

Winter News 9

GETTING CLOSER!

Box Hill is getting closer to unseating Glenhuntly as the premier distance running team in Victoria. Just as Box Hill has dominated track competition in recent years, Glenhuntly has dominated winter competition. Now that dominance is under threat.

After finishing third behind Geelong and Glenhuntly at the cross country relays, we finished second to Glenhuntly at the cross country at Bendigo.

Last Saturday in the 10km road race at Sandown, Box Hill were the first team to have six men across the line. Unfortunately we didn't have any runners in the top ten and when the points were added up we finished second again.

After our poor performances of last winter this is still a great result, let's hope we can have a win in Men's division 1 soon.

Our women's team is competing in division 2 this year and had a clear win at Bendigo, but without Jocelyn Keage and Rachel Johnson our team finished a close third at Sandown. It is important that we keep finishing near the front in the women's competition so that we can be promoted back to division 1 next season.

RESULTS:

Men's 10k Open

In tough cold windy conditions our team performed well in a tough a field with several runners close to personal bests.

17.	John Meagher	31:12
22.	Barry Lynch	31:53
32.	Simon Watson	32:19
34.	Adrian Vincent	32:30
36.	Steve Dineen	32:40
37.	Alan Craigie	32:44
46.	Daniel Clark	33:15
48.	Andrew White	33:18
74.	Graeme Olden	34:20
86.	Paul Boxshall	34:53
171.	John Vaitkunas	37:13
257.	Chris Wall	39:48
262.	Jamie Strudley	39:58
309.	Gary Strudley	42:32
334.	Scott Jackson	44:25

Under 20

12.	Michael Bourne	37:25
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With several runners missing we still managed to fill division 1, division 4 and division 7 teams.

Box Hill men finished second in division 1, first in division 4, and the division 7 team finishing equal second.

John Meagher was our first runner home in 17th position, closely followed by Barry Lynch. John was 2nd in the 40+ category, with Graeme Olden 5th.

RESULTS:

Women's 10k Open

If anything the conditions were even worse for the women's race with heavy rain falling during the run.

26.	Fiona Turner	39:50
29.	Jessica De Bruin	40:23
<u>42.</u>	<u>Amanda Harper</u>	<u>42:07</u>
60.	Megan Sloane	44:39
88.	Inge Magher	52:06

Scores were very close in the women's division 2 competition with Box Hill in 3rd place. Fiona Turner ran well to be the first Box Hill runner home after being the 4th in the last event at Bendigo. Jess De Bruin's form continues to improve and the tough conditions didn't stop Amanda Harper from running a PB. Megan Sloane, coming back after illness, finished 7th in her age group.

3k Under 16

15.	Harriet Hodgkinson	11:20
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Club championship points are awarded to each registered member according to the order in which the Box Hill runners finish. There are extra bonus points for any runner who finishes in the top 10 overall in their race.

The current points standing is shown below.

Open Men

John Meagher 19
Alan Craigie 15
Barry Lynch 15
Adrian Vincent 15
Simon Watson 13
Daniel Clark 11
Stephen Dinneen 9
Andrew White 7
Graeme Olden 4
Paul Boxshall 2

Open Women

Jess DeBruin 17
Amanda Harper 15
Inge Magher 11
Fiona Turner 10
Jocelyn Keage 10
Rachel Johnson 9
Megan Sloane 7
Kerry Putt 6
Gemma Duhig 3

Juniors

Hayley Tomlinson 19
Michael Bourne 10
Harriet Hodgkinson 10
Coreena Cleeland 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 5 Mountain run, Healesville

Although this event is not a part of the winter premiership, it is included on the winter season entry form. So if you are looking for a challenging event through beautiful bushland, this is the event for you.

Saturday, June 18 Victorian All Schools cross country championships, Bundoora

Sunday, June 19 Club 10 mile and women's 5 mile championship.

Note the change of dates! Prizes for winners. Open to all club members.

Sunday June 26 Albert Park road race, 15km for seniors, 5km for juniors

Change of dates!

The traditional club 10 mile championship and the inaugural women's club 5 mile championship has been moved from its original date to the morning of **Sunday, June 19**.

This year there will prizes for the first two placegetters in both the men's and women's races and we hope to have good sized fields in each event. Mark this down in your diary as an event not to miss!

TRIVIA!

The big social and fundraising event for the year the annual Box Hill Athletic Club Trivia Night is just 2 months away on Saturday, August 6! More details to come in the following weeks, but start organising your tables and let us know if you have any items suitable for auction on the night.