

Saturday April 18th

CROSS-COUNTRY RELAYS

Jells Park

Collingwood entered twenty one teams in this, the first AV event of the season. Always a hectic day, the Club had 23 new people to break in to the caper of organising teams, issuing uniforms, attaching numbers, getting the first runner to the start line, trying to collect results and completing the official sheets for submission to the scorers. There were also two others having their first winter run for us after joining last winter. In addition to this, Collingwood had to supply four helpers to assist with the operation of the day.

Fortunately the weather bureau got it right when they said the early rain would clear into a nice afternoon. They could have almost used the word 'perfect' such were the conditions.

It was great to have **Susan Michelsson** back in the black and white colours after a couple of seasons off. Her presence will certainly help our women's team and this was immediately evident with our best result ever in a Divvy 1 relay when the girls grabbed fourth spot. This team had three girls not with the Club last year. Apart from Susan, **Kara Landells** and **Aisling Moran** joined last year's finds(!) **Virginia Moloney** and **Erchana Murray Bartlett**, to "raise quite a few eyebrows" in the crowd. AV had produced a prediction of the women's competition earlier in the week on their website and Collingwood didn't even get a mention!

Other girls to make their debut for Collingwood were Aisling's twin sister, **Aine, Helen Walpole**, another set of sisters, **Francesca and Carly Black** and juniors, **Amber Louw** and **Isabella (Issy) Ermacora**.

In the men's teams we welcome **Michael Preece** who has joined us from Bendigo and will obviously be a big part of our efforts this year. **Danny Redden**, who has often run as a guest in Club events, has finally joined the battle and we welcome him along with **Trent McCormick, Mark Knowles, Ray Joy, Scott Bent, David Diviny, Jason Kennedy, Paul Rothin** and **Nick Kenyon**. **Doug Leutchford** and **Mark Cornell** have both joined their daughters by pulling on the colours (if you're going to be there you may as well run!!!!)

The only junior male to have his first run for the Club, as opposed to with the Club was **Spiros Orfanis**. Welcome to you all. We hope your time with Collingwood is everything you want it to be.

Matthew Newton, running in our under 20 team, recorded the fourth fastest of all Collingwood runners on the day – may not be in the 'unders' much longer!!

Adam Garganis took a break from his heavy walking schedule to put in beauty in our divvy two team. He certainly has got himself pretty fit!

Collingwood picked up two minor places on the day, when the under 14 girls grabbed a silver medal and the under 18 boys ran very well to gain the bronze in their division. These two results, along with the previously mentioned top women's performance were the highlights of the day. We weren't in the hunt in the men's top division but will improve as the distances go up. Ballarat flew in three runners from interstate and blitzed the field with their runners producing the four fastest individual times of the day. It would seem that we certainly will have a battle on our hands to keep our spot in Divvy 1. There's a challenge for everyone!

RESULTS

JUNIORS

WOMEN

Under 14

3 x 3k

Lucy Leutchford	11:59
Zoe Cornell	13:01
Mia Rouw	11:59

Under 18

Emma Newton	12:53
Issy Ermacora	16:55
Meaghan Gaunt	12:19

Finished 2 nd out of 5	36:59
Winner: Yarra Ranges	36:43

Finished 16 th out of 10	42:07
Winner: Essendon	31:53

MEN

Under 14

3 x 3k

Hayden Morris	11:37
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Under 16

Jack Sayer	11:44
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Lachlan Sayer	13:30	Anthony Crews	11:11
Amber Louw	13:29	Claire Noonan	15:26
Finished 7 th out of 13	38:36	Finished 13 out of 18	38:21
Winner: Box Hill	33:28	Winner: Wester Aths	32:14
Under 18 Team 1	3 x 3k	Under 18 Team 2	
Ben White	9:46	Dale Carroll	n/a
Lachie White	10:01	Spiro Orfanis	n/a
Tom Hall	9:51	Dale Carroll	n/a
Finished 3 rd . out of 17	29:43	Finished 14 out of 17	38:28
Winner: Geelong	28:53		

SENIORS

WOMEN

Division 1 5 x 6k

Virginia Moloney	10:50	21:52
Susan Michelsson	11:33	23:30
Aisling Moran		24:25
Kara Landells		24:20
Erchana Murray Bartlett		23:10
Finished in 4 th out of 10	1h 57m	22s
Winner: Glenhuntly	1h 50m	22s

Division 3 4 x 6k

Michelle Laufer	27:35
Aine Moran	30:15
Ali Burns	30:15
Heather Gaunt	27:16
Finished 7 th out of 13	1h 49m 54s
Winner: Frankston	1h 34m 40s

Division 4

3 x 3k

Division 5

Francesca Black	13:56	28:54	Pennie Hayes	16:58	34:26
Carly Black	14:48	30:15	Sofie Fabre	16:32	34:15
Hannah Garganis	18:03	37:04	Helen Walpole	16:15	32:27
Finished 13 th out of 16	1h 36m 13s	Finished 14 th . out of 24	1h 41m 10s		
Winner: Ringwood	1h 15m 50s	Winner: Melb University	1h 41m 10s		

40+ 3 x 3k

Kim White	31:07
Melinda Story	44:08
Clare Garganis	35:52
Finished 12 th out of 12	1h 51m 08s
Winner: Waverley	1h 14m 44s

MEN

Under 20 3 x 3k

Matthew Newton	10:01	20:43
Jordan Minter	11:07	23:16
Jesse Frost		21:59
Finished 6 th out of 10	65:48	
Winner: Ballarat	60:44	

Division 1		6 x 6k	Division 2		
Michael Whitehead		20:22	Malcolm Campbell	11:00	22:33
Simon Bevege		20:39	Ray Joy	11:55	21:58
Michael Preece		20:45	Danny Reddan	11:15	22:54
Cadeyrn Douglas		22:19	Adam Garganis		22:31
Jai Edmonds		20:03	Nick Kenyon		23:54
Magnus Michelsson		21:13	Liam Delany		21:28
Finished 10 out of 10	2h 05m 21s		Finished 11 out of 14	2h 15m 20s	
Winner: Ballarat	1h 49m 55s		Winner: Essendon	1h 59m 05s	

Division 3		5 x 6k	Division 4		
Leo Arantes	11:30	23:14	Paul Wallace	11:45	24:54
Trent McCormick	11:09	23:03	Stuart Kollmorgen	12:02	24:17
Mark Knowles		10:38 21:38	Tim Menting	11:41	24:10
Julian Harris	11:20	23:07	Paul Rothin	11:33	23:33
Jacob Barnes	11:31	23:17	Nick Boustead	12:49	26:30

Finished 10th out of 14 1h 54m 19s
 Winner: Old Xavs 1h 44m 56s

Finished 10th out of 16 2h 23m 24s
 Finished: Traralgon 1h 50m 20s

Division 5		4 x 6k	Division 6		
Brad Bullock	11:10	23:08	Daryl Standfield	13:27	27:45
Drew Roberts	11:44	24:13	David Diviny	12:23	25:32
Shane Marshall	12:00	22:55	Scott Bent	12:23	24:38
Eric Louw		24:36	Troy Kameme	13:58	29:44
Finished 4 th out of 15	1h 34m 56s		Finished 13 out of 16	1h 47m 39s	
Winner: Old Xavs	1h 30m 18s		Winner: SSH	1h 25m 18s	

Division 7 4 x 6k		
Doug Leutchford	13:51	28:55
Jim Sayer	13:36	28:48
Jason Kennedy	14:46	31:14
Mark Cornell	14:15	30:05

Finished 24th out of 39 1h 59m 02s
 Winner: Mornington 1h 33m 18s

40+	3 x 3k	50+
Chris Waldron	12:37 24:28	Paul Viney 12:06 24:48
Scott Lovell	14:11 29:47	Adrian Murphy 25:50
Peter Gaunt	12:26 24:43	Shane Derby 12:57 27:02
Finished 9 th out of 13	78:58	Finished 12 out of 15 77:40
Winner: APS	65:00	Winner: Vic Masters 68:40

Officials: Tony Williams and Gary McBroom were working for AV and Kevin Wigmore, Robert Barnes and Jessica Newton filled the helpers spots required from our Club today. There were many parents who helped out with recording of results – thanks one and all.

Theresa Barnes again did the honours with the food – thanks too, to any other contributors! Thanks to **Gary McBroom** and **Tony Williams** with the set up and to all who jumped in to help with the packing up at the end of the day.