

Taranaki Race Walking Club

Norm Read Memorial

13 May 2018

It was dull cloudy day with the skies threatening more rain to come. We thought for a moment that a number of new people were about to join us but they turned out to be walking for the heart foundation Mother's Day walk.



This was a Style Award race as well as estimated time with the winner getting the Norm Read Memorial Cup. We had plenty of support crew today, with Peter D and his apprentice Kim on timekeeping. Dave W had earlier set out the course with Eric. Arthur was keeping Trevor company, on the water table and Frances was keeping everyone in order. Colin & Brian were judging.

Before she had even started I heard someone telling off Rachel for being early; you can't win can you Rachel? Thirteen lucky souls stood on the start line waiting for yours truly to take a photo on Kim's phone, I took two and then they were off. On investigation neither of the photos turned out and I was taken off photography duty.



At the end of Lap 1, Eric was in the lead followed by Peter and then Rachel with about 10m in between them. Then we had Ross a couple of metres ahead of Alan who was being tracked by Tony. Fifty metres back was Jeff closely followed by Helen and Daniel. We then had about 50m gaps between Dave, Michel and Gaylene with lucky last Sue, bringing up the rear.





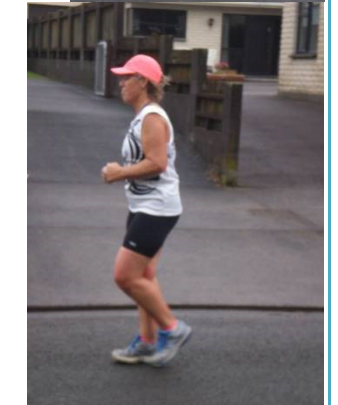
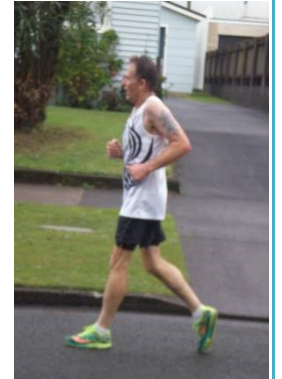
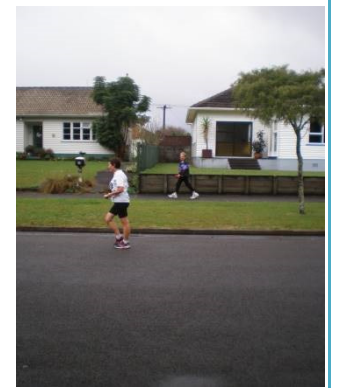
As he completed his first lap Eric veered off to his car to get his cap, why, I have no idea, as it wasn't raining and there was no wind to blow his hair into his eyes. He'd obviously put a spurt on to increase the distance between him and Rachel who had moved into second place, so he wouldn't lose any time picking up his hat.

Alan had now slipped into fourth place after overtaking Ross with Tony a further 30m back. Dave had managed to pass Daniel who was coming to the line to finish his race. The rest were in the same order but larger gaps were appearing between them.

From lap 3 our three leaders were starting to lap the tail enders although the gaps between the front three were pretty constant. The order remained the same but Tony had closed up on Ross who was now only about 5m ahead of him by the finish of lap 5, where Sue finished her race.

By lap 8 Tony was 80m ahead of Ross and I thought that Peter was now throwing down the gauntlet to Rachel as he had closed up within a few metres of her. Much to my surprise by the end of the next lap she'd actually increased the gap. Peter told me afterwards that he did actually pass her on the back straight but his few words of encouragement to her, spurred her to accelerate away from him and she finished second 50m behind Eric and 50m ahead of Peter. That's what you get for being nice Peter.

Following Peter were Alan, Tony, Ross, Jeff, Dave, Michelle and Gaylene in that order. As the last one finished, the sun came out and the temperature shot up.





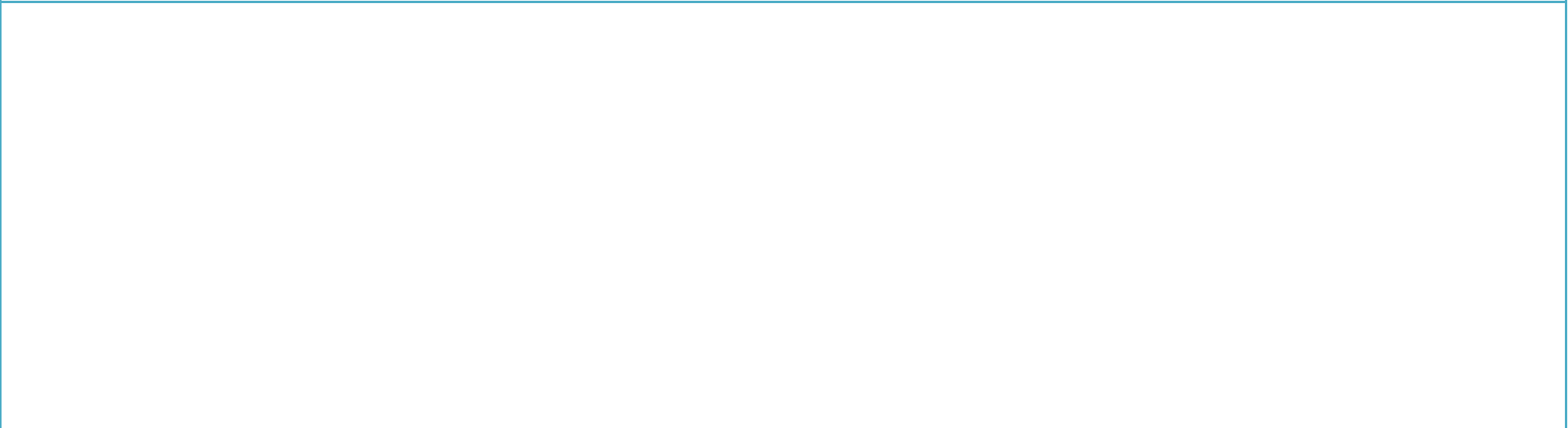
I said after the last Style Award race how much aligned Colin & I were in our marking. It was even better this time with only 0.5 of a point difference between us. We both agreed how well everyone walked today, which reflects in the number who received maximum points. I'm trying an experiment with some photos I took on my camera so you can see what we mean. I'm sorry I couldn't get you all but my battery went flat. I did waste two photos of Eric because he was going so fast I only got the house in the frame.



The winner of the Norm Read trophy was Ross who had a perfect estimate. At long last, we have a perfect male in the club to accompany our perfect female Helen. Peter D told us that Daniel did his 2km at 7.15min/km, so well done Daniel.

I forgot to tell everyone who attended the nibbles that our Patron Graeme and his wife Rosemary celebrated their Golden Wedding this weekend and the club sent a card and flowers to congratulate them on an awesome achievement. Finally, many thanks to Dave & Verna for hosting us after the race and all our helpers.

VIEW FROM THE SIDE



Today's Points

Ross 8 pts
Eric 7 pts
Peter 6 pts
Tony 5 pts
Sue 5 pts
Michelle 3pts

Points Trophy Standing

Eric 21 pts
Anne 16 pts
MaryAnne 16 pts
Ross 14 pts
Kim 13 pts
Tony 13 pts

Style Trophy Standings

Alan Clark 11.00
Anne Fraser 6.00
Dave Barrett 9.50
Eric Kemsley 12.00
Daniel Gilberd 10.50
Gaylene Phillips 11.00
Hannah Gilberd 6.00
Helen Bavistock 10.75
Michelle Nicholson 11.75
Peter Fox 11.75
Rachel Gilberd 11.50
Ross Alan 10.50
Serena Coombes 5.75
Sherryn Hardy 5.75
Sue Park 10.00
Tony Burrell 5.00

Today's Results

Member	Grade	Distance	Estimated time	Actual time	Difference	Points
Junior						
Daniel Gilberd	J	2	0:14:08	0:14:31	0:00:23	2
Senior Men						
Eric Kemsley	M	10	0:59:15	0:59:11	0:00:04	7
Peter Fox	M	10	0:59:40	0:59:52	0:00:12	6
Alan Clarke	M	10	1:03:30	1:04:23	0:00:53	2
Tony Burrell	M	10	1:06:00	1:05:47	0:00:13	5
Ross Allen	M	10	1:06:12	1:06:12	0:00:00	8
Jeff Wells	M	10	1:07:31	1:07:55	0:00:24	2
Dave Barrett	M	10	1:13:55	1:15:45	0:01:50	2
Senior Women						
Sue Park	V	5	0:43:45	0:43:58	0:00:13	5
Rachel Gilberd	W	10	1:03:00	0:59:33	0:03:27	2
Helen Baverstock	W	10	1:09:58	1:10:56	0:00:58	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	10	1:16:18	1:16:35	0:00:17	3
Gaylene Phillips	W	10	1:16:00	1:17:44	0:01:44	2
Helpers Kim, Peter D, Arthur, Dave W, Trevor						
Judge Brian						

Points Trophy Standings

	Total	Wind Wand	Serena Sprint	First Day	Norm Read
Eric Kemsley	21		7	7	7
Anne Fraser	16	6	8	2	
MaryAnne Costeloe	16	8	6	2	
Ross Allen	14	2		4	8
Kim Fougere	13	7	2	2	2
Tony Burrell	13	6	2		5
Helen Baverstock	12	2		8	2
Peter Fox	12	2	2	2	6
Serena Coombes	11	2	3	6	
Dave Barrett	11	4	2	3	2
Gaylene Phillips	11	2	5	2	2
Sue Park	9	2		2	5
Sherryn Hardy	8	2	4	2	
Alan Clarke	8	2	2	2	2
Arthur Lester	8	2	2	2	2
Dave Wackrow	8	2	2	2	2
Brian O'Shea	8	2		3	3
Michelle Nicholson	8	3		2	3
Rachel Gilberd	7			5	2
Jeff Wells	6	2		2	2
Trevor Suthon	6	2	2		2
Frances Kemsley	4	2		2	
Peter Dent	4	2			2
Daniel Gilberd	4			2	2
Colin Gibbons	3			3	
Hannah Gilberd	2			2	
Marlene White	2	2			
Tanya Campbell	2	2			