

Mount Isa Athletics

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Isa middle distance runner, Cameron Clayton, stamped his authority on the 1500m feature race at the North Queensland Games held in Mackay recently. Clayton ran his usual technical race sitting casually in third place for the first three laps before dropping it back a gear in the final lap accelerating to a comfortable lead to win the race in a time of 4m 23.42s. Persistent drizzling rain made for a heavy track which accounted for Claytons time being 10 seconds slower than the time he recorded only weeks earlier in Mount Isa.

Eight year old pocket rocket Denzil Perkins times were below his best but were still good enough to snare him two games records in the 100m – 15.93s and 60m hurdles – 11.94s. Some recent training also paid off with Perkins bagging a 2.50m personal best in discus with a throw of 14.34m.

Brianna Smith, 16, also lengthened the Games Hammer record for her age group with a throw of 46.47m. She also bettered the Mount Isa Club Shot Put record pushing the implement out to 10.14m. Not to be outdone Brianna's mother, Estelle, also increased the Games Hammer record for the 50-54 year age group to 28.20m which also eclipsed the existing Club record. Estelle also took out the Shot Put Club record with a 7.29m putt.

Others to gain Games records were Ken Dickson in the 45-49 year Long Jump 4.06m and Shot Put 9.02m. Fifteen year old Jacqui Keily's time of 5m 54.03s in the 1500m was enough to net her the Club Record now giving her the middle distance double of 800m and 1500m records.

The Grant brothers, Daniel 12 and Jordan 9 from Cloncurry, were in fine form with both PBing in all events that they had previous recordings for. Daniel was most impressive in Discus increasing his previous best by nearly 4m with a throw of 22.32m.

The blustery conditions didn't stop 13 year old Joshua Scott acquiring himself three PB's from his 5 events and he was relieved to finally run under 3 minutes in the 800m finishing with a time of 2m 58.90s. Jade Scott also impressed onlookers when she took nearly a second off her 11 year girls 60m hurdles PB stopping the clock at 12.67s.

Six years and under athletes Trinity Perkins, 6, Sam Riddle, 6, and Declan Riddle, 4, found the conditions heavy going but managed a smile and a laugh in all of their events and are now looking forward to showing their stuff at future carnivals.

The three way contest between Master athletes David Scott and Ken Dickson and 16 year old Liam Sweeney couldn't have been any closer as the three battled it out in an unofficial Octathlon at the Games. Dickson held a slight lead after day 1 but Sweeneys 5 PB's for the weekend saw him reel in the lead and dominate the Masters winning the tussle by a mere 30 points to Dickson with the pair leaving Scott nearly 200 points behind. In Scotts defence he doesn't benefit from the bonus age adjustment points as Dickson does making him have to work harder for his points. All credit to Sweeney though as he is calculated on the Open mens calculator.

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In all, the team of 15 athletes, amassed 69 placings from their 88 events taking 36 firsts, 20 seconds and 13 thirds. They totalled 24 PB's, 6 Games Records and 4 Club Records as well as winning the feature race of the Games, all in all not a bad effort.

Club days will resume at Sunset Oval on the 14th July and will be followed by the Mt Isa Athletics Carnival on the following Saturday 21st July commencing at 9.00am. The Isa Carnival is open to all athletes registered or not but nominations forms will need to be returned to the Club or to David Scott at Paint & Decor by the 17th July 2012. Nomination Forms can be downloaded from the Club website – www.mountisaathletics.com.au .