

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>

CROSS-COUNTRY

Bacchus Marsh

A new venue to replace Wandin Park may have given some to think that a less demanding course may have been on the cards for the first individual events of the season.

How wrong they were!

An undulating course was on show, with continual ups and downs over the entire distance.

Some runners suggested that the uneven surface underfoot only added to the task in hand and was the only real set back. The St. Anne Winery looks certain to get a return visit next year.

Judging by the number of people in the tasting rooms after the event and the number of people seen exiting those same rooms carrying liquid filled containers, the owners may well be very keen to have AV back again!

The Club welcomed three new members to the ranks with **Jenna McHugh, Michael Gyton** and **David Meadway** making their first appearances in the Black and White!

Our only individual medal for the day came in the very first event when **Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi** grabbed a silver in the under 14 2k. With one of our biggest improvers, **Mason Johns**, together with **Fab Agiuard** backing Wolfy up, Collingwood was able to take out the team event as well, thus staying atop the ladder in the grade.

Unfortunately this was the only junior team we were able to finish on the day. Despite this, the Club was extremely happy with the efforts of all our juniors who certainly put in on the day.

JUNIOR RESULTS

| GIRLS       |                   |         | BOYS        |                       |                 |         |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Under 16 3k |                   |         | Under 14 2k |                       |                 |         |
| 10          | Simone Maillardet | 11:50.9 | 2           | Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi | 6:59.9          |         |
| 21          | Zoe Cornell       | 14:20.6 | 9           | Mason Johns           | 7:26.7          |         |
|             |                   |         | 11          | Fabiano Agiuard       | 7:44.2          |         |
|             |                   |         | 19          | Andre Maillardet      | 8:24.9          |         |
|             |                   |         |             | Team Result           | 1 <sup>st</sup> |         |
| Under 18 3k |                   |         | Under 20 4k |                       |                 |         |
|             |                   |         |             | 2k                    | 4k              |         |
| 12          | Lucy Leutchford   | 12:10.9 | 10          | Aston Key             | 6:37            | 13:59.1 |
| 13          | Amy Cornell       | 12:11.1 |             |                       |                 |         |

The senior events saw some interesting results!

With the Club losing our Divvy 3 (men's) team after last season's relegation, our results in the lower grades should be more positive this year. This of course presupposes that our athletes turn up and support the Club. Our numbers at St Anne's were good and a number of our newbies who made their respective debuts at Jells Park, again indicated that they will be a real fillip for the season ahead. But again it was the absence of a few of our top ranked athletes that have affected not only our top teams, but also, of course the teams right down the list.

The same situation was evident in our women's teams, although it must be said that the effect was not as great with our Divvy 5 team winning their grade on the day. The lady's top team finished in a very creditable third place in Divvy 1.

Both the senior races were conducted over the same distance – certainly no big deal, but a change from the program over the last million years.

Our 40+ teams in both genders were winners on the day. We are sure to do well in the individual races throughout the season, but not having teams in the first relays may be a big setback in the final wash up!

**Erchana Murray Bartlett** was our first home with a very even paced run. **Amy Robinson** went out quick and didn't drop off too much at all – promise of things to come!! First timer with Collingwood, **Jenna McHugh**, certainly showed enough to get another invite at the next event while **Tash Key** seems to be enjoying not having to look at her compass, as is the norm, in her usual pastime – orienteering.

## SENIOR RESULTS

### WOMEN'S 8k

|     |                         | 2k    | 5k    | 8k      |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| 19  | Erchana Murray Bartlett | 7:25  | 19:16 | 31:36.4 |
| 22  | Amy Robinson            | 7:21  | 19:26 | 31:46.7 |
| 27  | Natasha Key *           | 7:50  | 19:46 | 32:08.3 |
| 41  | Victoria Lehmann        | 7:48  | 20:25 | 33:15.4 |
| 54  | Cara Foot               | 8:22  | 21:15 | 34:04.4 |
| 63  | Rachel Delany *         | 8:20  | 21:27 | 34:32.7 |
| 88  | Katie Ward              | 8:27  | 22:00 | 36:15.0 |
| 93  | Jenna McHugh            | -     | 22:17 | 36:38.1 |
| 100 | Cesca Coles *           | 8:51  | 22:54 | 37:16.4 |
| 103 | Zoe Delany              | 8:36  | 23:09 | 37:30.4 |
| 132 | Carine McGinnity        | 9:26  | 24:49 | 40:57.2 |
| 141 | Bron Hill #             | 9:54  | 25:39 | 41:43.6 |
| 143 | Alison Chapman          | 10:06 | 25:50 | 41:51.3 |
| 147 | Mena Butler             | 10:05 | 26:15 | 42:43.1 |
| 152 | Hiromi Fujiwara #       | 10:30 | 26:43 | 43:02.9 |
| 165 | Carly Black #           | 11:20 | 29:07 | 46:26.2 |
| 193 | Jessica Newton          | 13:50 | 37:53 | 63:46.7 |

## TEAM RESULTS

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Division 1        | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       |
| Division 3        | 2 <sup>nd</sup>       |
| Division 4        | 5 <sup>th</sup>       |
| <b>Division 5</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> |
| * 40+ 1           | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> |
| # 40+ 2           | 9 <sup>th</sup>       |

There were some very promising results in the men's event. **Tim Bryant** was our first home! After missing the entire 2017 season due to injury, Tim seems to be in pretty good form. We are certainly very glad to have him back in harness. Evergreen **Magnus Michelsson** put in yet another good'un, again showing that despite the years mounting up it is still possible to run fast! **Paul Viney**, now in the over 50's section is in, probably career best form. The Government should have him in the ads for "Look what retirement can do for you!"

### MEN'S 8k

|     |                   |   | 2k    | 5k    | 8k      |
|-----|-------------------|---|-------|-------|---------|
| 34  | Tim Bryant        |   | 6:39  | 16:52 | 27:06.4 |
| 65  | Liam Delany       | * | 6:55  | 17:38 | 28:24.8 |
| 83  | Magnus Michelsson | * | 7:06  | 18:06 | 29:12.8 |
| 84  | Hugh McCarthy     |   | 6:53  | 17:59 | 29:21.8 |
| 91  | Xavier Meade      |   | 6:45  | 18:06 | 29:34.3 |
| 96  | Andrew Downie     |   | 7:07  | 18:20 | 29:42.1 |
| 104 | Campbell Maffett  | * | 6:51  | 18:20 | 30:00.6 |
| 106 | Simon Hanns       |   | 7:14  | 18:37 | 30:09.3 |
| 121 | David Meadway     |   | 7:31  | 19:06 | 30:45.1 |
| 122 | Danny Reddan      | # | 7:22  | 18:59 | 30:48.3 |
| 125 | Malcolm Campbell  | # | 7:22  | 19:22 | 30:54.3 |
| 156 | Steve Simmons     |   | 7:41  | 19:41 | 31:47.9 |
| 190 | Paul Viney        | % | 8:16  | 20:26 | 32:40.1 |
| 191 | Tony Hally        | # | 8:08  | 20:22 | 32:41.3 |
| 206 | Lewis Sullivan    |   | 8:15  | 20:40 | 33:00.1 |
| 210 | Mark McKinnon     |   | 8:02  | 20:21 | 33:12.8 |
| 225 | Paul Rothin       |   | -     | 20:46 | 33:31.6 |
| 242 | Peter Gaunt       | % | 8:22  | 21:13 | 34:27.9 |
| 262 | Michael Gyton     |   | 8:53  | 22:05 | 35:16.5 |
| 267 | Eugene Nemesi     |   | 8:12  | 21:46 | 35:40.6 |
| 293 | David Diviny      |   | 8:53  | 22:45 | 36:53.3 |
| 312 | Paul Wallace      |   | 9:31  | 23:41 | 37:44.3 |
| 343 | Jason Mears       |   | 10:03 | 24:56 | 39:48.8 |
| 345 | Daryl Standfield  |   | 9:35  | 24:43 | 39:45.3 |
| 351 | Doug Leutchford   | % | 10:03 | 24:59 | 40:18.8 |
| 360 | Jim Hopkins       |   | 10:25 | 25:47 | 41:23.9 |
| 377 | Mark Cornell      |   | 10:12 | 26:56 | 44:29.1 |

### TEAM RESULTS

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Division 1 | 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| Division 2 | 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| Division 4 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Division 5 | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Division 6 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |

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|---------|-----------------|
| * 40+ 1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| # 40+ 2 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| % 50+   | 7 <sup>th</sup> |

**OFFICIALS: Tony Williams** and **Gary McBroom** were working for AV and were again instrumental in the smooth running of the day. As a matter of fact it was “our Gary” that put AV onto the possibility of using St Anne’s as a venue. You can thank him at the next race!!!!

**Kevin Wigmore** did a stack of work collecting our times for the Club archives – a job he has done and done well for a very long time!

**Liam Delany** again organised the eats for the hordes, but I suspect there may have been a couple of private contributions as well – thanks to all.

Thanks to **Kevin** and **Jess Newton** who both did a power of work to get our tent back into the trailer at the end of the day. It was a terrific effort from Jess in particular who had spent a deal of time out on the course in the senior 8k not long before.