

**Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**EKIDEN RELAYS**

**Anglesea**

Another windy day greeted the troops for the third sojourn to Anglesea for the 'long relays'. Unfortunately, Collingwood was again well short of full strength, particularly in the men's divisions and to a lesser extent in the juniors.

The day had a setback early on when our tent, erected without too much trouble despite the wind, decided to relocate itself to the much less preferred end of the reserve, performing four front somersaults on its journey. The ensuing damage to the frame meant the Club was to be virtuously homeless for the day, although Diamond Valley generously offered to share their digs with us for the duration. Thanks to David Armstrong and the gang from the Valley for their support and hospitality.

The usual pre relay tensions were on show as we anxiously awaited for runners to turn up to ensure that we didn't have to make stacks of last minute adjustments to our teams. As it turned out, things fell into shape pretty well this year with all nominated teams, bar one, getting the starting line.

Both our junior teams wound up gaining second place in their respective events with quite small margins evident in the two cases. These performances continued the terrific results experienced by our younger brigade this season - when we have been able to get teams on the course!

**JUNIOR RESULTS**

**Girls Under 16**

Simone Maillardet	26:03	<b>6.0k</b>
Lucy Leutchford	23:42	<b>5.2k</b>
Sunny Spencer	19:54	<b>4.6k</b>
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> out of 4	69:41	
Winner: Western Aths	69:22	

**Boys Under 14**

Mason Johns	24:23
Josh Tram	21:43
Guy Fricke	19:25
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> out of 4	69:21
Winner: Geelong	65:18

Our senior teams had a fair sprinkling of youngsters as well as our more seasoned personal. It was disappointing not to have more of our top flight athletes available, but it was great to see the effort put in by all those at Anglesea on the day to try and give the Club the results needed to maintain or improve ladder positions. Our two men's teams in relegation trouble had better results, however, there will need to be some minor miracles in the last two rounds to save both teams from dropping a level.

**Zoe Cornell** (14), **Chiara Santiglia** (16) and **Emma Newton** (18) all had a run in senior teams, with Zoe making her debut in Divvy 1.

It is also great to see the continuous improvement by so many of our females. There's no big secret to distance running – regular training will result in improved performances – just how far you want to go is up to the individual.

In fact, in the women's divisions there is a chance of a promotion with some good results in the final rounds of the winter program.

## SENIOR RESULTS WOMEN

### Division 1

<b>9.8k</b>	Jess Lees	42:05
<b>8.8k</b>	Nikki Lesberg	40:30
<b>6.0k</b>	Erchana Murray Bartlett	26:41
<b>5.2k</b>	Zoe Delany	25:03
<b>4.6k</b>	Zoe Cornell	22:10

Finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 156:55  
Winner: Glenhuntly 144:17

### Division 3

<b>9.8k</b>	Katie Ward	48:35
<b>7.9k</b>	Mena Butler	41:26
<b>6.0k</b>	Hiromi Fujiwari	32:18
<b>4.6k</b>	Carine McGinnity	23:25

Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5 145:34  
Winner: Richmond 129:04

### Division 4

	Bronwyn Hill	48:34
	Elyse Marum	45:45
	Chiara Santiglia	28:54

Finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 123:13  
Winner: APS 108:18

### Division 5

<b>8.8k</b>	Carly Black	49:15
<b>6.0k</b>	Jessica Newton	67:38
<b>5.2k</b>	Emma Newton	29:21

Finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 11 146:14  
Winner: Essendon 106:57

Continuing the youth theme, Collingwood had three teenagers fill the opening legs of the Divvy 1 team in the men's section of the competition. **Dale Carroll**, **Tom Hall** and **Matthew Newton** all did themselves and the Club proud with their performances. Yet another 'minor' helped strengthen the Divvy 3 team when **Nikko Shaw** did the 6k leg.

Hopefully we can hang onto all these 'kids' for the next forty or so years.

Our only medal in the senior ranks was gained by our 40+ team – a great reward for three consistent performers. Rumour has it that **Doug Leutchford** wore his medal to bed that night!

## MEN

### Division 1

	Dale Carroll	36:29
	Tom Hall	33:35
	Matthew Newton	31:48
	Liam Delany	21:33
	Danny Reddan	20:23
	Lewis Sullivan	18:23

Finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10 162:11  
Winner: Knox 147:20

### Division 2

<b>9.8k</b>	Magnus Michelsson	37:35
<b>8.8k</b>	Campbell Maffett	35:27
<b>7.9k</b>	Michael Oke	33:19
<b>6.0k</b>	Paul Creedon	25:59
<b>5.2k</b>	Gedas Lamsodis	21:20
<b>4.6k</b>	Tim Strode	20:03

Finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 13 173:43  
Winner: Western Aths 153:39

### Division 3

	Malcolm Campbell	40:49	<b>9.8k</b>
	Tony Hally	32:14	<b>8.8k</b>
	Peter Gaunt	36:14	<b>7.9k</b>
	Nikko Shaw	23:18	<b>6.0k</b>
	Paul Rothin	22:11	<b>5.2k</b>

Finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 13 159:46  
Winner: Nunawading 152:11

### Division 4

	Paul Wallace	46:42
	Tony Redmond	44:50
	Daryl Standfield	40:51
	James Syme	31:22
	Tim Stevenson	26:33

Finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 190:18  
Winner: Traralgon 164:42

<b>Division 5</b>			<b>40+</b>		
<b>9.8k</b>	Jim Hopkins	52:35	<b>9.8k</b>	Doug Leutchford	48:01
<b>8.8k</b>	Andre Ferretto	49:54	<b>7.9k</b>	Neil Matthews	40:03
<b>7.9k</b>	Lou Santiglia	46:14	<b>5.2k</b>	Jim Sayer	26:28
<b>5.2k</b>	Scott Lovell	29:32			
Finished	9 <sup>th</sup> out of 12	178:15	Finished	3 <sup>rd</sup> out of 5	114:32
Winner:	Bendigo	139:04	Winner:	Glenhuntly	95:47

**OFFICIALS:** **Tony Williams** and **Gary McBroom** again worked for AV, while **Kevin Wigmore** fulfilled the Club's obligations with the stopwatch and pencil.

**Allan Minter**, (Past President of the Club) who now lives in the area dropped in to say hello and immediately had a clipboard stuck under his arm – pleased to say he didn't mind at all and really helped us out. Once again many athletes did the recording for their own teams, but as usual quite a few parents did their bit. Thanks to **Pennie Hayes, Meg Marsh, Deb Maillardet, Helen** and **Vaughan Newton** and **Alison Leutchford**.

Thanks to **Liam Delany** for the sustenance provided. There were certainly a couple of 'other' contributions from people unknown, although **Katie Ward** is a prime suspect. Thanks again to all concerned!