

Box Hill Athletic Club Winter News 05

BOX HILL ATHLETIC CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, SATURDAY, JUNE 30

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the club, a dinner will be held at the Box Hill town hall on the night of Saturday, June 30. Write this date in your diary. All past and present members of the club are invited to attend what is sure to be a great night! We are hoping to have as many people as possible who have been associated with the club over the years attending.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 26	Sandown	Road Race (10k open men and women and men under20/18, 3k for other ages)
Saturday, June 23	Geelong	Cross Country (16k open men, 4k open women, various distances for juniors)
Saturday, June 30	75th Anniversary Dinner	Box Hill Town Hall

ROAD RACE AT SANDOWN, SATURDAY, MAY 16

The next event on the winter season calendar is the road race at Sandown Racecourse There will be a 10km event for Open men and women and under 20 and under 18 men. There is also a 3km event for the other age groups. If you wish to run and if you have not filled in a season's entry form, then you must either send in an individual entry form to AV or contact Chris O'Connor AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Entries for this event close today, Monday, May 21.

CLUB 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP POSTPONED

The club's annual 10 mile championship was scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 10. As this is the Queen's Birthday long weekend it has been decided to postpone the event until later in the year

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES FROM JUNIOR BOX HILL ATHLETES AT 15 K ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

La Trobe University was the setting for this year's 15 K road championship associated with the underage 5 K road races. Conditions were fine with temperatures reaching an uncomfortable level by the latter stages of the senior race.

The 5000 Underage races commenced at 9.30 and Box Hill was well represented in the Under 20 Men's division, with a number of other athletes in other age divisions, men's and women's races.

The race had a furious beginning and by the time the field had settled, Box Hill was extremely well represented at the front end of the field with three representatives in the first five, Matt Coloe, Steve Kelly and Chris Hamer, and Navin Arunasalam a little further back with Alex Diorettes, just behind him at the bottom of College Drive before they ran onto the Ring Road. The finishing order was almost identical to the positions that they held at this of the race. Unfortunately for Matt and Steve, both of whom had a little juice left in the tank, the finish was not as it had been marked on the course map, so although there was loud advice offered from bystanders about the closeness of the line, Matt and Steve were caught out by a finishing line that could have been much improved. Nevertheless, this was a really tremendous finish with Matt second, Steve third and Chris fourth, all within four or so seconds of the winner. Navin Arunasalam finished 6th in the under 20 event, a minute further back and 22 seconds later Alex Diorettes placed 9th .

This was an excellent result and the team clearly won the teams' race. It has been some time since we have had such a strong result at the front of the field. Congratulations to all the Under 20 men's team members.

Hayley Tomlinson placed second in the Under 20 5 K with Liz Dobson in 11th place. Harriet Hodgkinson was 7th in the under 18s while Cameron Nagle was 19th in the men's under 18 event. Michael Dowel ran well to place 4th in the under 16 5k

The senior race commenced at 10.00. There was a good-sized field of athletes. Early leaders were Magnus Michelsson, Tyler Coady, Daniel Clarke and several others. John Meagher held seventh place. Dale Bickham was 12th, Andrew White 31st, Paul Boxshall, 38th and David Jimenez was in 46th position. There were six other male Box Hill athletes behind them and six female athletes representing Box Hill. Other male athletes included Chris O'Connor, John Vaitkunas, Graeme Olden, Andrew Robinson, Adrian Vincent, Scott Boxshall and David Ayers. Joc Keage was the first of our female representatives, followed by Amanda Harper, Talitha Crawford, Catherine Pease, Megan Sloane and Priscilla Barrington.

The positions in the leading bunch were the same through the early part of the second lap, although Daniel Clarke fell back from the two leaders. John Meagher drifted back to 14th and the other Box Hill athletes looked like they were picking up athletes in front of them. David Jimenez was holding about 47th place completing the team

The third lap was much harder because the temperature continued to rise and it was evident that a number of runners were not enjoying the warm conditions. Magnus Michelsson stretched the lead over Tyler Coady and Alan Failla and Simon Field moved through to be equal third. Two Sandringham athletes claimed fifth and seventh places. Dave Eadie (Glenhuntly) held sixth place and was finishing strongly. Daniel Clarke drifted back through the field after having a bad patch to 19th position with John Meagher not far behind in 21st place. There were four GlenHuntly and Doncaster athletes in the first twenty, but Glenhuntly had an advantage in the relative position of their fifth and sixth athletes' relative positions. Geelong and Box Hill were vying for third place and it appeared that we had the upper hand. Dale Bickham held 23rd position, Andrew White, 31st, Paul Boxshall, 41st and David Jimenez, 45th positions.

Joc Keage was the best placed of our female athletes, followed in by Amanda Harper. Two new members, Talitha Crawford and Catherine Pease, made up the Division 1 female team. By and large, positions didn't vary much from the early part of the third lap to the finish. Magnus Michelsson won the race from Tyler Coady, with Alan Failla finishing third. Several of our runners surrendered a few places in the last lap, but it made no material difference to the team placings.

Our Division three team will have performed well in its division. The Women's Division 1 team will have finished midfield.

Thanks to Georgie Davies, Doug Bourne, Julie Millner, Gary Dowel, Steve Hodgkinson, David Boyd and Peter Nagle for officiating on the course. Your help is much appreciated.

Results

Men's Open 15 K

1. Magnus Michelsson	Collingwood	47:54
2. Tyler Coady	Glenhuntly	48:22
3. Alan Failla	Doncaster	48:43
4. Simon Field	Doncaster	48:46
5. David Eadie	Glenhuntly	48:48
18. Daniel Clarke	Box Hill	50:32
21. John Meagher	Box Hill	50:52
24. Dale Bickham	Box Hill	51:08
38. Paul Boxshall	Box Hill	52:48

39. Andrew White	Box Hill	52:51
44. David Jimenez	Box Hill	53:18
82. Chris O'Connor	Box Hill	56:05
92. John Vaitkunas	Box Hill	56:39
95. Graeme Olden	Box Hill	56:56
127. Andrew Robinson	Box Hill	58:39
129. Adrian Vincent	Box Hill	58:52
210. Scott Boxshall	Box Hill	64:17
247. David Ayers	Box Hill	67:58

Division 1 Teams

1. Glenhuntly
2. Doncaster
3. Box Hill

Women's Open 15 K

1. Sarah Lofts Knox 54:14
2. Emily Bell Knox 54:53
3. Lisa Dick Ringwood 56:09

25. Joc Keage Box Hill 65:20
34. Amanda Harper Box Hill 67:37
45. Talitha Crawford Box Hill 69:27
48. Catherine Pease Box Hill 70:50
52. Megan Sloane Box Hill 71:11
67. Priscilla Barrington Box Hill 73:57

Under 20 Men's 5 K

1. Ben Crowther Knox 15:14
2. Matt Coloe Box Hill 15:15
3. Steve Kelly Box Hill 15:17
4. Chris Hamer Box Hill 15:18
6. Navin Arunasalam Box Hill 16:21
9. Alex Diorettes Box Hill 16:47

Under 18 Men's 5 K

19. Cameron Nagle Box Hill 21:50

Under 16 Men's 5K

4. Michael Dowell Box Hill 17:21

Under 20 Women's 5 K

2. Hayley Tomlinson Box Hill 19:01
11. Liz Dobson Box Hill 22:01

Under 18 Women's 5K

7. Harriet Hodgkinson Box Hill 20:12

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the winter season competition, contact a member of the club winter competition committee.

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