

Taranaki Race Walking Club

Gibbons Time Trial

25 June 2017

I don't think purple is my colour!

Leaving New Plymouth in the pouring rain, I decided full wet weather gear was in order. Arrived in Inglewood with the sun shining and had to borrow Anne's sunglasses; I don't think purple is my colour.

Another good turnout today with 20 walkers and seven helpers. Eric brought his tent along so our timekeepers didn't get wet. Due to the nature of the course the first few walkers off the start had no one in sight in those early laps. The first indication there was a race in progress was after 15mins when Serena & Ross came into view, shoulder to shoulder and bearing down on a bright pink Carol.

Anne came into Tony's sight with Sherryn not far behind. Next up was Alan with Rachel 80m behind. Next time around Ross was leading Serena by 10m, with Denis a further 100m behind walking very upright and nearly A Grade; Alan was still leading Rachel.

Peter set off 45sec behind Eric which must be a first and quickly halved this time which see sawed over the laps either closing in or extending out but not by much. The gap between Serena & Ross remained constant but now Tony was being run down by Sherryn who was now only 25m behind him.

The 5km walkers had now started and Arthur was leading them with Mary just behind him. Hannah flowed past me the first time but second time around seemed to have problems with her arms and pulled out after doing two laps. I found out afterwards she'd been out on the razzle until the early hours with her Mum, REALLY?

Alan was still leading Rachel but the gap had halved. Jeff fresh from his record breaking age group time in Wellington, was going strong all on his own which he seemed to do the whole race.

Ross had doubled his lead over Serena and first out of the blocks, MaryAnne, was being chased down by Michelle and Rachel was now only 25m behind Alan. Gaylene, Anne and Marlene, like Jeff walked most of the race on their own, which is a hard ask but they all kept at it.

Arthur had increased his lead over Mary by about 50m, Serena was closing the gap to Ross and Rachel was now leading Alan. Michelle had caught and passed MaryAnne whilst Sherryn was about 100m in front of Tony. Carol had removed her coat but it didn't make her any lighter as she tied it around her waist and now Denis was 50m ahead of her with Gaylene about 50m further back. Serena had clawed back the gap and was now only 3m behind Ross.

Gaylene passed a heavily strapped Sue who had a fall the previous weekend in Wellington. It was all on for the last half a lap as Rachel passed Serena and closed in on Ross who had really dug it in to open the biggest gap over Serena to date. Alan had caught and passed Sherryn and was only 20m behind Ross but was himself being passed by Peter who wasn't all that far behind Eric now. It must have been hard on the timekeepers checking them in as they were all looking to finish together. How it all panned out in the end you'll have to wait until Serena publishes the results.

The weather Gods must have been in a good mood today because they held off the rain until everyone had finished before starting to rain.

Personally, I thought there was some good walking out there and it is heartening to see a number making a real effort to walk legally. Seeing that makes standing in a hot sun in waterproofs all worthwhile. So, keep up the good work.

BYSTANDER

Today's Points

Dennis 8 pts
Michelle 7 pts
Arthur 6 pts
Carol 5 pts
Jeff 4 pts
MaryAnne 3pts

Points Trophy Standing

Michelle 31 pts
Sue 29 pts
Serena 27 pts
Eric 23 pts
Anne 22 pts
Sherryn 21 pts
Brian 21 pts
Arthur 21 pts

Style Trophy Standings

Serena 74.00
Sherryn 71.50
Michelle 71.00
Alan 69.50
Tony 65.00
Ross 65.00
Hannah 56.50
Rachel 56.00
Anne 56.00
Sue 51.00
Marlene 40.50
Peter F 40.50
Eric 36.00
Dave B 30.00
Gaylene 38.00
Daniel 16.00

Today's Results

Member	Grade	Distance	Handicap	Race Time	Actual Time	Difference	Points
Juniors							
Hannah Gilberd	J	2.5	1:03:55		18:42	0:01:42	2
Senior men							
Peter Fox	M	10	0:23:45	1:20:23	0:56:38	0:00:32	2
Eric Kemsley	M	10	0:22:55	1:20:07	0:57:12	0:00:48	2
Alan Clarke	M	10	0:19:37	1:21:18	1:01:41	0:00:23	2
Jeff Wells	M	10	0:14:55	1:19:46	1:04:51	0:01:09	4
Ross Allen	M	10	0:15:35	1:21:12	1:05:37	0:00:17	2
Dennis Hastie	M	10	0:08:52	1:17:22	1:08:30	0:03:33	8
Tony Burrell	M	10	0:15:55	1:25:57	1:10:02	0:05:02	2
Vets							
Marlene White	V	5	0:37:10	1:20:30	0:43:20	0:00:25	2
Sue Park	V	5	0:38:25	1:22:55	0:44:30	0:02:00	2
Arthur Lester	V	5	0:32:50	1:19:15	0:46:25	0:01:40	6
Mary Hastie	V	5	0:33:35	1:21:10	0:47:35	0:00:15	2
Senior Women							
Rachel Gilberd	W	10	0:20:13	1:20:33	1:00:20	0:00:22	2
Sherryn Hardy	W	10	0:16:25	1:22:19	1:05:54	0:01:24	2
Serena Coombes	W	10	0:15:35	1:21:56	1:06:21	0:01:01	2
Carol Allen	W	10	0:05:05	1:19:25	1:14:20	0:01:30	5
Gaylene Phillips	W	10	0:05:38	1:20:19	1:14:41	0:00:36	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	10	0:03:15	1:18:25	1:15:10	0:02:30	7
Anne Fraser	W	10	0:05:55	1:23:13	1:17:18	0:02:18	2
MaryAnne Costeloe	W	10	0:00:00	1:19:59	1:19:59	0:00:56	3
Helpers Peter D, Trevor, Dave B, Francis							
Judges Brian, Colin, Graeme							

Points Trophy Standings

	Total	Wind Wand	The Links	First Day	Norm Read	Ekiden	Open Walk	Ivor's GB	Gibbon TT
Michelle Nicholson	31	5	2	8	4	2	1	2	7
Sue Park	29	2	7	2	7		3	6	2
Serena Coombes	27	7	2	6	5	2	3		2
Eric Kemsley	23	4	3	2	2	2	3	5	2
Anne Fraser	22	3		2	2	2	3	8	2
Sherryn Hardy	21		8	7	2			2	2
Brian O'Shea	21		3	3	3	2	3	4	3
Arthur Lester	21	2	5	2	2		1	3	6
Marlene White	19	8	2		2	2	1	2	2
Peter Fox	19	2			3	2	3	7	2
Tony Burrell	18	2	2	5	2		3	2	2
Ross Allen	17		2	4	2	2	3	2	2
Helen Baverstock	16	2	2	2	6	2		2	
Alan Clarke	15		6	3	2			2	2
Gaylene Phillips	15	2		2	2	2	3	2	2
Rachel Gilberd	14			2	8	2			2
Dennis Hastie	14	2			2			2	8
Dave Wackrow	13	2	2	2		2	1	2	2
Graeme Harvey	11		3		3		3		2
Frances Kemsley	11	2		2	2		1	2	2
Trevor Suthon	11		2	2	2		1	2	2
MaryAnne Costeloe	11		3	2			1	2	3
Jeff Wells	11		2	2	2		1		4
Dave Barrett	10	2	4	2					2
Tanya Campbell	9			3	3		3		
Peter Dent	9	2	2				1	2	2
Colin Gibbons	8			3	3				2
Hannah Gilberd	8			2	2	2			2
Mary Hastie	7	2					1	2	2
Carol Allen	7							2	5
Neil Fagan	6	6							
Micheal Lane	5					2	3		
Jill Roebuck	2		2						