

Points Awarded

Sue – 8 points
 Mike – 7 points
 Tony – 6 points
 Brian – 5 points
 Jeff – 4 points
 Arthur – 3 points

Points Trophy Standings

Jeff – 13 points
 Mike – 13 points
 Alan – 12 points
 Arthur – 12 points
 Harry – 12 points
 Peter – 12 points
 Tony – 11 points

*Sue's Sprint or Slog?*

Hands up those that want to change the name of this to Serena's Slog. I certainly didn't see much sprinting out there, just a slog into that keen Northerly – not often you go uphill quicker than down, but that's what it seemed like this year. Other than the wind, conditions were pretty ideal for racing today – a bit of luck though with thunder and lightning in town just before setting off and then the same once we were back – see Inglewood's not so bad after all. Now as for that Handicapper, he's a shocker isn't he! Did you hear he bought himself a case of reds on Monday in Havelock North and then promptly handicapped himself out of the race – looking at his performances through rose coloured wine glasses I think.

There was some excellent racing in the Senior event over 10K. Those to show early were Helen and Anne, with Anne looking like she might hold out the field when she pulled away from Helen with 3K to go. In the middle of the pack Tony and Sherryn started very strongly and started going through the field. They seemed to be happy walking together, but talk about fickle Tony, as soon as Serena caught him he went off with her and left Sherryn on her own. Eventually Tony seemed to tire of Serena and left her by the wayside.

Meanwhile a rejuvenated (nearly 69) Jeff came through strongly in the second half, not quite catching Tony, but getting very close to him. At the end though there was only 1 person in this race – Steam engine Mike who slogged hard into the wind and then put the after burners on going with the wind. Mike from the get go was on a mission and finished over a minute in front of Tony with a fast finishing Jeff only 19 seconds further back. Today's result may not stand, questions are being asked – what did the steam engine put in his boiler to get such a head of steam and walk the 10K in just over 59 minutes. Can't wait to see if Mike goes faster than handicap next event – another Craggy Range 2002 Riesling might make all the difference. Eric was fastest man today, finishing in 56m58s – mind you he is slowing up, must be age – he was 1 second quicker last year! Rachel was fastest woman in 60m10s.

In the Vets race today Brian was first away, followed by Sue. It looked like Sue was in a hurry, she soon caught Brian and left him in her wake. Arthur, who was next away did his best to catch the others, but with such a strong showing at Oakura his handicap was always going to be a challenge today.

Results

Grade		Estimated Time	Handicap	Clock Time	Race Time	Pts
Senior Men						
Mike Nield	M	1:01:00	0:16:30	1:15:39	0:59:09	7
Tony Burrell	M	1:06:00	0:11:30	1:16:59	1:05:29	6
Jeff Wells	M	1:04:15	0:13:15	1:17:18	1:04:03	4
Eric Kemsley	M	0:56:15	0:21:15	1:18:13	0:56:58	2
Peter Fox	M	0:57:00	0:20:30	1:19:01	0:58:31	2
Harry Terziel	M	0:57:00	0:20:30	1:19:29	0:58:59	2
Alan Clarke	M	1:07:45	0:09:45	1:20:21	1:10:36	2
Dave Wackrow	M	1:04:15	0:13:15	1:21:29	1:08:14	2
Vets						
Sue Park	V	0:41:30	0:05:30	0:45:28	0:39:58	8
Brian O'Shea	V	0:42:15	0:04:45	0:46:46	0:42:01	5
Arthur Lester	V	0:39:30	0:07:30	0:46:53	0:39:23	3
Lorraine Eldershaw	V	0:36:00	0:11:00	0:47:42	0:36:42	2
Senior Women						
Serena Coombes	W	1:05:00	0:12:30	1:17:38	1:05:08	2
Anne Fraser	W	1:13:15	0:04:15	1:18:12	1:13:57	2
Sherryn Hardy	W	1:06:30	0:11:00	1:18:17	1:07:17	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	1:17:30	0:00:00	1:19:11	1:19:11	2
Rachel Gilberd	W	0:58:00	0:19:30	1:19:40	1:00:10	2
Helen Baverstock	W	1:12:30	0:05:00	1:19:49	1:14:49	2
Marlene White	W	1:06:30	0:11:00	1:24:38	1:13:38	2
Sandra Moratti	W	1:06:00	0:11:30	1:26:12	1:14:42	2
Helpers						
Trevor, Peter						2

Sue walked an excellent race, one of her best since getting the bionic legs. She finished well over a minute in front of Brian who only just held out a fast finishing Arthur by 7 seconds. Sue took 8 points today for her excellent race. Lorraine (is she old enough to be a Vet?) was fastest in a time of 36m42s.

I know I slogged today and wondered what we were doing out there at times, but all the laughs were worth it. Some great racing. Thanks to Serena and Kevin for your hospitality.

Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Serena Sprint
Jeff Wells	13	7	2	4
Mike Nield	13	2	4	7
Alan Clarke	12	8	2	2
Arthur Lester	12	2	7	3
Harry Terwiel	12	4	6	2
Peter Fox	12	2	8	2
Tony Burrell	11	2	3	6
Sue Park	10		2	8
Brian O'Shea	9	2	2	5
Sherryn Hardy	9	2	5	2
Helen Baverstock	7	3	2	2
Anne Fraser	6	2	2	2
Dave Wackrow	6	2	2	2
Eric Kemsley	6	2	2	2
Frances Kemsley	6	6		
Peter Dent	6	2	2	2
Serena Coombes	6	2	2	2
Trevor Suthon	6	2	2	2
Denise Clark	5	5		
Ivor Ellis	4		2	2
Kim Fougere	4	2	2	
Lorraine Eldershaw	4	2		2
Marlaina Curtis	4	2	2	
Marlene White	4		2	2
Rachel Gilberd	4	2		2
Tanya Campbell	4	2	2	
Dave Barrett	2		2	
Dennis Hastie	2		2	
Gaylene Phillips	2		2	
Greg Chapman	2	2		
Joelle Xavier	2	2		
Mary Hastie	2		2	
Michelle Nicholson	2			2
Neil Fagan	2	2		
Sandra Moratti	2			2
Juniors				
Hannah Gilberd	3	3		