

Editorial

This Editor fellow, a long suffering Melbourne supporter, attended the MCG to celebrate the recent AFL Premiership. I was very impressed with the manner in which the Club supported and indeed treasures the legacy of Neil Daniher, former Club Coach. His work in the fight for a cure of MND is well known but his former prowess as a powerful speaker and leader of men was outstanding. For a man of his stature, to slowly lose his faculties, including his speech, is a tough challenge.

Despite all this, his commitment to his Club has been unwavering, even under those difficult circumstances. He received a standing ovation from 35,000 fans on Sunday which continued for some minutes....quite emotional. We, at Ivanhoe Harriers also display commitment, maybe not quite as public as with Neil Daniher, but commitment nevertheless. Our commitment to the growth and success of our Club relies on the determination of every member and every athlete to support the Club on and off the field as we continue to grow.

Despite the negativity of COVID, we managed to maintain some elements of training during lockdown and the good news is, we have now commenced track and field competition. We have recruited a few more young athletes including a girls team and recommenced proper training in an almost normal environment.....what a relief!!

On the administration front, we have applied for and received some Government grants which have been a bonus for us. We have held a very successful Trivia night, raising much needed capital for future investment. Our balance sheet is slowly growing which was a prime target of this Committee. Future expenditure will include investing in weight training equipment in a couple of years. In the short term we will be investing in equipment such as starting blocks, throwing equipment and training hurdles.

I am very proud of the way the Club has managed our challenges and very pleased with the support of our wider Club family during this COVID period.

Club Training and Club Target

The Club has a great history of 107 years of competition. In that time we have promoted athletics and provided training venues and opportunities for our athletes. Most of our Club expenditure is related to costs of equipment and rental for track usage e.g. Collingwood Track and the affiliation costs and expenses of Athletics Victoria. In return for this investment, we expect our athletes to perform for the Club as often as possible with their eyes on the prize at the end of season.

The Club needs and wants success on the track and we need to achieve targets, such as Premierships. This requires everybody to contribute, sometimes in a non-favoured event, just for the points.

Our target this year is to achieve promotion to the next Division. This is easy to say but requires commitment and high standard contributions from all of our athletes in competition. We have always promoted excellence in our training and hope we are talented enough to achieve our target this season.

Put simply, the Coaches will continue to coach. Provided our athletes compete to their best, as often as possible, we will achieve our goal.

Remember "TEAM"...Together Everyone Achieves More

Competition

At the time of writing this Edition, we have 2 Rounds of competition left before the Christmas break.

Saturday, 11th December at Aberfeldie
Saturday, 18th December at Meadowglen

Both programs have something for everyone, so get your entries in and hopefully we will see a few more PBs in 2021.



This is a great picture of our talented young ladies at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

From left: Marli Brenner, Paige Bukovsan and Kate Bukovsan

New Members

The following new members have joined the Club in recent weeks:

Jack Harper, has rejoined after suffering a PCL injury last summer and has introduced his mate Finn Knight, Jack and Finn are training together and look like having a promising season with a focus on 200's and 400's....and maybe the odd 800m.

Perrin Theocharides has also rejoined as a talented sprinter. Perrin has teamed up with former Vic Champion and Committee Member, Braden Fraser for weekly training sessions at Collingwood.

Barry Greig, one of our great middle distance runners from the past has rejoined as a "competitor" after about 24 years of annoying injuries. Barry is also a Committee Member and a wonderful support around the Club, particularly teaming up with the middle distance coach, helping the talented juniors.

Finn Knight, has just completed year 12 at Ivanhoe Grammar School and is already sprinting to a high standard.

Charlie Baker, a student at Ivanhoe Grammar School showing promise as a middle distance runner.

Marli Brenner attends Plenty Campus and looks to be a talented middle distance runner.

Macey Mileto, has joined for "training" at this stage. Macey is the younger sister of Harley and Thomas.

Georgia Bianchin, the twin sister of Karina, attends Alphington Grammar School and has joined for "training".

Karina Bianchin, the twin sister of Georgia, also attends Alphington Grammar School and is clearly enjoying her training on the grass at Chelsworth.

Competition Results

Round 1 at Doncaster on 13th November 2021

This Round saw Paige and Kate Bukovsan compete for the first time, with both performing very well indeed.

Bary Greig made his comeback after 24 years showing his determination to overcome injuries. Barry is a member of our Team of the Century and it was great to see him back on the track.

Highest individual event scorers were David Greig with a fine 3000m, scoring 470 points for the Club and a great 200m from Jack Harper scoring 411 points. Our evergreen David Burke scored 860 points over 3 events and Alex Linke was our second most prolific point scorer with a massive 807 points from two events.

Overall, quite a good day, we placed third in the Division.

F16

200m: Paige Bukovsan 33.14 (3.2);

800m: Paige Bukovsan 2:40.6h;

F14

200m: Kate Bukovsan 34.67 (0.3);

800m: Kate Bukovsan 2:51.7h;

MOP

3000m: David Greig 8:55.1h;

M20

200m: Jack Harper 23.70 (1.0); Finn Knight 24.15 (0.8);

Perrin Theocharides 25.02 (1.8);

M18

800m: Alex Linke 2:10.4h;

3000m: Alex Linke 9:57.9h;

M16

800m: Leo Worsam 2:13.6h; Harley Mileto 2:26.6h;

3000m: Charlie Baker 11:53.5h;

M40+

200m: David Burke 29.23 (6.1);

3000m: Barry Greig 11:23.5h; David Burke 14:16.1h;

400m Hurdles: David Burke 80.13;

High Jump: David Burke 1.50m;
Shot Put: David Burke 6.03m;

Round 2 at Aberfeldie on Saturday 20th November

This round was an improved performance, placing 2nd in our Division and only a couple of events short of winning. Highlights were many, our talent is showing through.

David Greig finally broke through the 4 minute barrier for 1500m with a PB of 3:59.9 and a top points score for the Club of 469 points.

Finn Knight and Jack Harper were very good in the sprints with Jack recording a massive PB in the 400m of 51.13.

Finn earned 751 points over 2 events with an 11.98 in the 100m and Jack was our highest point scorer with 813 points for the Club from 2 events.

Our 4x 200 relay team won in magnificent style in 1:39.45, congrats to Finn, Perrin Theocharides, Thomas Langdon and Jack who ran a blistering final leg.

F16

100m: Paige Bukovsan 16.35 (-0.5);

400m: Paige Bukovsan 71.03;

1500m: Paige Bukovsan 5:30.3h;

F14

100m: Kate Bukovsan 16.52 (0.4);

400m: Marli Brenner 73.16; Kate Bukovsan 76.72;

1500m: Kate Bukovsan 5:48.8h;

MOP

1500m: David Greig 3:59.9h;

M20

100m: Finn Knight 11.98 (0.9); Jack Harper 12.00 (-1.0);

400m: Jack Harper 51.13; Finn Knight 54.27;

1500m: Thomas Langdon 4:26.6h; Benjamin Morrison 4:34.7h;

M18

1500m: Alex Linke 4:32.57;

M16

400m: Charlie Baker 75.95;

1500m: Charlie Baker 5:28.1h;

M40+

100m: David Burke 13.99 (1.4);

400m: David Burke 66.36;

1500m: Barry Greig 5:07.6h;

110m Hurdles: David Burke 23.33;

Discus: David Burke 18.08m;

Javelin: David Burke 18.01m;

Long Jump: David Burke 4.48m;



Barry Greig in action at Aberfeldie on the way to a very creditable 5:07.6

It's great to see Barry back in action.

Round 3 at Lakeside on Saturday 27th November

This round was always going to be difficult with more athletes unavailable than competing.

Our listing of unavailables was massive: Charlie Baker, David Greig, Jack Harper, Finn Knight, Tom Langdon, Harley Mileto, Ben Morrison, Josh Philip, Harry Shaw, Charles Shea, Perrin Theocharides and Leo Worsam. We need everyone to stand up for the rest of the season.

Despite this difficulty, we still managed a third place in our Division with our young girls, Paige, Kate and Marli gaining solid points for their performances.

F16

800m: Paige Bukovsan 2:38.1h; *200m:* 33.06

F14

200m: Marli Brenner 34.01 (-4.0); Kate Bukovsan 34.58 (-4.8);

800m: Kate Bukovsan 2:50.1h; Marli Brenner 2:50.5h;

M20

200m: Perrin Theocharides DNS;

M18

200m: Alex Linke 28.30 (-2.5);

800m: Alex Linke 2:10.9h;

M40+

200m: David Burke 31.28 (-4.3);

110m Hurdles: David Burke 23.59;

High Jump: David Burke 1.50m;

Long Jump: David Burke 4.52m (-2.9);

Shot Put: David Burke 7.01m;



Marli Brenner in action at Lakeside



David Burke hammering out a 200m at Lakeside.



Alex Linke showing some fine form in his 200m at Lakeside.

Round 4 at Keilor on 4th December 2021

The highlight of this round was the setting of a new Club Record by Paige Bukovsan. Paige ran a very good Under 16 girl's 800m in the time of 2:34.3.

The previous record of 2:38 was set by Casandra Grace on 28th November 1998. Congratulations to Paige on a fine run.

In addition, we saw PBs set by Kate Bukovsan in the Under 14 200m and 800m and Marli Brenner in the Under 14 200m and 800m.

Not to be completely outdone, Charlie Baker set a new PB in 3000m by 24 secs and Harley Mileto took 4 secs off his previous best 800m time with a 2:22.2.

Well done to all, it's great to see such rapid improvement.

F16

200m: Paige Bukovsan 31.68 (1.4);

800m: Paige Bukovsan 2:34.3h (*Club Record*);

F14

200m: Marli Brenner 32.39 (-1.4); Kate Bukovsan 33.51 (-1.4);

800m: Marli Brenner 2:47.3h; Kate Bukovsan 2:48.2h;

M20

200m: Perrin Theocharides DNS;

M18

800m: Alex Linke 2:10.5h;

3000m: Alex Linke 10:04.6h;

M16

200m: Charlie Baker 32.90 (+0.0);

800m: Harley Mileto 2:22.2h;

3000m: Harley Mileto 10:25.9h; Charlie Baker 11:29.7h;

M40+

200m: David Burke 28.67 (-1.0);

800m: David Burke 2:53.7h;

3000m: Barry Greig 11:19.1h;

400m Hurdles: David Burke 79.89;

High Jump: David Burke 1.50m;

Shot Put: David Burke 6.56m;



Paige Bukovsan setting the Club Record in the 800m.

Letters to the Editor

Hi Jeff,

I read the CURSUS editions with interest as I competed in Under 15, Under 17 and senior teams from 1967 to 1972 era.

I remember the opening of the Olympic Village new track. I lay on the grass with friends as Peter Norman came around the bend in the 200m. He appeared to float through the air - so inspiring.

My mum (late Joan Stewart) organised the canteen for all and many of us younger athletes looked forward to a few treats.

At a later date I remember a Saturday afternoon when a full eclipse occurred.

All good memories.

Are you able to identify the people in the opening day photo? The speaker looks like Chris Cole.

Regards

Norman Stewart

Editor's note:

Hi Norman, it was great to hear from you. Chris Cole has answered your question in his note below.

Hi again, Jeff and Andrew,

To the benefit of all Club members, you have both gone beyond any reasonable call of duty in your articles in this month's Cursus to remind and inform all of this important OVT event 50 years ago.

Thank you for putting so much detail into them. It is very informative and amazing Andrew, how much information you can put your hands on..... even if you have made just a few too many references to my own contribution!

Nevertheless, I must admit it has been pleasant for Evelyn and I to read.

Although this might be "carting coals to Newcastle"... I should mention it is good to see that the Hennessy family gets a suitable mention:

The photo of the notice board, which faced Southern Road for many years, bears the name of the then hard working Secretary: Michael J. Hennessy
Not to be outdone, in the photo taken during the formal proceedings, his younger brother: Mark Hennessy is the one raising the Olympic flag to the top of the flagpole, during the speech by Club President, Peter Bethell, with Mayor, Cr. Ross Christie and Mrs Christie sitting along with Sir Edgar Tanner and Lady Tanner. The Town Clerk is standing at the rear.

It was primarily Tom Hancock who put together the All Stars meeting, and attracted so many of those top athletes of the day to come and compete.
The names are just too many to try and list all who made it such a memorable day!!!

Thank you again, Jeff and Andrew, for such a good recall of this significant piece of Ivanhoe Harriers' history!!

I certainly hope it will bring much pleasure to all who read it.

Best wishes,
Chris



Official Opening of Olympic Village Track – 31 October 1971

Club Sponsors: East Ivanhoe Foodworks



Once again, our friends at East Ivanhoe Foodworks supported the Club with a hamper for our Trivia Night. We are most grateful for their generosity and we trust all of our readership can support them in turn. This local business is a vibrant part of our local community with a great deli and a very well stocked cellar.

The team spirit of the staff is infectious (well illustrated above) and the range of house made meals is huge, very much like a New York deli that some of us have seen in our travels. Try the roast pork...beautiful!!

Make yourselves known to Peter and the Team when you are next shopping for food.



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