

**Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**COLIBAN RELAYS**

**Harcourt to Bendigo**

On the law of averages it had to happen! In the (unlucky) thirteenth year of its running, the Coliban Relays were hit by some crook weather. I guess it could have been worse. The big problem is of course that because of the nature of the event, runners can't go off home and have a shower and warm up. Most have to stick around and wait 'til the bitter end – and on Saturday it was bitter! An indication of the conditions was the fact that for only the second time in recent history *all* the hot water disappeared from the thermos flasks. Some of the people may have been just wrapping their hands around the cup, but who cares.

It was great to hear all the cheers from those huddled around the hot water for the Collingwood runners as they made their way down the home straight in Bendigo. These events certainly do a lot for Club spirit! **Collingwood had the most number of teams in the event, a feat that did not go unnoticed by those at A.V.** It was terrific to see a number of our juniors having a run in the senior teams along with newcomer **Rae Barker** having her first run *for* the Club – what an introduction to athletics! **Will Sheils** did his bit in Divvy 1, while **Mason Barnes** (2), **Jacob McCormack** (3), **Jordan Minter** (4), **Jacob Barnes** (6) and **Lachlan Derby** (7) all filled an important role for their respective teams. **Eloise Derby** was the only runner in our second women's team but it was important that she was there as an emergency for the ladies. A couple of our under twenties, **Josh Debinski** and **Nick Denner** both tackled the challenging first leg that concludes with a short sprint(!) up Mt. Alexander. How much fun can you have?

Thanks to all the drivers - parent and friends - for their assistance in ferrying people around the course. Events like these can't work without such support.

We had a stack of people unavailable to run with a variety of excuses. Holidays and injuries certainly robbed us of the opportunity to have another three (2 men, 1 women) teams in the event. Our Divvy three and six teams did really well considering the absentees. The unavailability of three of this season's best performers certainly didn't help our top teams. Had everyone been in the mix, there may have been a slew of very impressive results indeed.

**RESULTS**

**Division 1**

Patrick O'Keeffe	20:15	<b>5.5k</b>
Will Sheils (16)	23:52	<b>6.0k</b>
Malcolm Campbell	29:42	<b>8.4k</b>
Paul Munro	36:37	<b>10.0k</b>
Magnus Michelsson	26:31	<b>7.9k</b>
Anthony Weiland	17:20	<b>5.1k</b>

Finished 10<sup>th</sup>. out of 11 2hr 34m 37m  
Winner: Glenhuntly 2hr 17m 50s

**Division 2**

Ken Duxbury	23:59
Michael O'Keeffe	25:40
Tony Bird	33:38
Chris Waldron	43:15
Mason Barnes (17)	30:17
Stuart Kollmorgen	17:51

Finished 12<sup>th</sup>. out of 12 2hr 54m 40s  
Winner: Frankston 2hr 20m 10s

**Division 3**

Daniel Rees	21:56	<b>5.5k</b>
Simon Blyth	24:21	<b>6.0k</b>
Tony Hally	32:11	<b>10.0k</b>
Simon Duffy	29:57	<b>7.9k</b>
Jacob McCormack (15)	18:12	<b>5.1k</b>

Finished: 4<sup>th</sup>. out of 14 2hr 06m 37s  
 Winner: Wendouree 1hr 50m 00s

**Division 4**

Dale Nardella	25:40
Paul Wallace	26:06
Jarrold Kanizay	36:21
John Cramer	34:33
Jordan Minter (14)	18:17

Finished 10<sup>th</sup>. out of 12 2hr 20m 57s  
 Winner: Geelong 1hr 53m 40s

**Division 5**

Nick Denner	26:43	<b>5.5k</b>
Chris Boylen	29:21	<b>6.0k</b>
Shane Derby	37:29	<b>10.0k</b>
Chris Hayward	37:20	<b>7.9k</b>
Paul Willmot	22:27	<b>5.1k</b>

Finished 8<sup>th</sup>. out of 10 2hr 27m 42s  
 Winner: Diamond Valley 2hr 43m 53s

**Division 6**

Josh Debinski	26:15
Craig Servinis	29:57
Jim Hopkins	40:07
Michael Grech	38:45
Jacob Barnes (14)	27:09

Finished 5<sup>th</sup>. out of 10 2hr 43m 13s  
 Winner: Knox 2hr 18m 40s

**Division 7**

Graeme Paul	28:59	<b>5.5k</b>
Ian Morelli	34:22	<b>6.0k</b>
Peter Neale	41:06	<b>10.0k</b>
Robert Barnes	41:33	<b>7.9k</b>
Lachlan Derby (13)	28:28	<b>5.1k</b>

Finished 11<sup>th</sup>. out of 11 2hr 55m 08s  
 Winner: Bendigo 2hr 11m 00s

**Division 1 Women**

Janette Chapman	28:42
Carmel Pardy	31:15
Frances Willmot	40:15
Jane Kanizay	38:47
Rae Barker	23:33

Finished 10<sup>th</sup>. out of 10 2hr 42m 32s  
 Winner: Glenhuntly 2hr 10m 59s

**Division 3 Women**

**5.2k** Eloise Derby (16) 34:08

**Officials:** Rocket Williams was on duty again, representing the Club. Great to see his better half, Irene on the job again as the designated driver! Irene, also a Life Member of Collingwood, has done a power of work for AV over the years, but was just in a support capacity this time. Much appreciated Irene!

**Afternoon tea:** The bulk of the goodies came to us via the good graces of Malcolm Campbell and Stuart Kollmorgen, who have made the Coliban refreshments their domain for some years now. I know the Barnes crew did their usual bit on the side and Jordan Minter produced a welcome packet of biscuits for the ravenous (and cold) hordes. If there was anyone else – many thanks.

*There was very little left at the finish!!!*