

# The Links Handicap

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## Today's Points

**Alan 8 pts**  
**Arthur 7 pts**  
**Harry 6 pts**  
**Sherryn H 5 pts**  
**Gary 4 pts**  
**Jeff 3 pts**

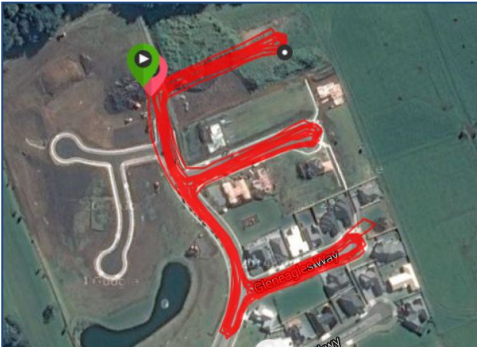
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## The Links Handicap – Bell Block

The forecast for Sunday had looked bad all week with the prospect of rain, rain and rain. My biggest concern was a soggy sausage; how on earth was Ross going to get that BBQ going in the wet. Luckily though the morning was perfect for walking, a tad chilly for the time keepers (many thanks Trevor and Denise), but perfect for Ross and his sausages – in fact we turned up at Ross and Anne's afterwards to glorious sunshine and no soggy snarlers. The links course is fast with a beautiful walking surface. This year Harry (with his delightful assistant), measured the course to perfection.

In today's race first up was Mary Anne, who shot round the first lap as though she was trying to get warm. Michelle was even quicker on her first 2 laps, showing some great technique and obviously benefitting from doing reps; Michelle ran out of steam later probably due to doing 21K the day before. Gaylene drove straight down the fairway and certainly strove to go under par for her tour around the links. By the time I teed off the early starters were already well into their second lap; in fact it took me 2 laps to pass Mary Anne for the first time. Starting behind me, the stand outs were Harry, Sherryn (1), Jeff and Dennis. Up ahead of me Gaylene and Helen looked to be working very hard. Each time you go down a cul-de-sac on this course you gauge just how much you have gained or lost to the rest of the field.

Early on in the race, I could see that Dennis was closing on me with Sherryn trying to catch Dennis. It's disconcerting the way Dennis walks, it is such a long loping stride that you are fooled by how fast he is travelling. You can imagine Sherryn trying to catch him; she would be doing about 6 strides to his one! Back to the race I was closing on Gaylene, Helen and Mary Anne, but Sherryn and Harry were getting closer as well. I had to work to pass Helen, she seems to speed up once you get close and finally I caught Mary Anne. Harry caught Sherryn on the last straight and came home in second with Sherryn in third. The handicapper committed the ultimate crime and took out first place. I am sure that the handicapper will be very hard on himself and not allow it to happen again! Particularly well done to Harry who walked his fastest 10K for 3 years taking fastest time in 56m12s. Rachel was fastest female in 1h1m2s.



The vets had a couple of extra walkers in their race today, Eric who finished his 5K just after Mike started his 10K (Eric scrutineered the walkers today, thank you) and Dave Barrett who has just got back from warmer climes and needed to ease his way back to reality. In the vets' race first up were Eric and Frances, holding hands as they walked up the road, followed by Gary and Mary (not holding hands). Arthur certainly appreciated the smooth seal of the road and soon started closing the gap on those ahead of him. With one lap to go, this was still anybody's race as Gary had taken the lead, but was being chased hard by Arthur and Dave Barrett. Arthur showed he still has his competitive streak, beating Gary by 26 seconds and Gary holding off a fast finishing Dave. Eric took fastest time in 27m22s.

Hannah did her 5K in 36m32 and Olivia did 1.25K in 11m4s.

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### **Points Trophy Leaders**

**Mike 24 pts**  
**Arthur 21 pts**  
**Dave W 21 pts**  
**Eric 20 pts**  
**Harry 20 pts**  
**Tony 20 pts**

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The Points trophy is now starting to heat up after today's race. Mike still leads it with 24 points, Arthur has joined Wacky on 21 and then Harry, Eric and Tony follow on 20.

There had been discussion about changing the date of this walk, that maybe it didn't suit being a holiday weekend. With 29 walkers, we had one of the best turnouts, obviously a weekend that people don't travel away.

One little gripe. We have a club uniform. Can we please wear it during our events. I know it was cold when we started, but this is Taranaki, it gets a little chilly in Winter. Please put a thermal under your shirt if you are cold.

Name	Grade	Est Time	Handicap	Clock Time	Race Time	Pts
<b>Senior Men</b>						
Alan Clarke	M	1:09:00	0:13:45	1:19:26	1:05:41	8
Harry Terwiel	M	0:58:45	0:24:00	1:20:12	0:56:12	6
Jeff Wells	M	1:03:15	0:19:30	1:20:43	1:01:13	3
Dennis Hastie	M	1:08:00	0:14:45	1:21:20	1:06:35	2
Mike Nield	M	0:57:45	0:25:00	1:21:30	0:56:30	2
Dave Wackrow	M	1:00:00	0:22:45	1:22:03	0:59:18	2
Tony Burrell	M	1:03:15	0:19:30	1:22:27	1:02:57	2
Brian O'Shea	M	1:22:15	0:00:30	1:25:04	1:24:34	2
<b>Vets</b>						
Arthur	V	0:44:15	0:05:30	0:47:56	0:42:26	7
Gary Fenwick	V	0:48:15	0:01:30	0:48:22	0:46:52	4
Eric Kemsley	V	0:28:15	0:21:30	0:48:52	0:27:22	3
Dave Barrett	V	0:38:15	0:11:30	0:49:13	0:37:43	2
Mary Hastie	V	0:46:15	0:03:30	0:49:40	0:46:10	2
Frances Kemsley	V	0:49:45	0:00:00	0:50:40	0:50:40	2
Sue Park	V	0:41:45	0:08:00	0:53:36	0:45:36	2
<b>Senior Women</b>						
Sherryn Hardy	W	1:07:00	0:15:45	1:20:25	1:04:40	5
Gaylene Phillips	W	1:15:30	0:07:15	1:20:55	1:13:40	2
Helen Baverstock	W	1:13:15	0:09:30	1:21:03	1:11:33	2
Mary Anne Costeloe	W	1:22:45	0:00:00	1:21:37	1:21:37	2
Sherryn Wilson	W	1:09:30	0:13:15	1:21:54	1:08:39	2
Lorraine Eldershaw	W	1:12:45	0:10:00	1:23:23	1:13:23	2
Serena Coombes	W	1:05:45	0:17:00	1:23:43	1:06:43	2
Rachel Gilberd	W	0:59:30	0:23:15	1:24:17	1:01:02	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	1:16:30	0:06:15	1:24:52	1:18:37	2
Anne Fraser	W	1:14:00	0:08:45	1:25:17	1:16:32	2
Marlene White	W	1:14:45	0:08:00	1:28:42	1:20:42	2
Tanya Campbell	W	1:13:30	0:09:15	DNF		2
<b>Juniors</b>						
Hannah Gilberd	J5	0:34:45	0:15:00	0:51:32	0:36:32	3
Olivia Gilberd	J1.25			0:11:04		2
<b>Helpers</b>						
Trevor, Denise, Eric						2

## Points Trophy

Name	Wind Total	Wand	Ivor Oak	Sere Sprint	Norm Read	Ekid	Links	Open Walk	Time Trial	Odd Ball	First Day	Fox Trot	Kaim Road	Road Cham	Burn Up	Mart Wang	2nd Day	Wind Down
<b>Mike Nield</b>	24	2	7	6	5	2	2											
<b>Arthur Lester</b>	21	2	8	2	2		7											
<b>Dave Wackrow</b>	21	6	5	4	2	2	2											
<b>Eric Kemsley</b>	20	2	6	5	2	2	3											
<b>Harry Terwiel</b>	20		2	2	8	2	6											
<b>Tony Burrell</b>	20	7		7	2	2	2											
<b>Alan Clarke</b>	19	3	2	2	2	2	8											
<b>Rachel Gilbert</b>	18	8	2	2	2	2	2											
<b>Sherryn Hardy</b>	18	2	2		7	2	5											
<b>Gary Fenwick</b>	16		2	8	2		4											
<b>Jeff Wells</b>	16	4	2	2	3	2	3											
<b>Lorraine Eldershaw</b>	16	5	2	3	2	2	2											
<b>Brian O'Shea</b>	12		3	2	3	2	2											
<b>Denise Clark</b>	12	2	2		5		3											
<b>Serena Coombes</b>	12	4	2	2		2	2											
<b>Dennis Hastie</b>	10		2		6		2											
<b>Frances Kemsley</b>	10	2	2	2	2		2											
<b>Helen Baverstock</b>	10	2	2	2		2	2											
<b>Ivor Ellis</b>	10	2	2	2	2	2												
<b>Marlene White</b>	10		2	2	2	2	2											
<b>Mary Hastie</b>	10	2	4		2		2											
<b>MaryAnne Costeloe</b>	10	2	2	2	2		2											
<b>Michelle Nicholson</b>	10	2		2	2	2	2											
<b>Tanya Campbell</b>	10	2	2	2		2	2											
<b>Trevor Suthon</b>	10	2	2	2	2		2											
<b>Anne Fraser</b>	8		2		2	2	2											
<b>Gaylene Phillips</b>	8	2	2	2			2											
<b>Peter Dent</b>	8	2	2	2	2													
<b>Peter Fox</b>	7		3		2	2												
<b>Dave Barrett</b>	6	2	2				2											
<b>Sandra Moratti</b>	6			2	2	2												
<b>Sue Park</b>	6	2			2		2											
<b>Neil Fagan</b>	4	2			2													
<b>Sherryn Wilson</b>	4				2		2											
<b>Juniors</b>																		
<b>Hannah Gilbert</b>	14		2	4	3	2	3											
<b>Olivia Gilbert</b>	7			3	2		2											