

Points Awarded

Ivor – 8 points
 Peter – 7 points
 Tanya – 6 points
 Michelle – 5 points
 Vanessa – 4 points
 Julie – 3 points

*Points Trophy Standings*

Ivor – 18 points
 Tom – 18 points
 Dave – 15 points
 Gaylene – 14 points
 Helen – 14 points
 Michelle – 13 points
 Mike – 12 points

Handicapper outfoxed or Fox by name and by nature?

Last year was magnificent weather and brought out some good times, this year, well how could you get more perfect conditions than this – no wind, sunny and with about 15 degrees by the time we finished. North Taranaki certainly turned it on for us today. This course is certainly unforgiving in a Southerly so it is certainly a great idea to bring this event forward to very early in the season.

First to show their hand today was Michelle who looked full of energy today and it was catch me if you can. Secret training Michelle? Once again Gaylene looked like she had a new lease of life after winning Serena's Sprint and was soon in hot pursuit. Tanya started casually but after one lap seemed to go into warp drive as she got into that very efficient perfect race walking style that she brings out when she means business. I started very fast and caught Julie very early on. I think she was waiting for me because I couldn't get past her and she talked as I puffed. After 5K I told her to go and she started closing the gap on the field. I carried on puffing. Meanwhile back in the field, Peter was coming through the field – very quickly! The handicapper is a slow learner isn't he?

You'd think with a surname of Fox it would give me a few clues – but there you go obviously Fox by name and fox by nature. It maybe fox terrier because during Serena's event he had those soulful deep innocent eyes – “look how slow I am today Mr. Handicapper, take pity on me”. I did, was I ever sucked in. Peter was first home in the seniors event followed by Tanya and Michelle. All 3 deserved their placings. Peter was 5 minutes quicker than 2 weeks ago and at 56m53s it has to represent a PB since his comeback? Fastest man was Eric in 55m57s; fastest woman was Vanessa in 60m47s.

So far this year Tom has been unbeatable. He seems to get faster each event regardless of how I handicap him. Today looked like it was going to be a continuation of the norm. He took off on his quest to catch the field. This time though he was out of luck, Ivor had an exceptional race being 3 minutes quicker than his previous events. Not sure what the secret is Ivor, but to suddenly do a 43m30s is pretty amazing. Tom had the sense to stay behind Mary today (all you younger couples can learn a lot from Tom I am sure).

Results

Grade		Estimated Time	Handicap	Clock Time	Race Time	Pts
Senior Men						
Peter Fox	M	1:00:15	0:17:45	1:14:38	0:56:53	7
Alan Clarke	M	1:08:00	0:10:00	1:16:33	1:06:33	2
Tony Burrell	M	1:06:30	0:11:30	1:16:47	1:05:17	2
Neil Fagan	M	1:11:15	0:06:45	1:16:51	1:10:06	2
Eric Kemsley	M	0:56:30	0:21:30	1:17:27	0:55:57	2
Harry Terwiel	M	0:57:00	0:21:00	1:17:29	0:56:29	2
Dave Barrett	M	1:13:45	0:04:15	1:18:28	1:14:13	2
Jeff Wells	M	1:02:15	0:15:45	1:19:10	1:03:25	2
Dave Wackrow	M	0:59:30	0:18:30	1:19:50	1:01:20	2
Mike Nield	M	1:01:15	0:16:45		DNF	2
Vets						
Ivor Ellis	V	0:46:30	0:00:00	0:43:31	0:43:31	8
Mary Hastie	V	0:45:45	0:00:45	0:45:37	0:44:52	2
Tom Hastie	V	0:37:15	0:09:15	0:45:53	0:36:38	2
Arthur	V	0:38:45	0:07:45	0:46:24	0:38:39	2
Sue Park	V	0:40:15	0:06:15	0:46:42	0:40:27	2
Denise Clark	V	0:46:15	0:00:15	0:48:28	0:48:13	2
Senior Women						
Tanya Campbell	W	1:11:15	0:06:45	1:15:00	1:08:15	6
Michelle Nicholson	W	1:18:00	0:00:00	1:15:21	1:15:21	5
Vanessa Lowl	W	1:03:00	0:15:00	1:15:47	1:00:47	4
Julie Gardner	W	1:08:45	0:09:15	1:16:19	1:07:04	3
Sherryn Hardy	W	1:10:15	0:07:45	1:16:28	1:08:43	2
Kathleen Adamski	W	1:14:45	0:03:15	1:17:50	1:14:35	2
Marlene White	W	1:06:30	0:11:30	1:18:11	1:06:41	2
Gaylene Phillips	W	1:14:15	0:03:45	1:19:46	1:16:01	2
Helen Baverstock	W	1:12:00	0:06:00	1:19:59	1:13:59	2
Lorraine Eldershaw	W	1:12:00	0:06:00		DNF	2
Others						
Frances	5K			0:48:28		2
Helpers						
Trevor, Marion, Brian						2

Mary walked well today for second with Tom finishing fast for 3rd. Tom took out fastest time in 36m38s.

In the points trophy the field has closed right up after Tom's early pace setting. Ivor is now joint leader with Tom and Wacky is third only 3 points back. Look out next week in the Norm Read – this is an estimated time event and we know how clever the dark horse Tom is at these events. Mind you I don't seem to be able work him out yet this year so maybe he will confuse himself?

Now an apology, my shoes are a bit boring so far this year. Where are those slime green shoes that you all love? I know it's why many of you come to club events, to get a sighting of that special footwear. I will see what I can do for the next event. At the moment I am unsure who the leader is on shoe stakes, perhaps we could get a vote? There is Tony with his royal red (the ladies will probably call it cerise or something) then Eric and Harry with their blue shoes – I think Eric's are probably the brighter pair (I am sure that you ladies will have some stupid name for them, but to men they are bright blue).

Many thanks to Helen and Doug for their hospitality again; the soup was well received as usual. Excellent job by Marion, Brian and Trevor on time-keeping and video. Many thanks to Gaylene and co for helping Helen after her trip. Thanks everybody for a good morning, fast course, excellent company and great food.

Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Serena Sprint	Helen's Special
Ivor Ellis	18	3	5	2	8
Tom Hastie	18	6	8	2	2
Dave Wackrow	15	2	7	4	2
Gaylene Phillips	14	2	2	8	2
Helen Baverstock	14	8	2	2	2
Michelle Nicholson	13	4	2	2	5
Mike Nield	12	2	6	2	2
Peter Fox	11	2		2	7
Serena Coombes	11	7	2	2	
Sherryn Hardy	11	5	2	2	2
Jeff Wells	10	2	2	4	2
Kathleen Adamski	10	2	4	2	2
Alan Clarke	8	2	2	2	2
Arthur Lester	8	2	2	2	2
Brian O'Shea	8	2	2	2	2
Dave Barrett	8	2	2	2	2
Eric Kemsley	8	2	2	2	2
Marlene White	8	2	2	2	2
Mary Hastie	8	2	2	2	2
Neil Fagan	8	2	2	2	2
Tanya Campbell	8	2			6
Trevor Suthon	8	2	2	2	2
Julie Gardner	7	2	2		3
Lorraine Eldershaw	7	2		3	2
Rachel Gilberd	7			7	
Sue Park	7		3	2	2
Frances Kemsley	6	2		2	2
Harry Terwiel	6	2	2		2
Marion Dent	6	2	2		2
Sandra Moratti	6			6	
Tony Burrell	6	2		2	2
Vanessa Lowl	6	2			4
Anne Fraser	4	2		2	
Denise Clark	4	2			2
Juniors					
Hannah Gilberd	3			3	