

Saturday May 3rd.

CROSS-COUNTRY RELAYS

Jells Park

What a day!

We saw debuts, wet weather, a comeback of sorts, some promising individual results but a couple of disappointing team placings.

Undoubtedly the highlights of the day were the first ever relay medals for Collingwood junior Girl's teams. There was instant excitement as the under 14 girls crossed the line in second place but it was not until many, many hours later that it was realised that the under 16 girls had gained a bronze medal. Apparently one of the teams finishing in front of them ran an ineligible runner thus promoting our girls into third position. To win two medals after never having had one before was terrific and a real boost for the future of the Club.

The under 14's team was made up of **Amy Cornell**, who has been with Collingwood for a couple of seasons and **Lucy Leutchford** and **Sunny Spencer** who have both joined us from the Collingwood Little Aths group. The 16s again consisted of an old timer of three seasons in **Meaghan Gaunt** and **Emma Newton** and **Emily Noonan** who are a little more recent.

Two of our junior boys were promoted to Divvy 1 team. The Club couldn't see the point of running three u/18 teams so **Tom Hall** and **Lachie White** were used in our top team. This was the first, but sure not to be the last time these two have represented Collingwood at the highest level. Congratulations boys!

The usual bedlam was on show early as we tried to organise twenty teams consisting of many newcomers. With uniforms to try on and new numbers to attach and last minute selection adjustments to be made the day got off to its now traditional start with people heading many directions. The usual phone calls, "How far away are you? Will we put someone in first spot?", were made, but things turned out pretty well.

The rain did prove to be problematic, with even our large tent bursting at the seams late in the day. With seventy athletes in the black and white along with a stack of supporters there was certainly standing room only late in the day.

JUNIOR RESULTS

GIRLS

Under 16		3 x 3k	Under 14	
Meaghan Gaunt	11:10		Lucy Leutchford	12:17
Emma Newton	12:53		Sunny Spencer	12:30
Emily Noonan	13:04		Amy Cornell	11:35
Finished 3 rd from 11	37:07		Finished 2 nd from 7	36:22
Winner: Geelong	34:42		Winner: Yarra Ranges	35:40

BOYS

Under 18 Team 1		3 x 3k	Under 18 Team 2	
Ben White	9:44		Sunao Korematsu	10:59
Jesse Frost	10:09		Sam Slater	12:02
Matthew Newton	9:41		Drew Roberts	11:27

Finished 4th from 21 29:24
 Winner: Knox

Finished 18th. from 21 34:28
 28:26

Under 16

3 x 3k

Under 14

Jack Sayer 12:29
 Lachlan Sayer 13:50
 Luke Garganis 14:02

Soul Suzuki 11:38
 Hayden Morris 11:21
 Tom Dawson 14:03

Finished 11th from 13 40:21
 Winner: Doncaster 31:04

Finished 8th. from 11 37:02
 Winner: Geelong 32:58

Lucy Leutchford, Sunny Spencer, Lachlan Sayer and Soul Suzuki were having their first run for Collingwood, while **Jack Sayer** and **Tom Dawson** were having their first winter run. A special mention to **Luke Garganis** who jumped into the third spot of the 16s with just minutes to spare due to a late arrival.

SENIOR RESULTS

WOMEN

Division 1 5 x 6k

Bev Thomas 22:35
 Erchana Murray-Bartlett 23:37
 Virginia Moloney 25:35
 Amy Holmes 25:45
 Heather Gaunt 25:54

Finished 8th from 10 2h 03m 26s
 Winner: Box Hill 1h 49m 33s

Division 2 4 x 6k

Michelle Laufer 27:07
 Alison Chapman 27:06
 Summer Merrie n/a
 Ali Burns n/a

Finished 10th from 12 1h 50m 00s
 Winner: Glenhuntly 1h 31m 40s

Division 4

3 x3k

Annette Van Rooyen 14:00 13:54 27:54
 Pau Albouy 14:02 14:44 28:46
 Ashleigh Spittle 14:28 15:51 29:19

Finished 7th from 11 1h 25m 06s
 Winner: Glenhuntly 1h 16m 10s

Division 5

Leeanne Morris 31:16
 Rachel Barnes n/a
 Amy Camilleri n/a

Finished 13th from 16 1h 48m 20s
 Winner: Melb Uni 1h 21m 20s

40+ 3 x 3k

Kim White 29:58
 Clare Garganis 34:29
 Sofie Fabre 32:30

Finished 7th from 10 1h 36m 57s
 Winner: Waverley 1h 16m 30s

Those making their debut for Collingwood were **Virginia Molomey, Amy Holmes, Summer Merrie, Pau Albouy, Asleigh Spittle** and **Amy Camilleri**.

MEN

Division 1

6 x 6k

Division 2

Liam Delany	9:23	9:52	19:15	Julian Harris	22:01
Jai Edmonds	9:48	10:17	20:05	Malcolm Campbell	21:38
Alex McLeod	10:34	11:01	21:35	Brad Bullock	21:40
Tom Hall	10:40	11:12	21:52	Dan Trevena	21:04
Lachie White	10:40	11:23	22:03	Tim Menting	23:48
Simon Bevege	10:17	10:40	20:57	Shane Marshall	22:58

Finished 10th from 10 2h 05m 47s
 Winner: Geelong 1h 51m 35s

Finished 8th from 14 2h 13m 09s
 Winner: St Stephens 2h 00m 10s

Division 3

5 x 6k

Division 4

Will Sheils	10:33	11:31	22:04
Adam Saunders	11:04	11:22	22:26
Jordan Minter	11:09	12:03	23:12
Steve Simmons	11:29	11:50	23:19
Andrew Patten	10:47	11:06	21:53

Paul Skipper	25:01
Todd Robilliard	25:35
Daryl Standfield	25:57
Thai Phan	23:27
Jacob Barnes	24:44

Finished 8th from 14 2h 13m 09s
 Winner: Doncaster 1h 39m 53s

Finished 6th from 11 2h 04m 44s
 Winner: West'n Aths 1h 53m 20s

Division 5

4 x 6k

Division 6

Tim Stevenson			28:13
Brett Eastwood	12:54	13:05	25:59
Nick Boustead	11:57	12:18	24:15
Troy Kameme	11:33	12:02	23:35

Brett Ford	26:51
Ken Duxbury	27:11
Darren Morris	23:35
Craig Servinis	27:12

Finished 8th from 14 1h 41m 58s
 Winner: Ringwood 1h 19m 05 s

Finished 8th from 14 1h 44m 49s
 Winner: Geelong 1h 27m 03s

Division 7 4 x 6k

Scott Lovell	13:40	15:39	29:19
Jim Sayer	14:33	14:08	28:41
Robert Barnes			34:27
Steve Griffiths			41:11

Finished 12th from 16 2h 12m 20s
 Winner: Doncaster 1h 26m 42s

40+

3 x 6k

50+

Tony Hally	23:20
Magnus Michelsson	22:23
Andrew Evans	23:15

Peter Gaunt	24:50
John Crameri	26:19
Adrian Murphy	26:06

Finished 4th from 11 1h 08m 58s
 Winner: Waverley 1h 03m 50s

Finished 7th. from 14 1h 17m 02s
 Winner: Masters 1h 09m 01s

Newcomers in the men's ranks included **Dan Trevena, Shane Marshall, Adam Saunders, Steven Simmons, Todd Robilliard, Daryl Standfield, Tim Stevenson, Brett Eastwood**

and **Brett Ford**. **Jim Sayer** had his first winter run after a couple of track seasons in the Black and White.

Officials: **Tony Williams** and **Judy Mason** were working for AV on our behalf. We also had four volunteers fulfilling Collingwood's requirements for this event – thanks to **Kevin Wigmore**, **Lyn Humphris**, **Theresa Barnes** and **Liam Ketchup** for their work.

As usual we had a stack of people helping out with the individual teams. **Colin Hall**, **Doug Leutchford**, **James Dawson**, **Ian Minter**, **Vaughan Newton** and **David Slater** all did a great job collecting the details. Thirteen year old **Luke Garganis** was terrific with the under 16s until called upon to run the last leg, when team mate **Jack Sayer** jumped on to the clipboard. Thanks as well to all the runners who braved the elements to collect times before and after their own stints on the course.

Afternoon Tea: Thanks to **Theresa Barnes** for her for her work with the eats and to all those who contributed. I know **Helen Robottom**, **Kim White**, **Clare Garganis** and **Magnus Michelsson** helped out. My apologies to those I missed delivering goodies to the stash!

John Cramer as usual did a great job on the whiteboard ably assisted by apprentice 'penciller' **Scott Lovell**. **Bev Thomas** and **Annette Van Rooyen** helped organise the 120 registration envelopes before the start of hostilities.

Thanks to **Judy Mason** for her help putting the tent in place and the large number who stayed back in, by then, very ordinary conditions to help pack up. The **Barnes** clan, along with the **Newtons**, **John Cramer**, **Tony Hally** and **Scott Lovell** were indeed a great help. (Again, my apologies if I've missed someone off the list)

.....and thanks to all those who gave an old trooper a bit of encouragement over two very long, slow laps!