

Box Hill Athletic Club Winter News 08

Monday 12th May 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 17	Road Race	Sandown Racecourse
Sunday, June 1	Road Race	La Trobe Uni
Sunday June, 15	Club 10 mile championship	
Saturday, June 28	Coliban Relay	Harcourt to Bendigo
Saturday, July 12	Cross Country	Geelong
Saturday, July 26	Cross Country	Bundoora
Saturday, August 9	Road Relays	Sandown

SANDOWN 10K ROAD RACE ON THIS SATURDAY!

The next round of the Athletics Victoria Winter season will be held on this Saturday, May 17 at the Sandown race course.

Program:

1:45pm: 3km road race: U14 & U16 men, U14, U16, U18 and U20 women

2:30pm: 10km road race: Open men, Open women, U18 & U20 men. This is one of the big events of the winter with a number of interstate runners taking part and a great chance to run a PB in a fast race. We are hoping to have a big turn out of Box Hill runners. Entries for the race close today, so if you wish to run in this event and have not put in a season's entry form, you must either fax in an entry to Athletics Victoria, or let us know as soon as possible so that we can send in an entry for you. Contact a member of the winter competition committee if you have any enquiries

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TRACK RESURFACING UPDATE

Due to a number of delays beyond our control, the track resurfacing works have continued on longer than originally planned and it now appears that we will not gain access to use the new track until the end of May at the earliest.

The works were proceeding well until early in February when the asphaltting works were completed and the Contractor starting to prepare for installation of the rubber surface. Delays in obtaining the rubber materials from overseas and other works that they were completing at Ringwood meant that they weren't ready to start work until mid-March when a week of heavy rain prevented work from proceeding and meant that rubber laying work was not completed until early in April.

The Contractor was still confident of completing works by the end of April as originally planned, however intermittent periods of rain delayed start of the spraying of the red top surface on the track and then when spraying works finally did start, their machine broke and they had to wait for a part to be flown in from overseas to repair the machine during a period of fine sunny weather. The track needs to be allowed to dry for two days after rain before spraying can re-commence so the last month of intermittent rainfall has meant that there have been very few days when the Contractor can work. Spraying of the red surfacing is now almost complete after which the lines will need to be marked on the track and then the temporary fence removed, the lawns mowed and the grounds cleaned up before we can once again start using the track.

We will need to hold a working bee to clean up around the club rooms and put out equipment which has been packed away during the resurfacing works however a final date for this can not

be set until we are confident of when the ground will be available to us. We apologise for the continued inconvenience resulting from these delays, but unfortunately it appears we will all need to be patient for the next few weeks and hope that we don't get too many more wet days during this period.

REGISTER NOW!

Registrations are now due for the 2008/2009 season. If you plan to run the winter season it is important that you register as soon as possible. If you are not competing until next track season, why not pay your fees now and get your full 12 months worth of registration? Registrations are valid from April 1 until March 31 next year.