

The 3rd Three Peaks Mountain Race Autumn of 1986

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26km Mountain Race (*distance approximate*)

Route: Woodhaugh St, Flagstaff, Swampy Summit, Mt Cargill, Chingford Park

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Sarah and Peter Haines, who had successfully organised the first two Three Peaks Mountain Races in 1984 and 1985 moved back to England. We thank them for putting so much effort into helping get this wonderful event off the ground. They were not to know then that their legacy would continue to endure. The Otago Hill Runners Association with Peter Scott, John McMeeking and Peter Laing at the helm fully took over the running of this event.

The 1986 Race

Again the race was eagerly looked forward to by many runners in Dunedin and beyond. It was once more a very keenly contested affair. Unfortunately, we do not have from our sourced archives many time records or records of any runners apart from the podium finishers in various age and gender categories. These and other details such as weather conditions may become available as we research further. This report is a work in progress.

Last year's third place Open Men's runner, David Gardner took the overall line honours this time round running a superlative race. David Gardner is an accomplished runner and you could see that this course suited his abilities. Stuart Mills finished second with Tony Morgan completing the Open Men's and overall podium spot.

Having finished second in the first race in 1984, Sarah Rees, with the experience of that race behind her, decided to have another go at the Three Peaks this year and was rewarded with a fine first place finish in the Open Women's grade. Lynne Sleath finished second.

The Veteran or Masters Men 40+ age grade was not contended this year.

Defending Veteran (Masters 40+) Women's runner Alison Jones won this grade again this year.

Thanks to all the organisers, helpers, marshals and the athletes for making this another successful edition of the Three Peaks Mountain Race.

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