

PRESIDENT STEVENS BREAKS A 23 YEAR DROUGHT AT THE LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Bendigo Athletic Club President, Mark Stevens has broken a long running drought, winning his first Cross Country race with the club in 23 years.



Conducted at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange in Huntly, Stevens powered around the wet & slippery course in 36.03 minutes, to take out the Purtill's Nursery 8000 metre Handicap, finishing 16 seconds clear of the in form Billy Makeham, 33.29 with Mark Perdon, 35.13 again on the podium with third placed finish.

Josh Nolan, fourth overall, ran the fastest time of 27.35, ahead of Josh Sait 27.42 & Greg Hilson 29.01, whilst the fastest female on the course was Jessica O'Hara in a time of 35.46, just 3 seconds quicker than training partner Kerrieanne Hocking. The top 3 placegetters, Stevens, Makeham & Perdon, also took the maximum points in the Flack Advisory Veteran's Award.

Gaining top points in the Bendigo's Original Pie Shop award for being the first female over the line was Lucy Booker, 16 seconds clear of Rhonda Schultz, with Jessica O'Hara, third.

First place in the Liz & Mark Findlay Under 23 award was Jesse Noden, who ran 29.42 to be fifth overall, ahead of Jessica O'Hara & Josh Sait.

The Children's 1000 metres was taken out by the undefeated Jordan Doherty in 5.10 minutes, ahead of Ava Stewart & Arabella Findlay.

Jordan has had three starts for three consecutive

wins and continues to improve each week.

Fastest time was Will Noden in 3.37 minutes, just one second in front of Jake Hilson, with the Fastest girl being Amila Carlile in 4.19 minutes.

Next Sunday is the Boundary Hotel 10000 metre Handicap, to be held at the No.7 Reservoir at Crusoe Park in Kangaroo Flat.

Birthday boy Rob McDonald will be trying to celebrate his 29th birthday with a win in the 10km, as will Josh Nolan who has his 24th birthday the day before.

A Children's 1000 metre race will start at 10am, with the main event starting at 10.30am.



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After this week's race on the 31st July, the club is having a social lunch after the race at the venue of the race day sponsor, The Boundary Hotel from 12.30pm.

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8000 metre Handicap results

Mark Stevens 36.03, Bill Makeham 33.29, Mark Perdon 35.13, Josh Nolan 27.35 (Fastest Time), Jesse Noden 29.42, Wolf Heiden 33.42, Austin Beamish 34.11, Mark Findlay 34.11, Lucy Booker 39.23, Brendan O'Brien 29.56, Rhonda Schultz 44.39, Peter Noden 30.13, John Rose 33.38, John Bailey 34.14, Greg Hilson 29.01, Rob McDonald 31.50, Jeremy Boulton 32.46, Kevin Shanahan 33.45, Paul Bennett 32.38, Jessica O'Hara 35.46 (Fastest Female), Kerrieanne Hocking 35.49, Lyn Crome 37.11, Chook Stewart 33.54, Anthony Hutchison 32.35, Josh Sait 27.42, Shane Hateley 34.03, Allan Colbert 35.20, Rick Ermel 32.00, Lachlan Knowles 36.53, Tony Sait 36.26, Grant Findlay 36.25, Ryan Shelton 38.21, Peter LeBusque 37.22, Andrew Sait 35.52

Children's 1000 metres

Jordan Doherty 5.10, Ava Stewart 5.34, Arabella Findlay 5.00, Jake Hilson 3.38, Amila Carlile 4.19 (Fastest Girl), Sydney Findlay 4.41, Kyle Hilson 4.07, Alice Bailey 4.23, Erin Hilson 4.24, Will Noden 3.37 (Fastest Time), Josh Doherty 4.23, Xavier Hutchison 4.43, Harry Findlay 4.29, Bree Heiden 4.35