

## Cross Country Report

So far this season in Division 4 the Team has placed second in the cross country relays, second in the 8km cross country at Bendigo, second in the 12km and second in the Ekiden Relays. Our improvement continues to be significant. If we hold our form and everyone on the list competes, we can certainly gain promotion to Division 3 which would be an achievement. We have 19 members on our cross country list which is gradually growing, mostly very promising juniors.

There is no doubt we have the talent at the moment to hold down a spot in Division 3 or even Division 2 as we grow the Club.

Competitors this season to date have been:

David Greig	Vince Mancuso
Thomas Langdon	Gianni Mancuso
Ben Morrison	Claude Aquino
Harley Mileto	Charles Shea
Leo Worsam	Barry Greig
Josh Philip	David Burke

And our girls who have competed to date:

Paige Bukovsan  
Kate Bukovsan  
Eliza Nelson

The next event is the Sandown Relays on 9th July which is a great event.

So far this season we have been unable to defeat Bendigo 2 in our Division. Bendigo 1 Team is on top of the Premier Division Ladder, having won every Division 1 event this season. Full marks to Bendigo, a fantastic performance.

Let's have a real crack at Bendigo 2 at Sandown...now that would be something!

*Right: Thomas Langdon, Gianni Mancuso,  
David Greig (wearing our historic uniform),  
Josh Philip and Ben Morrison*

## Round 3 Results

### - The 12km Cross Country

Following a couple of weeks of miserable weather, Round 3 cleared to a fine and cool day, just right for cross country racing. The venue at Cruden Farm, the former home of the late Dame Elizabeth Murdoch, is a perfect location with rolling hills and great visibility. We struggled with numbers, just managing to field 5 athletes, thanks in particular to Josh who was returning from injury and had done very little training.

The team performed better than expected, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 4 and cementing our 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder.

Results as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy Buchanan	Bendigo	36:12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andre Waring	Box Hill	36:54
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seth O'Donnell	Mentone	37:19
47 <sup>th</sup>	David Greig	Ivanhoe	41:00
99 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Langdon	Ivanhoe	44:32
119 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Morrison	Ivanhoe	45:24
218 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Philip	Ivanhoe	52:49
306 <sup>th</sup>	Gianni Mancuso	Ivanhoe	64:18

In the Teams category:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bendigo	524 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ivanhoe	789 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sth Melbourne	1103 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mornington	1314 points



Congratulations to the boys on a fine performance. Of interest, had we been competing in Division 3, we would have placed 5<sup>th</sup> so we are gaining momentum and pushing back towards Division 1.

## A bit of history...

Thought we would look back 30 years to 1992 and check how we did as a Club in the 12k cross country, then held at Bundoora...

Back in 1992 our position was somewhat different, we probably fielded our strongest cross country team in the Club's history with 23 competitors in the 12km race. We had 9 finishers in the top 100, with many internationals in our ranks.

The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in A Grade, just behind Glenhuntly.

Results in this race were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Malcolm Norwood	Ivanhoe	36:09
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne Larden	N.S.W.	36:27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robbie O'Donnell	Glenhuntly	36:46
15	Michael Hillardt	Ivanhoe	38:20
30	Greg Webster	Ivanhoe	39:31
38	Damien Cook	Ivanhoe	39:52
41	Barry Greig	Ivanhoe	40:06
50	Craig Rayner	Ivanhoe	40:29
52	Richard Russell	Ivanhoe	40:36
90	Adam Franklin	Ivanhoe	42:27
91	Andrew Potocnik	Ivanhoe	42:30
106	Glenn Franklin	Ivanhoe	42:55
121	Charles Gilbert	Ivanhoe	43:22
133	Graham Cooper	Ivanhoe	43:54
161	Cameron Wyatt	Ivanhoe	44:49
175	Andrew Edney	Ivanhoe	45:24
213	Peter Cole	Ivanhoe	46:23
220	John Freeman	Ivanhoe	46:39
243	Alby Rain	Ivanhoe	47:38
262	Andrew Holmes	Ivanhoe	48:22
294	Chris Jones	Ivanhoe	50:26
296	Jeff Franklin	Ivanhoe	50:35

Its only 30 years ago we had this unbelievable line-up of talent. The Team was very impressive back then. This Editor can remember being very satisfied at the time, as a 45 year old running in the same race as his 2 sons!

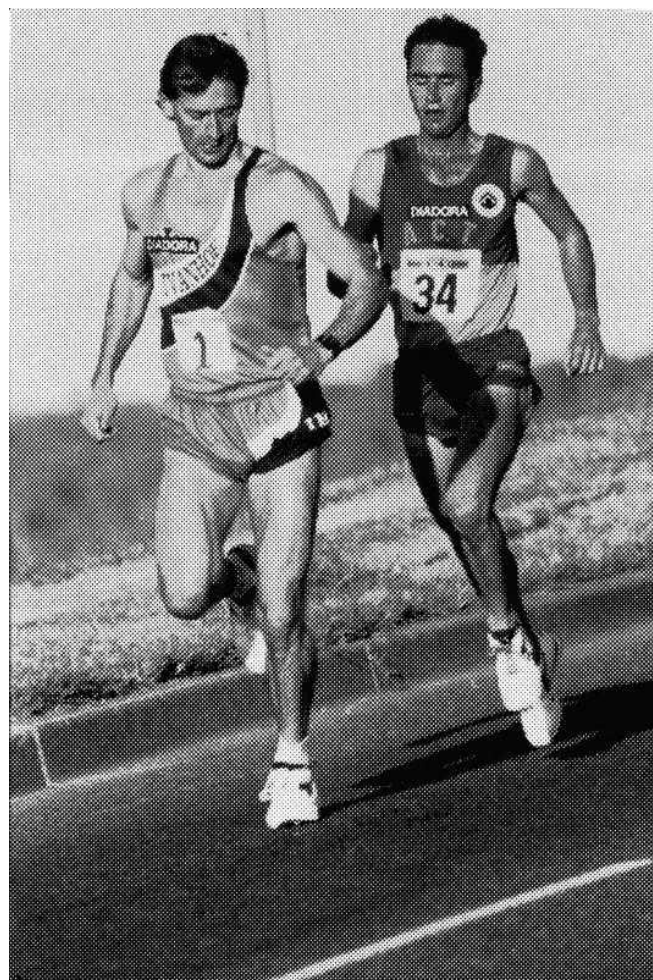
Also on the family subject, David Greig placed 47<sup>th</sup> in his 12k at Cruden Farm a couple of weeks ago and his Dad placed 41<sup>st</sup> in the 12k 30 years ago, hmmm there a bit of rivalry emerging here? You bet there is!!

It's OK to reflect on the past and be inspired. Yes, we were fortunate back then to have some great individual athletes in our ranks. That's exactly what

our young team should aspire to become, excellent "A" Grade athletes of the future.

Who will be the next Mal Norwood who started out racing as a 14 year old? ...just like some of the youngsters in our ranks today.

Who, in our present crop of juniors will step up to State or National standard in the future? In my opinion, the talent is there, let's all aim high...no excuses!



*Mal Norwood in action 30 years ago*

## Round 4 Results

### - The Ekiden Relays at Myrning

It was a bitterly cold wind but dry conditions that we faced at St Anne's Winery, Myrning. We had 9 competitors, with runners competing over varying distances. The terrain was rough under foot and very hilly with some hills very steep.

David Greig ran a blinder in his first leg, to record 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time in Division 3 and 4. However, everyone else on the team ran very well despite some not being 100% fit. This was great commitment to the Team and our chase for promotion.

In addition, Barry Greig made his first cross country appearance in over 28 years after injuries and issues had made running, nigh on impossible. I know Barry has shown enormous determination and dedication with exercises to get his body right. Congratulations Barry, a tough run to start with but great for the wider "Club Family".



**Top:** David Greig; **Bottom:** Barry Greig

Official Times as follows:

#### Division 4

David Greig	30:11	(8.8km)
Josh Philip	33:29	(8km)
Ben Morrison	27:52	(7km)
Harley Mileto	23:00	(6.1km)
Claude Aquino	21:24	(4.7km)
	2:15:56	(34.6km)

#### Division 6

Gianni Mancuso	46:07	(8.8km)
Barry Greig	37:14	(8km)
David Burke	37:44	(7km)
Paige Bukovsan	25:07	(4.7km)
	2:26:12	(28.5 km)

A special mention for Paige who ran for the Div. 6 Team ensuring that we had a team. The Team placed 4th. Paige showed a lot of grit as she had not been 100% only a few days earlier. Well done to Paige.

Our Division 4 Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> but were well beaten by Bendigo 2.

The Ladder after 4 Rounds is as follows:

1	Bendigo Region 2	60 points
2	Ivanhoe	52 points
3	Glenhuntly 3	38 points
4	Mornington 2	37 points
5	Collingwood 3	29 points
6	South Melb. 2	29 points
7	Ballarat Region 2	24 points
8	Waverley	22 points
9	Old Xaverians	22 points
10	Malvern	19 points
11	Melb. Uni. 4	17 points
12	Essendon 2	16 points
13	Vic Masters	3 points

We are in a great position and look forward to Sandown.

## Letters to the Editor

One of our oldest living members is Thomas Watson, nephew of the great Alf Watson, Captain of our Team of the Century.

For the benefit of those young members of the Club, Alf Watson was an outstanding athlete in his time, competing in the 1928 and 1936 Olympic Games. Thomas very kindly allowed us to read his old and extensive collection of newspaper cuttings from the early 1900s, a fascinating record of that period.

Thomas has just turned 93 years young, his wife Sandra reported that Thomas had a great birthday with his family and he enjoys reading his Cursus newsletter every month.

Best wishes Thomas.

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## Vale - Noel Roberts

27<sup>th</sup> February 1958 - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

It is with deep regret we advise that Noel passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Noel was a much loved former member of our Club who really enjoyed his cross country running and the fellowship of his many friends at the Ivanhoe Harriers.

This eulogy from old friend and loyal Harriers member, Bruce Ackland.

Noel Roberts joined Ivanhoe Harriers in 1971 and was one of a group of highly successful junior middle- and long-distance runners training under Chris Schrader. The group trained every week day down at Warringal Parklands, raced on Saturdays at the old Olympic Village Track (OVT), competed in the state championships, ran cross country during the winter months and revelled in Sunday morning pack runs. Noel was an important member of this group throughout his junior and early senior years and the friendships developed during that period lasted a life time.

Noel won the All-Tech 1500m championship in 1974 in the most exciting and gutsy fashion, leading from the start and holding off his fast-finishing rivals. Noel was a member of numerous state championship teams on the track and cross country. He was renowned for his grit, determination and courage throughout his competitive and casual running career which lasted most of his life. Even when he was no longer actively competing, he was always up for a run whenever the opportunity arose.

The club used to organise a tough hike up Mt Bogong most years and Noel was one of the enthusiastic club members who joined in this challenging experience. These hikes set Noel on a lifelong love of bushwalking and along with several other old 'hoe members set off on regular bush walks over the last 50 years. He completed the entire Australian Alps Walking Track from the ACT to Walhalla in stages (765 km all up, along with several other regular old club mates), and

tramped many other trails up and down mountains with friends and family.

Noel was a passionate surfer, athlete, bushwalker, Collingwood FC tragic and above all else, family man. He developed friendships easily with his great humour, compassion and humility.

Noel is survived by his wife Pam, four daughters and six grandchildren. He will be sadly missed and is gone far too early. We will miss him greatly.



*Noel on one of his long bushwalks*

Noel served on the Committee from 1976-1978 and was Club Secretary in the 1976/77 season. He competed for the Club during the 70s to the early 80s and was a quality middle distance runner.



*A gathering of old friends at Noel Burrows home in the early 1980s*

**Back:** David Lynch, Mike Hennesy, Noel Burrows, Ray Brown, Noel Roberts, Phil Ramsay, Noel McDonald, Ian Brooks, John Griffiths.

**Front:** John Boas, Ken Caroline, Michael Carter, Bruce Meakin, Gary Holliday, and Col Hamley.

## Remaining Cross Country Program for 2022

The combined program for the season is shown below. The Athletics Vic program is shown in black/blue and the Ivanhoe Grammar (AGSV) school program is shown in red/grey.

DATE	SPONSOR	VENUE	EVENT
Sat. 9th July	Aths Vic (R5)	Sandown Race Track	Road Relays
Sat. 16th July	AGSV	PEGS Fields, Keilor Park	AGSV Round 6 (9:00am)
Sat. 23rd July	Aths Vic (R6)	Bundoora Park	All Schools CC Championships 3, 4, 6 & 10km Cross Country XCR 10km CC
Sat. 30th July	AGSV	Yarra Bend, Fairfield Melway 30 H12	AGSV Round 7 (9:00am) Camberwell Grammar
Sun. 7th August	Aths Vic (R7)	Albert Park	10km Road Race
Sat. 20th August	AGSV	Yarra Valley Grammar	Representative sport v APS
Sat. 20th August	Aths Vic (R8)	Lake Wendouree, Ballarat	15km Road Race
Sun. 4th September	Aths Vic (R9)	Kevin Bartlett Res Burnley Yarra Boulevard	Half Marathon
Sat. 17th September	Aths Vic (R10)	The Tan Track	Club Relays 5 x 3.8km

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