

The 24th Three Peaks Mountain Race

Sunday 22 April 2007

Weather: Cloudy, wet and cool

The weather managed to hold steady during the course of the race, with cloudy, wet and cool atmospheric conditions. Thanks must go to Steve Smith, who as race director, did a great job in organising this year's race. He was ably backed up by Margaret Knox, Rod McCall and others on the race committee and general committee. All computer glitches re: result gremlins in the teams and Series results, can be squarely placed on the narrow and fragile shoulders of Marc Boule. He extends his apologies to all those affected. The sponsors must also be thanked as well as all the runners who took part in this great event and the officials out on the course manning the water stations, marshalling and doing check point duty. The idea of having the prize-giving at our club rooms at Chingford Park went down very well and with Adele Poulter and Helen Hendry among those marshalling the catering staff, everyone had ample refreshments after the race. Thanks also to our sponsors without whom we would battle to put on this event.

26km Race

The affable Australian Mountain Runner John Winsbury, took the race by the scruff of the neck in an attempt to break the race record, finishing first overall in an excellent time of 1 hour 56 minutes 28 seconds. The conditions were probably not conducive for breaking a very strong race record but it was a valiant attempt nonetheless. Leith's Glen Ferguson (first MM35 runner) continued his great form from last season with an excellent second place overall in 2 hours 2 minutes 27 seconds. Neale McLanachan, also of Leith, was the third fastest runner overall improving tremendously on his previous run by over 5 minutes to finish in 2 hours 3 minutes 4 seconds.

Sarah Chisnall (first open women finisher) took any slippery conditions in her stride by breaking Shireen Crumpton's 1999 women's race record by 19 seconds to finish in the new race record of 2 hours 9 minutes 4 seconds. She also finished fourth overall. Fifth runner to finish was Leith's Andrew Lonie (third Open Men's) in 2 hours 9 minutes 43 seconds. While Leith's evergreen Mountain Goat Chris Sole finished sixth overall and second in the MM35 grade in 2 hours 11 minutes 5 seconds.

In 17th place overall was Dave McLean who won the MM50+ grade in 02:28:36 from Malcolm Hammond MM50+ who crossed the finish line 20th place overall in 02:30:21 with new over Master Men's 50+ runner Gerald Scoones third in 24th place overall in 02:35:54.

The second female to cross the finish line was Sue Cuthbert in 19th overall place who ran a well judged race to win the MW35-49 title in 02:29:49 from the experienced Jenny Mark who finished second in the MW35-49 grade and third female to finish in 02:36:08 in 25th overall place. The third MW35-49 runner Linda Murdoch finished in 02:41:42 in overall 31st place. The first Master Women's 50+ runner Vivien Evers was the fourth female to cross the line finishing in 02:40:54 in 30th place overall. To round off the female podium finishes were the second Open Women's runner Cindy Lowe in 02:55:45 and third Open Women's runner Kate Hay in 03:01:45.

2 -Person Teams Event

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

The contestants in the teams races apart from having to contend with the conditions and other competitors also had to contend with a computer result blip. Here the organisers apologise profusely for the tiny gremlins that caused this.

Women's Teams Event

The women's team of Lizzie Middleton (1:14:51) and Maddie Munro (1:23:39) were the top finishers overall among the teams with an excellent combined time of 2 hours 38 minutes 30 seconds. They also finished first in the Women's Teams Grade. Emily Stretch (1:32:51) and Julie Stretch (1:27:38) finished runners up in the women's team event in a combined time of 3:00:29. Natalie Irving (1:17:46) and Bridget Irving (1:55:03) were the third women's team to finish achieving a combined time of 3:12:49.

Mixed Teams Event

The mixed team of Ann Bixley (1:24:55) and Matt Bixley (1:22:08 fastest leg 2) finished second overall among the teams and first in the Mixed Teams Event with a combined time of 2 hours 47 minutes 3 seconds. The mixed team of Peter Mortimer (1:15:12) and Rachel Mortimer (1:38:00) finished second in the mixed grade and third team overall in a combined time of 2:53:12. Alastair Eason (1:12:09 fastest leg 1) and Sarah Mace (1:43:53) finished third in this grade in a combined time of 2:56:02.

Otago Mountain Running Series Results

**Contested over three mountain races combining times for each race:
Waipori, King of the Mountain, Three Peaks**

Podium finishes only, for full results check the results section on website

OPEN MEN:

- 1 Neale McLanachan 1:59:28 + 0:55:36 + 2:03:04 = 4:58:08
- 2 Andrew Lonie 1:58:27 + 0:59:08 + 2:09:43 = 5:07:18
- 3 Peter Jenkins 2:30:04 + 1:05:49 + 2:29:14 = 6:05:07

OPEN WOMEN:

- 1 Sarah Chisnall 2:05:14 + 1:01:54 + 2:09:04 = 5:16:12
- 2 Cindy Lowe 2:42:15 + 1:14:27 + 2:55:45 = 6:52:27
- 3 Sarah Goldsmith 2:58:41 + 1:25:36 + 3:17:46 = 7:42:03

MASTERS MEN 35-49:

- 1 Richard Hendry 2:08:02 + 1:04:01 + 2:21:53 = 5:33:56
- 2 Julian O'Hagan 2:22:52 + 1:07:10 + 2:23:43 = 5:53:45
- 3 Allan Williment 2:25:35 + 1:04:54 + 2:28:21 = 5:58:50

MASTERS WOMEN 35-49:

- 1 Sue Cuthbert 2:30:05 + 1:08:43 + 2:29:49 = 6:08:37
- 2 Linda Murdoch 2:32:44 + 1:12:58 + 2:51:29 = 6:37:11
- 3 Jan Craig 2:40:13 + 1:17:48 + 2:54:45 = 6:52:46

MASTERS MEN 50+:

- 1 Malcolm Hammond 2:15:51 + 1:05:57 + 2:30:21 = 5:52:09
- 2 Dave McLean 2:21:30 + 1:09:23 + 2:28:36 = 5:59:29
- 3 Gerald Scoones 2:34:11 + 1:09:46 + 2:35:54 = 6:19:51