

The Bell Block Burn Up

Bell Block doesn't let us down - does the wind ever stop out there? Yes there was wind in town, but that was one exposed cold place particularly from the sidelines. Yes, Sideline Sam reporting again today.

The conditions might not have been warm, but some of the racing was certainly hot. Sherryn our Points leader was away in Palmerston doing a half and it was the opportunity to close the 14 point lead she has for the Trophy. The talking point of the Race though was the colour that is coming in - no green shoes, but we had Eric's fire truck red shoes and Lorraine was sporting a "glow in the dark" orange cone-like hat on her head! At last you people are getting some taste. Some had the National Road Champs on their minds and backed off today - no the Handicapper doesn't care about that - just no heart that guy! Editor's note - phew Handicapper is sure going to deal to Sideline when he is back walking!

Joelle had her oats this morning and it certainly showed in her walking. At Normanby she lost her energy mid race, this time though with her breakfast on-board she shot away at the start. Next up were Dave Barrett and Helen. At the road champs last week they were 2 seconds difference, but today Helen showed Dave a clean pair of heels (and toes). In the initial couple of laps Helen started to close the 1 minute gap that Joelle had and looked like she would win on the day. Mike Nield was the next to show; by the 4th lap he had caught half the field, he looked determined to retain his points trophy. Meanwhile Joelle though, in her new streamline **black** shorts, started getting away from the field again. In the end, Joelle never looked like being beaten and was a clear winner

by over a minute from Helen and then Mike who was only 23 seconds behind Helen. Eric (no need to copy Sue!), took fastest time in 57m50s.

Arthur and Tom (welcome back) started together on handicap today and battled side by side the whole way. Tom had beaten Arthur the last time it came down to a sprint finish, but with 200 metres to go there was still nothing in it, so it looked like Tom would take it again. With 50 metres to go though, Arthur decided that it was his day and opened a gap. The last few metres was like watching Bolt against Gay in the 100 metres, both were so competitive that neither backed off. Arthur just managed the win by 2 seconds. Ivor was 3rd home. Arthur also took fastest time in 37m20s.

Besides battles for overall honours there were lots of races within the race. Tony and Serena were never far apart and each kept taking the lead (funny how Tony always seemed to be in front when going into the wind!). These two also had a sprint for the line with Serena edging Tony by 6 seconds. After Jeff caught Marlene, then Marlene wouldn't let him go and there was another sprint at the end with Jeff just holding on by 1 second.

The Points trophy closed up today with Sherryn still on 55 points and Mike on 48. This will still go to the wire, with Helen moving to 40 points.

Results

Name	Grade	Estimated Time	Handicap	Clock Time	Race Time	Points
Senior Men						
Mike Nield	M	0:59:15	0:14:15	1:12:41	0:58:26	7
Dave Barrett	M	1:12:30	0:01:00	1:14:36	1:13:36	2
Tony Burrell	M	1:04:45	0:08:45	1:15:02	1:06:17	2
Neil Fagan	M	1:10:30	0:03:00	1:15:14	1:12:14	2
Jeff Wells	M	1:01:00	0:12:30	1:16:13	1:03:43	2
Eric Kemsley	M	0:54:15	0:19:15	1:17:05	0:57:50	2
Vets						
Arthur	V	0:37:45	0:07:55	0:45:15	0:37:20	6
Tom Hastie	V	0:37:45	0:07:55	0:45:17	0:37:22	5
Ivor	V	0:45:40	0:00:00	0:45:55	0:45:55	3
Denise Clark	V	0:45:40	0:00:00	0:47:04	0:47:04	2
Senior Women						
Joelle Xavier	W	1:13:30	0:00:00	1:11:01	1:11:01	9
Helen Baverstock	W	1:12:30	0:01:00	1:12:18	1:11:18	8
Lorraine Eldershaw	W	1:11:00	0:02:30	1:13:22	1:10:52	4
Serena Coombes	W	1:04:45	0:08:45	1:14:56	1:06:11	2
Marlene White	W	1:03:45	0:09:45	1:16:14	1:06:29	2
Others						
Vanessa	10K				1:13:22	2
Frances	5K				0:47:04	2
Helpers						
Trevor, Marion, Brian, Alan						2

Points Trophy Standings

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Odd Ball	Norm Read	Ekiden	Helen's Special	The Links	Open Walk	Gibbons TT	1 st Club	Fox Trot	Road Champs	Burn Up
Sherryn Hardy	55	4	6	9	9	2	7	2	2	4	4	4	2	
Mike Nield	48	3	2	2		2	8	8	2	5	2	5	2	7
Serena Coombes	43	2	2	3	7	2	9		2	3	7	2	2	2
Marlene White	42	2	2	2	2	2	6	3	2	2	8	2	7	2
Helen Baverstock	40	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	8	5	8
Arthur Lester	38	2	4	5	2	2	2		2	2	2	7	2	6
Tom Hastie	38	2	3		8		2	5	2	9	2			5
Ivor Ellis	37	2	8	7	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3
Dave Barrett	33	2	2	2	2	2		2	1	2	5	9	2	2
Eric Kemsley	33	6	2	7	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2
Lorraine Eldershaw	31	6	2		2	2			1	6	6		2	4
Michelle Nicholson	31	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	2	2	2	2	2	
Neil Fagan	31	7	2	9	5		2		2	2				2
Sue Park	30	0	2	2			2	6	2	2	2	6	6	
Jeff Wells	29		7	2	2		2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2
Tanya Campbell	29	2	9	2	2	2			2	2	2	2	4	
Alan Clarke	28	2	2	4	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	4	2
Brian O'Shea	28	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2
Harry Terziel	28	2		2	2	2	4	4	1	7	2	2		
Anne Fraser	27			2	2	2	5	2	2		2	2	8	
Joelle Xavier	26	2	5			2		2	2		2	2		9
Vanessa Lowl	26	8	2	2	7	2	2		1					2
Dave Wackrow	25				2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	
Kathleen Adamski	23	9	2		3	2	3	2	2					
Sandra Moratti	23				2	2		2	2	2	9		4	
Tony Burrell	23	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2		3	2
Trevor Suthon	23	2	2	2	2		2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Denise Clark	22	2	2	2	2			7	1			2	2	2
Marion Dent	19		2	2	2		2	2	1	2	2	2		2
Rachel Gilberd	18			2		2			2	8	2		2	
Frances Kemsley	13	2	2	2				2	1			2		2
Mary Hastie	13		2		4		2	2	1	2				
Dennis Hastie	9			2	2	2		2	1					
Peter Fox	2											2		
Juniors														
Cody Campbell B9	18	4	2	3	5					4				
Noah Campbell B7	17	2	2	6	2					2		3		
Jacob Campbell B10	16	3	2	5						3		3		
Hannah Gilberd - G10	19			4					2	5	4		4	
Nicole Moratti - G12	14				4				2		4		4	
Deanna Moratti - G14	13				3				2		4		4	
Jaide Coombes	7	5	2											
Renee Moratti - G16	10								2		4		4	