

Mount Isa Athletics

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With the ANQ Championships now complete there is only one thing left on the Mount Isa Athletic Clubs competition calendar - the Alice Springs Masters Games on the 14th – 17th October.

Five Mount Isa Master athletes Sharon Dickson, Maureen Sweeney, Ken Dickson, Tony Sweeney and David Scott will once again be making the trek to Alice Springs for what will be the second games for the group. Their last trip back in 2010 saw them clean up on medals placing, if not winning, most of their events.

The athletics section of the games is held over four days which last time gave the Isians time to lend a hand with officiating and even found themselves coaching athletes from other sports that had dropped in to have a go at athletics as well.

Athlete and Club Coach David Scott said “the last time we went to Alice we didn’t know what to expect and were a bit cautious about what events we entered in. Once we were there though we found out how relaxed it was and how much time we had between events, so this year Ken and I have entered all events available except for the 1500m, 3000m and the walks which are not our cup of tea”.

Dickson then interjected “the problem is we also nominated for the Pentathlon on the final day then realised it had a 1500m in it as well so I guess we only dodged the 3000m and the walks”.

Dicksons’ wife, Sharon, will be competing in all the throwing events to ensure that she has enough time to hit the shops between events and is hopeful of again taking the gold in her favoured Hammer Throw event. Should she do so a Games record may well be on the cards with Dickson’s average hammer throw distance being three metres past the current Games record.

The Sweeneys’, also keen cyclists, have decided to load up their week by competing in cycling events as well as athletics. Maureen has dropped the javelin from her athletics throwing events in the hope that her shoulder holds out so as not to hamper her in the 20km time trial and 40km road race cycling events.

A current injury has prevented Tony Sweeney entering any of the athletic throwing events including discus which he has proven to be very proficient at and left him only the 100m, 200m 400m and his favoured high jump. What he misses out on at the athletics oval he will more than make up for at cycling where he has entered into the 20km time trial, 60km road race and the criterium.

With the increase in Master registrations at the Club the Mount Isa contingent could well double to ten or more to attend the next games in Alice Springs in 2014.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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