

Coliban Relays Report - Sat July 10, 2010



The Coliban relays as always were great fun & a barrel of laughs. Oh, hang on, not quite so much in 2010 because it rained non-stop the whole day & was freezing!



We enjoyed having 5 teams entered this year, our largest in recent years & a great sign of the growing enthusiasm of the team. As usual there were the last minute team changes due to illness & injury, etc, but with Drago Skok & Leslie Elms stepping up to the plate, we had full teams. What's more, Cotton On through Scott Rantall supplied a great 7 seat van to take many of the Geelong crew & Ryan Christian had organized a 12 seat minibus from Melb that he discovered on the day he was too young to be allowed to pick up!!

There were a number of highlights. The first being us accounting for the biggest crowd ever seen at the Harcourt general store where Ryan Christian cleverly decided we should hold our full team meeting prior to race start given the inclement conditions. The 2nd being Julian "Moose" Spence having to bolt into the bushes part way through the first leg when a pair of wild horses charged down the dirt lane behind him. He'll tell you he lost at least a minute before daring to come out again! And the 3rd being a team dinner & drinks at the Daylesford Pub on the way home where young Eiiia Thornton (Colin's daughter) stole the show with her dancing on the local pool table!

And a brief mention of the run itself – two team firsts (Div 4 Men & Women), a 2nd (Div 1 Men by a mere 12 secs), 3rd (Div 7 Men) & 6th (Div 1 Women – best result in the last couple of years – great to see!)

Next Race: Bundoora XC – Sat July 17. Check website for details.

Check the next page for our Round 5 prize winners.



Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Drago Skok**. With the team 1 runner short at late notice, Drago quickly answered the call for help and flew around the course to help the Div 7 team to a top 3 placing. Thanks Drago from the whole team!



The **Barking Dog Award** goes to **Scott Nicholas** to welcome him to the team & commend a great first race in 3yrs. I'm sure we'll see plenty more of Scott given he's just moved to Geelong & we want to make sure he gets to know the local food. Welcome to the team!



The first "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to Micheal Low for standing out in the rain for 30mins as our official before anchoring the Div 4 team to a big win. The others go to the nearest predicted times that were... wait for it: **Harriet Smith** (-6sec) & **Eliesha Byrt** (+7sec). Enjoy!



The **Steampacket Lunch Award** was again enjoyed by **everyone** present. A big thanks to Steampacket for their ongoing support & generosity.