

The Bendigo Athletics Club is off to race at Woodlands Park at Greenvale in Melbourne this Sunday.

At a 700 hectare venue at the end of the Tullamarine runway, athletes will run over a picturesque 8km course starting from 11.00am.

Woodlands Historic Park is the retirement home for many great racehorses including Melbourne Cup winners Might & Power, Rogan Josh, Brew & Doriemus, plus Japan Cup winner Better Loosen Up & a most recent champion Apache Cat (Living Legends).

This cross country event, the Caruana Classic Handicap, features \$1810.00 in prizemoney, with \$1,000.00 going to the race winner.

Runners from the Melbourne based Victorian Cross Country League, the Stawell Cross Country Club & the Bendigo Athletic Club will go head to head.

In five attempts at Woodlands, Bendigo athletes are yet to taste victory, however, big chances amongst the Bendigo Brigade include previous BAC race winners, Brendan O'Brien, Terry Crome & Adam Parker, who are all in fine form at the moment, strong performances are also expected from Rick Ermel & Josh Sait, whilst Peter LeBusque always runs well on the course.

Of the Melbourne runners, the three C's are going to be hard to beat, Colin Davis, Corina Kapusta & Craig Harris, but they will need to catch Lisa Roberts, Tony Rendina & Victorian Athletic League boss Mark Howard.

Incorporated into the event is the BAC's Race 5, VM & HM Dreschsler 8000 metre Sealed Handicap for Bendigo runners only, which includes prizemoney of a further \$280.00.

This part of the event is likely to be a race between Rhonda Schultz, Rick Ermel & Peter LeBusque.

Bendigo Entries include Brendan O'Brien, Mark Findlay, Grant Findlay, Mark Perdon, Terry Crome, Lyn Crome, Paul Bennett, Jeremy Boulton, Allan Colbert, Peter LeBusque, Joel LeBusque, Rick Ermel, Josh Sait, Tony Sait, Greg Hilson, Adam Parker, John Bailey, Richard Schultz, Rhonda Schultz, Kim Howard & John Rose.

For more information about the Bendigo Athletic Club, please contact Club Secretary- Brendan O'Brien 54474764, otherwise check out the CLUB WEBSITE at; <u>www.bendigoathleticclub.org.au</u> Prize Money donated by Joe and Machelle Caruana. Trophy donated by Machelle Caruana.

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1st	\$1000
2nd	\$100
3rd	\$60
4th	\$30
5th	\$30
6th	\$20
7th	\$20
8th	\$10
9th	\$10
10th	\$10
1st Unplaced Novice	\$20
1st Female On Handicap	\$50
1st Bendigo Runner Other Than Winner	\$100
1st Stawell Runner Other Than Winner	\$100
1st Country Runner	Sash
Fastest Time	\$50
2nd Fastest	\$30
3rd Fastest	\$30
Fastest Female	\$20
1st O/40 On Handicap	\$40
1st O/50 On Handicap	\$40
1st O/60 On Handicap	\$40
King or Queen Of Mount Macca wins a slab	