

Taranaki Race Walking Club

Ivor's Gutbuster

11 June 2017

Ivor Ellis Memorial Cup

There was a good turnout today for Ivor's Gutbuster, the first time our old mate wasn't there physically but I'm sure he was in spirit, as walking conditions were perfect, sunny but cold (at the start) and no wind.

All but those who were sick or on holiday were there with 17 racing with up to six helping. Having said that, Helen dragged herself from her sick bed where she's been since before the Ekiden as a helper/supporter. Wackie had bronchitis but still turned up to help, you can't have more dedication than that, so well done you guys and we trust you will soon be back to normal.

I know now how people like Eric feel, hanging around awaiting the word 'GO' from the timekeepers, as I ended up being the last cab out of the rank today, 38mins behind the first starters and some had already done two laps before I got started. I know, I know, typical POM always whinging.

Carol did her first walk in the club and started on scratch with Mary and Frances. However, she had left them behind as she powered up towards the start finish line for her first lap.

Caz & Steve Novak our hosts for the day started with Gaylene and after their first lap, Steve was starting to lag behind a bit, not that the women noticed, as they were far too busy talking. Caz has a very long stride and would be an asset for the club but if Ivor couldn't persuade her after years of trying, how can we get her to change her mind? One thing I would say, "We are a lot cheaper than the gym Caz."



Anyway, back to the race. It was a funny old day inasmuch most people seemed to be on their own with only a one or two in front of them to chase. I was chasing Sue all the race and you would think just a minute separating us at the start would be easy to make up but it wasn't. I nearly did it on our last lap, when approaching the start/finish line and going uphill, she slowed to do her Houdini act of getting her thermal off without removing her club shirt, to maintain her modesty. However, now lighter she went faster.

As I was just into my second lap, Carol passed me half way along Dixon St and proceeded to pass Sue & Marlene a short time later in the same street and Arthur along the main highway.

If my calculations are correct with the 'actual' finish times, Peter & Eric had a great tussle, with Eric winning by a minute, with Alan just two minutes behind Eric. Michelle held off Gaylene by 33 secs. As Serena was away, Ross used Sherryn as his pacemaker but his strategy didn't work out as she beat him by 35secs. It looked like Dennis walked in his usual laconic style and was all on his own with his nearest competitor in front being Anne, who passed me in the same street as Carol.

The tail end Charlies had a tussle going down the last hill, where I managed to overtake first Marlene & then Arthur but couldn't catch Sue and Marlene couldn't catch Arthur. Just when I was settling for fourth place, first Peter and then Eric blasted past me as I neared the finish. MaryAnne showed the lack of training and losing her two talking companions early in the race.

Tony did a Dave Barrett by getting lost on route. He was so far behind when he realised it and got back to Messenger Terrace, he pulled the plug on his race. We will have a cone next time Tony marking the correct road to turn into.

Our nibbles were held in Caz & Steve's house, right next door to Ivor's place, so we had the same view we have enjoyed for many years with Ivor. To cap off a great day, the Ivor Ellis Memorial Cup was won by a woman, Ivor's favourite species and a blond to boot, well done Anne!

Eric also presented the Trevor Suthon Cup to Peter Fox which he won during the Open Walks.

Our thanks go to Peter Dent and Trevor for their normal good job with the time keeping and Wackie, Helen, Frances & Mary for also helping out. Special thanks must go to Caz and Steve for opening their home to us and for donating a cup in memory of Ivor for us to race for.

PS You'll have to wait for the official times until Serena gets back from laying in the sun.

VIEW FROM THE BACK

Today's Points

Anne 8 pts

Peter 7 pts

Sue 6 pts

Eric 5 pts

Brian 4 pts

Arthur 3pts

Today's Results

Member	Grade	Distance	Handicap	Race Time	Actual Time	Difference	Points
Senior men							
Peter Fox	M	10	0:22:00	1:19:57	0:57:57	00:03	7
Eric Kemsley	M	10	0:21:18	1:20:16	0:58:58	00:16	5
Alan Clarke	M	10	0:19:10	1:21:07	1:01:57	01:07	2
Ross Allen	M	10	0:14:47	1:22:17	1:07:30	02:17	2
Dennis Hastie	M	10	0:07:57	1:21:49	1:13:52	01:49	2
Tony Burrell	M	10	0:14:03	dnf			2
Vets							
Brian O'Shea	V	5	0:37:55	1:20:37	0:42:42	00:37	4
Sue Park	V	5	0:36:58	1:20:05	0:43:07	00:05	6
Marlene White	V	5	0:36:15	1:21:41	0:45:26	01:41	2
Arthur Lester	V	5	0:32:11	1:20:59	0:48:48	00:59	3
Senior Women							
Sherryn Hardy	W	10	0:16:30	1:24:12	1:07:42	04:12	2
Anne Fraser	W	10	0:02:50	1:18:45	1:15:55	01:35	8
Carol Allen	W	10			1:16:13		
Michelle Nicholson	W	10	0:02:59	1:21:55	1:18:56	01:55	2
Gaylene Phillips	W	10	0:05:00	1:24:08	1:19:08	04:08	2
MaryAnne Costeloe	W	10	0:00:00	1:23:25	1:23:25	03:25	2
Helpers Peter D, Trevor, Frances, Mary, Dave W, Helen							