



Balnarring XC Report - Sat May 21, 2011



Glorious conditions greeted us for XCR11 Rd 2 at Balnarring Racecourse. This was a new venue that had some trekking right around the bay and others opting for the trip across the heads on the ferry. All up we had 39 runners compared with 26 in 2010 that was a fantastic turnout given the 2 hr trip each way.



The course proved tough despite a lack of hills being uneven underfoot and having a few obstacles to jump, mud patches and ditches to run through. A couple of juniors looked at one stage like they might have become lost in the long grass! Fortunately the days prior had been dry or the course would have been a lot muddier.



Whilst not quite as strong as round 1, we again had some great team results with Men's Div 1 finishing 2nd to a strong Knox crew to be equal top of the ladder with them now for the season. Div 3 Men had a very close win by only 4 points to cement their top of the ladder position and to prove that every place counts! Our O40 Men placed 2nd to move to a clear 2nd on the season ladder – great work!

The open women also had some great results with Div 1 finishing 4th (just 4 points from 3rd) & Div 4 also 4th (just 6 points from 3rd) – every place counts!!



Our only junior team to complete a team were the U16 Men who finished 4th. Many other junior teams just needed one more runner!

In terms of individual performances the stand outs were Nick Wightman in the open men who finished 8th overall and took out the Country Championship and also Annabelle Wilson who surprised herself with 3rd overall in the U20's and earned herself the Steigen Award in the process



Next Race:

- Sat June 5: XCR11 Rd 3: Flemington Road Races. Entries close via AV online Fri May 26.



Check the next page for our Round 2 prize winners.





Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Annabelle Wilson** who was nominated by Jmara Hockley Samon for her great run in the U20 3k.



The "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to Jmara Hockley Samon for her successful nomination above and to those who most closely predicted their times and the winners were: Ellie O'Kane (2 sec), Jamie Rowan (5 sec) & Eliesha Byrt (6 sec) - tough to beat!!



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