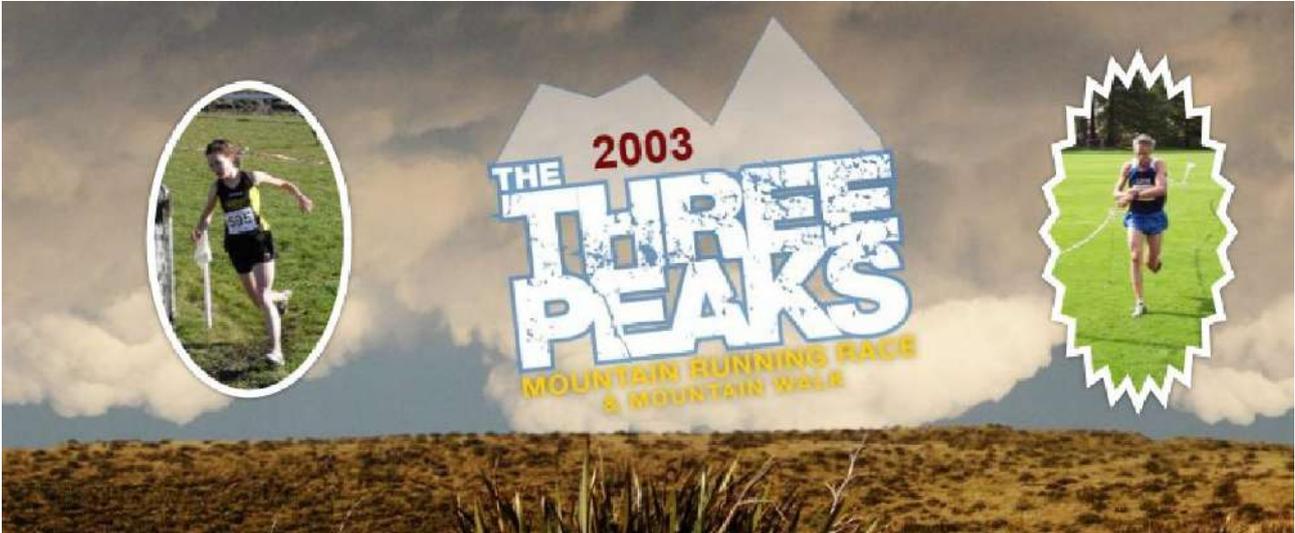


The 20th Three Peaks Mountain Race Sunday 27 April 2003

Weather: Sunny and Cool



26km Race

Woodhaugh Gardens, Flagstaff, Swampy Summit, Mt Cargill, Chingford Park

The weather and ground conditions plus the quality of the runners made for some fast times this year. Three runners broke the two hour barrier. The fastest of whom was naturally the winner, Open Men's runner Joe Piggin. He strolled across the finish line in 1 hour 56 minutes 46 seconds which is one of the fastest times ever on this course. Not too far behind him and both fighting a titanic battle for second place were Open Men's runner Eddie Smith who finished in 1 hour 59 minutes 45 seconds and Leith's Master Men's 40-49 runner Chris Sole just 13 seconds behind him in 1 hour 59 minutes 58 seconds. Fourth runner across the finish and third Open Men's runner was Leith's Ian Thomas in 2 hours 6 minutes 11 seconds.

First woman across the line and accomplished international marathoner was Open Women's runner Shireen Crumpton in 2 hours 9 minutes and 53 seconds. She was also ninth runner to finish overall. Second woman across the line was Anna Frost who also finished second in the Open Women's grade in 2:28:26 and Elke Schmidt finished third in the Open Women's grade 2:33:34 and fifth woman overall.

Leith's Brian Pascoe was the second MM40-49 runner and tenth overall in 2 hours 10 minutes 11 seconds with Gene Sanderson third in this grade in 2 hours 20 minutes 21 seconds. There was a keen contest in the Master Men's 50+ grade too. First was Phil Morris in 2:32:39, then Ed Stevens in 2:37:48 followed by Peter Ford in 2:41:00.

The Master Women's 35-44 grade was also very competitive with the first runner to finish and third woman overall being Jenny Mark in 2:29:19, followed by Linda Murdoch 2:44:03 and then Sally Nicoll in 3:05:07.

Not to be left out of the running and achieving excellent times were the Master Women's 45+ grade runners. First across the line and fourth woman overall was Vivien Evers in 2:33:17, then Jan Craig was the next MW45+ runner in 2:37:36 followed by Julie Wilson in 2:39:53.

2-Person Teams Race 26km

Woodhaugh Gardens, Flagstaff, Swampy (team changeover), Mt Cargill, Chingford Park

The teams race was dominated by the Men's teams this year, with them taking the first three places. The team of Andrew Davidson and Nicholas Browne had a combined time of 2:08:10 with second placed team of Geoff Anderson and Alistair Monro second in 2:08:14 followed by the team of Aaron Sanderson and Greg Hannah in 2:18:38.

The first mixed team finished as fourth team overall. This was the team of sister and brother Sarah Chisnall and Alastair Chisnall running a combined time of 2:27:05.

The first women's team of Bridget O'Malley and Nic Leary finished with a combined time of 2:50:57.

Otago Mountain Running Series 2003

The Otago Mountain Running Series encompassed runners' times results over three mountain races this year: The Pulpit Rock Pursuit, Great Waipori Footrace, The Three Peaks Mountain Race.

Open Men's runner Leith's Richard Hendry won the Otago Mountain Running Series with a total time of 5 hours 45 minutes 37 seconds. Open Men's runner Leith's Alan Funnell finished second in the series with a total time of 5 hours 47 minutes 55 seconds. Third overall and taking out the Master Men's 40-49 title was Chris Sole with a total time of 5 hours 54 minutes 28 seconds.

Anna Frost won the Open Women's title with a total time of 6 hours 29 minutes. Jenny Mark won the Master Women's 40-49 title with a total time of 6 hours 52 minutes 5 seconds. Julie Wilson won the Master Women's 45+ title with a total time of 7 hours 19 minutes 17 seconds.

Syd Fogden took out the Master Men's 50+ title in a total time of 8 hours 03 minutes 16 seconds.