Saturday July 4th. COLIBAN RELAYS Harcourt to Bendigo

The weather could have been worse. Patches of light drizzle arrived at irregular intervals, as did patches of sunshine. The wind was nippy!

Again we could not field a full list of teams because of illnesses, injuries, school holiday commitments, new baby duties and work. Five men's teams and just the one team in the women's competition did, however, see us right up there number's wise. As usual Bendigo were very well represented in their home event but numbers may have been slightly down overall. Doncaster did not have one team and Ringwood had just the one.

It was good to see **Mick Woods** on hand to lend a hand with transport and general organisation. Now into his second season of inactivity (competition wise) due to injury, Mick is aiming to be back for the start of next season. He has the all clear but just has to build up the distances very gradually. When he last competed, Mick was knocking on the door of Division 1, so a return to the black and white is eagerly anticipated by all concerned.

Paul Munro produced another good run. Still getting into shape after a nagging achilles injury, Paul is certainly going to be an asset to the Magpies as the season progresses. Paul Willmot is running better every week, (he may just became a spokesman for 'skins'), picking up a number of teams during his leg of the journey. Josh Debinski made his senior debut with a gutsy run on the hilly first leg. Everyone was impressed with Josh's enthusiasm and effort. His "I enjoyed that, that was fun", comment sums up what our sport is all about! Tony Forno is another who seems to be running better than ever. A very late beginner at the sport, Tony enjoys his running and is now starting to show the benefit of a very long weekly training run. Jessica Neale did it again this year, filling in a spot in Division 4 men. The new club record holder in the junior women's pole vault did the gruelling water race leg in fine style. Newcomer Ray Hynes showed his value with a very strong run over the long leg in Divvy 4. Out from Ireland for a few months, Ray is certainly a great addition to our ranks. The ladies did well with five very good performances over the various legs.

WOMEN

Division 1

| 5.5k | Janette Chapman | 26:30 |
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| 6.0k | Frances Willmot | 28:50 |
| 8.4k | Annette Van Rooyen | 38:21 |
| 7.9k | Jane Kanizay | 36:45 |
| 5.1k | Sofie Fabre | 22:12 |

Finished 7th. 2hr 32m 38s Winner: Knox 2hr 04m 25s

| Division 1 | MEN | Division 2 | | | |
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| Justin Murphy Malcolm Campbell Patrick O'Keeffe Magnus Michelsson Simon Bevege Daniel Rees | 18:53 5.5k 20:55 6.0k 37:47 8.4k 34:50 10.0k 25:31 7.9k 17:28 5.1k | Jarrod Kanizay Stuart Kollmorgen Ray Hynes Paul Munro | 25:17 21:16 31:20 36:41 29:05 18:17 | | |
| Finished 8 th . 2hr 25m Winner: Knox 1hr 45m | ·- | Finished 11 th . 2hr 41m 5 Winner: Eureka 2hr 23m 3 | | | |
| Division 3 | | | | | |
| 5.5k 6.0k 8.4k 7.9k 5.1k Finished Winner: | John Crameri Tony Hally Anthony Wei Troy Kamemo | 26:16 32:16 land 30:01 e 20:20 2hr 11m 24s | | | |
| Division 4 | | | | | |
| 5.5k 6.0k 8.4k 7.9k 5.1k | Josh Debinski Jessica Neale Jim Hopkins Paul Wallace Graeme Paul | (17) 24:43 (13) 34:56 37:47 38:23 22:20 | | | |
| Finished Winner: | 10 th . Wendouree | 2hr 38m 09s 1hr 57m 28s | | | |
| Division 5 | | | | | |
| 5.5k 6.0k 8.4k 7.9k 5.1k | Ron Scholes Tony Forno Peter Neale Paul Willmot Steve Griffith | | | | |

Thanks to all who helped with driving, car pooling, child minding and the like. It all helps!

2hr 44m 32s

1hr 58m15s

Afternoon tea: Thanks to Malcolm Campbell and Stuart Kollmorgen for the goodies this week.

Finished 10th.

Winner: Bendigo