

Saturday April 21st

CROSS-COUNTRY RELAYS

Jells Park

Here it is! The one we all look forward to! The first AV event – the Relays. Will everyone get here **on time**? Will **everyone** get here? Do you need a uniform? Have you got your numbers? Have we got him in the right team? Are all the first runners at the start line? Where is he? He was here a minute ago! Ah! Here he is now – leave it how it was!

The usual bedlam – but maybe less hassles than in previous years. Most people were early and organized and (sort of) relaxed!

Collingwood had nineteen teams, the second largest contingent of the clubs involved. We were looking forward to the day. It was thought that our top men's team was the best for many years while a talented recruit was certainly going to help our top woman's team no end. There were quite a few newbies including five in the junior ranks. **Bev Thomas** and **Liam Magee** were welcome additions to our Divvy 1 teams while we also welcomed **Elli Stubbs**, **Mick McCrohan**, **Michael Abrahams** and **Nick Boustead** into the black and white colours.

David Waldron (only 9 years old), **Emily Noonan**, **Daisy Kate Pardy** and **Tom Hall** all had their first run for the Club in the junior ranks while **Nick Carah**, **Karly Cobern**, **Clare Garganis**, **Kim White** and **Michelle Laufer** all made their winter debuts after competing last summer on the track.

There were a number of terrific performances from our athletes. **Michael Bialczak** recorded the fastest time of all the 50+ competitors while we had seven magpies record 20 minutes or better for the 6k leg. There were a stack of runners who recorded a much better time than last year including **Josh Debinski**, **Jai Edmonds** and **Theresa Barnes**. **Rob Barnes** also found it better this year running without stitches in his leg! Many of the juniors also slashed many seconds off their 2011 times – we certainly have a very promising group of young athletes at the moment. (Improved margins over last year's times are shown in brackets in the following results where applicable.)

JUNIOR RESULTS

UNDER 14 3 x 3k

BOYS

Anthony Crews	12:29
Luke Garganis	13:23
David Waldron (36s)	17:02

Finished 9 th . out of 11	42:14
Winner : Doncaster	33:15

GIRLS

Meaghan Gaunt (33s)	12:33
Emily Noonan	14:24
Daisy Kate Pardy	16:43

Finished 11 th . out of 13	43:40
Winner: Western Aths	35:40

UNDER 16 3 x 3k

TEAM 1**TEAM 2**

Lachie White	(17s)	10:34	Adam Garganis	(34s)	10:47
Miles Leyden	(12s)	10:38	Tom Hall		10:47
Ben White	(19s)	10:02	Lachlan Derby	(4:32)	13:58
Finished 4 th out of 16		31:14	Finished 12 th out of 16		36:20
		Winner : Mornington			29:34

UNDER 18 3 x 3k**MEN****WOMEN**

Jordan Minter	(21s)	10:20	Nikki White		16:18
Andre Chambers	(18s)	11:51	Karly Cobern		14:37
Jacob Barnes	(1:23)	11:09	Hannah Garganis		16:35
Finished 9 th out of 15		33:20	Finished 13 th out of 15		47:29
Winner: Knox		27:09	Winner: Coburg		32:29

We had a team in every Division of the Senior competition and while we only managed one third placing (men's 2), some of the results were very promising for the season ahead, especially as we have quite a few good runners yet to make an appearance in 2012. Our Divvy 1 men finished 6th, by far our best result for many years while our top women's team finished 4th, again an improvement from the past few seasons. Our Divvy 7 team in the men's comp was filled by four of our ladies.

The increase in female numbers has been terrific – extra team in the women's section next time I think!

SENIOR RESULTS**WOMEN****Division 2 4 x 6k****40+ 3 x 6k**

Bev Thomas		22:22	Janette Chapman		28:54
Michelle Laufer		26:14	Alison Chapman	(51s)	26:38
Susan Michelsson	(=)	23:02	Sofie Fabre		29:28
Paula Charlton	(1:58)	24:44			
Finished 4 th out of 14		1hr 36:19	Finished 6 th out of 8		1hr 25:00
Winner: Glenhuntly		1hr 33:19	Winner: Sth. Melbourne		1hr 17:32

Division 3**3 x 6k****Division 4**

Rachel Barnes	13:40	14:29	28:09	Annette Van Rooyen	13:55	13:31	27:26
Elli Stubbs			28:20	Jane Kanizay	14:26	15:19	29:45
Heather Gaunt			26:06	Kim White	15:16	15:58	31:14

Finished: 8 th out of 14	1hr 22:35	Finished 8 th out of 19	1hr 28:25
Winner: Glenhuntly	1hr 13:41	Winner: Glenhuntly	1hr 17:48

MEN

Division 1

6 x 6k

Division 2

Liam Delany	19:28	Magnus Michelsson	9:46	10:14	20:00
Simon Bevege	18:51	Anthony Klarica	10:43	11:18	22:01
Paul Munro	19:13	John Charles			20:38
Patrick O'Keeffe	19:52	Anthony Mithen			21:38
Liam Magee	19:27	Mason Barnes	(1:12)		20:30
Andrew Patten	20:18	Jai Edmonds	(1:13)		19:58

Finished: 6 th out of 12	1hr 57:09	Finished: 3 rd out of 11	2hr 04:39
Winner: Box Hill	1hr 50:54	Winner: Box Hill	2hr 01:58

Division 3

5 x 6k

Division 4

Christian Klettner	10:34	11:24	21:58 (48s)	Nick Boustead	24:04
Simon Duffy	10:51	11:14	22:06 (41s)	Troy Kameme	26:12
Daniel Rees			24:03	Paul Viney	NTT
Thai Phan			23:48 (41s)	Cameron Kealy	24:52
Stuart Kollmorgen			22:34	Michael Abrahams	NTT

Finished: 10 th out of 16	1hr 54:29	Finished: 12 th out of 16	2hr 06:14
Winner: Ballarat Region	1hr 42:59	Winner: Doncaster	1hr 43:35

Division 5

4 x 6k

Division 6

Nick Carah	25:43	Nick Rosa	26:05
Chris Boylen	28:40	Mick McCrohan	26:08
Josh Debinski	24:35	Robert Barnes (1:29)	32:33
Shane Derby	27:41	Jim Hopkins	28:41

Finished: 7 th out of 11	1hr 46:39	Finished 9 th out of 12	1hr 53:27
Winner: Ballarat Reg	1hr 27:16	Winner: Ballarat Reg	1hr 31:39

Division 7 4 x 6k

Carmel Pardy 30:42
 Eloise Derby 17:58 18:29 36:27
 Clare Garganis 18:01 18:23 36:24
 Theresa Barnes 22:53 24:11 47:04 (2:52)

Finished: 15th out of 16 2hr 30:37
 Winner: Monash 1hr 35:40

40+	3 x 6k	50+
Chris Waldron 23:27	Michael Bialczak 10:16 10:38 20:54	
Tony Hally (24s) 23:01	Peter Gaunt 12:11 13:36 25:47	
John Crameri (16s) 24:37	Ken Duxbury 12:48 13:32 26:20	
Finished: 7 th out 11 1hr 11:05	Finished: 4 th out of 11 1hr 12:07	
Winner: Box Hill 1hr 03:41	Winner: APS 1hr 07:58	

Officials: Tony Williams and Lyn Humphris worked for AV on our behalf as they quite often do.

Lots of people helped with the tent including **Anthony Weiland, Ross Reid, John Crameri** and **Patrick O’Keeffe**. Many more helped at the end of the day, both with the dismantling and transport back to the trailer. **Tony Hally** and the **Barnes crew** were noticeable with their efforts. Thanks too, to anyone I’ve missed.

Thanks also to the people who helped with the recording of results. Many athletes did a bit while they were watching their team mates run, but we had a lot of parents, including a few first timers, grab a clipboard and do the honours. These included **Sharon Leyden, Pennie Hall, Kimm Noonan, Mary Cobern, Gabrielle Debinski Elizabeth Crews** and **Ian Minter**.

Afternoon Tea: There were a lot of people who made a contribution on the day. Thanks to you all – it was a great spread.