

It's been a busy time for South Bendigo Athletic Club members over recent weeks, with the club contesting a number of events.

Mandy Worthington has been announced as the Club's Sealed Handicap winner of the Keith Huddle Memorial- Eaglehawk to Bendigo.

Mandy ran an excellent time of 27.37 minutes, 68 seconds under the handicappers estimated time.

Second place on handicap went to Neil Britten, who ran 65 seconds under his time, with a performance of 26.40 minutes.

Jono Giles, with a time of 24.30 minutes, took out third place, 50 seconds under the estimate.

David Purdon ran the club's fastest time with a great effort of 22.02 minutes.

Scott Purdon ran 22.50, whilst Kirsty Seipolt clocked 32.08, Jesse Noden 28.52, Peter Noden 28.51, Judy Weavers 28.26, Leila Bieleny 29.46, Mike Bieleny 29.46.5, Russell Weavers 24.56 & Greg Hilson 24.10 minutes.

In the most recent South Bendigo Club Run, tradition was broken when the club conducted a Sunday afternoon competition at Atlas Road in Junortoun, instead of the regular Saturday afternoon programming.

In the Bicknell's Sport 10000 metre handicap, the longest event on the club run calendar, new runner, John Van Tigglen ran a very good race on a tough course to win in a time of 43.20 minutes.

Co-marker John McGrath finished in second place, stopping the clock in 43.56 minutes, with Backmarker David Purdon, finishing in third place & claiming fastest time of 38.28 minutes.

Only three seconds separated the placegetters in the Hume & Iser 3000 metre handicap, with Jason Seipolt winning the sprint to the line, with a time of 14.23 minutes.

Mandy Worthington finished just one second behind, with Peter Hayes a further two seconds back in third place.

Scott Purdon finished in fourth place & captured fastest time with 10.54 minutes.

Kyle Hilson, running in his last under 10 club handicap race, finished in first place in the Bendigo Toyworld 800 metre handicap with a personal best time of 3.47 minutes.

Kaitlyn Bryce finished in second place, with the fast finishing Jeremiah Jones, third & fastest time with a performance of 3.21 minutes.

The final event of the day was the Kevin Healey Retravision 1500 metre Handicap, which saw first year athlete Karl Kirkham running away with victory.

Karl ran a time of 6.13 minutes, the only runner on the day to break their estimated time.

Second place went to youngster, Will Noden, with back marker Neil Britten running fastest time and a third placed finish with a time of 5.37 minutes.

In the weekly effort, Peter Hayes won first prize & George Austen second prize, thanks to the Seipolt Family.

Last Saturday afternoon the club contested the Athletics Bendigo Club Relays at Lake Neanger.

The club fielded eleven teams in total, collecting wins in both the under 10 Boys & under 10 Girls in the 3 x 1060 metre event

The successful Under 10 boys team was Jake Hilson 4.17 minutes, Riley Raven 4.29 & Jeremiah Jones 4.24.

The second under 10 boys team of Kyle Hilson 5.02, Will Noden 5.00 & Tom Noden 4.31 minutes finished in third place.

The Under 10 Girls winning team consisted of Kaitlyn Bryce 4.56, Holly Hawke 5.24 & Madeleine Hawke 5.10 minutes.

An under 10 mixed team also competed, with Thomas Hawke running 6.38, Madison Bryce 6.30 & Kaitlyn Bryce 5.14 minutes.

The Under 14 Boys team of Jeremiah Jones 9.27, Ross Matheson 8.42 & Francis Hall 9.07 minutes, finished in second place in the 3 x 2120 metres.

The Boys under 16 team of Jesse Noden 8.08, Nigel Self 8.37 & Karl Kirkham 9.09 finished in fourth place in the 3 x 2120 metres.

The Women's open team of Susie Hawke 15.35, Kirsty Seipolt 14.55 & Mandy Worthington 13.16 minutes finished in second place in the 3 x 3180 metre relay.

South Bendigo's second open womens team of Maria Bryce 20.13, Annette Curtis 20.38 & Carol Coad 15.31 minutes finished in fifth place.

Finishing in second place overall was the Men's Open team of Ryan Cornell 10.41, Scott Purdon 10.39, Kyall Britten 10.37 & David Purdon 10.28 in the 4 x 3180 metre relay.

Also second was the Men's 35 plus team of Neil Britten 12.15, Greg Hilson 11.10, David Somerton 13.12 & Mike Bieleny 11.11 minutes.

Making up the eleventh team was Peter Hayes who ran 15.07 minutes for 3180 metres, Cara Jones running 12.12 for 2120 metres & Ebony-Jade Jones running 4.53 minutes for 1060 metres.

This Saturday afternoon's run will be at Rocky Rises Road, Kangaroo Flat, this being the Club Championships & Sealed Handicap day.

The first event of the day is the 8000 metres, with championship events for under 20, Open, Pre-Veteran & Veteran Men starting at 1.30pm.

At 2.15pm, the 3000 metres event will get under way, including championships for Under 16, Under 18, Under 20, Open, Pre-Veteran, Veteran Women, plus Under 16 & Under 18 Men.

The 2.40pm event is the Under 10 championship event for both boys & girls over 800 metres.

The final event of the day starting at 2.50pm, is over 1500 metres, this includes championships for under 12 & Under 14 Boys & Girls.

All AV registered athletes in championships should be in club uniform.

All unregistered club athletes may choose the race of their choice and be eligible for the sealed handicap awards.

To get to the start from Bendigo, head towards Kangaroo Flat, turn right at Alder Street traffic lights, travel approx. 2km to Olympic Parade, turn right, travel approx. 2km turn left into Rocky Rises Road, travel approx. 2km to the start.

For more information about the club or the upcoming Track & Field season, please call Greg on 54483846 or Sandra on 54422416 or log on to; www.southbgoaths.alturl.com

Results; Club Run 12, Atlas Road, Junortoun

Bicknell's Sports 10,000 metres

John Van Tigglan 43.20, John McGrath 43.56, David Purdon 38.28 (Fastest Time), Kirsty Seipolt 55.39, Greg Hilson 42.43, George Austen DNF

Hume & Iser 3000 metres

Jason Seipolt 14.23, Mandy Worthington 13.04, Peter Hayes 15.41, Scott Purdon 10.54 (Fastest Time), Keith Noden 19.28, Ian Self 14.07, Cathy White 17.43, Bill Trew 17.13

Bendigo Toyworld 800 metres

Kyle Hilson 3.47, Kaitlyn Bryce 3.30, Jeremiah Jones 3.21 (Fastest Time), Will Noden 3.57, Jake Hilson 3.23, Tom Noden 3.28, Thomas Hawke 4.53, Holly Hawke 4.10, Madison Bryce 4.47, Madeleine Hawke 3.53

Kevin Healey Retravisio 1500 metres

Karl Kirkham 6.13, Will Noden 7.45, Neil Britten 5.37 (Fastest Time), Jesse Noden 5.49, Jeremiah Jones 6.52, Ian Carmichael 5.54, Francis Hall 6.31, Maria Bryce 9.08, Sandy Giampietro 10.03, Annette Curtis 9.34, Ebony-Jade Jones 7.24, Ross Matheson 6.50, Cara Jones 9.00, Peter Curtis SNR 9.29