

Professional Cross Country Club of Tasmania

Presidents report 2017

It is with great pleasure that I present my annual report for 2017.

In our 50th year of the club we once more, enjoyed an increase in the total registrations, although, the overall race entries average was slightly down from 2016.

The 27 race program throughout the year, held in many venues from Stanley to Railton, witnessed great competition among the members.

Congratulations to all race winners, who were: Aaron Robertson, Brad Taylor, John Castledine, Simon Gates, Troy Reader, Dallas Van Rooyen, Greg Smith, Des Arnol, Andrew Aichberger, Dantelle Mitchell, Ellen Elphinstone, Doug Murchie, Hayden Bishop, Susan Moodie, Alan Bakes, Cobie Walker, Jason Fehlberg,, Kim Reader, Michael Taylor, Thomas Wilson, Will Cleaver, and dual race winners Liane Hanson, Chris Purton, Tony Stewart and Lyn Saint John.

The overall club consistency award was a tight battle right to race 27, and ended in a tie between father in law Greg Smith and son in law Hayden Bishop. Congratulations to you both, on your wonderful season.

Lyn Saint John also had a great year along with her 2 race victories. Lyn was also the Female Club Champion. Club Male Championship was won in fine style by Brad Taylor.

I would like to congratulate all club members, who reached special milestones in their race tallies throughout the year.

This season, the club moved the marathon back to race 8 to allow members to train in the warmer weather, leading to the event with better numbers competing in the race.

The club 50th year celebrations on the Feature Race day was a wonderful success with many past and current members joining in the days special presentations of history, photos and many tales from the past 50 years.

By the way of a special government grant, and club money, we were able to purchase a very good second hand van and, after it was fitted out, has become our new office on race days. Also with the help of the government grant, we have been testing a new timing system and, this will be brought into play, and used every week to help in a better and hassle free race finish.

The club is indebted to the many wonderful sponsors that have again supported us throughout the season, and I would like to thank you all for your generosity.

Our club carnival held last December was again very successful with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

Once more this year, members from our club donated their time to be officials at the Devonport Triathlon and also the Australian Masters Games. With your help the Half Marathon went off very smoothly.

The club again had a great committee, who all work together for the benefit of club members. I thank you for your support of me, and your wonderful effort in carrying out your duties on all club matters. To all race day officials I again say thank you for all the wonderful help and assistance you all gave throughout the year.

As President of this great club I was very proud and honored to receive the OAM for contribution to athletics on Australia Day this year. This was only achieved, by your continued support of myself, and I thank you very much. Once more I congratulate all that took part in our 50th season, and look forward to seeing you all again in March 2018.

Barry Ling OAM

President