

Saturday August 21st.

The CLUB 5

Yarra Bend

What a great day for our Club!

Apart from the two new names to appear on our Honour Boards, this very popular day has once again been a real highlight of the winter season for Collingwood Harriers. The rooms were overflowing with athletes, friends and family to witness the time honoured 'Club 5' along with the junior race, both incorporating the City of Yarra Championships. Joined by runners from Richmond, St. Stephens and Diamond Valley, the race was run in almost ideal conditions with the rain holding off, despite a forecast of showers. The breeze was negligible and the ground had dried out enough to provide a terrific surface on which to run.

The events got off to a good start with a field of 14, including nine from Collingwood facing the starter for the 2.7k junior race.



Run over one lap of the senior course, the field was headed right from the gun by **Jordan Minter** who recorded a convincing win.





Andre Chambers continues to show improvement and his second placing was full of promise and would indicate a terrific summer season ahead. Third place was filled by the consistent **Adam Garganis**. These three took out the City of Yarra medals.

The girl's event was won in fine style by new member, 11 year old **Meaghan Gaunt**, who followed up her debut of just two weeks ago with another performance full of promise. **Rachel Barnes**, who just scraped into the age category by one day, gained the silver medal, while **Hannah Garganis** was our third girl home.



Under 16 2.7k Collingwood Results

1	Jordan Minter		9:33
2	Andre Chambers		10:49
3	Adam Garganis		10:59
4	Miles Leyden		11:30
5	Jacob Barnes		11:31
1	Meaghan Gaunt		12:22
2	Rachel Barnes		12:52
inv	Luke Garganis	CLAC	13:21
3	Hannah Garganis		15:57

(results of sealed handicap held over to announcement of Winter Points Award winner)

The junior field was somewhat depleted by the absence of three of our under 14 boys being in Brisbane to represent the State at the National Cross-Country titles. While we would have loved to have **Ben Cox** and **Lachie** and **Ben White** at Yarra Bend for our big day, we certainly understand their wish to wear the Victorian uniform. Hopefully there will be many more to come in the years ahead.

The senior race was again much anticipated. **Patrick O'Keeffe's** form during the winter saw him as favourite for the race but no-one was discounting **Magnus Michelsson** who has made this race his own over the last twenty years. The Club was also eager to have another look at

recent recruit, 16 year old **Jai Edmonds**, who was having his first run since obtaining his clearance to the Magpies.



The race went true to form with **Patrick** making a decisive break at the end of the first lap to record a very impressive victory. **Magnus** never gave up, but had to be content with second place finishing just on one minute behind the victor. It was also pretty evident that **Malcolm Campbell** (3rd. over the line) and **Stuart Kollmorgen** have not lost any fitness after their trip to compete in Europe, while first season Harrier, **Michael Bialczak**, was also prominent. It will take a bit of investigation but Michael's time was probably the **best ever** by a 50+ athlete! **Paul Munro** was having his first run in the race since 1988, when he competed by invitation as a nine year old. Thankfully he ran a lot faster this year, despite giving everyone a bit of a start after misjudging his arrival time.



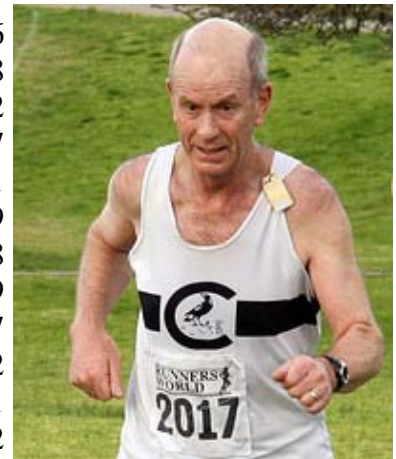
The ladies' event saw **Jane Kanizay** record her first win in the Club Championship and as a result, she now sees her name join that of her sister, Susan Michelsson up on the honour board. **Frances Willmot** while taking out second place, couldn't quite match Jane on the day after some epic battles earlier in the season. Former (two time) winner **Janette Chapman** filled third place in the 2010 challenge.



Collingwood Harriers Cross- Country Championships



1	Patrick O'Keeffe	26:26
2	Magnus Michelsson	27:28
3	Malcolm Campbell	28:52
4	Jai Edmonds (16)	29:17
5	Michael Bialczak	29:51
6	Stuart Kollmorgen	30:39
7	Anthony Weiland	31:08
8	* Paul Munro	31:19
9	Tony Hally	31:37
10	Mason Barnes (17)	32:12
11	Simon Blyth	32:41
12	Ken Duxbury	33:32
13	John Crameri	33:41
14	Paul Wallace	35:00
1	Jane Kanizay	35:52
15	Josh Debinski (18)	36:10
2	Frances Willmot	37:06
16	Paul Willmot	37:56
3	Janette Chapman	38:42
17	Troy Kameme	39:34
18	Craig Servinis	39:34
19	Graeme Paul	39:38
4	Carmel Parady	41:05
20	Robert Barnes	41:44
5	Rae Barker	49:52
21	Ian Morelli	49:53
DNF	Dale Nardella	



* started approx 1 minute late

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The roll up of past winners for our **Parade of Champions** was, as always, terrific and it was great to have **John Morgan**, the winner from 1950(51), *sixty years ago*, in attendance. Brother **Bill Morgan**, a dual winner from the mid fifties was also at the rooms and it was great that both gentlemen brought along family members for the first time. **Barry Gust** and **Brian Clarke** from around fifty years ago added to the day as did **Ian Minter** and **Paul Twining**. Multiple winner **Robert Hendy** was again in attendance as was **Chris Waldron**. The only previous (male) winner to run in this year's event, **Magnus Michelsson** received a terrific reception from the crowd, although lowering his colours for the first time since 1990. What a great record!



Susan Michelsson and **Janette Chapman**, previous winners of the women's title, were also presented to the crowd as part of the official ceremony.

Jane Kanizay, after being presented with her ribbon by 1940's athlete **Les Ballard**, made a terrific speech expressing her feelings in achieving *her* piece of Collingwood history. Les had flown down from Queensland for this year's event seeing the (new) clubrooms for the *first time*.

In presenting the winner's ribbon to **Patrick O'Keeffe**, **John Morgan** left no doubt about how he felt about being a member of Collingwood Harriers. He expressed the wish that Patrick himself would be back in sixty years to relive his efforts!

Hear hear!



Officials: There was a big team of helpers today. Our intrepid band of course markers got off to an early start and was pleasantly surprised by the state of the course particularly after all the rain during the week. **Ray Harbert** had done a stack of work the previous weekend by marking the course with paint, complete with kilometre marks, thus making the Saturday job all that much easier. **Ray** himself led the way ably assisted by **Rocket Williams, John Cramer** and the **Barnes clan of Robert, Mason and Jacob**.

The aforementioned **Ray** and **Kevin Wigmore** did the timing and recording but only after **Brian Moore** fired two of his very best shots to get the fields away and **Rocket Williams** manned the important post at the top of the hill. **Diana Barnett** did her bit distributing competitor's tags while **Judy Mason** and **Theresa Barnes** did a mountain of food preparation back at the rooms while the races were in progress and **Allan Minter** showed his usual skill in dispensing libations.

Thanks also to the many athletes who helped pack up the course so quickly, thus enabling everyone to get back to the rooms for the presentations.

A number of the **Richmond** and **St Stephens** people were conspicuous around the finish line helping out during the races as well. Thanks one and all!

Afternoon tea: I have no idea just who brought the eats. **Judy Mason, Janette Chapman** and **Clare Garganis** certainly contributed, but there had to be more. Thanks to everyone who added to the feast.

Chris Boylen was again very busy with his camera, recording the day for posterity. Keep an eye out for the snaps to be on the website very soon.

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