

Professional Cross Country Club of Tasmania Inc.

President's Report 2019

It is with great pleasure that I present my annual report for 2019.

The Club's 27 race programme began on March 24 and ran through to September 29 with events ranging from 5km up to the marathon at 42.2km.

Two new courses were trialled this year, an interesting 7km at Port Sorell and later in the season an out-and-back 8km over pathway and sand tracks at East Devonport.

Overall total registrations and race entries again declined this year with numbers of 141 full registrations and 56 starters as the race average.

This is very concerning but with new ideas for races and state-wide advertising of our Club's unique events, we hope to lift the numbers up again as we enter the 53rd season.

The Jack Propsting Memorial Consistency Award was an honour well-deserved by Josh Febey after finishing in second place last year.

Josh continued a family history with this award with grandfather Lloyd winning in 1984 and father Dane victorious in 2004, 2005 and 2014. Well done Josh on a wonderful season.

Vicky Knapman, after winning the first race of the year, continued to improve each week to finish in second place followed by last year's winner Karina Mason.

Final points were Josh 161, Vicky 148 and Karina 144.

The Club 10km championship, based on fastest times within the Devonport 10km was an exciting event with Amie Bramich first, Natasha Mapley second and Sarah-Jane Tregenza third for the women. The result for the men was Thomas Murton first, Brian Lyons second with Brad Taylor third.

The 5km championship at Burnie, run as a scratch race, was keenly contested with Lyn Saint-John first, Amie Bramich second and Anna Murton third for the women. Thomas Murton was too strong in the men's event winning from Ewen Troughton with Andrew Rolls third.

Club championships based on fastest times points over the season, resulted in victory for Amie Bramich and Thomas Murton.

Winning their first race with our club this year were John Badcock, Andrew Bates, Tim Dowling, Brooke Fehlberg, Kyle Groenewege, Roselyn Hendriks, Alex Johnstone, Vicky Knapman, Sally Milbourne, Liz Murton, Danielle Newall, Lorraine Shephard and Anthea White.

Other race winners were Kelly Baxter, Michelle D'Monte, Simon Gates, Karina Mason, Sven Mason, Anna Murton, David Murton, John Purton, Judy Ray, Andrew Rolls, Kim Steven, Chris Talbot, Michael, Taylor, Mary-Lou Troughton, Ken Williams and Stuart Wilson.

Of the 29 race winners, 14 were women and 15 were men. I would like to congratulate all race winners for their successful seasons.

Special race tallies which were achieved this year were: Rod Viney 700, David Sweetman 600, Lyn Saint-John 300, Mark Saint-John 300, Judy Ray 300, Ron Chequer 300, Sven Mason 200, Kim Steven

200, while Josh Febey, Kelly Baxter, Dallas van Rooyen, Ellen Elphinstone, Brian Lyons, Brad Taylor, and Ken Troughton all reached the 100 race milestone.

Congratulations to you all.

Nominated time events again were a part of the Club's programme and were well attended each week with many exciting finishes. An innovation this year was to allow 12, 13 and 14 year-olds to do their nominated time run in Club events if they were 5 or 6 km. This was well received.

Congratulations to all nominated time runners.

In December last year the Club again held its track carnival at West Park with proceeds of \$800 presented to the Cancer Council of Tasmania. I would like to say thank you to John McGuire, Brian Wells and Garney McFarling for the special effort they put into the carnival.

Garney once again compiled and pieced together our Club's handbook and we thank him very much.

Throughout the year, the Club presented medallions to Riana/Penguin and Somerset Primary Schools and also to the inter-high cross country championships.

The Club was again well supported by many business houses, firms, Club members and many people in the community with sponsorship and I thank them all for their continued support of our great Club.

We again had a great committee that supported me throughout the year. I would like to thank them for their wonderful, unselfish efforts in carrying out their duties on all club matters.

The smooth running of our races is because of all the race helpers, either at the start/finish or out on the course and I pass on my deepest gratitude.

At the Big Six race on Sunday September 15, there was a serious incident between three members, the first of this nature in the Club's history. The committee worked through the process via its Code of Conduct and Constitution and now I ask all members to move on and continue to be involved in our great Club.

As president of the Club, I am very proud and honoured to serve you over many years with the support of the many race sponsors, officials, Club members and their families. I thank you all again and look forward to serving again in March 2020.

Barry Ling OAM

President