



CONGRATULATIONS... WELL DONE...

The Cross country season has drawn to a close and with it, the various seasonal awards.

What an exciting year the Womens Team has had – winning the Athletics Victoria Country Championship, led by captain Rachel Gibney who personally took out the Athletics Victoria Country Womens title and having as a member of the team, Colleen Stephens, who won the 50+ title. The team also won the BRAC Womens Veterans Championship.

The club's own champions for the season are Nathan Hartigan and Rachel Gibney. Rachel's athletic prowess resulted in her being selected in the Victorian Cross Country team, winning the AV Country medal and the BRAC Athlete of the Year. Nathan finished as runner up in the BRAC Athlete of the Year, due in part to a great win in the Richardson 10 mile.

Well done to all of the above in particular, but also to all those who participated throughout the season and we look forward to an equally fulfilling year in 2006.

The Bruce Wallace Aggregate award was a 'dead heat' this year. Separated by a 'small degree of performance enhancing banter', Stephen Ditchfield and Michael Hart showed consistency throughout the year to share the annual award. Club President, Heather Kearle was awarded the Bernie Brooks Aggregate, with Ingrid Duffy and Jake Squires taking out the U/18 awards.

MISSING RECORDS

Completion of the '... 15 years on ...' publication is delayed. The compilers of same, are unable to locate the race results for the Pearson Lap of the Lake for 1989, 1991, 1994, and 1997. Should you have copies of these results, or know who may have any of them, please give our intrepid recordists a call. Stephen and Russell would appreciate the help. Thanks.

SPEAKING OF THE ABOVE, here are some interesting stats to come out of their musings !

Did you realise ...

In 2003, there were 435 male starters in club races for the year, 149 women starters equaling 584 starters in total, averaging 30 runners participating each week.

In 2004, there were 421 males, 143 females, a total of 564 with an average attendance of 29.

This year – 2005, there were 462 males, 156 females, totaling 618 and averaging 32 per week. We seem to have grown a little, well done.

The attendance total of all clubs at BRAC races, 2003 – 941, 2004 – 958, 2005 - 890.

TRACK AND FIELD RECORD UPDATES

The Ballarat Harriers records have been updated and are posted on the noticeboard of the Club rooms. If you would like a copy for yourself contact Stephen Ditchfield for details on their procurement. (5 pages of men / 4 pages of women)

WebsiteWebsiteWebsite

We have a flash new website, thanks to Stephen Ditchfield and Peter Eason. The address is : www.ballaratharriers.get2.us Have a look, see what you think... Thanks guys.

SADLY...

A few weeks ago , Ballarat Harrier members, Ron Walker and his grandsons, Jake and Zac Squires, unexpectedly lost a wife and grandmother. Noella and Ron had been married for over 40 years and we extend to Ron and his family, our sympathy and thoughts at this sad time.

DATES and REMINDERS ...

TRACK SEASON DATES

OCT 1. round 1
OCT. 15 round 2
OCT. 22 round 3
NOV. 5 round 4
NOV. 12 round 5
NOV. 19 round 6
NOV. 26 round 7
DEC. 3 round 8
DEC. 10 round 9
JAN. 14 round 10

End of Interclub season

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

FEB. 7 round 1
FEB. 14 round 2
FEB. 21 round 3

NOTE: 3 people required each week to help as officials, if this is you, please see Ken Hall to register your attendance. Thankyou.

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday October 4, 2005. 8.00pm at clubrooms

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