

# Mount Isa Athletics



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Mount Isa made their presence known last Saturday when five of our Masters athletes attended the athletics section of the Alice Springs Masters Games returning with 25 medals from their 30 events, 15 of which were gold.

The five had a very busy schedule over the four days with David Scott and Ken Dickson each competing in 10 events as well as the 5 event Pentathlon. Sharon Dickson did the full complement of throws on top of that the trio filled in their "spare" time by officiating in many of the events. The Sweeneys (Tony & Maureen) doubled up competition between cycling and athletics.

A pleasant surprise awaited Ken Dickson on arrival when it was noticed that a photo of him from the 2012 Games was included on the cover of the Games Souvenir Handbook. He was however a little disappointed that his new found fame was not displayed on a bill board anywhere around Alice.

Sharon Dickson led the team out early in the events taking gold in the 45-49 yr Women's Hammer leaving the opposition in the wake with a 21.16m throw. She found her long lost form in Discus during the warm up but it deserted her during the event, however her performance was still good enough to finish with a bronze.

David Scotts' highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly his all time best Triple Jump with a distance of 11.18m. He obviously dominated the event and one of the competitors even noted that he had nearly jumped twice as far as he had. In the lead up to the Triple Jump David also attempted an all time best High Jump of 1.56m but narrowly missed accomplishing the double. He finished the competition with 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze and 5 personal bests.

Ken Dickson had a similarly productive weekend running his best 200m time for the past 6 years to break the 45-49 yr Isa Club Record with a time of 27.3s. His personal highlight of the Games was in his Discus competition where the lead had been toing and froing throughout the event and he was sitting in third place with one last throw remaining and needing a 30m plus distance to overtake the opposition. Keeping low across the ring he pumped out a 30.55m throw to emerge victorious. Dicksons' complement of medals from the weekend included 8 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. He also achieved 5 personal bests.

Tony and Maureen Sweeneys' busy cycling schedule left them little time for athletics. But Maureen's 21.84m season best in Hammer was enough for her to take bronze in the 55.59 yr women. Tonys' return to the Discus ring saw him land a 23.77m distance to also take bronze in the 65-69 men's.

Scott and Dickson still have one more event on their season calendar which is to compete at the 2014 Pan Pacific Masters Games at the Gold Coast in two weekend's time. The event will see the pair pitted against master athletes from all over Australia and beyond.

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