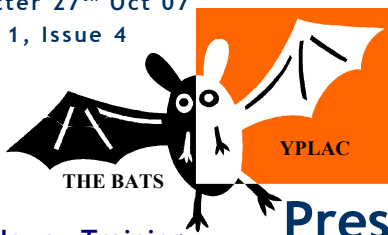


THE BATS NEWS - Yarrambat-Plenty LAC

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Other News - Training

Apologies for having to cancel Monday nights training, as I know there were lots of budding athletes set to go. From our end, the weather looked horrible so we had to make a call by 5.00pm. Any concerns re training in future please call one of the committee members. Hope to see you all next Mon 29th Oct at 5.30pm.

Website

Check us out at www.yplac.com. Your weekly results can now be found on the site. If you have any ideas or you would like to write about your new experiences with little aths, put pen to paper and email to yplac@iprimus.com.au. You might just inspire some other athletes in waiting.

Sunscreen Drive

With summer only weeks away, anyone interested in purchasing a tube of sunscreen, with proceeds going to our club, please see one of the committee. 100ml tubes for \$6 - with \$2 going back to the club.

President's News

The transition from Open Days and Fundraising, to a normal competition day, was a great change for us.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee "behind the scenes". The last three weeks for us were extremely challenging. Not only were we learning the ropes, recruiting members and trying to "make a buck". We had to take on the normal club responsibilities...share the load with the other clubs. There were jobs and meetings and officiating duties that we were not accustomed to.

The backbone of the club, I refer to Angela, Lisa and Andrea; those whom I could not have done any of this without them. All of them mum's, with jobs and homes to run. During these last weeks, they have been at the foreground of my requests, phone calls and emails. Thank-you ladies for the tireless amounts of hours you have put in, to help form our wonderful club. A committee member, from another club on Saturday, vented how they envied the support network we had built up. That was it in a nutshell for me!

By the time you read this, we would have come closer to the 40-member mark. Not bad for a club that proposed to start with 20 in the first season! Speaking of rapid growth, the Diamond Valley Centre now has over 650 registered members for this season. Hence, the reason for the time it is taking for all the events to take place. Last Saturday, a total of 530 athletes competed. This gives you an idea of what the Centre Officials are dealing with when it comes to running an athletics program. So thanks for your patience and if events are running a little behind time, now you can

appreciate the number of athletes there are on a Saturday.

This week is Children's Week. It is a global celebration of the skills and abilities of children. It most importantly celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood.

'A Caring World Shares' is the theme for Children's Week this year. It is encouraging everyone to share in promoting the health, learning, development and wellbeing of all children. Being a part of this little aths club and sharing in your children's achievements, is just that.

Yes, I know they are early mornings and I too have struggled being up and on the go. But with so much negativity and unhealthy influences surrounding our kids today, getting up for the few hours on the Saturday, is a very small asked of me.

The recent events of little Dean Shillingsworth and the sudden passing of "Crazy John" had my son asking some pretty complex questions of me. In the best way I knew how, I hope I cured his curiosity, but sadly this was another stream of events "robbing" him of his childhood. One could not argue against that our children are being exposed too often to society's pressures and difficulties. This week cemented for me, how important family time was and how we share this time together, is so very precious.

For me right now, there is only one goal I set out to achieve. It's not financial, or to have substantial numbers. It's a communal goal. A sense of belonging for our community of great kids. YPLAC - Your Place to Learn, Achieve and have a Chance.

Go Bats!

Kate Bruce.



Demi Carr 30th Oct

**Have a great birthday
and we look forward to
you finally joining your
sisters and us ON the
track!**

Yippy!!

*"What you leave in your
children, is more
important than what you
leave to them"*
Denis Waitley

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Next week competition is a Twilight Comp 02/11/07. Please be there from 5.15pm.**
- ◆ **Greenbriar Trivia Night 17/11/07 (\$10 head)**
- ◆ **Sunscreen Fundraising Drive (on now - see Kate)**

Treasurers News

A reminder that the club's weekly competition fee, must be paid on a user pays basis. This is \$4 a week per child. Please pay this when you report to the table on competition days. Any outstanding fees owing to date, an invoice will be sent by the club. We thank you for your cooperation. Should you wish to pay these weekly fees in advance, (half yearly or yearly), there are discounts by doing so. Feel free to see me to discuss further. Please be advised that there is no refund for weeks not attended should you choose to pay this way.

Electronic banking details are available should you wish to pay for club costs this way. We are located at the Bendigo Bank in Hurstbridge. Account details are as follows:

Acct Name: Yarrambat-Plenty Little Athletics Club

BSB # 633-000

Acct # 131 245 953

Reference, please use your surname

When using EFT, please forward an email to me, thecamilleris4@bigpond.com, advising of payment and a receipt will be issued to you.

Go Bats.

Angela Camilleri

Team Managers News

We were greeted with many Personal Bests (PB's) last week. Congrats to you all. Over the next few weeks, you will have a better comparison of your times and distances. But don't worry....when you bring your event ticket back to us, we will let you know where you are at with your personal bests. Keep up the great work. You are doing the club proud!

This week John (Girls Team Manager) has nominated Kate Harrington. Kate smashed her PB by about 5 seconds in the 200M. Not bad considering it was the last event for the girls, on a very hot afternoon. Kate had said prior to the race "I am too worn out to run or race any more today". After she crossed the finishing line, she collapsed onto the track in sheer relief....well done to you Kate.

The boy's team manager award, for last week has gone to Liam Johns for his fine strength of endurance in the 800m.

This event was the last on the day's program and the heat had already reached 27C. But Liam took all that in his stride and ran it right through to the end. It was a great moment seeing an "orange flame" giving it all his best.

TEAM MANAGER'S SPECIAL AWARD -
Boys: Liam Johns (U/11) for 800m
Girls: Kate Harrington (U/8) for 200m

Please come and collect your Video Ezy coupon from the club tent on Saturday.

Keep up the great work guys.

Go Bats.

Eric and John; Team Managers

Next Weeks Duty Roster

Thank you to those helping out this week in the Canteen. Greatly appreciated by the club.

Next week's competition is a twilight event - that is next Friday night from 5.00pm.

We need 2 people for canteen for 1 hour, 5.30pm-6.30pm. And for ticket writing on for the track. This duty is rotated between those that can assist. We would only require 30mins-1hr of your time. Kate Bruce is happy to guide you through it. Some parents did this last week, and found that it was "good fun"!!

Please feel free to see me at our club tent, and I am happy to show you the roster for these and future events.

We will aim to have you doing a job that won't take you away from enjoying your child's competition. If you can offer the club, 1hr of your time, we would be grateful.

Thanks again.

Lisa Tapping, (Parent Liaison).