

Saturday July 12th

ROAD RELAYS

Sandown

An inordinate number of late withdrawals and non appearances certainly dampened the spirits of the Club organisers, however there were a number of highlights on a day where we expected a very dirty day weather wise, but were pleasantly surprised with the amount of sunshine on show. The rain held off except for a couple of showers, light in both intensity and duration.

Due to the missing troops we were not able to finish all the teams we had entered, but due to a number of our injured athletes stepping up to the plate to fill holes, the Club did all right on the day.

Among the aforementioned highlights was the debut of **Michael Whitehead**, having his first run since crossing the Tasman from New Zealand. Michael recorded our fastest time in a very impressive performance. **Neil Matthews** (40+) was another to debut in the black and white.

In our top women's team, three of our runners have found their way onto our all time top time's list for this event. This obviously was instrumental in the team finishing in 5th place in Divvy 1. The names of **Virginia Moloney**, with by far her best run for Collingwood, together with **Bev Thomas** and **Erchana Murray Bartlett** will appear in the 2015 handbook. Although not quite making the list, **Bree Bryant** and **Heather Gaunt**, also ran well to complete the team.

The attrition rate was such that only three of the men originally selected in our top team finished up running in that team. We had to fill spots with runners from lower grades, which of course severely affected the quality of the teams right down the ranks.

The women's teams did not escape either! Because of a couple of late notifications, we finished up with incomplete teams in four grades (including the premiership contending under 14 team). Because runners had already had a run it was too late to switch to fill the gaps.

Our juniors once again did the black and white proud. The men's under 18 and 14 teams just missed placing in their divisions, while the under 16 team, incidentally containing two under 14s, was not disgraced. An inspection of the individual performances in some of the boys teams will show a very even batch of times.

Our only complete junior girl's team, the under 16s, again did well. **Emma Croker** had her first run *for* the Club, as opposed to *with* the Club and was a welcome addition to our ranks. **Meaghan Gaunt** recorded the fourth fastest time for the whole under 16 division with her 11:10 lap of the circuit.

Another of our senior women to do well was our top walker, **Michelle Laufer**. After a terrible run of injuries, Michelle seems to be back on track and is regaining her fitness. One of those people able to combine her walking with a few runs, Michelle is now again making waves in both fields!

RESULTS

JUNIORS

WOMEN

Under 16

3 x 3.1k

Under 14

Meaghan Gaunt	11:10	Lucy Leutchford	11:58
Emma Newton	13:44	Dnf	
Emma Croker	14:48		
Finished 7 th out of 15	39:42		
Winner: Glenhuntly	32:12		

MEN

Under 16		3 x 3.1k	Under 14	
Jack Sayer	12:24		Hayden Morris	11:19
Tom Dawson	13:26		Charlie Faubel	11:09
Lachlan Sayer	13:45		Soul Suzuki	11:19
Finished 10 th out of 15	39:35		Finished 4 th out of 15	33:4
Winner: Western Aths	30:45		Winner: Western Aths	31:15
Under 18 Team 1		3 x 3.1k	Under 18 Team 2	
Tom Hall	10:15		Jesse Frost	10:20
Ben White	10:12		Drew Roberts	11:43
Matthew Newton	10:13		Lachie White	10:43
Finished 5 th out of 20	30:40		Finished 12 th out of 20	32:46
	Winner: Glenhuntly			29:30

SENIORS

WOMEN

Division 1 5 x 6.2k			Division 2 4 x 6.2k		
Erchana Murray Bartlett	11:36	23:41	Michelle Laufer	25:47	
Bev Thomas	11:16	23:07	Amy Holmes	25:42	
Bree Bryant	12:43	25:17	Leeanne Morris	29:21	
Virginia Moloney	11:20	22:51	Clare Garganis	35:09	
Heather Gaunt	12:45	25:53			
Finished 5 th out of 10	2h 00m	49s	Finished 10 th out of 12	1h 55m	49s
Winner: Glenhuntly	1h 51m	23s	Winner: Doncaster	1h 37m	28s
Division 4 3 x 6.2k			Division 5		
Rachel Ramsdale	12:46	29:19	Rachel Barnes	36:35	
Pennie Hayes	16:36	32:49	Dnf		
Amy Camilleri	20:17	43:08			
Finished 9 th out of 11	1h 45m	16s			
Winner: Yarra Ranges	1h 16m	23s			

40+

Kim White	14:47	30:07
Sofie Fabre	15:42	31:58
Dnf		

MEN

Division 1	6 x 6.2k	Division 2
Michael Whitehead 9:44 19:34		Andrew Patten 10:28 21:44
Malcolm Campbell 10:57 21:55		Adam Saunders 10:46 21:51
Brad Bullock 10:37 21:25		Alex McLeod 11:10 22:16
Jai Edmonds 9:55 19:55		Jordan Minter 11:16 23:07
Tim Bryant 10:42 20:53		Tim Menting 11:32 23:24
Cadeyrn Douglas 10:47 21:51		Andrew Evans 11:32 23:41
Finished 10 th out of 10 2h 05m 33s		Finished 11 th out of 14 2h 16m 06s
Winner: Geelong 1h 51m 51s		Winner: Box Hill 2h 03m 44s
Division 3	5 x 6.2k	Division 4
Paul Skipper 24:53		Troy Kameme 12:26 25:34
Tony Hally 22:49		Jacob Barnes 24:47
Dale Nardella 24:00		Darren Morris 11:54 23:54
Stuart Evans 25:06		Nick Boustead 23:36
John Crameri 26:05		Josh Debinski 25:12
Finished 14 th out of 14 2h 02m 55s		Finished 4 th out of 12 2:03:02
Winner: Geelong 1h 44m 17s		Winner: Western Aths 1h 55m 27s
Division 5	4 x 6.2k	Division 6
Paul Wallace 11:55 24:00		Brett Ford 13:12 26:58
Brett Eastwood 12:26 12:57		Tim Stevenson 27:14
Daryl Standfield 12:50 25:54		Jim Hopkins 15:15 30:30
Craig Servinis 12:58 26:04		Robert Barnes 16:56 33:57
Finished 8 th out of 14 1h 41m 21s		Finished 10 th out of 14 1h 58m 39s
Winner: Ringwood 1h 19m 23s		Winner: Geelong 1h 27m 11s
Division 7 4 x 6.2k	40+	3 x 6.8k
Ken Duxbury 13:44 28:28		Neil Matthews 24:55
Jim Sayer 15:27 32:27		Chris Waldron 24:58
David Sheils 16:05 32:39		Ron Scholes 25:01
Steve Griffiths 18:26 39:12		
Finished 6 th out of 8 2h 12m 46s		Finished 5 th out of 9 1h 14m 06s
Winner: Diamond Valley 1h 39m 06s		Winner: Waverley 1h 03m 03s
50+ 3 x 6.2k		
	Peter Gaunt 24:48	
	Adrian Murphy 25:54	
	Dnf	

Officials: Collingwood was again called upon to supply extras today. Apart from **Tony Williams, Judy Mason** and **Gary McBroom** who were commandeered by AV we had to supply four others to operate the Divvy 6 men's changeover station. Two of our regulars, **Wendy Finerty** and **Lyn Humphris** again provided their services, but new ground was broken with two first timers helping the Club out. **Will Sheils**, on the sidelines with an

achilles problem, “volunteered” on the day and we were fortunate that **Kate Forbes**, better half of Alex McLeod, agreed to help us on this her first visit to the running.

Thanks also to the parents and friends who helped collect times for the Club. Among those wielding the pencil were **Doug Leutchford, James Dawson, Trent McCormick, Ian Minter** and **Vaughan Newton**. A big thank you also, to the athletes who also collected times, before or after they did their stint on the bitumen.

The ‘**Barnes** catering company’ again provided the après race treats, while the master of the whiteboard, **John Crameri**, certainly had his patience tested today with all the late changes. Thanks again to all the people who helped get all the gear back to the car park. **Clare Garganis, Troy Kameme** and **Tony Williams** were prominent. My apologies to anyone I’ve missed.