



BICKNELL'S SPORTS RACE TO SOLAR CITY'S SAIT

Shepparton's Tony Sait has won race 5 of the Bendigo Athletic Club's cross country season, the Bicknell's Independent Sports 6500 metre Handicap at the Woodvale Recreation Reserve, near Bendigo.

After wins by local tradies Scott Baxter & John Bailey in races one & two, Goulburn Valley athletes have won the last three events, with Kyabram's Austin Beamish winning race three & Sait's son Josh, winning the previous race at Woodlands Park.

Tony Sait's win was his first since racing to victory in the 2010 Eaglehawk to Bendigo. The winning time for Sait was 27.25 minutes, finishing 34 seconds ahead of Melinda Gilligan & Steve Emonson a further 10 seconds back. Both Gilligan & Emonson took several minutes off their previous best times.

Josh Sait ran fastest time of 21.59 minutes, ahead of Michael Preece 22.06 & veteran athlete Phil Noden 22.36 minutes.

Stacey Clarkson was again the Fastest Female on the course recording a time of 26.17 minutes, ahead of Jessica O'Hara 28.00 & Lyn Crome 31.29

Tony Sait scored the top points in the Flack Advisory Veterans Award, with Phil Noden & Chook Stewart the next best.

Bendigo's Original Pie Shop Women's Handicap placings have been changing around each week, with Melinda Gilligan, Stacey Clarkson & Jessica O'Hara collecting the top points in this one, the fifth race of the season.

Jacob Nolan, Michael Preece & Joel LeBusque filled the placings in the Liz & Mark Findlay Under 23 award.



Jaymin Boulton scored a strong victory in the 1000 metres Children's Race, running the fastest time of 3.55 minutes, Erin Hilson was second over the line with Lewis Merriman in third place.

Next Sunday's run is Race 6 of the BAC season at the Wellsford Rifle Range, Bendigo, with the Schultz/Stewart Landscaping 6500 metres Handicap starting at 10.30am.

Stacey Clarkson & Andrew Sait will be hoping to continue the good run of Goulburn Valley athletes, but Michael Preece, despite some inconsistent performances over recent weeks, would be considered the red hot favorite, however, Richard Schultz, with a 5 second lift, the ultra consistent Phil Noden & Heathcote's Joel LeBusque may have other ideas.

A Children's race over 1000 metres will commence the day's proceedings at 10.00am.

After the completion of all events, athletes will retire to the comfort of the Bridge Hotel in Bendigo for a social lunch from 12.30pm.

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Bicknell's Independent Sports 6500 metre Handicap

Tony Sait 27.25, Melinda Gilligan 35.14, Steve Emonson 32.29, Phil Noden 22.36, Jacob Nolan 23.31, Stacey Clarkson 26.17 (Fastest Female), Chook Stewart 27.18, Ross Evans 22.51, Adam Parker 22.53, Jeremy Boulton 26.00, Michael Preece 22.06, Joel LeBusque 27.49, Jessica O'Hara 28.00, Ben Goode 23.43, Lyn Crome 31.29, Mark Perdon 28.36, Brendan O'Brien 24.26, Bill Makeham 28.32, Ryan Shelton 31.30, Paul Bennett 28.38, Josh Sait 21.59 (Fastest Time), Terry Crome 26.57, Austin Beamish 28.48, John Bailey 27.11, Mark Findlay 29.25, John Rose 29.11, Kyle Hilson 33.05, Andrew Sait 40.46, Shai O'Brien & Demi Goodall-Hoffman DNF

Children's 1000 metres

Jaymin Boulton 3.55 (Fastest Time), Erin Hilson 4.15, Lewis Merriman 4.09, Connor Findlay 4.25, Brianna Elder 4.13 (Fastest Girl), Riley Fitzpatrick 4.05, Adah Emonson 6.26, Ava Stewart 4.46, Cheyenne Hctor 6.44, Ada Ford 8.09, Kezia Emonson 6.04, Pheobe Ford 8.55