

## **SOUTH BENDIGO ATHLETIC CLUB**

The Champions Supa IGA South Bendigo Athletic Club's 2008 cross country season commenced on Saturday at Golf Course Road. Epsom.

An excellent first up attendance of more than 60 athletes ensured that some great racing was seen.

In the first event of the day, the Reilly's Retravision 5000m David Ottrey scored a fine victory over Wolf Heiden with Club President Greg Hilson showing strong form after solid efforts at last weekend's Stawell Carnival to finish close up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place while Russell Fenwick finished just outside the placing's and recorded fastest time with Wendy Stibbe the fastest female.

The Hune & Iser 3000m saw training partners Ebony Whiley and Celine Mountjoy claim 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings with their coach Paul Rance splitting the pair in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Ebony ran a great race to hit the lead before the half way mark and raced away for an emphatic victory in a personal best time, smashing her handicap estimate to win by more than 100 metres. Kyall Britten recorded fastest time with talented 12 year old Kyneton athlete Rochelle Kennedy fresh from her victory in last weekend's Secondary Schools Dragon Mile producing an excellent 11.35 effort to be the fastest female.

Brianna Ward scored an easy victory in the Bendigo Toyworld under 10 800m as she raced away from the opposition and sprinted strongly to the finish to also be the fastest female, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Thomas Hawke with Jake Hilson finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and taking fastest time honours.

The last event of the day, the Bicknells Sport 1500m was the biggest field of the day with more than 30 athletes facing the starter. Adrian Coad coming off a strong track season raced to the lead with 300m to go and went on to seal a fine victory with the talented Zoe Dean having her first run with the Club finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and she was also the fastest female in a classy effort, Holly Hawke one of the Club's most consistent athletes last season ran strongly to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Tom Noden was 4<sup>th</sup> and Jesse Noden finished close up in 5<sup>th</sup> place and recorded fastest time.

The South Bendigo Athletic Club's next cross country Club races will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Landry's Rd. Lockwood commencing at 1-30pm with events to be held over 6500m, 3000m, 800m & 1500m. New runners are welcome to attend.

For further information on the South Bendigo Athletic Club's 2008 cross country season phone 5448 3846 or 5442 5719.

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Results;

**Reilly's Retravision 5000m handicap;**

David Ottrey 19.39, Wolf Heiden 21.59, Greg Hilson 19.43, Russell Fenwick 18.37 (fastest time), Craig Green 19.47, Jason Nickson 20.46, Wendy Stibbe 25.40 (fastest female), Susie Hawke 27.09, Ian Carmichael 29.53;

**Hume & Iser 3000m handicap**

Ebony Whiley 12.42, Paul Rance 11.32, Celine Mountjoy 12.41, Greg Hilson 11.04, Rochelle Kennedy 11.35 (fastest female), Amanda Worthington 13.07, Neil Britten 12.03, Nigel Self 13.56, Josh Pickthall 12.01, Jeremiah Jones 13.38, Kyall Britten 10.49 (fastest time), Scott Purdon 11.23, Carol Coad 16.41, Jason Hawke 14.57, David Ottrey 14.28;

**Bendigo Toyworld under 10 800m handicap**

Brianna Ward 4.55(fastest female), Thomas Hawke 4.32, Jake Hilson 3.39, Erin Hilson 5.26, Will Noden 4.07, Chloe Green 5.05, Baelea Collins 5.44, Taylor Stibbe 5.38, Ellyna Collins 5.59;

**Bicknell's Sport 1500m handicap**

Adrian Coad 5.38, Zoe Dean 5.53 (fastest female), Holly Hawke 7.10, Tom Noden 6.20, Jesse Noden 5.22 (fastest time) Ruby Campbell 7.17, Madeleine Hawke 7.27, Demi Goodall-Hoffman 6.23, Peter Curtis Jnr 5.35, Grace Campbell 6.21, Jeremiah Jones 6.28, Keely Trew 7.16, Dane Heiden 6.13, Tara Goodall-Hoffman 7.41, Kyle Hilson 7.53, Annette Curtis 10.03, Cara Jones 7.56, Ross Matheson 6.29, Wendy Stibbe 7.15, Danielle McWhae 7.47, Gina Hilson 10.00, Sandy Giampietro 10.36, Zack Dean 8.09, Alex McWhae 7.39, Jody Killen 8.50, Lil Campbell 8.17, Christian Holm 6.54, Wendy Dean 10.09, Ebony-Jade Jones 8.48, Peter Curtis Snr 10.33, Anthony Johns 10.11