Round 3: MEMBERS 10k – 19.04.2026

The Members 10k on April 19th was Round 3 of the Grand Prix and, as always, was a wonderful event! Excellently organised, beautiful weather and a selection of cakes afterwards - what more could a runner want!

This local round came after two races over longer race distances and further away so attracted a good number of championship entrants despite it taking place just week before the London Marathon. There were also plenty of non-GP runners, including some tackling their first ever 10k.

An event of this quality needs a big team to make it run smoothly and 15 volunteering points were on offer to any GP competitors who preferred to help out rather than run.

Entrants were set off in waves in their Grand Prix groups so you could see your rivals and engage in mind games and tactical battles!

Group 1 (12 registered competitors)
1 Connor Gates, 2 Silky Ng, 3 Simon Thornhill, 4 Mark Philbrick.

Championship leader Kev Howarth was behind his camera for this round, and it was Connor Gates taking the win just like he did last year. Silky Ng was the runner-up for the second race in a row, with Simon Thornhill 3rd and Mark Philbrick 4th.

Championship: 1 Kev Howarth (50 points), 2 Silky Ng (47), 3= Mark Philbrick & Simon Thornhill (44), 5 Oliver York (31), 6 Mark Griffin (23), 7= Adam Wilkinson & Connor Gates (20), 9 Greg Dunning (18), 10 Steve Camacho (12), 11= James Bevis & Toby Chapman (0).

Group 2 (9 registered competitors)
1 James Wall, 2 Jason Mercer, 3 James Brinkley.

After a disappointing Paddock Wood Half, last year’s Group 2 Champion James Wall was back on song for this round and took the win from Jason Mercer and James Brinkley.

Championship: 1 James Brinkley (49 points), 2 James Wall (48), 3 Jason Mercer (34), 4 Melody Kane (33), 5 Haki Bardhi (32), 6 Christophe Cardon (20), 7 Stephen Pond (15), 8 Oliver Hitch (14), 9 Kevin Chadwick (0).

Group 3 (8 registered competitors)
1 Tim Williams, 2 Johnny Gill.

Just the two Group 3s, with Paddock Wood winner Tim Williams leading home Canterbury victor Johnny Gill.

Championship: 1 Tim Williams (56 points), 2 Johnny Gill (38), 3 Kobus Kellermann (31), 4 Emma Stevens (30), 5= Cameron Swatton & Adam Shahin (18), 7 Matthew Pond (14), 8 Steve Bowley (0).

Group 4 (10 registered competitors)
1 Steve Wilde, 2 Nick White, 3 Jamie White.

Twice a runner-up so far this season, Steve Wilde took the winner's laurels at Petts Wood. Nick White in his first event started with an earlier group but the GP committee were able to fact check his run and slot him into 2nd, with Jamie White 3rd.

Championship: 1 Steve Wilde (56 points), 2 Jamie White (47), 3 John Kingscott (40), 4 Mark Franks (39), 5 Elly Phillips (31), 6= Marcus Elwes & Oliver Evans (27), 8 Nick White (18), 9 Tom Medhurst (15), 10 Charles Crabtree (0).

Group 5 (12 registered competitors)
1 Paul Edmonton, 2 Chloe Haffenden, 3 Jeremy Belbin, 4 Stuart Scott.

Paul Edmonton took his third win in a row, with last year's Group 5 champion Chloe Haffenden 2nd, and season debutants Jeremy Belbin and Stuart Scott 3rd and 4th respectively.

Championship: 1 Paul Edmonton (60 points), 2 Kerrie Donohue (51), 3 Chloe Haffenden (49), 4 Simon Keyes (31), 5 Laura Elvin (29), 6 Jeremy Belbin (16), 7 Stuart Scott (15), 8= Ben Nash, Catherine Round, Jim Winbourne, Sam Gibbs & Steven King (0).

Group 6 (11 registered competitors)
1 Steven Wynne, 2 Trevor Adams, 3 Mike Reeves.

Steven Wynne took the victory in Group 6 from Trevor Adams who was combining it with a training run. Mike Reeves was 3rd having set off last as he was on starting duty for the groups.

Championship: 1 Ellen Ball (48 points), 2 Trevor Adams (34), 3 Andy Hall (33), 4= Chloe Wilkinson, David Moore & Steven Wynne (20), 7 Michael Reeves (16), 8= Alison Horn, Callum Biggins, Greg Farrell & Paul Whelan (0).

Group 7 (8 registered competitors)
1 Kevin Ly, 2 Roger King, 3 Ed Bossert.

Kevin Ly took the honours from Roger King, with 2025 Group 8 champion and last year's Members 10k winner Ed Bossert 3rd.

Championship: 1 Ed Bossert (48 points) 2 Kirsty Caulfield (40), 3 Kevin Ly (38), 4 Roger King (30), 5 Jonathan Bond (16), 6 David Welfare (15), 7 Guy Sims (13), 8 Matt Leggett (0).

Group 8 (9 registered competitors)
1 Mark Burgess, 2 Seaton Giles, 3 Scott Haragan, 4 Adam Waterman, 5 Mike Roberts.

Mark Burgess' tactics of just doing enough worked to perfection. Mike Roberts set the early pace before Seaton Giles sailed past taking Burgess with him. Burgess was forced into taking the lead earlier than he had intended when they went past runners from another group, but was able to hold on to take the win. Giles was 2nd from Scott Haragan, Adam Waterman and Roberts.

Championship: 1 Mark Burgess (50 points), 2 Ian Bauly (40), 3 Adam Waterman (31), 4 Mike Roberts (30), 5= Tabitha Rogers, Liane Evans & Seaton Giles (18), 8 Scott Haragan (16), 9 Stuart Isaacs (14).

Group 9 (10 registered competitors)
1 Emma Chapman, 2 Anthony Donohue, 3 Agne Zavistanavice, 4 Adam Jenkins.

Emma Chapman took the honours in Group 9 from Anthony Donohue. Agne Zavistanavice set off at quite a pace but was reeled in and finished 3rd, while Adam Jenkins was 4th.

Championship: 1 Agne Zavistanavice (46 points), 2 Andrew Vadron (40), 3 Steve Burnett (36), 4 Emma Chapman (33), 5 Lucy Tang (31), 6 Anthony Donohue (18), 7= Julian Edmonds, Paul Strachan & Adam Jenkins (15), 10 Edwina Cheng (0).

Group 10 (9 registered competitors)
1 Paul Munday, 2 Katie Isaacs, 3 Amelia Isaacs, 4 Vassilis Sakizlis, 5 Millie Haffenden, 6 Rachel Knowles.

Three wins from three for Paul Munday, while usual runner-up Millie Haffenden was down in 5th as the two Isaac sisters, Katie and Amelia, came in 2nd and 3rd, and Vassilis Sakizlis was 4th. Rachel Knowles was her usual reserved self, hiding from the cameras (not), in 6th.

Championship: 1 Paul Munday (60 points), 2 Millie Haffenden (50), 3 Katie Isaacs (33), 4 Amelia Isaacs (30), 5 Rachel Knowles (29), 6 Vassilis Sakizlis (28), 7 Rachel King (12), 8= David Groom & Stephen Woodgate (0).

Group 11 (10 registered competitors)
1 Iain Jameson, 2 David Horsfield, 3 Nigel Hewson, 4 Wendy Everest, 5 Dean Chapman, 6 Steve Munday, 7 Andrew Cochrane.

Iain Jameson added the 10k win to his Canterbury 10 miler victory at the season opener. David Horsfield making his first appearance this season was 2nd from Paddock Wood victor Nigel Hewson. In a large turnout, Wendy Everest was 4th of the seven runners from Dean Chapman, Steve Munday and Andrew Cochrane.

Championship: 1 Iain Jameson (58 points), 2 Nigel Hewson (36), 3 Wendy Everest (31), 4 Dean Chapman (29), 5= Viral Tanna & David Horsfield (18), 7 Steve Munday (13), 8 Andrew Cochrane (12), 9= Ben Clarkson & Hilary Morton (0).

Group 12 (11 registered competitors)
1 Stuart Collins, 2 Maxine Horsfield, 3 Jackie York.

Stuart Collins took the Group 12 victory on his debut in the Grand Prix. Last year's Group 9 champion Maxine Horsfield was 2nd ahead of Jackie York.

Championship: 1 Jackie York (45 points), 2= Joe Murray & Pippa Niven (38), 4 Maxine Horsfield (34), 5 Sally Callaghan (31), 6 Louis Strover (30), 7 Stuart Collins (20), 8= Neil Sutton, Steven Dong, Summer Bond & Tara Dennehy (0).

Group 13 (10 registered competitors)
1 Jo Stephens-Smith, 2 Rebecca Sampson, 3 Matt Smith, 4 Emma Horan, 5 Kevin Castle, 6 Nick Squires, 7 Damian Parker, 8 Catherine Crabtree.

Group 13 was well supported with 8 of the registered competitors racing. Jo Stephens-Smith was one of four making her season entrance and she took the victory from Canterbury winner Rebecca Sampson. Matt Smith was 3rd from Emma Horan, Kevin Castle, Nick Squires, Damian Parker and Catherine Crabtree.

Championship: 1 Rebecca Sampson (38 points), 2 Tracey Isaacs (35), 3 Matt Smith (34), 4 Emma Horan (33), 5 Damian Parker (28), 6 Jo Stephens-Smith (20), 7 Kevin Castle (14), 8 Nick Squires (13), 9 Catherine Crabtree (11), 10 Richard Bodie (0).

Group 14 (9 registered competitors)
1 Rob Sampson, 2 Emma Alford-Smith, 3 Daisy Makin, 4 Rob White, 5 Colin Logier, 6 Liz Delamain.

Canterbury winner Rob Sampson repeated his success at Petts Wood in Group 14 from 5 runners taking part in their first event in this year's series - Emma Alford-Smith leading home Daisy Makin, Rob White, Colin Logier and Liz Delamain.

Championship: 1 Rob Sampson (40 points), 2 Pam Dodds (38), 3 Jim Kirkland (34), 4 Emma Alford-Smith (18), 5 Daisy Makin (16), 6 Rob White (15), 7 Colin Logier (14), 8 Liz Delamain (13), 9 Hannah LLoyd (0).

G**roup 15 (13 registered competitors)**
1 Amy Vistuer, 2 Julie Medhurst, 3 Olivia Senbanjo, 4 Lou Stocks, 5 John Perks.

After a few years' absence from the Grand Prix, Amy Vistuer was back and winning Group 15. Julie Medhurst was 2nd from Olivia Senbanjo, Lou Stocks and John Perks.

Championship: 1 Nathalie Juchau (40 points), 2 Denise Eva (36), 3 Lou Stocks (31), 4 Olivia Senbanjo (30), 5 Ian Matthews (29), 6 Amy Vistuer (20), 7 Julie Medhurst (18), 8 Terry Stocks (15), 9 John Perks (14), 10 Julie Travers (12), 11= David Allison, Matthew Bradshaw & Richard Dunstan (0).

Group 16 (11 registered competitors)
1 Rachel Inman, 2 Biljana Petrushevska, 3 Archana Patil, 4 Paula Gleeson, 5 Oscar Engles.

Rachel Inman took the Group 16 win just a week before tackling the London Marathon. Biljana Petrushevska claimed her second runner-up spot of the series so far from Archana Patil, Paula Gleeson and Oscar Engles.

Championship: 1 Rachel Inman (51 points), 2 Paula Gleeson (46), 3 Biljana Petrushevska (36), 4= Katie Garvey & Eleanor Pinkerton (35), 6 Eric Nash (28), 7 Jenny Waterman (18), 8 Archana Patil (16), 9 Sandra Goodwin (15), 10 Oscar Engles (14), 11 David Smyth (0).

Group 17 (9 registered competitors)
1 Sonia Lowing, 2 Christina Springbett, 3 Karen Mercer, 4 Jan Bodie, 5 Barbara Carr, 6 Chris Haydon, 7 Paul Pester, 8 Emma Bossert.

All but one of the Group 17s turned out for this round and it was last year's Group 13 runner-up Sonia Lowing who took the honours from Canterbury winner Christina Springbett and Karen Mercer. Jan Bodie was 4th from Barbara Carr, Chris Haydon, Paul Pester and Emma Bossert, who is the only one to have raced at all three rounds.

Championship: 1 Emma Bossert (47 points), 2 Christina Springbett (38), 3 Chris Haydon (31), 4 Barbara Carr (29), 5 Sonia Lowing (20), 6 Karen Mercer (16), 7 Jan Bodie (15), 8 James Fisher (14), 9 Paul Pester (12).

Group 18 (9 registered competitors)
1 Kathy Strachan, 2 Lyttleton Barrett, 3 Polly Branch, 4 Kary Leggett.

Kathy Strachan was well delighted with her Group 18 win, from Lyttleton Barrett, Polly Branch and Kary Leggett.

Championship: 1 Kary Leggett (49 points), 2 Lyttleton Barrett (38), 3 Clare Evans (33), 4 Christina Bird & Kathy Strachan (20), 6 Polly Branch (16), 7= Anne Hanifin, Giovanni Figoni & Linda Bowley (0).

Group 19 (7 registered competitors)
1 Kumiko Broadhurst, 2 Holly Hutson, 3 Sarah Davis.

At last there were others to challenge Holly Hutson who had been the sole Group 19 runner at the opening two rounds. Kumiko Broadhurst took the victory from Hutson, with Sarah Davis 3rd.

Championship: 1 Holly Hutson (58 points), 2 Kumiko Broadhurst (20), 3 Sarah Davis (16), 4= Catherine Jones, Corinne Hollamby, Emma Sims & Pherenice Worsey-Buck (0).

Group 20 (9 registered competitors)
1 Liz Squires, 2 Karin Bradshaw, 3 Colleen Harding, 4 Simon Gleeson, 5 Ruth Feltham.

Liz Squires suddenly had some opposition in Group 20 but still came out on top with the win over Karin Bradshaw, Colleen Harding, Simon Gleeson (the only other Group 20 to have raced before this round) and Ruth Feltham.

Championship: 1 Liz Squires (60 points), 2 Simon Gleeson (51), 3 Karin Bradshaw (18), 4 Colleen Harding (16), 5 Hannah Harrison (15), 6 Ruth Feltham (14), 7= Edmund Purves, Natasha Figoni & Sherry Bevan (0).

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