

Saturday October 25th.

ROUND 3

Collingwood

For the first time in over thirty years interclub competition came back to the Collingwood track and despite some reservations it turned out to be quite a day. Usually the 'thank you's' are left to the end of the weekly report, but it is only fair that the many people who volunteered some of their time are recognised for the part they played in the success of the day. Hopefully this will be a comprehensive list with the most sincere of apologies if your name has been omitted.

Greg Chambers arrived early and had already done a mountain of work when **Kevin Wigmore** and **Tony Williams** rocked up. **Chris Boylen, Justin Hawkins, Scott Lovell, Bob Gardiner** and **Clare Garganis** joined the throng and things came together very well indeed. **Allan Minter** was busy inside setting up the canteen and when **Shanyn Payne, Pennie Hayes, Jack Frost, Theresa Barnes** and **Juliette Chambers** joined in, the scene was set for a most successful and profitable day for the Club. During the hurdle and steeple events Shanyn, Greg and Justin from the above list were assisted by **James Dawson, Lesley Edger, Greg Buck, Steven Brezilek, Rohan Jones, John Schuijers, Robert Barnes, Paul Skipper, Paul Viney** and **Tony Hally** to keep things moving.

Many of these people also helped with the pack up with **Melinda Story** and the **White** boys, **Lachie** and **Ben**, joining in to help. Mel did a great job picking up rubbish apart from the equipment pack up!

It is only fair that I mention **Chris Waldron** and **Adrian Murphy** who both offered to help if required with messages that weren't accessed until after the event. Next time boys!

Mention must also be made of the support received from **AV**, particularly **Glenn Turnor, Ross Cuningham, Travis Poznachowski** and **Martyn Kibel**, from **David Armstrong** (scorer) and the **Richmond** Club in general.

Of course our officials were there again in force. **Kevin Wigmore, Tony Williams, Diana Barnett, Judy Mason, Ian Fisher, Brian Moore** and **Gary McBroom** represented the Club. **Grant Sargent** and **James Dawson** helped out with specific duties during the day and **Herman** (our relay coordinator Ian Crump) is starting to get the hang of it.

Thank you also to all the officials from the other Clubs who helped make the day run so well! The **Suzukis** were at it again with the watermelon and even added some mangoes this week.

But to the day itself!

The Club welcomed another couple of first timers, one with a strong link to Collingwood Harriers. **Jackson Tierney** joins the under 14 brigade and is sure to pick up a swag of points over the season. Both Jackson's dad, Mark and grandfather Jack, ran for Collingwood, with Jack winning the Victorian 15 Mile Road title back in 1956. **Peter Virtue** was another to don the black and white for the first time. Dad of under 18 sprinter Kane, Peter has trained with our sprint squad all winter and will be a very valuable addition to our 40+ group. There were also a number having their first run for the season, obviously a factor in Collingwood having its biggest contingent of athletes for many, many seasons.

Relative newcomer **Mia Roux** again ran a big PB in the U/14 1500. Running with another of our very talented juniors, **Lucy Leutchford**, Mia knocked about 15 seconds off her best to record 5:23. Another U/14 **Soul Suzuki** looked good winning his divvy of the 1500 but his improvement of over a metre in the long jump was just as impressive. It's amazing what a little time with jump's coach, **Grant Sargent**, can do to sort out a run up.

Our pole vaulters were again to the fore, with the black and white flyers being very prominent in most divisions. **Joanne Jones** broke her own Club record, set just two weeks ago in the 45-49 age group while club coach, **Chris Boylen**, put on his own show in front of the Heidleberg Rd. traffic with a terrific 3.55m clearance. **Crystal Brezilek** had another clearance of 2.65m with **Ethan Wright** is sure to improve on his 2.35m very soon. It's there!! Having her first year in a new age division, **Charlie Kerekes** recorded the fastest 100m of the day in the under 18s. Just might be one to watch!

The Collingwood crew were again prominent in the steeples. We again had the first three in the under 18s (**Lachie White**, **Jesse Frost** and **Matthew Newton**), but perhaps it was **Jacob Barnes** knocking 30 secs off his time from the opening week of the season that caught the eye. **Tom Hall** who chose to miss the steeple this week, more than made up for it with a terrific PB in the 1500. Under 16, **Jack Sayer**, was another to make a big improvement on his debut effort earlier in the season. His little bro **Lachlan** ran his best time in the 1500m later in the day.

For the first time in living memory there was a 5k walk at the Shield competition. Not surprisingly Collingwood was well represented with **Stuart Kollmorgen** (open) and **Adam Garganis** (18) both winning their divisions. There were also some very good performances in the shorter 3k event with perhaps the best being that of **Emily Noonan** with a huge PB.

Mia Deverell showed her class over the hurdles. A much fitter Mia has really now completed her 'comeback' after some years away from the sport. Did a few other events as well – going to be very valuable for the 40+ ladies in their quest for end of season honours.

Under 14 athlete **Natalie Botta** is having a great season. In this, her second season with the Club, Natalie has recorded a string of PBs in a number of events. Shows what a little training will do!

RESULTS:

	MEN		WOMEN	
		Ladder		Ladder
Division 1	1 st & 5 th	2 nd & 5 th	4 th .	4 th .
40+	1 st & 4 th	2 nd & 4 th	1 st & 3 rd .	1 st & 3 rd
U/18	1 st & 5 th	1 st & 4 th	4 th .	5 th .
U/16	3 rd & 7 th	4 th	2 nd & 8 th .	2 nd & 8 th
U/14	2 nd & 4 th .	1 st & 5 th	3 rd & 7 th	2 nd & 7 th

New Club Records:

Mia Deverell	40-44	80m Hurdles	13.73	M. Deverell	14.4
Melinda Story	40-44	Javelin	20.07m	M. Story	17.08m
Joanne Jones	45-49	Pole Vault	2.05m	J. Jones	1.90m
Heather Jarvis	50-54	Discus	23.72m	H. Jarvis	21.61m
Chris Boylen	50-54	Pole Vault	3.55m	C. Boylen	3.45m

