

Odd Ball

The award for the gutsiest effort of the day goes to Sue who managed to pick herself up off the ground and go over the finish line with blood on knees and hands. Not that she got a lot of sympathy - heartless lot! Inspiration of the day is Ivor, he still manages to make the most of a situation and with his usual grin took the opportunity to play with Sue's legs when he was meant to be helping her - Ivor you are a legend - if this is what walking does for you then I hope to be still going in my 80s. I don't normally talk about worst performances of the day but for this once I have to have an exception - Vanessa - last year best performing Senior Woman, this year worst Junior - what a fall from the dizzying heights you have achieved in the past.



Perfect conditions at last at Bell Block; I never thought we could lose our hoodoo of bad weather. Normally it is either torrential rain or blowing a gale or both. This year we had sunshine with a little zephyr. Mind you in keeping with this event attracting odd balls we only had 27 entries compared to 29 last year when the weather was horrible - what does that tell you about some of us!

There was the usual chatter for the first 200 metres in a mass start event, but today the racing seemed to get under way a bit quicker than normal. Eric left the majority in his wake with Harry the only one to initially chase after him. Rachel decided the pack was too slow and took off after Harry. Rachel ended up catching and passing her man and was first woman home in 62m41s for the 10.85 km (good time but must try harder in estimating). The usual procession then began with Jeff, Mike, Marlene and Tony after his usual slow start. Marlene seemed to start too fast and faded towards the end with Serena giving her a fright in the last lap.

There were some great individual battles today, but this is an estimated time event and believe it or not, the winner is the one with actual time closest to estimate (some of you still haven't learnt - Marlene and Dave in particular). Sherryn who is getting fitter and faster with each event gave me real hurry up today, I just held her out but not only did she do a great time she was only 8 seconds off estimate to move to the top of the Points table. Neil has had a new lease of life and tied for 1st place with only 8 seconds difference and moved to second in the points just behind Sherryn. Neil also took fastest vet time in



44m22s for the 6.4K distance. Eric had fastest time of the day in 59m25s, a minute quicker than last year, and a great estimate as he tied for 3rd only 10 seconds over his time. Ivor was also only 10 seconds over estimate. Mr. Metronome (Arthur) is never out of the points in an estimated time event getting up for 5th just 15 seconds over. Arthur has once again

volunteered to give lessons before the Norm Read next week to those who still don't understand this concept of estimation. Ivor has also volunteered his services as well, but I didn't dare go into detail with him!

4 Juniors raced again today and at last we had a female. Noah Campbell took the honours of closest to estimate with Jacob Campbell second. Girl power was the order of the day in the speed stakes (well discounting Vanessa anyway), as Hannah Gilberd managed a great 11m43s for her 1.55km lap.

Many thanks to Marion and Peter for organising the morning tea at Taranaki Saw Mills - such a great facility, also a great job done by Trevor and Marion on time keeping duties. Still reckon you made me do 8 laps though - felt like it anyway.



Results

Name	Distance	Estimated time	Actual time	Difference	Points
Sherryn Hardy	10.8K	1:13:31	1:13:39	0:00:08	9
Neil Fagan	6.2K	0:44:30	0:44:22	0:00:08	9
Eric Kemsley	10.8K	0:59:15	0:59:25	0:00:10	7
Ivor Ellis	4.6K	0:39:30	0:39:40	0:00:10	7
Arthur Lester	6.2K	0:45:59	0:46:14	0:00:15	5
Alan Clarke	10.8K	1:13:07	1:13:30	0:00:23	4
Serena Coombes	10.8K	1:12:43	1:13:11	0:00:28	3
Mike Nield	10.8K	1:08:24	1:07:39	0:00:45	2
Harry Terwiel	10.8K	1:05:00	1:04:03	0:00:57	2
Anne Fraser	10.8K	1:20:50	1:22:06	0:01:16	2
Denise Clark	6.2K	0:57:57	0:56:32	0:01:25	2
Jeff Wells	10.8K	1:06:55	1:05:24	0:01:31	2
Michelle Nicholson	10.8K	1:20:54	1:22:31	0:01:37	2
Tony Burrell	10.8K	1:09:00	1:10:44	0:01:44	2
Sue Park	6.2K	0:48:30	0:50:16	0:01:46	2
Frances Kemsley	6.2K	0:58:59	0:57:08	0:01:51	2
Dennis Hastie	10.8K	1:15:00	1:16:52	0:01:52	2
Tanya Campbell	10.8K	1:14:30	1:16:24	0:01:54	2
Rachel Gilberd	10.8K	0:59:59	1:02:41	0:02:42	2
Helen Baverstock	10.8K	1:16:49	1:20:14	0:03:25	2
Dave Barrett	10.8K	1:15:25	1:19:58	0:04:33	2
Marlene White	10.8K	1:06:30	1:12:53	0:06:23	2
Juniors	1.55K	0:14:50	0:15:39	0:00:49	6
Noah Campbell	1.55K	0:12:45	0:13:40	0:00:55	5
Jacob Campbell	1.55K	0:13:23	0:11:43	0:01:40	4
Hannah Gilberd	1.55K	0:12:00	0:15:20	0:03:20	3
Cody Campbell	1.55K	0:14:00	0:15:39	0:01:39	2
Vanessa Lowl					2
Helpers					2
Trevor, Marion, Brian					2

Points Trophy Standings

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Odd Ball
Sherryn Hardy	19	4	6	9
Neil Fagan	18	7	2	9
Ivor Ellis	17	2	8	7
Eric Kemsley	15	6	2	7
Tanya Campbell	13	2	9	2
Vanessa Lowl	12	8	2	2
Arthur Lester	11	2	4	5
Kathleen Adamski	11	9	2	
Jeff Wells	9		7	2
Alan Clarke	8	2	2	4
Lorraine Eldershaw	8	6	2	
Joelle Xavier	7	2	5	
Mike Nield	7	3	2	2
Serena Coombes	7	2	2	3
Brian O'Shea	6	2	2	2
Dave Barrett	6	2	2	2
Denise Clark	6	2	2	2
Frances Kemsley	6	2	2	2
Helen Baverstock	6	2	2	2
Marlene White	6	2	2	2
Michelle Nicholson	6	2	2	2
Tony Burrell	6	2	2	2
Trevor Suthon	6	2	2	2
Tom Hastie	5	2	3	
Harry Terwiel	4	2		2
Marion Dent	4		2	2
Sue Park	4	0	2	2
Mary Hastie	2		2	
Dennis Hastie	2			2
Juniors				
Jaide Coombes	7	5	2	
Cody Campbell	9	4	2	3
Jacob Campbell	10	3	2	5
Noah Campbell	10	2	2	6
Hannah Gilberd - G9				4

