

75th Anniversary APSOC AAA Dinner

What a great night! Those who attended the dinner were treated to exceptional speeches and commentary of APSOC over its 75 years. There were some very funny moments during the evening. A 1981 APSOC Dinner invitation was shown on the overhead projector. Stuart Facey was the organiser of the event and had failed to mention that it was the Association's 50th anniversary. I liked the fact though that the dinner cost \$10 for 3 courses at the Tower.

About 25 Old Scotchies enjoyed the meal this year. That's a third of the people there! It looked at one point that there wasn't going to be enough table space. Cam Beatty was more than willing just to lean against the bar. Pete Simm offered to go home and get a card table, while I painstakingly tried to convince one of the confused waiters that there were in fact not enough settings and that we needed more cutlery. I learnt that night that if you run, don't eat and then drink beer you get quite drunk and slur your words. I think some other Old Wesley runners were a little bit worse than me.

Mark Purvis did a great job as MC for the evening selecting significant people from each club to describe historical aspects of the competition. One common theme though was the fondness of members for beer after each race! This was still evident at the dinner (we may have to reinstate the pub tradition after races). I learnt though that night that if you run, don't eat and then drink beer you get quite drunk and slur your words. I think some other Old Wesley runners were a little bit worse than me. The "good looking" Colin Findlay spoke about his great battles in the competition. I thought it was fantastic that Colin has competed in APSOC for over 50 years, a true testament to his resilience and drive. And you're still "good looking" Col.

In the absence of Field Rickards (who was watching his daughter cycle in Europe, and also missed the first Old Wesley win in 71 years), his brother Dr Rick Field was given the notorious responsibility of delivering the Handicappers Report. Some very interesting statistics were shown and we were also shown the ridiculous criteria for the awards! I was very happy to be given the title "Most Inconsistent". With a variance of 9.3% it sounded like I was some kind of bomb ready to go off. To be quite honest I think the statistics were more a reflection of the chaos in Field's mind rather than the athlete's performance.

The highlight of the evening for Old Scotch was Pete Simm being announced as the Male Athlete of the Year. This is the second time he has won the award; the last time was in 1998. So well done Pete on your brilliant season!

Peter Dodgshun and his committee must be congratulated for organising such a successful season. The APSOC competition is very healthy indeed and many running websites say quite clearly that it is the best value running package you can buy. Peter was also one of two OS runner's to have competed in every race for the season, and he also clocked his 100th race this year at the Dyson. The other Spartan for OS this year was Stuart Facey. Congratulations to them both!

Cooke-McClelland 8km, Saturday 9th September 2006

Wesley!

I knew Haileybury could be beaten! Congratulations to Wesley for winning the Cooke-McClelland. Pretty sure that surprised everyone. First win in a team event since 1935 apparently! It also means that Haileybury didn't win the grand slam. There was a bit of a cheer when Haileybury was announced as second in the team event. A prominent Old Scotch/Old Wesley runner later admitted that he might have taken part in this. He assured me though that he was cheering in anticipation of the next result, and not for Haileybury not winning the grand slam.

Summary

The Cooke-McClelland is certainly one of the favourite events of the year. We didn't quite have a full strength team in but we had some brilliant performances nonetheless. Pete Simm capped off a brilliant year by coming 6th and Rob Schwerkolt was just behind him in 7th place. Chris Beechey made his debut for Old Scotch coming 11th despite not doing much training. The former Australian Cross Country representative will be an asset to the team in future events. Dave Lightfoot was unable to take part in the race, as he is due to have knee surgery this week. We all hope that the surgery goes well and that Dave will be back in full flight next year. Someone may have mentioned though that he doesn't want the surgery to improve his already exceptional golf swing.

Scratch Race

As mentioned before, there strong performances from Schwerkolt, Simm and Beechey. Scott Lawrence who just missed out on an award for the most consistent runner placed 35th. Sam Curry came 49th, while Andrew Pirie improved on his last performance coming 53rd. Another Mr Consistent, Bruce Wilson ran 55th just missing out on a spot in our top 6. I think

Mr Facey won the battle between Becroft and himself, though in Ross's defence he has been injured. I will look forward to this matter being settled on the course next year. It was good also to see Tarquin Oehr back – he ran 74th. In the ladies, Lynn Kisler had another strong run and came 87th overall.

Teams Race

Well, we didn't quite do as well as we thought in Division 1. We placed 5th. The Division 2 came 3rd. I think next year that team will do exceptionally well.

Full Results

See Scotch results below, OR for full results: <http://www.geocities.com/apsoc/>

In between seasons drinks

Sunday 1st October
4pm @ Buddha's Belly Café
Everyone is welcome!

Statistics

I'm putting together a little statistics page and will distribute it soon. I hope everyone has a great off season or athletics season and hope to see all of you next year at the Jamieson. Thank you all for your support. Go Scotch!

Cheers
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APSOCAAA Cooke-McClelland Shield 8 km - 9 September 2006 - Scratch Results

Pos	Name	Club	Time	Status
6	Simm, Peter	OS	27:35.1	
7	Schwerkolt, Robert	OS	27:42.2	
11	Beechey, Chris	OS	28:13.9	
35	Lawrence, Scott	OS	31:03.7	
49	Curry, Sam	OS	33:06.8	
53	Pirie, Andrew	OS	33:20.6	
55	Wilson, Bruce	OS	33:25.2	
57	Wallace-Smith, Nick	OS	33:33.5	
59	Facey, Stuart	OS	33:45.0	
61	Hauser, William	OS	34:23.6	
74	Oehr, Tarquin	OS	35:38.4	
78	Becroft, Ross	OS	35:52.4	
83	Holmes, Jon	OS	36:27.7	
87	Kisler, Lynn	OS	36:57.0	Female
101	Dodgshun, Peter	OS	39:07.8	
105	Lightfoot, Lisa	OS	39:33.0	Female
110	Findlay, Colin	OS	41:12.6	
111	Wilson, Rob	OS	41:24.2	
124	Galbraith, Georgina	OS	48:06.2	Female

APSOCAAA Cooke-McClelland Shield 8 km - 9 September 2006 - Team Results Open Division 1

Plc	Team	Name	Time	Pos	Pts
5	OS1	Simm, Peter	27:35.1	6	
		Schwerkolt, Robert	27:42.2	7	
		Beechey, Chris	28:13.9	11	
		Lawrence, Scott	31:03.7	35	
		Curry, Sam	33:06.8	49	
		Pirie, Andrew	33:20.6	53	161

Open Division 2

Plc	Team	Name	Time	Pos	Pts
3	OS2	Wilson, Bruce	33:25.2	55	
		Wallace-Smith, Nick	33:33.5	57	
		Facey, Stuart	33:45.0	59	
		Hauser, William	34:23.6	61	
		Oehr, Tarquin	35:38.4	74	
		Becroft, Ross	35:52.4	78	384
8	OS3	Holmes, Jon	36:27.7	83	
		Kisler, Lynn	36:57.0	87	
		Dodgshun, Peter	39:07.8	101	
		Lightfoot, Lisa	39:33.0	105	
		Findlay, Colin	41:12.6	110	
		Wilson, Rob	41:24.2	111	597

Women

Plc	Team	Name	Time	Pos	Pts
x	OS1	Kisler, Lynn	36:57.0	12	
		Lightfoot, Lisa	39:33.0	21	
		Galbraith, Georgina	48:06.2	31	DNF