

Lardner Park XC Report - Sat May 8, 2010



Glorious weather met us again for round 2 of the XCR10 competition - the infamous Lardner Park Cross Country. The course includes steep hills, ditches & that fence that has to be conquered however best you manage it! It was fortuitous that the weather was good because the new marquee again wasn't quite ready to make an appearance....



The Div 1 Men were determined to improve upon the 4th place at Jells. Ryan Christian had sent around over 100 emails & text messages in the week prior to get a team together & to pump us all up. And pumped up we were to record one of our greatest finishes for many years. With our first 6 home in the top 16, we comfortably recorded first place in the teams event & Scott Rantall, Brenton Rowe & Colin Thornton took out the top 3 places in the individual Victorian Country Cross Country Championship (try to say that quickly!).



The Div 1 Women also performed well. Whilst we didn't have as many runners as Jells, it was still great to see a good turnout and scoring some valuable points with 9th overall in the teams results.



Our juniors dominated again in round 2 after some impressive performances at Jells. We have 3 new Victorian Country Cross Country champions with wins to Claudia Verstraten (U16), Matilda Skok (U14) & Isaac Hockey (U14), a 2nd placing for Jack Stekelenburg (U14 Men) & 3rd placings for Holly Curtis (U16 Women) & Jackson Hamill-Beach (U18 Men) – great running! And a team victory to our U14 Men & 2nd place to our U16 Women!



A big thanks to Peter Samon for organizing the team bus that required a lot of paperwork & running around – thanks Pete!

Next Race: Steigen Geelong Road Championships, **Sunday May 23** – check [website](#) for details.



Check the next page for our Round 2 prize winners.



Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **David Carver**. David heard about our initial struggle to fill our Div 1 team & organized a swap at his work to get to Lardner to run for the team. And with a victory in Div 1 as a result, we're glad he did - great work!!



The **Barking Dog Award** goes to **Peter Samon** for all the paperwork & running around he put in to get the team bus up & going for Lardner. Thanks very much Pete & enjoy the great meals at the Barking Dog.



The "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to our 3 nearest the time predictions for this round. In a tightly fought affair, those closest to their times & therefore our winners are **Jack Stekelenburg** (7s), **Matilda Skok** (10s) & **Eero Keranen** (13s). Enjoy!



The **Steampacket Lunch Award** was enjoyed by **everyone** present. The sandwiches were fantastic & numerous & the desserts divine! A big thanks to Steampacket for their generosity.