

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB - - - NEWSLETTER SPRING 1968.

Marathoner of the Winter is BARRY SAWYER whose brilliant and consistent running earns him top spot in our Newsletter. Just look at his record:-

April 6th.	16 Kilos.	10th.	June 29th	20 Miles	3rd.
April 25th.	7½ Miles.	3rd.	July 27th	VMC Marathon	1st.
May 4th.	25 Kilos.	8th.	August 24th	Country Marathon	1st.
May 25th.	AAU Marathon	5th. (Vic.2.)	Sept. 14th	V.A.A.A. Marathon	1st.
June 10th.	20 Kilos.	4th.			

The Queen's Birthday Fixture being held on Monday was the most successful so far with 69 starters for the 20 Kilometres. The two long runs - the 20 Miles "King of the Mountains" with 33 and the Marathon with 38 starting out, also showed good attendances. The total for the 7 road events was 401, and if we allow for the mishap which prevented our Traralgon enthusiasts from toeing the line on time for the "King of the Mountains", an average participation of 58, a steadily rising figure.

Another pleasing feature is the better response from members and their supporters to help with the many small but necessary jobs on the day, which has enabled us to provide more directions and protection on course as well as better progress scoring.

All those who attended the VMC Marathon Day at Tyabb deserve a pat on the back for their exemplary co-operation. We noted the manner car drivers stayed back until the timekeepers had got away before following the race, and that they also took particular care to park well off the road, using the main areas suggested by the organisers. Thank you all!!!

Looks as if the Hastings Shire will become a home from home for us the way we are being fathered by the Council! It was really great to have Councillor G. M. ROBINSON start us off in the "King of the Mountains" from Point Leo to the top of Arthurs Seat and back, in June, to be followed by Shire President Councillor JACK LANGMAN as our starter in the VMC Marathon at Tyabb in July. Our thanks go to these gentlemen and their Council for their wonderful support!

All we hope now is that their interest will encourage more people in their Shire to take part in sport and make Victorian and Australian Teams. Especially with an example like Councillor Langman who went off after getting our race away to play football for the Crib Point Football Club!

Other country areas to provide us with scenic runs and competition were Heathcote, which staged a 16 Miler, and the Warrnambool enthusiasts who went metric with a 20 Kilometres Run. From all accounts, both events were much enjoyed by our distance running fraternity.

VMC members dominated the major Marathons this year. Our men were placed 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19 in the A.A.U. event and finished two more out of the 35 starters. In the Victorian Country Championship the first three placings went to our members. The V.A.A.A. event saw 1, 2, 3, and 4 go to VMC men.

PETER BRUCE qualified for the Laurel Wreath insignia this Winter, something he had been striving for very hard, and I can assure Peter that all other VMC members were almost as happy as he was when he finally made it!

TERRY PHELAN also joined the select band of sub 2:30 runners, after being only 5 minutes over this time last year as a junior.

Less pleasant is the news of the severe injuries received by NORMIE DUFF when bowled over by a car out on a training run near the Clifton Hill overpass. Norm has been almost a fixture in Victorian and Australian Marathons, and we express our sincere wish that Norm will once again be out with us when the long runs start.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB. 20 KILOS. ALBERT PARK 10.6.1968

Cold, strong breeze. 69 Starters

Pl.	NAME	H'cap	Time	H'cap Pl.	
1.	Ian WHEELER	1.30	63.24	22	
2.	George CLAXTON	4.30	63.44	8	
3.	Ray SOLOMON	3.30	64.33	17	
4.	Barry SAWYER	4.30	65.09	15	
5.	Ian LEEDER	5.30	65.43	11	
6.	Bob GERARD	-	67.20	-	
7.	Wolf VOIGT	7.00	68.27	20	
8.	Gerry VAN DER PLOEG	8.00	68.29	14	<u>RETIRED</u>
9.	Garry KNOX	6.30	68.45	26	Gerald BURKE
10.	Doug LEBAS	6.00	69.11	E31	Bert DUPRECHE
11.	Roger ELLIS	7.30	69.37	25	Fred LESTER
12.	Max OOSTWOUD	10.00	70.16	12	Fred HOWE
13.	Roy BEADELL	9.30	70.44	19	John VISSER
14.	Jim CRAWFORD	7.30	70.49	33	Allan de VILLE
15.	Darrel PAPROTH	7.30	70.56	34	Wally ROBINSON
16.	Wally SHEPPARD	13.30	71.19	4	Max HOLMES
17.	Geoff GREEN	7.00	71.30	36	Ron TAYLOR
18.	Mick SKINNER	12.00	72.09	10	Ron DEWHURST
19.	Paul TONTI	11.00	72.28	27	Stan GALLOP
20.	Allan CASTLE	14.00	72.33	5	Bob WALKER
21.	Dick JEFFEREY	12.00	72.47	16	Graham MOON
22.	Mal KIRKWOOD	16.00	72.57	<u>3</u>	
23.	John PHAIR	-	73.08	-	
24.	Bill STACEY	-	73.33	-	
25.	John BELL	10.30	73.41	E31	
26.	Bruce SULLIVAN	12.30	74.20	21	
27.	Mike HUBBERT	11.30	74.35	30	
28.	Tony WILLIAMS	-	74.56	-	
29.	Ivan DAVIDSON	13.00	74.59	23	
30.	Ray DANIELS	9.00	75.00	38	
31.	Ken FRASER	17.00	75.55	7	
32.	Alf O'CONNOR	14.00	76.00	24	
33.	Peter O'BRIEN	14.00	76.34	28	
34.	Bill WARR	15.30	76.42	18	
35.	Norm McLEISH	21.00	77.09	<u>1</u>	
36.	Joe FLEISCHER	13.00	77.34	<u>37</u>	
37.	Kevin SKELTON	15.00	78.54	35	
38.	Ted POULTEN	19.00	79.26	13	
39.	Martin THOMPSON	12.00	79.49	40	
40.	Garry HENRY	20.00	79.49	9	
41.	David W. JONES	9.00	80.49	43	
42.	Ray BOXER	25.00	81.18	<u>2</u>	
43.	Harry LOGAN	23.00	81.51	<u>6</u>	
44.	Chris COLLINS	11.00	84.02	44	
45.	Doug TREMBEARTH	25.00	87.46	29	
46.	Leigh THOMPSON	18.00	88.34	42	
47.	Phil WOOD	20.00	89.15	41	
48.	John ADAMS	9.00	90.04	50	
49.	Roy BARRATT	-	90.08	-	
50.	John McKAY	-	90.45	-	
51.	Les LANGMEAD	18.00	92.28	48	
52.	John TURPIN	19.00	92.40	46	
53.	Graham ANDERSON	19.00	92.54	47	
54.	Rex PERKINS	17.00	93.03	49	
55.	Keith LEIGH	28.00	94.52	39	
56.	Max McCREADY	22.00	95.38	45	

A feature of the race was a strong contingent of runners from a thriving country club, Traralgon, where the Victorian Country Marathon Championship will be held, and an excellent run by a very young lad, Garry Henry, from that District.

V.M.C. 20 MLS. "KING OF THE MOUNTAINS" JUNE 29th. 1968 PT. LEO

Cold, mainly fine. 33 Starters.

Pl.	NAME	H'cap	Time	H'cap Pl.
1.	Ray WHITE	3.00	108.59	<u>3</u>
2.	George CLAXTON	2.00	109.22	<u>6</u>
3.	Barry SAWYER	3.00	109.45	5
4.	John COYLE	2.00	112.29	13
5.	Terry HARRISON	13.00	115.02	<u>1</u>
6.	Gerry PLOEG	10.00	118.40	<u>9</u>
7.	Fred HOWE	8.00	122.08	16
8.	Bruce SULLIVAN	17.00	125.31	8
9.	Ray SOLOMON	3.00	125.42	18
10.	Ivan DAVIDSON	18.00	127.45	12
11.	Noel DUNSTAN	22.00	128.29	4
12.	Alf O'CONNOR	11.00	130.37	11
13.	Doug OLIVER	26.00	131.00	<u>2</u>
14.	Ken FRASER	21.00	132.37	<u>14</u>
15.	Rod DOWKER	-	132.42	-
16.	Geoff HUGHES	20.00	133.00	15
17.	Sam HILDITCH	25.00	133.00	7
18.	Wally SHEPPARD	14.00	134.17	17
19.	Murray WATSON	-	134.51	-
20.	Gary KNOX	9.30	140.40	20
21.	Doug TREMBEARTH	36.00	145.06	10
22.	Peter O'BRIEN	21.00	146.51	19
23.	Kon BUTKO	20.00	162.53	22
24.	John JAMES	-	162.53	-
25.	Norm McLEISH	21.00	165.22	23
26.	Harry LOGAN	30.00	168.35	21

RETIRED:

Tony COOK
 Ted BONE
 Bill WARR
 Mike HUBBERT
 Wally RILEY
 Dennis WATTIE
 Roger ELLIS

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB MARATHON TYABB

Cool, showery, blustery wind.

38 Starters.

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1.	Barry SAWYER	5.00	2.22.56	9	
2.	Ian WHEELER	scr	2.24.00	14	
3.	Terry PHELAN	14.00	2.24.39	2	
4.	Peter BRUCE	14.00	2.28.13	4	
5.	Ian LEEDER	8.00	2.31.01	12	
6.	Les LINSELL (Tas)	28.00	2.39.31	3	
7.	Geoff WATT	25.00	2.48.13	13	
8.	Noel DUNSTAN	28.00	2.50.13	11	
9.	Keith ROUTLEY	47.00	2.52.22	1	
10.	Sam HILDITCH	38.00	2.52.22	5	
11.	Doug OLIVER	37.00	2.52.34	6	
12.	Gary KNOX	28.00	2.52.36	15	
13.	Alf O'CONNOR	35.00	2.54.00	10	
14.	Jim CRAWFORD	18.00	2.55.46	17	
15.	Ken FRASER	29.00	2.58.04	16	
16.	Bruce SULLIVAN	22.00	3.01.33	18	
17.	John JAMES	-	3.08.35	-	
18.	Doug TREMBEARTH	53.00	3.10.17	8	
19.	Ray BOXER	56.00	3.13.06	7	
20.	Alan CASTLE	26.00	3.16.07	19	

Retired:

John CLAXTON
Jim CURRIGAN
Don WOOD
Paul TONTI
Fred HOWE
Henk v WISNG
Bob GERARD
Andrew BARRIE
Mark HENNESSY
Tony WILLIAMS
Ray ROBERTS
John DUNCAN
Roger ELLIS
Bill WARR
Keith BIRD
Ted BONE
Ken BREEN
Martin THOMPSON

Handicap:

Keith ROUTLEY (47 mins) 1st
Terry PHELAN (14 ") 2nd
Peter BRUCE (14 ") 3rd

Veterans Trophy:

Alf O'CONNOR