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VICTORY AT THE TAN RELAYS

Box Hill finished the winter season in style with a number of wins in the inaugural Athletic Victoria Tan Relays last Saturday.

Following our win in the half marathon 2 weeks ago, our division 1 men easily accounted for the other teams in their division. Box Hill men also won division 4 and division 7 and were second in the under 18s.

Our women just missed out, finishing second in division 2 and third in division 3. The under 18 girls, however, won the gold medal.

It was a terrific morning with 40 runners fronting up and competing for the club.

Individual times and further details will be available later in the week.

CLUB WINTER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our winter champions.

John Meagher is the club's men's winter champion for 2005. John had an outstanding winter season and is an inspiration to all the younger club members. The highlight of his season was 3rd placing in the state half marathon championship.

We all wish John good luck next weekend as he competes in the world duathlon championships in Newcastle.

Amanda Harper is the club's women's winter champion for 2005. Amanda has had a great season coming back after the birth of her second son last year. She improved with every race throughout the season and competed in every one of the 10 AV events this winter.

Hayley Tomlinson is the club's junior winter champion for 2005. Congratulations to Hayley on another successful season, combining school and AV events. Good luck to Hayley who has been selected to take part in the Pacific School Games to be held in Melbourne at the end of November.

WINTER PREMIERS

Congratulations to our division 2 women's team who have won the winter premiership this year, a result that should see them promoted back to division 1 next winter. Jess De Bruin, Amanda Harper, Jocelyn Keage and Rachel Johnson formed the backbone of the team, but Fiona Turner, Megan Sloane, Kerry Putt, George Connell and Eliza Eddy all scored points for the team at some stage throughout the season.

On the men's side, our division 1 team has shown enormous improvement this year to finish 2nd on the premiership ladder. With a host of promising juniors running well we should see Box Hill as the dominant winter team in the near future.