

SENIOR NEWS



COMING EVENTS

- May 2 - T.T.G. Senior Presentation Night (refer elsewhere).
- May 8 - T.T.G. Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm in Clubrooms.
- May 23 - T.T.G. to run Patawalunga Relays.
- June 27 - T.T.G. Anstey Hill Runs.

SUMMER TRACK & FIELD SEASON

- Recorder Pat Todd has compiled a summary of our athletes efforts in the State Relays and the results of everyones' performances in the State Championships (see elsewhere).
- Congratulations to the Over 35 Team, who won the coveted Association Cup prior to Xmas (beat their old rivals Enfield). The beers are on the oldies!!
- Shaun McMahan, a 15year old who lives in Blachetown, unfortunately could not come to Adelaide to compete for us. However, he was selected in the All Schools State Team for the 400m, running 50.6 in the heat & 50.15 in the final. Maybe we will see Shaun come down to compete for T.T.G next season.
- Daniel Judd and his coach, Noel Bray, have had a little wager throughout the summer season. Daniel, in his usual form, blurted out that Noel would never beat him in any race over any distance, ever again! We are yet to see it happen - but come on Noel!
- Rumours were once again rife throughout the summer season, but, not too many found their way to the Editor. What happened to your "Rumours Box", Mr Judd ?
- One rumour which did surface though, was that our star middle distance runner, Hamish Hamilton , and one of our ex T.T.G. athletes, Rebekah Spencer, were "an item".
- Finally, the only team which made the Finals was our regular Over 35s. Unfortunately, the season was a wee too long for some of them, and on the weekend of the Finals, three quarters of them were carrying some sort of injury, and they finished fourth. But a comendable performance indeed, when one considers their small numbers.

Results State Championships 15/2/98

L. Bennik	T.J.	9.70m	6th	and	H.J.	1.55m	2nd
S. Cook	3Km	11.05.0	2nd	and	1500m	5.07.5	4th
S. Daddow	T.J.	13.42m	1st	and	L.J.	6.48m	2nd
M. Filsell	P.V.	5.10m	2nd				
H. Hamilton	800m	1.59.7	8th				
C. Jackman	Jav.	44.25m	1st	and	S.P.	12.06m	2nd
L. Johnson	200m	27.61	7th	and	90mH	14.61	1st
T. Johnson	100m	11.06	4th				
D. Judd	10Km	35.57.2	12th	and	3Km	11.48.9	4th
P. Lehmann	100m	12.26	3rd	and	L.J.	5.75m	2nd and
	200m	25.45	3rd				
R. Manglesdorf	800m	2.35.1	6th				
K. McQueen	100m	12.47	4th	and	L.J.	5.05m	2nd and
	200m	27.68	6th				

4x100 M O/35 Mixed	50.58	2nd
4x100 M Open Women	50.42	3rd
4x100 M U/18 Women	52.38	2nd
4x100 M U/16 Women	56.16	7th
4x200 M Open Men	1:41.01	3rd
4x200 M O/35 Mixed	1.47.59	2nd
4x200 M U/18 Women	1.50.03	1st
4x200 M U/16 Women	1.59.68	4th
4x400 M O/35 Men	4.06.72	2nd
4x400 M U/16 Women	5.02.94	4th
Distance Medley Open Men	4.05.08	8th
Distance Medley O/35 Mixed	4.22.97	3rd.

It was pleasing to see so many teams entered. Thankyou to all those who ran and as can be seen our results were very good. One member of our teams risked body and limb in an effort to gain that extra push over the line-well done, but he admits in hindsight that the battle scars would have been worth it had he gained that extra place.

Nice to see mother and daughter competing in Debbie Allen & Dana (heard mother ran a good leg).

We had some new U/16 join us in the relays. Welcome Ebony, Dana, Naomi & Laura. These girls are only 12-13yrs old, however, they competed against other teams of true under 16's-to their credit.

Members of O/35 team: Robert Mangelsdorf, Debra Lee Allen, Mike Butcher, Tony (bruised and battered) Lauterio, Robert Pearce (still holding your singlet to ransom), Stephen Smith and Mark Morse.

Open Men: Robert Pearce, Troy Stasinowsky, Andrew Beck, Mario Di Stefano, Hamish Hamilton and Daniel Judd.

Congratulations to the U/18 Women Kate Hargans, Laura Johnson, Nicole Stewart & Kimberly McQueen. When approaching them to run a 200 M comments to the fact "I can't run one, I'll be so slow!" These girls not only ran but broke a Centre Best and won! (Lets hope we can run as slow again in the finals!).

Last but by no means least our Open Womens team of Paula Lehmann, Paula Lodge, Cassie Neubauer and Kylie Stephanos. Three of the team had Grand Prix commitments, so therefore, we could only run one relay. Congratulations again the Centre best for 4x100 has again been broken.

ATHLETICS

Removing hurdles for young stars

A PILOT program aimed at catapulting outstanding young athletes into the international athletics' field is under way.

The program, Espoirs Trust (young hopefuls), aims to help athletes in the 18 to 23 age group with financial backing to help ease the costs of travelling, accommodation, clothing and equipment needed when competing at national and international meetings.

In return, the athletes, about 20 based in SA, will help other athletes from various sports such as football, netball, cricket and swimming improve their basic movement and speed skills mainly through running, jumping and throwing. Specialised clinics will be set up by the Trust to cater to the athletes.

The Trust consists of five key people with a strong background in athletics. They are Barbara Stephens, Anne Stephens, Graham Boase, Stan Miller and Geoff Whitehall.

Trust member Anne Stephens said the program was set up to make sure outstanding young athletes were not lost to athletics.

"For a long time athletes in this age bracket (18-23) have been left to look after themselves to a degree," she said.

"The Espoirs program is a practical way of helping outstanding young athletes who have all achieved a qualifying mark to get into the program. We want people to know we're here and that we're a bone afide organisation."

Espoir program athletes include Andrew Rowe (400m hurdles), David Rose (hurdles), Narelle Craig (hammer), Stephen Thurston (steeplechase), Craig Fountain (400m), Brad Case (cross country), Brad Jamieson (400m), Matt Filsell (pole vault), Scott Baxter (high jump), Luke Temme (high jump), Stephen Culgan (long jump), David Cardone (pole vault), Clinton Lucas (triple jump), Meagan Rentsch (heptathlon), Lisa Kovacs (heptathlon), Sharon Cummings (heptathlon), Paula Lehman (100m), Kelly Wilding (heptathlon), Kylie Stephanos (triple jump), Sally Biggs (400m), Anthea Rallis (hammer), Paula Lodge (triple jump).

ATHLETICS

Gully champ Johnson ready to sprout wings in Gift

PROFESSIONAL athletics returns to the north east this Sunday (January 18) when the Tea Tree Gully Athletics Club hosts its second professional athletics' meeting from 1pm at Bulkana Oval, Banksia Park.

The feature event will be the CSR Readymix Open 200m Gully Gift.

Past Bay Sheffield finalists and winners Damien Amato, Tim Johnson, Brendan Ramsay and Sean Walker have nominated for the Gift, while Norwood premier-ship player Damien Obst has also nominated for the main event.

Obst has performed well in the past two seasons in professional ranks since taking up running in the football off season.

While most of the focus will be on the Gift there is a strong back up program.

Minor events include the 70m Plaza Holden Open, 70m 42nd Street Women's Handicap, 200m Boral Hollostone Women's Handicap, 400m Exhaust Plus U18 Handicap, 200m Coca Cola O35 and 1000m TTG Open Handicap.

Nearly 200 nominations have been received for the meeting at the time of writing.

Local athlete Tim Johnson will be presented with a national award of Sprint Athlete of the Year during

the meeting.

The award recognises Johnson's achievements in the league's ranks during the 1997 season.

Half time entertainment will be provided by a 4x100m relay featuring SANFL clubs Norwood, Central Districts, North Adelaide and Port Adelaide.

Admission is free to the meeting. For more information phone Noel Bray 8337 2235 or Phil Green 8263 2005

Meanwhile, young people looking to test their prowess in the pole vaulting field are invited to try their skill at a free talent identification day at the new Mile End athletics stadium on Monday, January 19.

The day, hosted by Athletics South Australia, is open to boys and girls aged 12-14 years who are not afraid of heights and have a burning desire to join South Australia's pole vault champions.

Athletes will be put through a series of talent tests designed by national consultant coach, Alan Launder, and Russian pole vault coach, Alex Parnov, now coaching in South Australia. The test program will last about one hour and athletes can take part at any time between 2pm and 5pm. Parents are invited to attend.

Phone scholarship coach Anne Stephens on 84166652 or 0419848099 at the SA Sports Institute.



Tea Tree Gully Athletics Club is the place to be this Sunday when the club hosts a SA Athletic League meeting. Club members, from left, Tim Johnson and Peter Bravey may be among the final entries for the day's program.

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SUPER ATHLETE RETURNS

Congratulations to **Debbie Allen** on a fantastic performance at the Masters Games, held in Canberra during October. Not only did she enjoy the social atmosphere of the event (!!) but also exceeded her expectations on the track by gaining Bronze medals in Long Jump and Pentathlon and silver medals in 100m, 200m, 400m and Triple Jump. **WELL DONE.**

TEA TREE GULLY ATHLETICS CLUB

SENIOR

PRESENTATION NITE

SAT. 2ND MAY
6:30 PM

T.T.G. CLUBROOMS,
BULKANA OVAL.

TEA SUPPLIED.

PIZZA & LASAGNE
WITH SALADS.

FRUIT SALAD / ICECREAM.

TEA
COFFEE



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YOU
THERE

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DRINKS

ATHLETES \$2
(OTHERS \$5)
FAMILY \$10 MAX.