

Parker pips Chook by a feather at Woodlands

Adam Parker has won the most recent race of the Bendigo Athletic Club season by the narrowest of margins, in the VM & HM Drechsler 8000 metre Sealed Handicap held in Melbourne at the back of Tullamarine Airport at Woodlands Historical Park on Sunday morning.

Through persistent rain, Parker pipped Chook Stewart by just one second, to claim the \$250 local prizemoney & sash, with Jessica O'Hara in third place.

Parker's time of 28.35 minutes was a 20 second personal best, gaining him maximum points in the Bridge Hotel Open Award, with second placing to Ben Goode, just in front of the much improved Daniel Ryan.

Whilst in the Flack Advisory Award for the Top Veteran, 2nd placegetter overall Chook Stewart captured top points with his impressive over 60's time of 32.26 minutes followed by Lyn Crome with Ingrid Douglass close behind.

The weekly winner of the Liz & Mark Findlay Under 23 Award & third place overall was Jessica O'Hara, from Jacob Nolan & Tim Dooley.

Tim Dooley again race strongly taking out this week's fastest time honours in 28.01 minutes, just ahead of Jacob Nolan 28.10 & Daniel Ryan 28.34 minutes.

Fastest of the women on the day was Ingrid Douglass in 33.39 minutes, ahead of Jess O'Hara 34.24 minutes and Kerrieanne Hocking the third fastest in 37.43 minutes.

Rounding out the local results, the Bendigo Original Pie Shop Ladies Award was taken out by Jess O'Hara , ahead of Lyn Crome and Ingrid Douglass.

The race was held as part of the 19th Annual Caruana Cross Country Classic Handicap.

Melbourne runner Brigitte Seeley collected the \$1000 winner's prizemoney, running 31.39 minutes to beat Anthony Whitby, with Bendigo's own Ingrid Douglass in third place, running a very impressive 33.39 minutes.

Other Bendigo runners in the top 10 included Adam Parker 9th & Chook Stewart 10th out of the 71 finishers.

This Sunday's race is the Phil Noden 6500 metre handicap at Keith Noden's property in Miller's Flat Road, Whipstick, (right off the Neilborough Road, 5km from the end of Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk) with a Children's 1000 metre event starting at 10am, followed by the main race at 10.30am.

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VM & HM Drechsler 8000 metre Sealed Handicap results;

Adam Parker 28.35, Chook Stewart 32.26, Jessica O'Hara 34.24, Ben Goode 29.40, Daniel Ryan 28.34, Lyn Crome 39.20, Ingrid Douglass 33.39, Jacob Nolan 28.10, George Flack 37.41, Kerrieanne Hocking 37.43, Greg Hilson 32.06, Rhonda Schultz 46.41, Tim Dooley 28.01, Mark Perdon 37.39, Paul Bennett 33.28, Kyle Hilson 38.17, Terry Crome 35.29, Austin Beamish 37.57, John Rose 36.46, Rick Ermel 35.37, Richard Schultz Dnf



19th Caruana Classic 8000 metres results;

Top 10; Brigitte Seeley 31.39, Anthony Whitby 29.33, Ingrid Douglass 33.29, Mark Andrews 27.59, Duncan Whitford 30.52, Kylie Harding 35.38, Julian Harris 33.49, David Stones 32.19, Adam Parker 28.35, Chook Stewart 32.26

Others from Bendigo; Jacob Nolan 11th, Paul Bennett 13th, Daniel Ryan 14th, Jessica O'Hara 16th, Austin Beamish 27th, Tim Dooley 29th, Ben Goode 37th, Kyle Hilson 39th, Lyn Crome 41st, George Flack 43rd, Kerrieanne Hocking 44th, Greg Hilson 50th, John Rose 61st, Rhonda Schultz 64th, Terry Crome 65th, Mark Perdon 66th, Rick Ermel 69th & Richard Schultz dnf