

Revenge for Holmes



Above: Competitors start in the Silsden New Year's Day fun run.



IAN HOLMES (left) took revenge over Robert Hope in the Auld Lang Syne fell race.

The top fell running duo have a personal battle for supremacy after Hope won the Stoop race for the second year. He set off at a cracking pace on New Year's Eve, but came unstuck as Holmes overtook him on the initial climb and pulled out a 400-yard lead.

Andy Peace was third and Steve Oldfield won his seventh Over-40 title.

Heavy conditions meant most times were below previous years, but ladies winner Lucy Whittaker of Saddleworth was on top form finishing in 45:20, after winning the Whinberry Naze Dash in a record time on Boxing Day, and second placed Sharon Taylor beat her previous best to finish in 47:24 despite falling in heavy mud.

Results: 1 Ian Holmes (Bingley) 35:26; 2 Robert Hope (P&B) 36:52; 3 Andy Peace (Bingley) 37:35; 4 Andy Robertshaw (39:04); 5 Ted Mason (Wharfe) 39:17; 6 Steve Oldfield V-40 (Bradford & Airedale) 39:24; 7 Peter Brittleton (Howgill) 40:02; 8 Andy Clarke (Calder) 40:49; 9 Ian Greenwood V-40 (Clayton) 40:53; 10 Brian Cole (Horwich) 40:55.

Under-18 Thomas Cornthwaite (Hyndburn) 41:58. Over-50 Tony Hesketh (Horwich) 42:53; Over-60 Don Ashton (Darwen) 49:07; Over-70 Brian Leathley 66:08.

Team: 1 Bingley (23pts), 2 Clayton (36pts).

Ladies: 1 Lucy Whittaker (Saddleworth) 45:20; 2 Sharron Taylor (Bingley) 47:24; 3 Lisa Nacon (Holmfirth) 47:33; 4 Pauline Munro (Bingley) 48:30; 5 Ellen Leggate (Harrow) 49:09; 7 Victoria McParland 50:38; 8 Kirsten Bailey (Bingley) 50:41; 9 Sally Naylor V-35 (Ilkley) 51:03; 10 Jo Prowse V-40 (K&C) 51:30. Over-50: Margaret Jagan (Epoc) 56:39. Team: Bingley (14 pts).

A new fell race is to be held at Penistone Hill on February 9 in memory of John Taylor, who died from a rare heart condition last August. The

event 'John's Run' will raise money for the John Taylor Foundation for Young Athletes with entry by donation, there will also be junior races from Under-8s to Under-16s.

■ Keighley runner Helen Glover was second lady in the popular Wans Fell race at Ambleside in the Lake District. She finished the race 37th overall in a time of 28mins 55 secs.

Local runner Paul Crabtree was 21st in 25:30 with Rachael Sharples 51st and second Lady-Vet in 32:25.

■ Over 50 runners took part in the Silsden New Year's Day fun run organised by Paul Buckley.

Damien Scholes beat last year's winner Lee Athersmith with Johnnie Butler, who was winner in 1986, in third place. The event raised £75 for Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire, which supports work at Romanian orphanages.



Silsden winners Jo Prowse, Damien Scholes, junior girl Katy Heaton, and boy Matthew Smith.

Below: Sharon Taylor takes a dive in the Auld Lang Syne fell race

