

Points Awarded

Helen – 8 points
 Jeff – 7 points
 Dave – 6 points
 Serena – 5 points
 Sherryn H – 4 points
 Marlene – 3 points

*Points Trophy Standings*

Jeff – 34 points
 Helen – 26 points
 Mike – 24 points
 Brian – 23 points
 Harry – 21 points
 Sherryn H – 21 points

Helen too hot for her Handicap

What people will do for a sausage? In fact there were 18 silly sausages out there today in those conditions. The speed everybody was walking with today I can only assume they could smell the sausages on the BBQ back in New Plymouth. Thank you Ross and Anne for putting on the morning tea.

I was intrigued how people would go on this course with wet conditions and a head wind down the fairways. There was much talk after last year that this course would only be fast in perfect conditions – wrong! The times this year again were very fast with a fair few going faster than last year.

The speed that first Michelle and then Helen started today, I wondered if anybody would catch them; Dave Barrett was certainly left behind very quickly. Neil, Sherryn (Wilson, or No. 2) and Anne set off in hot pursuit; Marlene though starting conservatively had her style back today. With the supposed super handicap I had given myself (worked out over a beautiful bottle of Mr Riggs from McLaren Vale last night) I thought I could catch the pack in about 3 laps – oh those foolish alcohol induced foggy brains of delusion!

At about the mid-point I felt like I was going backwards, making very little impression on those ahead and then the chasing pack closing fast. Dave Wackrow looked like he would catch everybody and lap them at this point; Sherryn (No. 1) Jeff and Vanessa were also coming very quickly. Meanwhile the bond between Tony and Serena seems to have broken; I saw Tony chatting to Serena early on in their race, but obviously he said something he shouldn't and Serena just left him behind.

With a couple of laps left, Helen had dropped the rest of the field and it was catch me if you can. Michele continued to walk well, but gradually the pack started to close. Wacky after his lay off starting wishing the race was a few K shorter as he slowed. Jeff's half marathon training paid off today as he passed everybody except for Helen. Helen had timed her race to perfection and came home in a very deserved first place with Jeff second and Dave Wackrow managing to hold onto third with a very fast finishing Serena only 7 seconds further back. Eric was fastest male over 10K in a time of 54m44s and Vanessa fastest female in a time of 59m18s.

Results

Name	Grade	Estimated Time	Handicap	Clock Time	Race Time	Pts
Senior Men						
Jeff Wells	M	1:02:00	0:14:00	1:12:13	0:58:13	7
Dave Wackrow	M	1:03:30	0:12:30	1:12:40	1:00:10	6
Neil Fagan	M	1:11:15	0:04:45	1:13:55	1:09:10	2
Alan Clarke	M	1:08:45	0:07:15	1:13:56	1:06:41	2
Tony Burrell	M	1:04:45	0:11:15	1:14:27	1:03:12	2
Eric Kemsley	M	0:56:00	0:20:00	1:14:44	0:54:44	2
Mike Nield	M	0:59:15	0:16:45	1:15:18	0:58:33	2
Dave Barrett	M	1:15:00	0:01:00	1:15:47	1:14:47	2
Vets						
Sue Park	V	0:40:15	0:05:15	0:44:41	0:39:26	2
Brian O'Shea	V	0:42:00	0:03:30	0:45:47	0:42:17	2
Senior Women						
Helen Baverstock	W	1:12:45	0:03:15	1:12:08	1:08:53	8
Serena Coombes	W	1:04:45	0:11:15	1:12:47	1:01:32	5
Sherryn Hardy	W	1:06:00	0:10:00	1:13:05	1:03:05	4
Marlene White	W	1:10:00	0:06:00	1:13:06	1:07:06	3
Vanessa Lowl	W	1:02:00	0:14:00	1:13:18	0:59:18	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	1:16:00	0:00:00	1:13:26	1:13:26	2
Sherryn Wilson	W	1:11:15	0:04:45	1:13:29	1:08:44	2
Anne Fraser	W	1:10:30	0:05:30	1:16:14	1:10:44	2
Helpers						
Peter, Trevor, Lorraine, Harry, Ivor						2

Only 2 vets were able to brave the conditions today, Brian and Sue. I am sure that I heard Sue making mutterings about the handicapper today as she set off in pursuit of Brian who was 250 metres up the road by the time she started. Sue was very determined to catch Brian though and walked a very good race and caught him on the final lap. Sue came home in first place in a very smart 39m26s for the 5K.

Many thanks to the helpers today – conditions like this are often worse for you. A particular thank you to Trevor and Peter on time-keeping and a tentative thank you to Lorraine for being the water girl. The first thing that you need to learn about being a Judge Lorraine is that you never DQ the Handicapper – unless you intend not to walk in any future handicap events!

Thank you everybody for another great day.

Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Serena Sprint	Helen's Special	Norm Read	Ekiden	Open Walk	Links
Jeff Wells	33	7	2	4	7	2	2	2	7
Helen Baverstock	26	3	2	2	5	2	2	2	8
Mike Nield	24	2	4	7	2	4	2	1	2
Brian O'Shea	23	2	2	5	2	6	2	2	2
Harry Terwiel	21	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	2
Sherryn Hardy	21	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	4
Alan Clarke	20	8	2	2	2	2		2	2
Anne Fraser	20	2	2	2	8	2	2		2
Tony Burrell	20	2	3	6		3	2	2	2
Serena Coombes	19	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5
Sue Park	19		2	8	3	2		2	2
Arthur Lester	18	2	7	3	2	2		2	
Eric Kemsley	18	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2
Michelle Nicholson	18		2	2	2	8	2	2	2
Peter Fox	18	2	8	2	2	2	2		
Dave Wackrow	17	2	2	2		2	2	1	6
Ivor Ellis	15		2	2	6	2		1	2
Marlene White	15		2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Dave Barrett	14		2		2	7		1	2
Frances Kemsley	14	6			2	5		1	
Lorraine Eldershaw	13	2		2	2	2	2	1	2
Peter Dent	13	2	2	2	2	2		1	2
Trevor Suthon	13	2	2	2	2	2		1	2
Denise Clark	10	5			2	2		1	
Rachel Gilbert	10	2		2		2	2	2	
Tanya Campbell	10	2	2		2	2		2	
Kim Fougere	9	2	2		2	2		1	
Neil Fagan	6	2				2			2
Sandra Moratti	6			2			2	2	
Marlaina Curtis	4	2	2						
Sherryn Wilson	4							2	2
Vanessa Lowl	4					2			2
Dennis Hastie	3		2					1	
Mary Hastie	3		2					1	
Gaylene Phillips	2		2						
Greg Chapman	2	2							
Joelle Xavier	2	2							
Juniors	0								
Hannah Gilbert	7	3				4			
Graydon	3				3				