

Box Hill Little Athletics Centre Newsletter



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Friday, October 30, 2009

DIARY DATES:

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| Friday, October 30 | Twilight Little Aths (comm.. 5.45 pm) – Prog. F |
| Saturday, November 7 | Little Aths – Programme E |
| Saturday, November 14 | Little Aths – Programme A |
| Sunday, November 15 | Region Relay Day (Doncaster) |
| Saturday, November 21 | Little Aths – Programme B |
| Saturday, November 28 | Decathlon/Heptathlon Day 1 |
| Saturday, December 5 | Decathlon/Heptathlon Day 1 |
| Saturday, December 12 | Little Aths – Programme C |
| Sunday, December 13 | State Relay Championships (Olympic Park) |
| Friday, January 22 | Twilight Programme F |
| Sat/Sun, Jan 30/31 | State Multi-Event (Bendigo) |
| Sat/Sun, February 20/21 | Region Track & Field |
| Sat/Sun, March 20/21 | State Track & Field Championships |

BOX HILL RELAY DAY - Well done to absolutely everybody involved in making the *Box Hill Invitational Relay Day* a huge success. There are a large number of people to thank as you would appreciate these events do not just happen but require an enormous amount of organisation and sleepless nights beforehand. First and foremost, *Alan Bertacco* and *Stuart Miller* who were the chief organisers. Alan and Stuart were very well supported by the rest of the committee, in particular *Jon Seddon*, *Warren Paterson*, *Kerrie Lawrence* and *Jan Fitzgerald*. Also a special thank you to *Scilla Dinnison* who not only liaised with and kept Age Group Manager informed, but also organised and compiled the duty roster that is one of, if not the most tedious of jobs.

Our Chiefs for the day included *Grant O'Donnell*, *Kerrie Lawrence*, *Jan Fitzgerald*, *Rod White*, *Jon Seddon*, *Warren Paterson*, *Kimble Montagu* and *Grant O'Donnell* who worked tirelessly ALL DAY – in most cases starting the day at 6.30 am setting up and finishing at 7.30 pm with packing up. *Talitha Crawford* came in as Chief Place Judge for the afternoon even though she didn't have a child running. Also special thanks to *Gerard Hayes* from Doncaster Athletics Club was in charge of all the recording and computer work and doubled as anything else when required. *David Brown* did a fully day shift as Assistant Starter Marshall. *Coral Barrett* sewed ribbons onto the medals for weeks before the event. *Carol Thompson* managed the canteen and BBQ (*Michael Daly* with an all day stint on the BBQ) with her usual efficiency and good humour which meant that we could keep everyone fed and watered all day. Thanks especially to *Jackie Quinlan*, *Colleen Madden*, *Sherrie Boulter* who not only did their morning duty but continued helping out when we needed additional help in the afternoon to keep the programme rolling along. Thank you to all Age Group Managers, parents and helpers who assisted with the large number of duties last Sunday.

We processed 670 teams in 167 relays – WOW - a great job everyone! The majority of Box Hill parents who offered to help or were allocated a duty did so with good humour and skill, so thank you – we could not have done it without your support – quite literally. And we do appreciate that the duties are long and in some cases arduous so it is not always an easy ask. There are too many people to thank you all by name and if we begin we're sure to leave someone out but please be assured, all assistance was greatly appreciated and all the extra efforts did not go unnoticed. Everyone's contribution, however great or small, went towards making it another very successful day.

Again, apologies for anyone we missed – please let me know and I will happily acknowledge you in next week's newsletter. Everyone's contribution, however great or small, was greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed - which all made for a very successful day. Results have been issued to Age Group Managers and they will also be posted on our website.

REGIONAL & STATE RELAYS

If you were unable to participate in the *Box Hill Invitational Relay Day* but are still interested in participating in regional/state relay championships, it's not too late. Regional Relay Champs are to be held on Sunday, November 15 at Doncaster with the State Champs on Sunday, December 13. Please check with the front desk and/or talk to your Age Group Managers. All children in the U9-U15 age groups are welcome and encouraged to participate in the relays if they are available on the relay dates. **Please remember that if your child is competing in the relays, you will be required to do a duty of approximately 3 hours.** Scilla Dinnison will be preparing a duty roster for this event so please contact Scilla on scillad@bigpond.com or 9889 4451 if you have a preference for time. If you are doing regional relays, please remember to check your e-mails regularly as we will be sending all information via e-mail, including time-tables, duty roster and the information sheet. *Also remember teams cannot change, therefore if you qualify for State through your teams performance at Region, you need to be available for the State event as well.*


SATURDAY MORNING PARENT DUTY ROSTER – If your name does not yet appear on the parent duty roster, please contact *Susie Kosa* on 9849 1670 ASAP. Likewise, if you have a problem doing any duty on any Saturday morning (or Friday evening), it is very important that you arrange a swap with someone else, or contact *Susie* to ensure that the programme runs smoothly. This is the cause of so many delays on Saturday morning. If parents do not do a minimum number of parent duties for the season, your child/children may be ineligible for end-of-season trophies.

BAR CODES & IGA PATCH – Everyone must remember to bring and **wear** their bar code and patch. A number of athletes are making the conscience decision to leave those important items in their bag. Some of the more senior little athletes who should know better, in effect ran for no result on the front straight last week.

Just a helpful hint is if you affix the bar code to the IGA registration patch, you can stick contact over the whole bar code sticker and it offers excellent protection, even if mistakenly put through the wash.

REGISTRATION COMPETITION – The Box Hill Little athletic Centre ran a competition to encourage people to register and pay by a cut off date. The prize was a refund of the athlete's registration fee. We are happy to announce that **Tom Ireland** is the lucky winner. Could Tom's parents contact *Stuart Miller* either this Friday at the track in order to make arrangements for the payment of the prize. We will also be making contact with Tom via email.

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