

Points Awarded

Dave W – 8 points
 Sherryn W – 7 points
 Neil – 6 points
 Vanessa – 5 points
 Tony – 4 points
 Arthur – 3 points



Points Trophy Standings

Alan – 46 points
 Jeff – 43 points
 Helen – 42 points
 Brian – 38 points
 Dave W – 38 points
 Marlene – 35 points
 Sherryn H – 35 points

Taranaki Road Champs 2013

Late and quick report on the Road Champs for this year. Caught up on the World Athletics Champs from Moscow – only one more day of it so no more early morning starts. This year's conditions were good, except for a bit of a headwind on one stretch of the course. Sunday would have made for a hot one.

We have been struggling with numbers this year with illness and injuries but TRWC still managed 6 A grade and 8 B grade walkers in distances from 3K to 10K; in addition we had 2 lap scorers, 1 red card collector and then the Judges from the club – excellent support from both walkers and helpers alike. Firstly a thank you to Trevor, Anne and Michelle for your assistance. Also many thanks to Graeme, Brian, Tanya, Colin and Harry for judging today.

From the gun Mike Morresey representing Egmont pulled away very quickly from everybody else and finished in a very respectable 50m41s. The next positions saw a great battle between Rodney, Des Hussey, Peter Fox and Vanessa. Peter started slowly, but after about 3 laps gradually pulled away from the other A graders (Dave Wackrow waking in the B grade wasn't caught by Peter until about 3 laps to go).

Vanessa walked a very powerful race; going past Rodney and Des to win the Women's section comfortably in 59m5s. Rodney and Des seem to puncture mid race, with Des finishing in just over 63 minute and Rodney in 66:30. Tony stopped talking for the latter part of the race and for once this year finished ahead of Serena (second woman home in 65m53s).

The B grade had Dave Wackrow start at a very fast pace (initially he was a head of Peter) and went through his 10K in 58m5s. With Vanessa not playing with the boys this week (far too strong for them), it was left to Jeff and Mike to battle it out. Jeff got quite a large gap on Mike from early in the race, with Mike showing some tiredness from the half marathon on the previous Sunday. With 2 laps to go Mike had closed the gap to maybe 50 metres and a certain individual decided to spice it up and suggest Mike was closing and could catch Jeff. This was just the spur that Mike needed and he got his steam engine into full power (they probably heard him back in New Plymouth). With 200 metres left the gap was down to maybe 15 metres, but Jeff being the cunning fox he is waited until he was alongside and then took off.

Results

Name	Grade	Distance	Closed Handicap	Race Time	Place	Pts
A Grade						
Peter Fox	M55	10K	57:15	57:48	1st	2
Tony Burrell	M60	10K	1:05:15	1:04:58	1st	4
Serena Coombes	W45	10K	1:04:25	1:05:53	1st	2
Vanessa Lowl	W50	10K	59:30	59:05	1st	5
Helen Baverstock	W55	10K	1:11:20	1:12:20	1st	2
Marlene White	W65	10K	1:08:50	1:09:23	1st	2

B Grade

Mike Nield	M45	10K	59:40	1:01:01	1st	2
Dave Wackrow	M50	10K	58:50	58:05	1st	8
Jeff Wells	M65	10K	59:50	1:00:56	1st	2
Neil Fagan	M65	10K	1:11:15	1:10:39	3rd	6
Ivor	M85	3K	29:00	29:06	1st	2
Arthur	M85	5K	39:33	39:38	1st	3
Sherryn Wilson	W45	10K	1:08:55	1:08:11	1st	7
Sue Park	W70	5K	39:45	40:54	2nd	2

Helpers

Michelle, Trevor, Anne	2
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Judges

Brian, Tanya, Graeme, Alan, Colin, Harry	2
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Jeff managed to stay 5 seconds ahead at the end and finished in 60m56s – and gave some of us some entertainment.

Sherryn Wilson keeps improving and walked a PB of 68m11s. Arthur made it a no contest in the 5K against Sue (sandbagging for the next handicap event?) and finished over a minute in front of her in 39m38s. Ivor did his 3K in 29m6s.

As I said before, the conditions were great for racing, unfortunately the course wasn't. I was told by a certain individual on the Organising Committee that he didn't care – the bottom line is the course was not suitable for Race Walking and we do care what a course is like – some runners may think we are second class citizens, but we pay the same registration fees to Athletics NZ and should be given a level playing field..

Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Serena Sprint	Helen's Special	Norm Read	Ekiden	Open Walk	Links	Odd Ball	Time Trial	First Day	Fox Trot	Road Champs
Alan Clarke	46	8	2	2	2	2		2	2	5	5	8	6	2
Jeff Wells	43	7	2	4	7	2	2	2	7	2	2	2	2	2
Helen Baverstock	42	3	2	2	5	2	2	2	8	8	2	2	2	2
Brian O'Shea	38	2	2	5	2	6	2	2	2	2	7	2	2	2
Dave Wackrow	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	6	4	2	2	5	8
Marlene White	35		2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	6	8	2
Sherryn Hardy	35	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	8	2	2	
Arthur Lester	34	2	7	3	2	2		2		7	2	2	2	3
Sue Park	34		2	8	3	2		2	2	2	6	2	3	2
Tony Burrell	34	2	3	6		3	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	4
Mike Nield	33	2	4	7	2	4	2	1	2		2	3	2	2
Harry Terwiel	31	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Serena Coombes	31	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	3	5		2
Michelle Nicholson	29			2	2	8	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Anne Fraser	26	2	2	2	8	2	2		2			2	2	2
Ivor Ellis	25		2	2	6	2		1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Peter Fox	24	2	8	2	2	2	2					2	2	2
Trevor Suthon	23	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Dave Barrett	22		2	2	2	7		1	2	6	2			
Sherryn Wilson	22							2	2			4	7	7
Lorraine Eldershaw	21	2		2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	
Peter Dent	21	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	2	2	2	2	
Eric Kemsley	20	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2				
Vanessa Lowl	19					2			2			7	4	4
Frances Kemsley	18	6			2	5		1		2	2			
Denise Clark	14	5			2	2		1		2	2			
Rachel Gilbert	12	2		2		2	2	2					2	
Tanya Campbell	12	2	2		2	2		2						2
Neil Fagan	11	2				2			2					5
Kim Fougere	9	2	2		2	2		1						
Sandra Moratti	8			2			2	2			2			
Gaylene Phillips	4		2									2		
Marlaina Curtis	4	2	2											
Dennis Hastie	3		2					1						
Mary Hastie	3		2					1						
Greg Chapman	2	2												
Joelle Xavier	2	2												
Juniors	0													
Hannah Gilbert	7	3				4								
Graydon	3				3									