

SANGCOM Charity Half Marathon and Fun Run



minutes and 38 seconds. Second placed was Ryan Hutcheon in 18 mins 45 secs

For the first time the race had two wheel chair participants Abeer Al Sharif and her coach Rick Ryan. Abeer a Jordanian, is planning to be part of the Jordanian Olympic team in 2012 at London. She completed the course in a very creditable time of 1 hr 20 mins and 3 secs.

The Riyadh Road Runners put in a strong showing with a clean sweep of the top three positions in the Male Half Marathon. The winner was Patrick Casey, in 1 hr 29 mins and 21 secs with second place going to David Wright, 1hr 30 mins and 32 secs and Kelvin Hills in third place with 1 hr 32 mins and 53 secs.

The Ladies Half Marathon was won by Jo Stoddart, of SANGCOM, in 1 hr 36 mins and 42 with second place going to Wendy Hutcheon in 1 hr 48 mins and 49 secs.

All participants, on crossing the finish line, received a bag containing a race tee shirt, fruit drinks from Al Rabie, voucher for the BBQ and a certificate of completion complete with their time.

Following the award of prizes, by SANGCOM Project Director Colonel Jo Fletcher, all participants enjoyed a tasty BBQ with some partaking of the Salwa Village Fete.

A total of SAR 25,000 was raised for the two charities. The Race Organisers would like to thank the following companies for their support and sponsorship of the event: the Al Khozama Hotel, Al Manhal Water Company, Al Rabie, AXA Insurance, BAE Systems, Riyadh Sheraton Hotel, SABB, GPT SPM and the RGBB.

A date for your diary; next year's event is scheduled for Friday 5th February – see you there.

The Second Sangcom Charity Half Marathon and Fun Run took place at Salwa Village Compound, 45 km North East of Riyadh on Friday 6th February. This year the race took place to support two charities. The Disabled Children's Association – a Saudi Arabian charity which seeks to assist the rehabilitation of disabled children to enable them to be independent and Help for Heroes – a UK charity which supports wounded servicemen and women who have been injured on operations.

Registration opened at 8:00 AM and following the race briefing at 9:40 165 runners moved to the start line for the start at 10:00AM, initiated by Air Vice Marshall Peter Ruddock Director General of the MoD Air Team.

The Fun run, which was one lap of the compound, was 3.7 kms in length, with the Half Marathon runners completing six laps for a total of 21.1 kms.

The weather was perfect for running with 19 degrees, overcast and with a pleasant cooling breeze and assisted the runners. The two water stations, using the water donated by the Al Manhal Water Company, were kept busy helping keep the runners cool and hydrated.

First across the finish line for the Fun Run was Michael Atkinson, in an excellent time of 18

- Photos clockwise from top left
- 1, The Start
 - 2, Fun Run Winner Michael Atkinson
 - 3, Lady Winner Jo Stoddart
 - 4, Male Winner Patrick Casey
 - 5, Young determination
 - 6, ORR presents RGBB Cheque to Pete Stoddard
 - 7, Abeer crosses the line

