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Burnley Half Marathon Report - Sun Sep 5, 2010



The Burnley Half Marathon is always held on a fast looped course along the Burnley Boulevard in Richmond. This year produced a windy but dry day. Going into the race, Div 1 Men were positioned equal first on the season ladder in this the penultimate race of the season. A win would put us in a great position going into the Tan Relays.



It was Dave Carver's birthday & it seemed that he got out of the right side of bed. By midway through the race, Dave, Scott Rantall & Box Hill's Steve Kelly formed a clear front pack. With 3kms to go, Carver surged and opened up a 20 sec gap. That came down over the final km as Rantall broke away from Kelly but Carver held on and the 2 enjoyed a great Geelong quinella. For the analysts, Geelong has won this race now 4 years straight (Jason Woolhouse 2008, 2009 & Lee Troop 2007).



Not far behind were Colin Thornton (6th), just missing the sub-70 barrier again, Ryan Christian (7th) & Scott Nicholas (18th) to complete the Div 1 team that recorded a comprehensive victory. Box Hill managed to sneak ahead of Glenhantly too to give us a handy 3 pt buffer with 1 round remaining.



The Div 4 Men also had a great result made up by Brett Coleman, Michael Low doing his first HM, Jack Verstraten, Drago Skok & Lee Prosser. Results are pending at the time of writing. Given that we failed to have a Men's team in Div 1 for this race in 2009, it was great to see 2 teams this year.



The Women just managed to scrape together a team when Sally Hockey put her Father's Day plans on hold at the 11th hour to complete the team – thanks Sally! Kristen Wyatt & Cathryn Hoare both stated that they were after PB's & both accomplished their mission! Kristen also recorded a podium finish in 3rd after a great tussle over the closing stages with Glenhantly's Kylie Dick.



Finally a big thanks to the Verstraten family who got up at 5am to come along & cheer Dad & the rest of us on Father's Day!

Next Race: The Tan Relays – Sat Sep 18. Plans are in progress for a post-run BBQ to celebrate (preemptively!) another round of fantastic relay results & a Men's Div 1 premiership! Stay tuned for further details.



Check the next page for our Round 9 prize winners.



Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Sally Hockey**. Sally had her entire Father's Day mapped out having heard that we would have a Div 1 team without her. It became apparent, however, late Saturday that things had changed & Sally made the pilgrimage to Burnley to support the team. That's what the Steigen Award is all about - great work!!



The **Barking Dog Award** goes to **Colin Thornton** for a great PB given that he couldn't even run the week prior with chest pain from a nasty cold. It is also a way to drown his sorrows for narrowly missing that sub 70 barrier (just 8 secs) - one day you'll smash it!



The "**Complete Meal Award**" will be held off again this week given that I didn't manage to get any predicted times - far too early for that! So it leaves a large number of them for the Tan Relays - come along!



The **Steampacket Lunch Award** wasn't enjoyed today because it was breakfast time!! But thanks again to Steampacket for their generous support throughout the season.