

Box Hill Athletic Club Summer News 11
Monday 17 December 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 8	Shield Round 9	Doncaster
Thursday, January 10	Premier League 4	Olympic Park
Saturday, January 12	Under 23 State Champs	Doncaster
Sunday, January 13	Under 23 State Champs	Doncaster
Tuesday, January 15	Shield Round 10	Nunawading
Saturday, January 19	National Club Champs	Hobart
Tuesday, January 22	Shield Round 11	Doncaster
Saturday, February 2	Shield Region Final	Doncaster

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The next interclub competition will be held on Tuesday, January 8 at Doncaster. We hope that all members have a restful and enjoyable Christmas break (but still keep fit!). There will be 3 more rounds of Shield Competition in the new year and then the finals and individual state championships in February. We realise that a number of athletes will be unavailable for the early January rounds, so we ask those who are still in Melbourne, to make sure that they are there to compete to help our teams qualify for the finals.

ROUND 8 OF SHIELD COMPETITION WASHED OUT

Unfortunately round 8 of shield competition was cancelled last Saturday, due to the inclement weather.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The national club championships will be held on Saturday, January 19, in Hobart. Could all athletes who are available to compete in Hobart please let us know as soon as possible. This year there is prize money for the winning teams, so if we can win or place the prize money will help off set travel and accommodation costs. Not only do we have the chance to win the national club championships, but it is always a fun weekend away with the team!

ZATOPEK

A number of Box Hill athletes put in great performances at the Zatopek meet at Olympic Park last Thursday. Steve Dinneen ran a PB of 3:48.7 in the 1500m just ahead of Daniel Clark, 3:49.2 and Bouchaib Chefnaoui 3:50.8. Matt Coloe finished a close 2nd in the junior 3000m with a PB of 8:17.4 while Chris Hamer also ran a PB of 8:22.5 and Steve Kelly ran 8:31.7

MILER'S CLUB

The Zatopek meet was preceded by the miler's club competition. Barry Lynch won the men's A race over the traditional 1 mile distance in a time of 4:14.8. Other performances included Adrian Vincent 4:28, Andrew Beath 4:25 and David Ayers 4:42

PLAN AHEAD!

The most important dates in this season's athletics calendar for club competition are the Eastern Region Shield Final on Saturday, February 2 and the Association Shield Final on Saturday, February 16. Please mark these dates in your diary, we need our best possible teams available on these days. For open age athletes there is also the possibility of competing in the National Club Championships in Hobart on Saturday, January 19. Box Hill has a proud tradition of representing Victoria in this national competition and we are hoping to have a strong team make the trip across Bass Strait again this year.

PASSING OF SUE AUSTIN

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Susan Austin on the 29th November after a lengthy battle with Leukemia.

Sue was the wife of Steve Austin, who represented Australia in many International championships, including the 1980 Moscow Olympics and several World Cross Country titles. Steve was always quick to acknowledge that this would not have been possible without the marvelous support that Sue gave him during these years and to keeping the family well while he was away. It was always well known that Steve did not like to be away from his family for long periods and this was clearly due to the closeness that the Austin family had with each other. Our sincerest sympathies go to Steve and his family during this very sad period.

Rob Falkenberg

On behalf of all at the Box Hill Athletic Club