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Kerry's Sermon

As 2008 draws to a close I would like take the opportunity to wish all our members a very happy and safe festive season and a wonderful New Year. More than 60 of us gathered at the club rooms on Saturday night for our Christmas party. A very loquacious Santa entertained us all and distributed gifts. From his repartee it was very obvious that Santa has been keeping a close watch on Aths Waverley.

Sincere thanks go to Sonia Farrell for arranging the party and the delicious salads, Anna Goodings, Carolyn Baxter and Yvonne Glover who also provided salads or desserts and Simone Albiston for the bringing the club esky.

Julie White, John Maudsley, Ross and Liana Goodings helped Sonia and Edward to decorate and set up for the big night, while our chefs for the evening were Yoey, aka Santa, James McEniry and Evan.

Not forgetting Santa's elves Terry Baldwin who provided the gifts and Jayghen who helped Santa distribute them.

Thank you also to those who stayed back to help tidy the club rooms and set up for the Northcote Gift the next day.

After the abysmal weather on Saturday and the dire forecast for Sunday, the day turned out to be perfect for the Northcote Gift. Many of the athletes arrived expecting the event to be cancelled and most were astounded when they saw the great condition of our track.

Once again it was a real team effort by several of our members who helped out on the day. I would like to thank to all who helped. Manning the car park were Liana and Ross Goodings, John Maudsley, Simone Albiston, Errol Amerasekera, Darren McGee and Evan. Yoey, Mark Baxter and Alan Glover cooked the barbecue while

Emma and Jayghen Baldwin, Yvonne Glover, Sonia Farrell, Fiona Maudsley and Danni Trowell worked in the canteen and Terry Baldwin kept an eye on proceedings. My apologies if I have omitted anyone!

I am sure you are all aware that this season has been very frustrating due to major teething problems with the new AV scoring program. Hopefully all the incorrect results are being amended and the ladders corrected accordingly. Every week we carefully check the published results and notify AV of any mistakes or omissions. It is important that you also check the results and let me know of any errors you find.

Ladders have been published spasmodically and may be subject to change.

Each of our teams is in the top 4 of their respective competitions. However, it is important that we continue to cover all events as not only do we need the points to make it to the finals but each

athlete has to have competed in an event 50% of the number of times it has been held. To be eligible for the relay an athlete must have competed in four relays and at least one 100m event. To enable us to do well in the finals we must be able to field complete teams!
It is disappointing that both our washouts have been for program 2 which is the final's format.

The "current position" for each of our teams is listed below.

F18

KNA1 54
AWA 44
SAN 33
KNA2 23

FOP1

GHY 49
AWA 48
KNA 34
SAN 29

FOP2

AWA 54
CCA 48
GHY 38
KNA 28

M18

KNA1 70
FKN 44
AWA 41
GHY 38

M40+

KNA1 67
GHY 56
AWA 54
VMA 44

MOP1

AWA 54
GHY 44
KNA 35
SAN 26

MOP2

AWA 68
GHY 58
KNA 42
MAC 35

MOP3

OAK 58
GHY 53
AWA 49
EMH 23

Four of our young athletes competed at the Pacific School Games in Canberra just recently. It was a huge achievement to be selected to represent Victoria and all of them performed exceptionally well.

Tim Albiston- U17. Silver 4x100m Relay, 6th in his heat 100m 11.29

Estelle Lopes- U15 4th in the final 200m hurdles 29.01

Tara White-18/19. Bronze 4x100m relay, 5th in 400m 59.83 and 5th in 100m 25.98 Rick

Whithead-U15 6th in the 1500m 4:16:30

Congratulations on a super effort we are thrilled and very proud of you!

Our next competition will be held at Glenhuntly on Saturday 10th January.

I hope to see you all there ready to make a concerted charge to the finals.

Go Waverley

Kerry-Ann

NOTHCOTE GIFT

As Kerry-Ann mentioned in her "sermon" we jointly hosted the Northcote Gift last Sunday 14th December. Despite the rain, that had forced the cancellation of interclub the day before, our marvellous track was in remarkably good condition on Sunday. In addition to the efforts of our volunteers to make it a success another Athletics Waverley member put on quite a show. Our Damien Cassar starred on the track winning one final and coming second in another. Former president, Yoey became quite excited!! Our congratulations to Damian.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The November and December meetings discussed the following topics:

- Finances remain strong although the Bendigo Bank sponsorship is taking a long time to be finalised
- 3kg and 4 kg medicine balls to be purchased
- Relay Championships will be held 22nd January at Knox and team managers are to organise teams.
- John Maudsley has organised a club survey and members have been or will be asked to complete the survey that will provide the basis for our future planning
- The Club Pentathlon will be held at the Club on Sunday 18th January. Errol Amerasekera will organise it as usual. The competition will be split into male/female/adult/junior categories with trophies and Rebel Gift vouchers for the winners.
- The club has 114 members including coaches, officials, and social members and approx 100 registered athletes
- Madeleine Pape has offered some parts of her Olympic uniform to the club as well as a Beijing banner. This we have accepted gladly and will organise a showcase to display them.
- The new computer scoring system introduced for the 2008/09 season in the SE Region has experienced teething troubles and until quite recently we have not known how our teams have been doing
- Glen Waverley Secondary College gave us a cheque for \$250.00 as thanks for our training their athletes.

SUMMER SEASON

Competition restarts on Saturday 10th January at Glenhuntly. From the President's report above you can see we are doing well in most divisions but not as well as last year. There is definitely room for improvement so talk to your team manager to see which events need more attention.

WEBSITE

Members are reminded to give the club website a look.