

Teams from AHDB Scotland, Landmark Systems Ltd and Begbies Traynor take the honours in RSABI Great Glen Challenge 2019!

The team from AHDB Scotland was crowned winner of the 2019 RSABI Great Glen Challenge, sponsored by full-service Scottish law firm Ledingham Chalmers, solicitors on Friday, beating 25 other teams to the trophy following a thrilling competition in the wettest conditions seen for the competition since its inception.

Landmark Systems Ltd took a very close second and last year's winners Begbies Traynor came third.

This year's event saw a total of 104 competitors from teams throughout the Scottish agricultural and rural business sector complete the multi-sport 46 km course from Fort Augustus to Benavie by Fort William. Competitors in teams of four plus a support driver mountain biked, kayaked, walked and ran their way down the Great Glen against the clock.

Supporting event partners Bank of Scotland, The Scottish Farmer, Rettie & Co and Royal Bank of Scotland all fielded teams. Rettie & Co finished in fourth place with strong showings in the walk and the kayak.

The results for the different sections of the event were as follows:

Mountain Bike:

- 1st Ran Morgan – Knight Frank (winner in 2018)
- 2nd Alistair Gray – Landmark Systems Ltd
- 3rd Johnny Perriam – Knight Frank

Kayaking:

- 1st Tim Isaac – AHDB Scotland
- Joint 2nd
Nick Ainscough – Rettie & Co and
John McCrae – Landmark Systems Ltd

Walk:

- 1st Paul Flanagan – AHDB Scotland
- Joint 2nd
Joanna Tinson – Rettie & Co
Ken Pattullo – Begbies Traynor
Calum Johnston – SAC Consulting Team B

Run:

- 1st Lawrence O'Hara – Begbies Traynor (Winner in 2018)
- 2nd Seamus Murphy – SAC Consulting Solutions Team A
- 3rd Andrew Weir – United Auctions Team Young Stirks)

Donations are still open for another few weeks to help RSABI hit the target of £50,000. For those wishing to donate can still do so at www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/RSABIGGC19 Please support the competitors who biked, kayaked, walked and ran in the most awful conditions to help people in Scottish Agriculture.

Nina Clancy RSABI's CEO and co-ordinator for this year's Challenge said:

"Congratulations to the team from AHDB and commiserations to Landmark Systems Ltd who missed out on the top spot by just a few points!"

She continued:

"I am amazed at the camaraderie and good spirit from all the competitors who despite the rain kept smiling"

Ledingham Chalmers, solicitors partner Jim Drysdale said:

"What a fantastic show from all the competitors in this year's event. It's gratifying to see that, whatever the weather, this event continues to attract increasing numbers of participants keen to help raise funds for those in the agriculture sector who need a bit of extra support."

Notes to Editors:

- Those looking to donate can do so at www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/RSABIGGC19 or by calling the event hotline on 0131 472 4166
- More about the event, including the route card and overviews of each of the stages can be found at www.rsabi.org.uk
- RSABI is a registered charity (No. SCO009828) which provides emotional, practical and financial support, and a helpline to improve the lives of farmers/crofters and their dependants, now experiencing hardship. Contact: www.rsabi.org.uk or 0300 111 4166.
- Individuals, businesses and organisations wishing to support RSABI financially, join the Supporter Scheme or volunteer are urged to contact rsabi@rsabi.org.uk/www.rsabi.org.uk

26 Teams for RSABI Great Glen Challenge 2019 (below)

Bank of Scotland
The Scottish Farmer
Rettie & Co
Royal Bank of Scotland (Teams A & B)
NFU Scotland (Teams Scrambled Legs & Easier Said Than Run)
Graham's The Family Dairy
Begbies Traynor
Peacehill Farming
SAC Consulting Solutions (Teams A & B)
Tarff Valley Ltd (Teams Tarff & Tarfftastic)
Scottish Land & Estates (Strong Loud and Energetic)
AHDB Scotland
Knight Frank (Teams 1 & 2)
United Auctions (United Auctions Young Stirks)
SAYFC
HSBC UK
Royal Highland Agricultural Show Society (Team Royal & Team Highland)
Landmark Systems Ltd
Ardardan Estate Ltd (Monty's)
Brodies LLP