

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

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MURRAY MARATHON SUCCESS

With the celebration of the New Year and a New Decade, we were greeted with the news that Fairfield Canoe Club members had 'blitzed' the field in the mighty Murray Marathon.

Top honours went to the team of Margaret Buck and Neil Grierson (Ivanhoe Northcote member but hopefully we will entice him across) in the K2, mixed vet 40 class. Not only did they win their class but they took a staggering eight hours off the class record, were 4th fastest overall and 5th fastest on handicap. Congratulations Marg and Neil - a fantastic performance.

Many other fine performances were recorded as follows:

David Ross, C1 Mens Vet 40, 3rd

David's 18th Murray Marathon, a close admirer was noted to say a typically gutsy and stylish effort. A rumour that David's land crew was seen swimming out to David with a smoking pipe has yet to be confirmed.

Paul Kearney, TC1, Mens Vet 40

Paul's first effort on his own after completing the 1988 Marathon in the Veterans C-7 class. Although he struck back trouble on the first 2 days he completed the last 3 and is already determined to conquer this years race. Paul noted what great support and encouragement was provided by the other participants.

Neville Bird, TC1, Mens Vet 40, 3rd, and the first time Birdie has broken the 40 hour barrier.

Liz Dawson, TC1 Womens Open, 1st, New Overall Record 49 hrs 8 min and two single day records. Liz found the first and second days sheer hell, being out on the water 11¹/₂ hours. However, she is already planning her assault on this years race, including a bit of mountainering in Scotland later in the year - just to 'warm' up.

Joan & Kelvin McMeeken, TK2 Mixed V-40, 1st and half way down all mixed TK2. Both Joan and Kelvin achieved great satisfaction (not enjoyment) from completing their first Marathon and commented that one highlight was the friendship displayed by other club members. They also mentioned special thanks to Zolli for his efforts in turning them into a "lean, mean, paddling machine". No truth in the rumour that their staple diet was chicken and champagne - strictly bananas and peanut butter.

Anthony McMeeken, TK1, Mens Open

In his first attempt at the Marathon Anthony completed a large portion of the course, a great performance for a paddler new to the sport. Congratulations to Anthony's land crew too; between them they managed to finish the rest of the course for Anthony.

News has yet to filter through on other performers, please let the editor know if you have any information on -

Steve & Graeme (father and son combo, TK2)

Benjamin Lindner/Richard Revell TC2

Jill & partner Mixed TK2

Ian & Graeme (TK2 Men)

John Lans & Co C-7

Paul Moser TC1 Men

Others?

MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to the following new members

Simon Kenyon-Smith

Colin Carbis

Several others are in the process of joining so it looks like the club is again starting to grow. With everyone participating we should be able to build a very successful and enjoyable club, not only on the water but also socially.

COACHING AND TRAINING

With Zolli Szigeti

Sundays - Beginners Class, 1 hr, 9.00 am

Training squad 2 hrs, 10.00 am

Wednesdays - Training squad 1¹/₂ hrs, 5.30 pm

Contact Zolli, 874 1260 for further information.

SOCIAL EVENT

A date has been set for the now-famous BBQ at the Club -March 17th about 6.30 pm. Details will follow shortly but we have booked our all time favourites

'The Sweet Nut Crackers Jazz Band'

for your entertainment - Don't Miss Them. Anybody who can help before or on the night contact Michael Loftus-Hills (059) 860 238 (W) or Tony Payne.

OTHER RACE NEWS

The Saltwater River Classic was held on the Maribynong River on February 3rd. Again FCC members participated successfully: -

Full Course

TK2 Mixed, 3rd, Joan & Kel McMeeken, 2 hrs 19 mn 20 sec.

TK1 Mens, Simon Kenyon-Smith 2 hrs 16 m 11 sec.

TK1 Mens, Martin Barrie 2 hr 23m 46 sec.

TK2 Mens, 2nd, Tony Payne/Michael Loftus Hills 2 h 5 m 4 s

Short Course

K1 Men Vet 45, 2nd Ken Chandler, 1 hr 42 m 18 s.

TC1 Women, 1st, Liz Dawson, 2 hr 9 min 11 sec.

Congrats to all these paddlers, particularly Simon and Martin who were racing for the first time.

OTHER NEWS

A limited number of the Marathon Diary for 1990 is available from Tony Payne for \$4.00.

Also available are entry forms for the Subaru Peregrine Classic, a two day event involving running, swimming, windsurfing, ocean paddling and cycling on 17, 18 March 1990.

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* SWEET NUTCRACKERS JAZZ BAND

Phone David Ross on 481 8431 (H) or 608 7555 (W) and see them live at the Fairfield Canoe Club March 17th.

MARATHON CALENDAR 1990

Jan 27	"Sun Festival" Sprints	Deniliquin
Jan 28	Peaches 'n' Cream	Cobram
Feb 3	Saltwater Classic	Footscray
Feb 17	Mulwala Canal Race	Finley
Feb 24/25	Interstate Marathons	Albury
Mar 4	National Aquatic Festival	Geelong
Mar 11	Solar Region Ironman	Shepparton
Mar 12	State Emergency Service Canoe & Raft Race	Seymour
April 14-16	Australian Marathon Championships	
	Mandurah	Western Australia
April 15	Canoe Marathon	Yarrowonga-Mulwala Yarrowonga
April 21	South Barwon Lions Club Race	Geelong
April 29	VACA Race 1	Swan Hill
May 20	VACA Race 2	Essendon
June 10	VACA Race 3	Geelong
June 11	VACA Race 4	Footscray
June 24	Mid-winter Triathlon	Ballarat
July 1	VACA Race 5	Cobram
July 15	Canoe Marathon	Mildura
July 22	VACA Race 6	Yarrowonga
July 28	ECC Night Race	Essendon
Aug 11	Victorian Schools Championships	Footscray
Aug 12	VACA Race 7	City
Aug 19	Yarrowonga-Mulwala Ironman	Yarrowonga
Sept 2	VACA Race 8	Echuca
Sept 22/23	Victorian Marathon Championships	Mildura
Oct 6	Barwon Mini	Geelong (Red Cross)
Oct 6	Bendigo Cup Marathon	Bridgewater
Oct 7	Bendigo Cup Sprints	Bridgewater
Oct 20	Echuca Mini	Echuca (Red Cross)
Oct 28	Fitzpatrick Ironman	Footscray
Nov 4	Canoe Marathon	Swan Hill
Nov 10	Yarra Marra	Healesville (Red Cross)
Nov 11	Bridge to Bridge Challenge	Geelong
Nov 11	Yarrowonga-Mulwala Triathlon	Yarrowonga
Nov 17-18	Goulburn Classic	Goulburn River
Nov 17	Annual General Meeting	VACA Marathon Committee
	Seymour Caravan Park	7:30 pm
Nov 25	Tarwon Lower Marathon	Tarwon Lower
Dec 1	Murray 40	Yarrowonga-Cobram
Dec 27-31	Red Cross Murray Marathon	Yarrowonga-Swan Hill