

MAGPIE MULTIES

The second annual (hopefully) Magpie Multies were held at Clifton Hill over October 3rd /4th.

The weather was very kind to the Club in their attempt to deliver a top class competition for those athletes interested in the multi event disciplines.

The turn up was a little bigger than last year particularly in some of the junior grades and the competition across all the different events was very keen over the two days.

A. V. asked us to conduct the Vic Masters' competitions in conjunction with our events and this proved to be a most profitable move for Collingwood athletes as Shanyn Payne, Chris Boylen and Danny Hecker all won their age groups and the subsequent Gold Medal. Peter Neale gained a silver behind Danny in the 40-44 group.

In the open section Troy Kameme was first Magpie home and in so doing sees his name go on the W.S. Tunaley Decathlon Board for the second time. Danny Hecker gave Troy a bit of a fright with a tremendous effort. Needing to beat Troy by about 40 seconds in the over the metric mile Danny went out hard from the start and gave it a real shake. Danny finished about 34 seconds in front of Troy who was good enough to do enough!

Jessica Neale is the new Club Female U/14 pentathlon Champion, while 'little' brother Jack won the Male equivalent.

Zoe McWhinney was just 22 points outside the 20 year old Club U/16 Record winning the title in that age group. This followed up Zoe's performance last year when she broke the U/14 pentathlon record.

One of the highlights from the Club's point of view were the performances of two young athletes having their first competition in the black and white.

Nick Rosa showed a lot of promise in winning the U/16 Heptathlon. From our Little Aths group Nick is more than capable in many events and will gain a lot of points for the Club during the summer.

Elli Hesse was the other ray of sunshine on show at the track over the two days. With only a little athletics at school behind her Elli did really well, especially considering that she hadn't even tried a couple of the events before. Again Collingwood is going to be the beneficiary of Elli's talents during the track season.

An event like this doesn't just happen!

Ian Fisher, Diana Barnett, Judy Mason, Kevin Wigmore, Tony Williams and Lyn Humphris did the bulk of the organising and officiating for the weekend, but there were a number of others who helped. Graeme Paul and Ray Harbert did a power of work over the two days while Shane Derby, Tony Hally, Anthony Weiland and Graeme Scott all did their bit for the team.

Noeline Bates and Judy Guinane did a sterling job in the canteen keeping the troops fed.

Christine Dell, Les ~~Clarke~~ John Coleman and Grant McKay all officials from other clubs provided some valuable assistance over the weekend.