

**Coburg Harriers Club Inc.
Australian Centurion Walkers Inc.**

**Coburg 24 Hour Carnival
Saturday 22 April - Sunday 23 April 2006**

The 2006 Coburg 24 Hour carnival was held on the weekend of 22-23 April at the Harold Stevens Reserve in Coburg. A total of 25 walkers and 27 runners submitted entries and all bar a few late scratchings keenly contested the various running and walking events on offer.

The carnival started at 10AM on the Saturday morning in typical Melbourne autumnal weather – variable and impossible to predict! The forecast threatened showers but luckily the race was spared and conditions, although slightly on the cold side, turned out to be nearly ideal for such an event.

It was particularly gratifying to see 31 of the 52 entrants choosing to compete in the 24 Hour events.

The 24 Hour Run for Men saw Garry Wise run to the easiest of victories with 185.818 km. Gary, who ran 100 km in 10:52 last year, made no mistakes in his first 24 hour track race and is going to be a major force in the next few years. Interestingly, second place getter Robert Boyce (170.587 km) and third place getter Rodney Ladyman (163.852 km) were also doing their first official 24 hour track runs. Michelle Thompson, who was the only entrant in the 24 hour run for women, was also doing her first 24 hour run, having won the Coburg Carnival 12 hour event last year in 101.9 km. Her winning distance of 166.053 km puts her straight into the higher echelons the Australian rankings.

It is indeed a good sign to see new ultra runners dominating the 24 Hour events.

The 24 Hour Walk events also saw strong fields and dominant performances. Of particular significance was the fact that 4 walkers – Jens Borello, Pat Fisher, Deryck Skinner and Geoff Hain - reached the 100 mile mark and thus achieved the Centurion standard. Jens had made the trip from Denmark specially for this event and he was the first to reach the 100 mile mark in 22:33:01 to become Australian Centurion 52. The other first time Centurion was Pat Fisher who became Australian Centurion 53 with a 100 mile time of 23:10:38.

We were thrilled to witness a special contest between octogenarians Ken Matchett (84 years young) and Stan Miskin (80 years young). Ken, entered as a runner, broke the World M80 record for 12 Hours. Stan, entered as a walker, broke the World M80 100 km and 24 hour records. It is unusual to see one runner of this age competing at such a high standard but to see two!

As usual, the Coburg Harriers did an outstanding job in hosting and manning this event. They were ably supported by various external experts, the principal ones being Malcolm Matthews (computer timing), Michael Gillam (masseur) and Les Clark (whatever is required) who turn up year after year and without whom the event would struggle.

Results and a selection of photos from the events are available at the following websites

- The Coburg Harriers event website http://www.coburgharriers.org.au/joomla1/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5&Itemid=6
- The Australian Centurion Walkers website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~austcent/index.html>.
- The TallarookImages website <http://tallarookimages.com/coppermine/index.php?cat=8>

We look forward to seeing everyone at the same time and same place next year!

Tim Erickson
Bernie Goggin
Gordon Proudfoot

24 HOUR RUN MALE

1	WISE, Garry	464 laps	185.818 km
2	BOYCE, Robert	426	170.587
3	LADYMAN, Rodney	409	163.852
4	BEAUCHAMP, Bill	398	159.530
5	FICKEL, Bob	369	147.606
6	MARSH, Trevor	353	141.456
7	MARSH, Ken	346	138.648
8	McCORMICK, Richard	323	129.273
9	TIMMS, John	308	123.554
10	STAPLES, Alan	306	122.778
11	MATCHETT, Ken	304	121.783
12	GRAY, Peter	265	106.220
13	OHLENROTT, Bruce	162	65.040

24 HOUR RUN FEMALE

1	THOMPSON, Michelle	415 laps	166.053 km
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12H RUN MALE

1	HARTLEY, Ernest	217 laps	83.120 km
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12H RUN FEMALE

1	EARLE, Lee	164 laps	65.988 km
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6H RUN MALE

1	DYER, Bill	167	66.809 km
2	CARSON, Max	146	58.676
3	ILIOPOILOS, Nick	133	53.368
4	DUFFELL, Geoff	126	50.488

6H RUN FEMALE

1	YOUNG, Shirley	128 laps	51.444 km
2	BROWN, Sue	123	49.385
3	PARRIS, Dawn	112	45.020
4	BENNETTS, Karen	106	42.721

12H RELAY TEAM

1	Coburg Harriers	384 laps	153.921 km
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VICTORIAN 24 HOUR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

1	WISE, Garry	464 laps	185.818 km
2	BOYCE, Robert	426	170.587
3	FISHER, Patrick	414	166.005 km

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

GORDON BURROWES TROPHY	COMMINS, Louis
JACK WEBBER TROPHY	FISHER, Patrick

24 HOUR WALK MALE

1	FISHER, Patrick	414 laps	166.005 km
2	SKINNER, Deryck	411	164.577
3	HAIN, Geoff	403	161.200
4	BORELLO, Jens	402	160.934
5	BILLETT, David	382	152.992
6	MISKIN, Stan	350	140.018
7	COMMINS, Louis	328	131.517
8	O'NEILL, Terry	273	109.525
9	SKRUCANY, Rudolf	215	86.220
10	BAKER, Fred	178	71.200
11	JEMMESON, Sean	78	31.405

24 HOUR WALK FEMALE

1	BOLLEN, Karyn	386 laps	154.725 km
2	HOWORTH, Sandra	209	83.668

12H WALK MALE

1	TURNER, Gary	171 laps	68.715 km
2	JACKSON, Ross	156	62.457
3	CARTER, Ken	134	53.827

12H WALK FEMALE

1	CHOMYN, Sharon	207 laps	82.814 km
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6H WALK MALE

1	WHYTE, Robin	128 laps	51.200 km
2	JORDAN, Stephen	110	44.121
3	PROUDFOOT, Gordon	91	36.431

6H WALK FEMALE

1	BAIRD, Carol	105 laps	42.359 km
2	MARSHALL, Diana	105	42.007
3	MISKIN, Ellwyn	96	38.756

AUSTRALIAN 100 KM WALK CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN

1	O'NEILL, Terry	13:19:08
2	BORELLO, Jens	13:33:01
3	FISHER, Patrick	13:54:19

AUSTRALIAN 100 KM WALK CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN

1	BOLLEN, Karyn	14:02:39
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CENTURION 100 MILE QUALIFIERS

BORELLO, Jens	22:33:01	C52
FISHER, Patrick	23:10:38	C53
SKINNER, Deryck	23:23:43	C51
HAIN, Geoff	23:38:25	C49