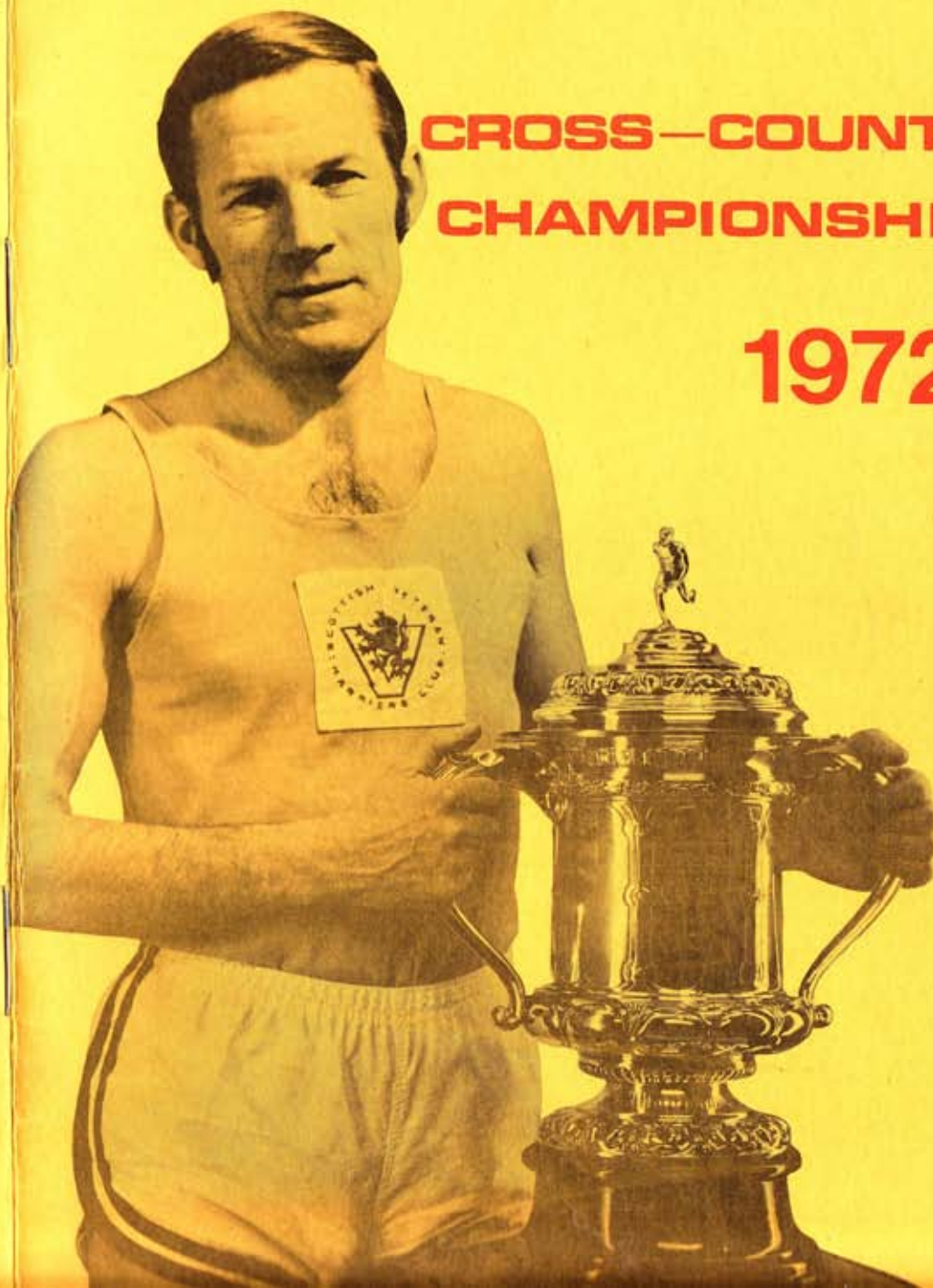


# Scottish Veterans

## CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1972



E. FARRELL

sh' Veteran (over 60)  
0 metres Cross-  
ry Champion 1972.  
n the title at Stoke-on-  
on 20 February,  
ing 2 minutes ahead  
runner-up.

et' has figured prominently in athletics for many years.  
is a successful competitor as a swimmer and wrestler  
e he took up running at the age of 24. He won the Scottish  
-Country Championship four years later and then, at 38  
of age, he won it again! He was also a Scottish 3, 6,  
0 miles Champion and one hour record holder on the  
and many times an Internationalist. So, it can be truly  
of him that he is a real veteran of the sport.

THE SCOTTISH VETERANS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT

CLYDEBANK, DUNBARTONSHIRE

5 MILES / 8 KILOMETRES

Organised by

THE SCOTTISH VETERAN HARRIERS CLUB

with the kind co-operation of

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

SATURDAY 4th MARCH 1972



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 on behalf of Clydesdale Harriers I welcome all officials,  
 competitors and spectators to Clydebank and hope you all  
 have an enjoyable afternoon.  
 As one of the country's oldest established clubs, we are  
 pleased that the First Veterans Cross-Country Champion-  
 ship is being run over our trail which I trust will be to the  
 satisfaction of the competitors.  
 It reflects favourably on our sport when an event with such  
 high standard of ability and enthusiasm can be classed as  
 'Veterans Race'.  
 The tremendous interest created by the Veterans Club must  
 certainly be of assistance to all clubs and benefit the sport  
 generally.  
 J. YOUNG  
 President  
 Clydesdale Harriers  
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 As your first Hon. President, may I say that with commend-  
 able enterprise the Scottish Veteran Harriers Club has  
 already portrayed its power in the field of competition in  
 unmistakable fashion especially by leaders of the calibre of  
 Bill Stoddart, Andrew Forbes and John Emmet Farrell.  
 The first named has so far shown his outstanding qualities  
 by establishing himself as the top performer in Britain at  
 his age; indeed, might he not be already recognised un-  
 crowned champion of the world ! This first Championship  
 Meeting is another step in the right direction which may re-  
 veal further emergence of improving Veteran Stars if that  
 be possible in the varied divisions.  
 GEO. DALLAS, MBE  
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COVER PAGE:-

BILL STODDART, winner of the 'British' Veterans Cross-  
 Country Championship with his trophy. He won by over half  
 minute from the second man in the mammoth field, the

## OFFICIALS

<u>Referee:</u>	G. DALLAS, M.B.E. (Hon. President, Scottish Veteran H.C.)
<u>Guests of Honour</u>	F. GRAHAM, Esq. President S.A.A.A. R.M. DALGLEISH, Esq. Vice-President, SCCU.
<u>Judges:</u>	D. URQUHART, J. GIRVIN
<u>Timekeepers:</u>	J. R. SCOTT D. B. BROOKE
<u>Recorders:</u>	G. PICKERING J. P. SHIELDS R. KINLOCH

Liaison: T. DAILY

Trail: MEMBERS OF CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

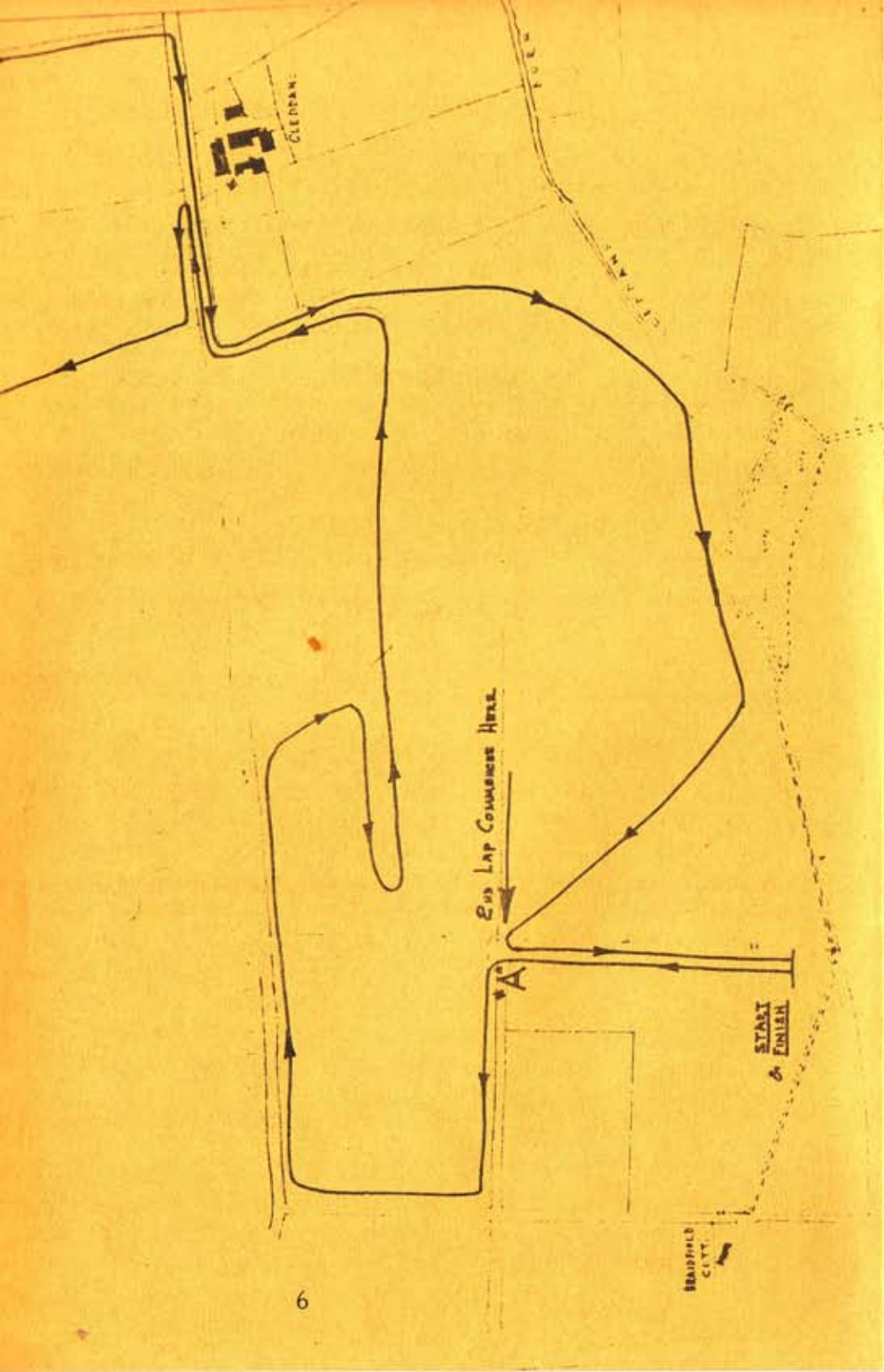
The Presentation of Awards will take place in St. Columba School  
 at 4.15 p.m.

Hon. Secretary:

W. J. Ross, 10 Thornley Avenue, Glasgow, W.3.

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The Secretary, who for some years printed and published "The Scots Athlete" came across a poem which had been penned anonymously. I have concluded it was written by a Clydesdale Harrier of yesteryear who contributed to the local Press under the pseudonym 'Excelsior' (Clydesdale's motto!). I published it in 1947, giving it the title "To a Harrier" Though tempted to retitle it "To a Veteran", I think it is an appropriate time and place to re-print it as it stands. It is dedicated to ALL who enjoy the sport!

W. J. Ross.

### TO A HARRIER

Some fellow-men seem lucky, yet I  
yearn to change with few,  
But from my heart this afternoon I  
needs must envy you,  
Mud-spattered runners, light of foot,  
who on this dismal day  
With rhythmic stride and heads upheld  
go swinging on your way.

A dismal day? A foolish word; I  
should not years ago,  
Despite the drizzle and the chill, have  
ever thought it so;  
For then I might have been with you  
your rich reward to gain  
That glow beneath the freshened skin  
O runners through the rain.

All weather is a friend to you; rain  
sunshine, snow or sleet;  
The changing course - road, grass or  
plough - you pass on flying feet;  
No crowds you need to urge you on; no  
cheers your efforts wake;  
Yours is the sportsman's purest joy -  
you run for running's sake.

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# ENTRANTS

MS:

## LAHOUSTON HARRIERS

F. Armour  
P. Livingston  
C. Mercer  
J. McLean

## DESDALE HARRIERS

J. O'Boyle 51 D. Bowman  
W. Hislop 52 G. White  
J. Kielty  
J. Sweeney  
J. Young

## KILBRIDE A.A.C.

R. Gannon  
M. Logie  
J. Moore

## EDINBURGH SOUTHERN H.

W. Grant  
H.S. Millar  
J.S. Petty  
C. Third

## GLASGOW WELLPARK H.

J. Stevenson  
T. Stevenson  
W.D. Stoddart  
D. Anderson

## GARSCUBE HARRIERS

20 R. Donald  
54 D.G. Causon  
55 W.J. Ross

## MARYHILL HARRIERS

21 R. McDonald  
56 G.J. Porteous  
57 T. Harrison  
72 J.E. Farrell

## MONKLAND HARRIERS

22 J. Geddes  
23 W. McBrinn  
24 D. McKirdy

## SHETTLESTON HARRIERS

25 T. Fletcher  
26 H. Mitchell  
71 G. Taylor

## VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.

27 R.C. Calderwood  
28 R. Kane  
58 A. Forbes  
59 J.L. Logan

## INDIVIDUALS:

29 J. Brownlie  
30 T. Brownlie  
31 A. Cook  
32 T. D. Todd  
33 J. Edgar  
34 I.D. Steedman  
35 W. Marshall  
73 R. Devon  
36 R. Pickard  
37 H. Scott  
38 D. Clelland  
39 W. Scott  
40 T. Monaghan  
74 R. Smith  
41 C.R. Hamilton-Jones  
42 C.D. Forbes  
43 W.J. Russell  
44 R.H. Pape  
45 W.F. Lindsay  
60 T. Weatherhead  
61 J. Hanton  
75 H. Haughie

Cambuslang Harriers  
"  
Falkirk Victoria Harriers  
"  
Lewisvale Spartans  
"  
Motherwell Y.M.C.A.  
"  
Perth Railway A.C.  
"  
Stirling A.C.  
"  
Scottish Vets H.C.  
"  
Edinburgh A.C.  
Irvine Y.M.C.A.  
Monkland Harriers  
Royal Naval A.C.  
Teviotdale Harriers  
Airedale Harriers  
Paisley Harriers  
Springburn Harriers

Note:

Numbers 51 and upwards denote Over 50 qualification.....

Numbers 71 and upwards denote Over 60 qualification.



## Y DO WE RUN ?

### VETERAN POSES AND ANSWERS THE QUESTION

do we run, or rather why do we continue to run? For many  
s, despite the harsh ministrations of Father Time, still  
n to run and compete. The lust of honest contest is little  
ted though the competition is on a different level.

haps it has become a habit, though in more poetic terms it  
d be regarded as a way of life.

ically we run because we like to run, because we would rather  
than not run. Amateurs, nothing dictates except our own  
pelling urge.

asked point blank to give reasons for our peculiar cult must  
not stop and ponder? For though there may be many separate  
ors they have become closely interwoven into one entity like  
strands of a garment which we separate at our peril.

ne are conscious, some perhaps sub-conscious, but all valid  
sons for our participation. Apart from getting to like it for its  
sake which is reason enough, we may run because we feel fitter.  
re positively expressed as a feeling of exhilaration and of well-  
ng. At times it is possible to reach a peak when we say we are  
the pink" or we feel we could "jump over the moon".

n there is the release from the pressures of business and our  
plex civilisation. Man has become the slave of his technical  
ance. This has given us many comforts but has made us  
ter and less robust. Running provides a compensation.

r horizons, blue skies, green fields, scudding clouds, nature in  
its moods is far removed from the roar of the city and the  
ustrophobia of narrow streets and buildings. At the same time  
may subconsciously satisfy the artist in us. At all seasons the  
ours and landscape of the country provide a poetic response.

Paradoxically, fitness it not just a physical thing. It has, if I  
may use the term in a comprehensive manner, almost 'spiritual'  
connotations. The fitter one is, the less aware of one's body.  
In complete fitness we feel almost ethereal - like a disembodied  
spirit.

Then to use the jargon of psychology it can sublimate our  
atavistic tendencies, channeling our combative urges into  
harmless paths. And as some dedication is required to reach  
a given standard this provides a bonus in the development of the  
will and character. Then there is the challenge, the pursuit,  
the quest, the struggle which tend to give some meaning to life.

But in the last analysis all these are irrelevant.

As well ask why we run as ask a duck why it swims, a bird why  
it flies. It has become the natural thing to do. Louis Arm-  
strong, asked to define jazz, replied "If you've gotta ask,  
you'll never know". So with running, analysis is secondary,  
experience everything. And, let's admit it, it's just a great  
bit of fun !

JOHN E. FARRELL

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"To A Harrier" contd.

O games are good - manoeuvres shared  
to make the team's success,  
The practised skill, the guiding brain,  
the trained unselfishness;  
But there's no game men ever played  
that gives the zest you find  
In using limbs and heart and lungs to  
leave long miles behind.

I'll dream that I am with you now to  
win my second wind,  
To feel my fitness like a flame; the  
pack's already thinned.  
The turf is soft beneath my feet, the  
drizzle's on my face,  
And in my spirit there is pride, for I  
can stand the pace.



The First Veterans Cross-Country Race in Scotland was held at Pollok Estate, Glasgow, on Saturday 20th March 1971. There were 33 participants and 32 completed the course. Here are the main details:-

W. J. Russell  
H. Mitchell  
W. Marshall  
T. Stevenson  
W. Armour  
C.D. Forbes  
J. McLean  
A. Forbes

Over 50

A. Forbes  
T. Harrison  
W. J. Ross

Over 60

J. E. Farrell  
H. Haughie  
R. Devon

Strettleston Harriers won the Team Award.

TO-DAY'S RESULTS

1	Time:
2	"
3	"
4	"
5	"
6	"

Over 50

1  
2  
3

Over 60

1  
2  
3

TEAM RESULTS:

1  
2  
3

The Scottish Cross-Country Union and the Scottish Veteran Harriers Club wish to record their thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of today's Championships.

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# SCOTTISH VETERAN HARRIERS CLUB

(OVER 40, OVER 50, OVER 60 : )



TRACK, ROAD and CROSS-COUNTRY

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