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WALKERS OF THE WEEK

My walker of the week this time around is shared between two talented young ladies, both of whom walked 10km last weekend, one in South Australia and one in Victoria.

22 year old South Australian **Kristie Goznik** won the South Australian 10,000m track walk championship on Sunday in Adelaide in a huge PB time of **47:51.98**. Kristie, whose previous PB was 49:55 (set in December 2011), represented Australia in the 2012 World Cup U20 10km roadwalk in Saransk, Russia, coming 30^{th} in 51:26. Since then, she has backed off her walking to work on her post-school career but came back onto the scene in 2014 and has been steadily regaining form since then. At the national roadwalk championships in Melbourne in August, she came 2^{nd} in the Open Women's 20km with a PB 1:42:11 but has really raised the ante with her walk on Sunday. I think she is going to give that 20km time a real nudge downwards pretty soon.

17 year old Victorian **Jemima Montag**, walking in our VRWC road races at Middle Park on Saturday, won the women's 10km with an excellent **48:01**, a time that beats the Athletics Australia qualifying standard for the 2016 World Junior Championships. Jemima represented Australia in the 2014 World Cup U20 10km (12thin 47:34) and in the 2015 World Youth Championships 5000m walk (11th in 23:46). She has just finished her school year and her walk on Sunday shows that she is well positioned to bounce back into top form once again as the summer progresses.





Jemima and Kristie pictured last weekend

WHAT'S COMING UP

This weekend sees the Australian All-Schools Championships at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne with the walks spread over 3 days

| Fri 4 Dec | 8:15PM | 5000m Walk Under 18 Girls/Boys |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| □ Sat 5 Dec | 3:20PM | 3000m Walk Under 14 Boys/Girls |
| □ Sun 6 Dec | 11:00AM | 3000m Walk Under 16 Boys/Girls |

Competitor listings are found at <u>http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2016/All%20Schools%20Entries%20-%20Full%20List27.11.15.pdf</u>. Good luck everyone!

Looking one week further ahead, the **2015 Australian 50km Roadwalk** Championship will be held as usual at Fawkner Park (rated by Jared Tallent as his favourite course) on **Sunday 13 December**. This is a chance for walkers to get a qualifying time on the board for the 2016 World Race Walking Teams Championships or 2016 World Junior Championships (even though we don't know as yet what times AA is expecting) so anyone who is seriously chasing a berth should consider competing.

Entries for all events can now be submitted via the AA website - <u>https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/meetsregform/index.cfm?</u> <u>fuseaction=display_event_registration_step1&MeetID=1542&OrgID=887</u>. The timetable for the day is

| 7.00am | Australian 50km Road Walking Championships | Cut-off: 5 hours |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 8.00am | 20km non-championship Walk: Men and Women | Cut-off: Men 2 hours, Women 2 hours 15 mins |
| 9:00am | 10km non-championship Walk: U20 Men and Women | Cut-off: Men 56 mins, Women 60 mins |
| 10:00am | 5km non-championship Walk: U18 Men and Women | Cut-off: Men 28 mins, Women 30 mins |

The field for the Australian 50km looks like being a strong one with the current entries as shown below. Chris Erickson and Evan Dunfee are expected to fight out the major placings like last year but you can't discount Canadians Inaki Gomez and Ben Thorne who are both contesting their inaugural 50km. Coming off a month's hard training at the AIS in Canberra and with superb 20km PBs, anything is possible with these two world class walkers. Olympic and World Cup spots are up for grabs so expect some great racing in all the events.

| Dunfee, Evan | Canada | 3:49:46 | Beijing, 2015 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Erickson, Chris | Victoria, Australia | 3:49:33 | Taicang, 2014 |
| Gomez, Inaki | Canada | N/A | (20km PB 1:20:18, Taicang, 2014) |
| Hawksworth, Danny | Victoria, Australia | N/A | (20km PB 1:46:37, 2013) |
| Jamieson, Andrew | Victoria, Australia | 4:23:16 | Melbourne, 2008 |
| Mundel, Marc | South Africa | 3:55:31 | London, 2012 |
| Rayson, Ian | A.C.T, Australia | 3:57:55 | Melbourne, 2011 |
| Reading, Brendon | A.C.T, Australia | 4:19:30 | Melbourne, 2014 |
| Thorne, Benjamin | Canada | NA | (20km PB 1:19:57, Beijing, 2015 |

2016 WORLD RACE WALKING CUP SELECTION POLICY NEEDS TO BE PUBLISHED NOW

I commented in last week's newsletter that it seemed strange to me that the official 2016 World Race Walking Teams Championship trial was less than 3 weeks away and we were still waiting for Athletics Australia to publish their selection policy. The next day (last Wednesday), AA put out an announcement on their website (see http://www.athletics.com.au/News/race-walking-1) to clarify. It read as follows

On 13 November 2015, the IAAF Council announced their decision to relocate the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships, or IAAF World Race Walking Cup, from the previously announced host city of Cheboksary (RUS). This followed the provisional suspension of the All-Russian Athletics Federation from international athletics.

As a consequence of this decision, Athletics Australia has delayed the issuing of its Selection Policy for the Championships to ensure that the information published is as correct as possible.

We will publish the Selection Policy for the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships as soon as it is appropriate, and will provide regular updates on its progress as they come to hand.

Now I am confused here. That implies that they were not planning to release it until some date after 13th November and then had a change of plans when the Russia was suspended. This flies in the face of past World Walking Cup announcements. I checked my files and can confirm that AA released their World Cup selection criteria for the last 3 editions in August in every case

| 2010 World Cup | August 2009 |
|----------------|-------------|
| 2012 World Cup | August 2011 |
| 2014 World Cup | August 2013 |

So we should have expected the selection criteria for the 2016 World Cup to be announced in August 2015, well before all the current doping related confusion muddied the waters. There are 5 other major events to which AA will send teams in 2016 and the selection criteria for all of those were released well before November 13th. Here is how they read

| 2016 World Indoor Championships | March 2016 | Document dated 10/10/15 |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2016 World Half Marathon Championships | March 2016 | Document dated 09/09/15 |
| World University Cross Country Championships | March 2016 | Document dated 09/09/15 |
| World Race Walking Teams Championships | May 2016 | Still waiting – should have been out on Aug/Sept |
| 2016 World Junior Championships | July 2016 | Document released 19/10/15 |
| 2016 Olympic Games | August 2016 | Document released 09/10/15 |

I'm sorry Athletics Australia but your press release doesn't stack up to scrutiny. What difference does it make that we are unsure of the venue as yet. That is also the case for the World Juniors but the selection criteria for those champs has been out since mid October. Let's have some common sense here – publish the selection criteria now and stop failing in your duty of care to your athletes.

VRWC SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS, MIDDLE PARK, SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2015

Our VRWC summer championships were held last Sunday at our headquarters in Melbourne in perfect spring weather – sunny but cool with a slight breeze. The numbers were a bit disappointing (only 29 walkers) but there are so many conflicting racing opportunities for our Victorian walkers and we do struggle a bit in the summer to gain the same sort of critical mass which we see in our winter races.

Our 20km races got underway first at 8:30AM, with **Chris Erickson** and **Quentin Rew** arriving just before the start time, midway through a long 40km training session, to toe the line and walk the second half of their designated training session as part of the race. And they walked pretty impressively and finished seemingly fresh after their big day's workout. We were wondering who would cross the finish line first and hence win the club championship but we left it with the boys to decide for themselves. With Quentin crossing a tad behind Chris (both with the same time of 1:35:42), the overall club championship title went to Chris (his third win after previous victories in 2008 and 2012). Alana Barber was the other standout in the 20km, her time of 1:37:13 even more impressive when you realise that she walked it as an intervals training session with 2km hard / 1km float for the full 20km. Bad luck to Sydney walker Nicole Fagan who was on track for a good time when she stopped at the 14km mark.

20km Open Men Club Championship - Gus Theobold Memorial Trophy

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|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| 1. | Erickson, Chris | 1:35:42 | |
| 2. | Rew, Quentin | 1:35:42 | |
| 3. | Kozica, Jason | 1:47:28 | |
| 4. | Jamieson, Andrew | 1:49:44 | |
| 5. | Christmass, James | 1:56:14 | |
| 20km Open | | | |
| 1. | Barber, Alana | 1:37:13 | |
| 2. | Howorth, Sandra | 2:32:19 | |
| | Fagan, Nicole (NSW) | DNF | |
| | | | |

The 10km walks, which started at 9:30AM, saw a huge walk by 17 year old **Jemima Montag**, her time of 48:01 well under the AA standard for the 2016 World Juniors Championships. I think that will be the first of a number of qualifiers for her. Kyle Swan also walked fast but easily for his 47:12. Further down the field, **Carolyn Rosenbrock** won our Masters Women 10km championship with 1:01:38, finishing just over a minute ahead of **Heather Carr** (1:02:54), after whom the perpetual trophy is named. And finally, we were very pleased to welcome French walker and Heel & Toe newsletter correspondent **Emmanuel Tardi** (1:13:19) who was in Victoria for a few days on his way home from New Zealand.

10km Masters Women Club Championship - Heather Carr Trophy

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|------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Rosenbrock, Carolyn | 1:01:39 | |
| 2. | Carr, Heather | 1:02:54 | |
| 10km C | Open | | |
| 1. | Swan, Kyle | 47:12 | |
| 2. | Montag, Jemima | 48:01 | 2016 World Junior Qualifying Time |
| 3. | Smyth, David | 56:16 | |
| 4. | Tardi, Emanuel | 1:13:19 | |
| | Dickenson, Russ | DNF | |
| | | | |

Our shorter distance races kicked off at 10:30AM, with club championship wins going to Tayla-Paige Billington (24:40), Reese Walmsley (24:45), Ruby Paten (17:40), Hayden Walmsley (15:13), Angus Hay (9:19) and Charlotte Hay (8:17).

| 5km U2 | 0 Club Championships | |
|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Paige-Billington, Tayla | 24:40 |
| 1. | Walmsley, Reese | 24:45 |
| 5km Op | oen | |
| 1. | Dickson, Corey | 26:04 |
| 2. | Erickson, Tim | 29:16 |
| 3km U1 | 5 Club Championships | |
| 1. | Paten, Ruby | 17:40 |
| 1. | Walmsley, Hayden | 15:13 |

3km Open

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|------|------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Elms, Donna-Marie | 18:26 |
| 2. | Doran, Anthony | 21:15 |
| 3. | Johnson, Celia | 21:56 |
| 4. | Beaumont, Ian | 25:18 |
| 5. | Beaumont, Margaret | 25:38 |
| | Mews, Pam | DQ |
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| km U | J12 Club Championships | |
| 1. | Hay, Angus | 09:19 |
| 1. | Hay, Charlotte | 08:17 |
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1.5k

| 1. | Hay, Angus | |
|----|----------------|--|
| 1. | Hay, Charlotte | |

Thanks as always to our officials, canteen helpers and judges, without whom we could't function.

Tim Erickson, Mark Donahoo, Harry Summers, Damien Elms, Ralph Bennett, Terry Swan **Officials:** Peter Vysma (chief), Gordon Loughnan, Lloyd Nichols, Diane Lowden, Stuart Cooper Judges: Canteen: Kate Suich, Wendy Cooper

Photos: Terry Swan (see http://www.vrwc.org.au/coppermine/thumbnails.php?album=61).



20km walkers Quentin Rew, Chris Erickson, Alana Barber, Sandra Howorth, James Christmass and Andrew Jamieson



10km walkers Carolyn Rosenbrock, Kyle Swan, Jemima Montag, Emmanuel Tardi and Ruby Paten



Reese Walmsley, Hayden Walmsley, Tayla-Paige Billington, Charlotte Hay and Angus Hay (photos Terry Swan)

VRWC AGM

Last Sunday saw our annual VRWC AGM and it saw a number of items worthy of comment.

• Our new committee was voted in and reads as follows:

| VRWC OFFICERS |
|----------------|
| President |
| Vice President |
| Treasurer |
| Secretary |

VRWC GENERAL COMMITTEE

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Race Secretary / Meet Director Property and Requisites Steward Prizes and Awards Secretary Judging Coordinator Uniforms Steward Delegate to Athletics Victoria Coaching Coordinator Handicapper / Points Coordinator Canteen Coordinator Publicity Officer Club Captain - Women Club Captain - Men Club Captain – Junior Women Club Captain – Junior Men Racewalking Australia Liason Officer Club Records Officer Ordinary Members on Committee

Stuart Cooper Mark Donahoo Ralph Bennett Terry Swan

Michael Bodey Mark Donahoo Heather Carr Stuart Cooper Peter Vysma TBA Peter Vysma Mark Donahoo Mark Donahoo Marlaine Stanway Stuart Cooper Heather Carr Terry O'Neill Stephanie George Reese Walmsley Mark Donahoo Terry Swan Harry Summers, Bob Gardiner, David Smyth

One big change is that I have stepped down from the position of Secretary after 15 years. I will still continue with my work on the weekly newsletter and websites and raceday activities but I felt it was time to pass the baton to someone else in terms of the day to day workings of the club. I am very pleased that **Terry Swan** has agreed to take over the secretarial duties. He now joins **Stuart Cooper, Ralph Bennett** and **Mark Donahoo** on the Executive.

 We welcomed Diane Lowden as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Diane has been a huge contributor to the club for many years now, both as a racewalking judge and as an administrator. I have updated our website life member section to add in some details of her many contributions – see <u>http://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwclifedlowden.shtml</u>. Well done Diane and well deserved!

- We presented our Runners World Winter Season awards to the 4 winners Ralph Bennett, Heather Carr, Kyle Swan and Jemima Montag. Once again we thank Neil Ryan of Runners World Kew for his ongoing support and urge all members and supports to use Neil for all their sporting goods purchases.
- We presented the 4 Athletics Victoria Winter Season Perpetual Shields on behalf of AV and we had a number of the award winners on hand to receive their awards:

NORM GOBLE TROPHY BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY AVIS REDMAN TROPHY TOM DAINTRY TROPHY Most points in Mens AV Champs Womens Walking Team Champions Best Under 16 Girl Walker Best Under 14 Girl Walker Chris Erickson, ESS Eaglehawk YMCA (Heather Carr, Barb Bryant) Zahra Hayes, SBE and Jemma Peart, BYC Alanna Peart, BYC



New Life Member Diane Lowden with son Kevin (1991 World Cup) and Tim Erickson



Runners World Kew Award winners Kyle Swan, Jemima Montag, Heather Carr and Ralph Bennett (photo Emmanuel)



Athletics Victoria Perpetual Trophy winners Heather Carr, Jemma Peart and Alana Peart with Junior Club Captain Stephanie George (left) and Tim Erickson (right)

SAMA TRACK WALKS, SA STADIUM, MILE END, ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

And now onto details of other recent Australian races. Thanks to Colin Hainsworth for this week's results from the South Australian Masters in Adelaide. Colin commented that it was cooler this week for a change. As usual, most walkers contested both races with **George White** the fastest in the 1500m and **Rhiannon Lovegrove** the fastest in the 3000m.

| 1500m Handicap Walk | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|-----|--------|
| 1. | Gil McIntosh | 09:36 | M65 | 70.99% |
| 2. | Doug Smart | 10:55 | M72 | 67.78% |
| 3. | Rodger Barber | 10:39 | M77 | 74.26% |
| 4. | George White | 08:27 | M70 | 85.43% |
| 5. | Peter Crump | 08:06 | M55 | 76.19% |
| 6. | Jill Rogers | 12:32 | W71 | 62.84% |
| 7. | Marie Maxted | 09:37 | W55 | 68.71% |
| 8. | Edna Bates | 13:10 | W63 | 54.31% |
| 9. | Gloria Holliday | 09:11 | W55 | 71.95% |
| 10. | Roger Lowe | 11:49 | M72 | 62.62% |
| | Iandicap Walk | | | |
| 1. | Rhiannon Lovegrove | 14:29 | | |
| 2. | Doug Smart | 21:23 | M72 | 70.57% |
| 3. | Roger Lowe | 22:44 | M72 | 66.38% |
| 4. | Edna Bates | 25:39 | W63 | 57.97% |
| 5. | Bill Starr | 21:10 | M73 | 72.21% |
| 6. | Rodger Barber | 21:35 | M77 | 74.78% |
| 7. | Colin Hainsworth | 23:57 | M85 | 76.40% |
| 8. | Peter Crump | 16:40 | M55 | 75.49% |
| 9. | Geoff Byham | 19:31 | M69 | 74.52% |
| 10. | Jill Rogers | 25:57 | W71 | 63.60% |
| 11. | George White | 16:57 | M70 | 86.83% |
| 12. | Helen Suridge | 21:58 | W64 | 68.51% |
| 13. | Valmai Padget | 24:00 | W71 | 68.77% |
| 14. | Gloria Holliday | 18:57 | W55 | 72.07% |

ACT WALKERS TRACK ROADWALKS, WODEN, ACT, THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Thanks to Robin Whyte for the latest results from Canberra. 15 year old walkers **Tim Fraser** and **Tom Hunt** were fastest with 6:37, a PB for each boy.

| 1500m H | Iandicap Walk | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. | Laura Burns | 07:29 |
| 2. | Spencer Burns | 07:29 |
| 3. | Gwyllym Young | 07:27 |
| 4. | Connor Frew | 06:37 |
| 5. | Tim Fraser | 06:37 |
| 6. | Tom Hunt | 07:30 |
| 7. | Mitchell Baker | 06:57 |
| 8. | Gabby Hunt | 06:52 |
| 9. | Ann Staunton-Jugovic | 07:37 |
| 10. | Katie Alley | 08:33 |
| 11. | Peter Baker | 07:50 |
| 12. | Rod Gilchrist | 10:18 |
| 13. | Doug Fitzgerald | 11:03 |
| 14. | Jennifer Gilchrist | 10:46 |
| 15. | Ruth Baussmann | 10:28 |
| 16. | Roger Pilkington | 10:21 |
| 17. | Jennifer Alley | 09:05 |
| 18. | Robin Whyte | 09:14 |
| 19. | Kate Black | 08:33 |
| 20. | Bryan Thomas | 10:11 |
| 21. | Margaret McSpadden | 12:12 |

AACT SUMMER SERIES, AIS ATHLETICS TRACK, BRUCE, ACT, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Spencer Burns was the sole walker in the Athletics ACT Summer Series walk on Friday night. It certainly seems that Canberra walkers are choosing the ACTRWC weekly Thursday offering rather than this Friday night based competition.

3000m Walk

1. Spencer Burns NCG 15:46.5

ELITE 10,000M TRACK WALK, AIS ATHLETICS TRACK, BRUCE, THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Of course, the above two results were not the only ones to come from Canberra this week. Readers will be aware that the AIS has been running a month long study into *Sports Nutrition Diet Periodisation for Elite Endurance Athletes*. It wound up over the weekend after 4 weeks of training and testing, with the participating walkers on different diets. One of the final activities was a 10,000m track walk last Thursday morning and I am grateful for AIS walks coach Daniel Coleman for forwarding the results to me. He tells me that the race was conducted on a very windy morning and came at the end of a tough month but there were some great results by the guys who are all in heavy training for the 20km and 50km races in Melbourne in 2 weeks. Personal bests were recorded by **Rhydian Cowley, Brendon Reading, Tanya Holliday** and **Zoe Hunt**.

| 10.000 | — • • • • • | | | |
|---------|--------------------|-----|----------|----|
| 10,000m | Track Walk | | | |
| 1. | Inaki Gomez | CAN | 40:34.99 | |
| 2. | Rhydian Cowley | AUS | 41:07.35 | PB |
| 3. | Evan Dunfee | CAN | 41:25.89 | |
| 4. | Brendon Reading | AUS | 41:31.94 | PB |
| 5. | Ian Rayson | AUS | 42:53.56 | |
| 6. | Rafal Augustyn | POL | 43:48.04 | |
| 7. | Isamu Fujisawa | JAP | 44:32.84 | |
| 8. | Tanya Holliday | AUS | 44:40.37 | PB |
| 9. | Marc Mundell | SAF | 45:48.67 | |
| 10. | Zoe Hunt | AUS | 49:45.72 | PB |
| 11. | Ben Thorne | CAN | 53:16.50 | |
| | Adam Garganis | AUS | DQ | |

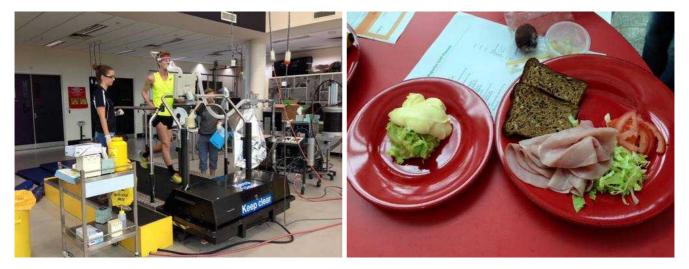
A big thank you to all the participants of the study for all their hard work and dedication to the requirements of the study. The study was a big success with lots of data collected from the men throughout the camp. We look forward to welcoming even more walkers back to Canberra in January for the second stage of the camp.

With regard to the 10,000m race, Daniel tells me that the I's were dotted and T's crossed. It was a ratified race with 6 qualified judges, was published on ACT athletics in advance and had Athletics Australia approval.

Finally, a few photos from the camp now that it has finished.



Rafal, Adam, Brendon, Inaki, Isamu, Rhydian, Ian, Evan and Marc training around the lake in Canberra last week



Left: Evan on the treadmill

Right: Is that lunch!

ATHLETICS TASMANIA INTERCLUB, DOMAIN ATHLETICS TRACK, HOBART, SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

15 year old Alice Randall continued her good form in Hobart with a 10 sec PB of 6:55.10 for the 1500m walk.

1500m Walk

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|----|------------------|-----|----------|---------|
| 1. | Alice Randall | OVA | 6:55.10 | PB 0:10 |
| 2. | Bayley Campbell | OVA | 8:24.29 | |
| 3. | Anna Blackwell | OVA | 8:27.85 | |
| 4. | Elizabeth Leitch | ES | 8:38.22 | |
| 5. | Ron Foster | NS | 8:54.00 | |
| 6. | David Moore | NS | 10:53.37 | |
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ASA 10,000M TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, SA STADIUM, MILE END, ADELAIDE, SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Sunday morning saw the South Australian 10,000m Walks Championships at the SA Stadium in Adelaide. While the overall numbers were small, it was great to see **Kristie Goznik** win the women's walk with such a big PB time of 47:51.98. Masters walker **Peter Crump** won the men's title with 1:00:50.39 while **Rhiannon Lovegrove** and **Alix Harlington** won the U20 titles.

| Open W 1. | omen Kristie Goznik | PA | 47:51:98 | PB 2:04 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| Open M 1. | en Peter Crump | SAIN | 1.00:50:39 | |
| Over 35 1. | Women Gloria Holliday | FLIN | 1.07:00:96 | |
| U20 Wor 1. 2. | men Rhiannon Lovegrove Danielle Walsh | PA PA | 55:09:94 1.01:45:11 | |
| U20 Mer 1. | n Alix Harlington | SAL | 58:04:39 | |



Port Adelaide competitors Danielle Walsh Rhiannon Lovegrove and Kristie Goznik (photo Gary Lovegrove)

QLD MASTERS ATHLETICS, SAF, BRISBANE, SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Only one walk to report from Queensland this week, with **Peter Bennett** and **Erika Woodward** the fastest male and female walkers in the Queensland Masters 5000m walks in Brisbane.

| 5000m Walk | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----|----------|--------|--|
| 1. | Peter Bennett | M60 | 25:45.54 | 87.09% | |
| 2. | Argenis Guevara | M47 | 28:27.67 | 69.13% | |
| 3. | Erika Woodward | W49 | 28:59.51 | 73.77% | |
| 4. | Patrick Sela | M76 | 38:39.12 | 69.17% | |
| 5. | Noela McKinven | W73 | 39:48.80 | 70.78% | |

GEELONG WALKERS CLUB ROUNDUP

And to complete the local results roundup, the last couple of results from the Geelong Walkers Club in country Victoria.

Geelong Walkers Club Track Walks, Landy Field, Geelong, Thursday 12 November

On this occasion, the Geelong walkers contested two 1100m walks, with final positions being decided on who could produce the two closest times. $2x1100m \qquad Age \qquad 1^{st} Time \qquad 2^{nd} Time \qquad Difference$

| x1100n | n | Age | 1 st Time | 2 nd Time | Difference |
|--------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. | Barbara Fairbrother | VET F | 12.30 | 12.29 | 1 sec |
| 2. | Michelle de Graaf | VET F | 7.52 | 7.53 | 1 sec |
| 3. | Colin Silcock Delainey | VET M | 10.23 | 10.26 | 3 secs |
| 4. | Mark Wiffen | VET F | 8.28 | 8.20 | 8 secs |
| 5. | Dirk Stobbe | VET M | 8.29 | 8.21 | 8 secs |
| 6. | Angela Curran | VET F | 8.52 | 9.04 | 12 secs |

| 7. | Carla de Graaf | VET F | 11.00 | 11.20 | 20 secs |
|----|----------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 8. | Tara Robinson | U/12 G | 7.26 | 7.02 | 24 secs |

Geelong Walkers Club Track Walks, Landy Field, Geelong, Thursday 19 November

| 4000m V | Walk | | | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 1. | James Christmass | VET M | 20.16 | | |
| 2. | Colin Silcock-Delainey | VET M | 32.24 | | |
| 3. | Dianne Drinkwater | VET F | 33.09 | | |
| 4. | Wayne Carmichael | VET M | 36.01 | | |
| 5. | Carla de Graaf | VET F | 41.16 | | |
| 2000m V | 2000m Walk | | | | |
| 1. | Harold Boddy | VET M | 14.21 | | |
| 2. | Jennie Van Dreumel | VET F | 16.54 | | |
| 3. | Jenny Larkins | VET F | 19.14 | | |
| 4. | Rinie Van Dreumel | VET M | 19.28 | | |
| 5. | Barbara Fairbrother | VET F | 23.06 | | |

NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

And now onto our international results. First to New Zealand where **Mike Parker** and **Corrine Smith** were the standout walkers in the North Island Masters Championships 3000m walks last weekend.

| 3000m V | Valk | | |
|---------|-------------------|-----|----------|
| 1. | Mike Parker | M60 | 14:53.56 |
| 2. | Corinne Smith | W45 | 14:58.18 |
| 3. | Mark Gray | M55 | 18:49.75 |
| 4. | Larissa Wildsmith | W45 | 19:07.54 |
| 5. | Terri Grimmett | W55 | 19:17.15 |
| 6. | Theresa Large | W55 | 20:01.58 |
| 7. | Shirley Barber | W65 | 23:25.58 |

ESSEX RACEWALKING LEAGUE RACES, MINET PARK, HILLINGDON, SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Thanks to Ron Wallwork for the latest results from SRWC in London. Ron reported:

In bitterly cold conditions, thirty-three walkers ranging in age from 12 to 83 came under Starter's Orders for the final race of the 2015 Enfield Race Walking League. GB's leading veteran Fransisco Reis, despite carrying an injury had a comfortable win in the 10km and the leading lady was the ever improving Penelope Cummings, who was well clear of Maureen Noel who hauled back Helen Middleton's early lead with less than 2km to go. The youngster's seemed less affected by the cold; Chris Snook walked immaculately and there were huge pb's for Abigail Jennings and Jack Childs.

| Open | Men | 10km |
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| 1. | Fransisco Reis | SVAC | M55 | 50.57 |
| 2. | Malc Martin | Surrey WC | M55 | 55.49 |
| 3. | Graham Chapman | Headington | M60 | 57.39 |
| 4. | Steve Uttley | Ilford AC | M55 | 58.05 |
| 5. | Carlos Corrales | Surrey WC | M35 | 58.56 |
| 6. | Mark Culshaw | Belgrave H | M45 | 59.24 |
| 7. | Kevin Pedley | Aldershot FD | M60 | 62.21 |
| 8. | Rob Batcheler | WW Runners | M40 | 64.39 |
| 9. | David Kates © | Ilford AC | M65 | 64.49 |
| 10. | Arthur Thomson | Enfield HAC | M75 | 64.53 |
| 11. | Ken Bobbett | Hillingdon AC | M70 | 65.10 |
| 12. | Paul King © | Belgrave H | M60 | 65.31 |
| 13. | John Borgars | Loughton AC | M65 | 66.23 |
| 14. | Dan Maskell | Surrey WC | M65 | 66.58 |
| 15. | Peter Hannell | Surrey WC | M70 | 67.00 |
| 16. | Sean Pender © | Enfield HAC | M60 | 67.58 |
| 17. | Michael Harran | Surrey WC | M75 | 69.54 |
| 18. | David Hoben | Surrey WC | M60 | 73.22 |
| 19. | Stephen Cartwright | Colchester & T | M55 | 73.28 |
| 20. | Jon May | Enfield HAC | M60 | 82.27 |
| 21. | Dave Ainsworth© | Ilford AC | M65 | 85.59 |
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| Open W | omen 10km | | | |
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| 1. | Penelope Cummings | Aldershot FD | W35 | 58.42 |
| 2. | Maureen Noel | Belgrave H | W50 | 61.41 |
| 3. | Helen Middleton | Enfield HAC | W50 | 62.04 |
| 4. | Anne Jones | Steyning AC | W60 | 66.13 |
| 5. | Fiona Bishop | Woking AC | W55 | 67.39 |
| 6. | Jo Miles | Hillingdon AC | W60 | 69.16 |
| 7. | Jenny Middleton | Hillingdon AC | W40 | 75.11 |
| Open 3 | km | | | |
| 1. | Jack Childs | Medway/Maidstone | MU13 | 16.58 |
| 2. | Hannah Child | Surrey WC | W40 | 23.03 |
| Open 5 | km | | | |
| 1. | Chris Snook | Aldershot FD | MU17 | 23.24 |
| 2. | Abigail Jennings | Aldershot FD | WU17 | 30.26 |
| 3. | Ken Livermore © | Enfield HAC | M80 | 44.20 |

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The start of the Hillingdon 10km (photo Mark Easton)



Chris Snook, Fransisco Reis and Abigail Jennings (photos Mark Easton)

2015 MIDLAND AREA WINTER LEAGUE SERIES, WARWICK UNIVERSITY, COVENTRY, SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

And finally, back a week to the Midland walks at Warwick University, compliments of Mark Wall

| 10km Walk | | | | |
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| 1. | Mark Williams | Tamworth A.C. | 54.35 | |
| 2. | Dwayne Butterly | Leicester W.C. | 56.36 | |
| 2. 3. | Peter Boszko | Birchfield Harriers | 58.16 | |
| <i>4</i> . | Kate Donaldson | Leicester W.C. | 58.21 | |
| | Graham Chapman | Headington A.C. | 58.45 | |
| <i>6</i> . | Chris Berwick | Leicester W.C. | 63.54 | |
| 0. 7. | George Smolinski | Leicester W.C. | 65.54 | |
| 8. | Hardeep Minhas | Leicester W.C. | 66.22 | |
| 8. 9. | Colin Vesty | Leicester W.C. | 66.32 | |
| | Sean Pender | Enfield & Haringey A.C. | 67.28 | |
| 10. | Julian Barnett | Birchfield Harriers | 70.58 | |
| | John Constandinou | Birchfield Harriers | 72.35 | |
| | David Fall | Birchfield Harriers | 76.14 | |
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| 5km Wa | | T 110 | 24.40 | |
| 1. | Mark Williams | Tamworth A.C. | 24.48 | |
| 2. | Ana Garcia (U/17) | City of Sheffield & Dearne | 26.12 | |
| 3. | Kate Donaldson | Leicester W.C. | 26.23 | |
| 4. | Jordan Price (U/17) | Brecon A.C. | 28.13 | |
| 5. | Ben Allen (U/17) | Leicester W.C. | 28.17 | |
| 6. | Colin Turner | Nuneaton Harriers | 28.38 | |
| 7. | Colin Vesty | Leicester W.C. | 28.42 | |
| 8. | Carolyn Derbyshire | Nuneaton Harriers | 29.22 | |
| 9. | Alana Zedler (U/17) | City of Sheffield & Dearne | 29.34 | |
| 10. | Amy Phipps (U/17) | Neath Harriers | 29.55 | |
| 11. | Roger Michel | M.M.A.C. | 30.01 | |
| 12. | 0 | Leicester W.C. | 30.16 | |
| 13. | Matthew Phipps (U/17) | Neath Harriers | 30.53 | |
| | Dan Maskell | Surrey W.C. | 30.57 | |
| 15. | Hardeep Minhas | Leicester W.C. | 31.01 | |
| | Ann Wheeler | Leicester W.C. | 31.48 | |
| 17. | Daniel McKerlich (U/17) | Cardiff A.C. | 32.04 | |
| 18. | Julie Bellfield | Halesowen A.C. | 32.21 | |
| 19. | Hilary Mann | Sparkhill Harriers | 32.37 | |
| 20. | Sarah Trundley | Nuneaton Harriers | 33.50 | |
| 21. | John Constandinou | Birchfield Harriers | 34.07 | |
| 22. | Stuart Edgar | D.A.S.H. | 34.20 | |
| 23. | Lin Farrow | Harborough A.C. | 34.31 | |
| 24. | Lynn Bellfield | Halesowen A.C. | 34.35 | |
| 25. | Tracey Mills | Birchfield Harriers | 35.34 | |
| 26. | David Fall | Birchfield Harriers | 36.25 | |
| 27. | Lesley Pymm | Bournville A.C. | 36.40 | |
| | Terry Morris | Nuneaton Harriers | 36.56 | |
| | Jill Langford | Wolv.& Bilston A.C. | 37.19 | |
| U15 Gir | ls 3km | | | |
| 1. | Kara Lane | Birchfield Harriers | 17.06 | |
| | | Birchfield Harriers | 17.00 | |
| 2. | Jessica Finney Molly Dainton | Llanelli A.C. | 18.00 | |
| 3. 4. | Molly Meleady-Hanley | City of Sheffield | 18.00 | |
| 4. | Mony Meleady-Hamey | City of Sherheld | 16.20 | |
| U15 Boy | | | | |
| 1. | Hisham Alkhamesi | Nuneaton Harriers | 17.43 | |
| U13 Boys 2km | | | | |
| 1. | Faris Alkamesi | Nuneaton Harriers | 12.29 | |
| | Kyle Smith | Nuneaton Harriers | 13.47 | |
| U13 Girls 2km | | | | |
| 1. | Maddie Draycott | Swansea Harriers | 13.48 | |
| | Hannah Gadd | D.A.S.H. | 13.48 | |
| 2. 3. | Molly McKerlich | Cardiff A.C. | 14.20 | |
| 5. | | Carulli A.C. | 15.55 | |

U11 Girls 1km

1. Elizabeth Papp

Emily Powell
 Jasmine Galloway

Nuneaton Harriers6:15Nuneaton Harriers6:25D.A.S.H.7:02

HONG KONG 20KM CHAMPIONSHIP, HK, SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

I had hoped to bring you the results of Sunday's Hong Kong 20km championships but the results have not yet been posted. Check out <u>http://www.hkaaa.com/page.php?pid=1840&mid=147&type=gameevent</u> later in the week.

MARCIADALMONDO AND OMARCHADOR ROUNDUP

Marciadalmondo had 6 press releases this week

- Tue 1 Dec 2015 world list 20km road walk women http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2278
- Mon 30 Nov world list 20km road walk men <u>http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2277</u>
- Fri 27 No Chinese coach Sandro Damilano's Beijing Conference report on the 2015 seasons of Wang Zhen and Zhang Lin http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2276
- Thu 26 Nov Chinese coach Sandro Damilano's Beijing Conference report on the 2015 season of Liu Hong http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2275
- Thu 26 Nov Chinese coach Sandro Damilano's Beijing Conference report on walk training http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2274
- Tus 25 Nov CAS hearings into selective bans given to Russian walkers to take place next week <u>http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=2273</u>

The omarchador blog was also active with 7 news releases

- Mon 30 Nov Central American U16 and U14 Championship results <u>http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/campeonatos-centro-americanos-de-sub-16.html</u>
- Sun 29 Nov Matej Tóth joins the IAAF Athletes' Commission <u>http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/matej-toth-integra-comissao-de-atletas.html</u>
- Sat 28 Nov Results of Downs Syndrome World Athletics Championships in Bloemfontein, South Africa
 http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/mundial-de-atletismo-s-down-em.html
- Fri 27 Nov What might happen now re the city to host the 2016 World Race Walking Teams Championships http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/cidade-para-o-mundial-de-marcha-de.html
- Thu 26 Nov Quentin Rew and Alana Barber win in Athletics Victoria competition at Wyndham <u>http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/quentin-rew-e-alana-barber-vencem-em.html</u>
- Wed 25 Nov Results of the 28th Toledo Grand Prix of Racewalking
 http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/marcha-no-espada-toledana-resultou-num.html
- Tue 24 Nov Results of USA 50km Championships
 <u>http://omarchador.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/campeonatos-dos-eua-de-50-km-com-minimo.html</u>

OUT AND ABOUT

Student athletes and sport management professionals from across Australia were recognized in the 2015 Australian University Sport Awards, for excellence in various categories./ Congratulations to University of Queensland walker **Dane Bird-Smith** who won the award as Male Athlete of the Year for his win in the World University Games 20km in Gwanju earlier this year.

- Race walker Erin Taylor-Talcott earned last week's USATF Athlete of the Week after setting American and World records at the USATF Race Walk Championships, hosted by the Steamy Santee Sees 50K Walk on Sunday in Santee, California. Talcott (Owego, New York), a long-time advocate for allowing women to compete at the traditionally male 50 km distance, completed the 50km in 5:03:34 in scorching 90-degree conditions to finish first among women and eighth overall. She earns the new records after the International Association of Athletics Federations, on Nov. 1, adopted new rules to recognize women's 50 km marks eligible for both World and American records. Prior to the rule change, Talcott completed the same course in 4:33:23 at 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials Race Walk. See http://www.usatf.org/News/Race-Walker-ErinTaylor-Talcott-named-USATF-Athlet.aspx?feed=news
- Athletics Weekly journalist Ruth Jones interviews former Welsh cross-country international **Bethan Davies** and learns how breaking the British 20km walk record on the track has spurred her on to aim for Olympic selection Read more at http://www.athleticsweekly.com/featured/athlete-insight-bethan-davies-36392/
- Mark Arbib, the former Australian Senator who served as the Minister for Sport from 2010-2012, has been appointed as the new President of Athletics Australia. Mr Arbib was one of three new Directors of Athletics Australia confirmed at their Annual General Meeting, held in Melbourne last Friday. See http://www.athletics.com.au/News/the-hon-mark-arbib.
- Murray Lambden advises that entries for the 2016 Manx Telecom Parish Walk are now open on the revamped event website <u>www.parishwalk.com</u>.
- Great article by Canadian walker Evan Dunfee
 <u>http://www.cbc.ca/sportslongform/entry/evan-dunfee-canadian-race-walker-proud-impact-in-sport</u>
- South African walker Marc Mundell writes of his month in Australia at the AIS. A great read as Marc gives a really good breakdown on the Study and what has been required by the participants. Lots of great photos as well. http://www.walkingthedream.com/marc-mundell-talks-nutrition-race-walking-australia/

REALLOCATION OF 2016 COMPETITIONS

With the 26th November IAAF Council Meeting in Monaco suspending Russia, their press release confirms that two IAAF World Athletics Series competitions – the **2016 World Race Walking Team Championships (Cheboksary, RUS) and the 2016 World Junior Championships (Kazan, RUS)** - have been removed from Russia. The press release then confirms that a number of countries have already expressed interest in staging these events and that an accelerated bidding process will open this week with a decision to be announced in early January. See <u>http://www.iaaf.org/news/press-release/araf-accepts-full-suspension</u>.

I think the next step will be for the IAAF to officially announce a bidding process and release the necessary documents so that prospective bidders can prepare their submissions. Fingers crossed – we certainly want both these competitions to be held next year.

#KIRDYAPKIN.

Wow, I could put out a whole newsletter each week just on the one topic of drugs in sport. Some of the many threads this week are as follows

- More damning anecdotal evidence of the blatant drugs cheating undertaken by the Russians during the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014. See <u>https://translate.google.com/translate?</u> <u>depth=1&hl=en&nv=1&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=no&tl=en&u=http://www.nrk.no/sport/dopingkontrollen-i-sotsji_--</u> <u>russerne-gikk-inn-i-en-dor.-alle-andre-en-annen-1.12667551</u>
- The Russian anti-doping system will go on trial at the Court of Arbitration for Sport this week with two Olympic medals at stake. CAS will hear appeals from the IAAF on Dec. 2-3 against six Russian athletes, the country's T&F Federation and their national anti-doping agency RUSADA. The IAAF is challenging the selective timing of bans imposed by RUSADA in January after blood doping was proved. The cases could mean disqualification for two Olympic medalists from the 2012 London Games, men's 50-kilometer race walk champion Sergei Kirdyapkin and women's 20-kilometer walk silver medalist Olga Kaniskina. RUSADA banned Kirdyapkin and Kaniskina for three years and two months but applied the

suspensions from late 2012. That excluded the London Olympics from the sanction. The case at CAS also involves race walkers **Sergei Bakulin, Valery Borchin** and **Vladimir Kanaykin**, plus Olympic steeplechase champion **Yulia Zaripova** who were also given selective bans which allowed major medal wins to be retained. See <u>http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm?c_id=19&objectid=11550703&ref=rss</u> Note we may have to wait up to 4-5 months for a final court ruling.

Seb Coe has had a very bad week with controversies on several fronts and further embarrassing revelations coming to light this week

First, IAAF president Lord Coe was faced with conflict of interest allegations last Tuesday after emails emerged suggesting
he lobbied his predecessor over the hosting of the 2021 World Championships. Eugene, USA, was given the event without
a bidding process, despite interest from the Swedish city of Gothenburg. A BBC investigation has uncovered emails which
claim Coe - an ambassador for sports giant Nike and then vice-president of world athletics - "reached out" to Lamine Diack
with his support for Eugene's bid. The Oregon city, which lost out to Doha with a 2019 bid, is closely associated with Nike.

See http://www.iol.co.za/sport/athletics/coe-denies-conflict-of-interest-1.1950736#.VIYmD_krLIU and http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm? c_id=19&objectid=11551112&ref=rss.

I like David Walsh's tweet as he is normally spot on

The BBC revelation that Seb Coe "reached out" to Lamine Diack seeking support for Eugene's 2021 World C'Ships bid is serious problem for Coe.

- Walsh was not alone in his condemnation of Coe. Sebastian Coe's presidency of the IAAF will forever be tainted by his failure to sever ties with Nike, according to the coach of Olympic and world heptathlon champion Jessica Ennis-Hill. Toni Minichiello called on Coe to stop taking his annual salary of £100,000 as a Nike ambassador in the wake of an email exchange with company officials which heightened accusations of a conflict of interest as IAAF president. See http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/general/athletics/lord-coe-reign-has-been-tainted-by-nike-tie-claims-toni-minichiello-a6748686.html
- And talking of Coe's Nike Ambassadorship, Nike sure can pick them they have sponsored or, in some cases, currently sponsor the Russian track team, the Kenyan track team, Lance Armstrong, Justin Gatlin and Marion Jones. Sports journalist David Walsh put it quite succinctly in this tweet last Wednesday

Be interesting to ask Seb Coe why his friends at Nike have not commented on Russia doping, considering Nike sponsor Russia's track team?

Next, UK Sport, a government-funded public body which also receives cash from Britain's National Lottery, confirmed that
they contributed 63,000 pounds (\$95,000) to a British public relations company for its work on Coe's campaign. The
payment to Vero Communications was disclosed by the BBC. Coe said on the IAAF website that the other "two thirds of
the campaign was privately funded." UK Sport defended paying Vero Communications for Coe's campaign, saying it helps
to ensure Britain "is in an influential position to drive good governance, leadership and development in international sport."
See http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm?c_id=19&objectid=11551408&ref=rss

Will time show that they put their money on the wrong man?

• The intense pressure must have worked as Coe announced on Thursday that he was stepping down from his ambassadorial role with Nike. Coe also announced he would also be stepping down as British Olympic Association chairman after the Rio Olympics and that his sports marketing company CSM would not tender any IAAF work.

See <u>http://www.supersport.com/athletics/article.aspx?Id=3297794</u>.

• But Coe can't seem to take a trick at the moment. Ian Herbert, Chief Sports Writer for the Independent, followed up this news with a scathing article. In particular, he takes exception to the fact that Coe still does not seem to see any issues with these revelations and talks of the media scrutiny as "noise". See http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/general/athletics/lord-coe-mr-president-offers-good-grounds-to-laugh-in-his-face-a6750776.html. Here is what Coe had to say:

"The current noise level about this ambassadorial role is not good for the IAAF and it is not good for Nike," he said. "Frankly, it is a distraction to the 18-hour days that I and our teams are working to steady the ship."

David Walsh's tweet sums up his view on Coe's response

Reading what Seb Coe said in his climb down on Nike role he still doesn't get it. Complaints were referred to "noise". Staggering arrogance.

 And there is more. Coe, already at the centre of controversy over his links to Nike, has now admitted that the process by which the 2021 world championships had been awarded to Eugene in America was wrong, The Times newspaper reported on Thursday. Bjorn Eriksson, who led a rival bid by Gothenburg for the 2021 championships, said Coe telephoned him on Wednesday to say it had been wrong to give the event to Eugene without a formal bid process. Eriksson also said Coe had indicated that the Eugene award was being investigated by French police as part of a corruption inquiry into the IAAF leadership of Lamine Diack, who stood down in August. See http://www.supersport.com/athletics/article.aspx?Id=3297354

The IAAF is also copping criticism for its handling of these issues.

• The IAAF has sent a detailed response to the allegations that it has "idly sat by" and tolerated rampant blood doping in athletics, ahead of next week's appearance by the IAAF before the UK Parliament's Culture Media and Sport Select Committee's inquiry into 'Blood Doping in Athletics' (see http://www.iaaf.org/news/press-release/iaaf-response-blood-testing). However, rather than placate critics, it has only fueled the fires further. with Michael Ashenden, one of two experts enlisted by the Sunday Times to analyse leaked data belonging to the IAAF, who commented

"I have argued previously that there is a place for prudence when launching legal actions based on suspicious blood results. But the blood values were so extreme, over such an extended period, that they should have tried to do something, anything. The IAAF were legally timid when they should have been morally strong."

See <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/athletics/34953362</u> and <u>http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1032076/iaaf-accused-of-trying-to-muddy-the-waters-by-anti-doping-experts-following-defence-of-testing-regime.</u>

And now some general news on other related threads

- The Greek Athletics Federation (SEGAS) on Wednesday said Olympic medal-winning triple jumper Hrysopiyi Devetzi faces punishment for testing positive in 2007 to a doping test. In 2007 Devetzi won the bronze medal at the World Championships in Osaka. She won two Olympic medals silver in the Athens 2004 Games and bronze in Beijing in 2008. The big question why has it taken 8 years for this to come to light? See http://www.supersport.com/athletics/article.aspx?ld=3296214
- Dick Pound, the man behind the report that revealed the incredible levels of doping in Russian athletics, warned in an exclusive interview in last Wednesday's Independent that the second round of revelations will be even more explosive. The second part of the World Anti-Doping Agency independent commission report is looking into possible corruption within the IAAF and the results of the 15,000 blood samples which were leaked from within the organisation in August. "When we release this information to the world, there will be a wow factor," the report's chairman and former Wada president says. "People will say: 'How on earth could this happen?' It's a complete betrayal of what the people in charge of the sport should be doing." See http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/general/athletics/athletics-doping-crisis-dick-pound-wada-report-part-ii-iaaf-a6747846.html
- The All-Russia Athletic Federation confirms it will not contest its suspension as an IAAF Member and promises active cooperation Read more at http://www.athleticsweekly.com/featured/russia-accepts-full-suspension-from-iaaf-36375/#jR8BTZX1yYpwdVEG.99
- To be reinstated, Russia will now have to clear numerous hurdles, not only sanctioning athletes and others who doped or were complicit in cheating and cover-ups but also carrying out a series of reforms. It will have to satisfy an IAAF inspection commission that it has ticked all the boxes required to be allowed back into the fold. An IAAF council meeting on Thursday in Monaco was fleshing out the exact details of what those boxes will be. See http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm?c_id=19&objectid=11551958&ref=rss
- Two Russian weightlifters, two professional cyclists and a sport dancer have been banned for doping, the country's antidoping agency has confirmed. The cyclists are Ivan Lutsenko and Andrei Lukonin, who represented Itera-Katusha in European tour events this season, with Lutsenko also winning the silver medal at this year's Russian national under-23 championships. The weightlifters include Russian junior silver medallist Azamat Dzhioev, who received a four-year ban. He was previously banned from 2012 until last year for another doping offence. Also suspended is Russian Cup bronze medal-winning weightlifter Sergei Zhuromsky, who received a four-year ban, and sport dancer Andrei Gusev, banned for a year. Is Russia clean yet – I don't think so! See http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/11/27/five-russians-banneddoping
- Two-time cross-country world champion Emily Chebet was among seven Kenyan athletes banned for doping Friday, another indication that the country has a serious problem of cheating among its famed distance runners.

See http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm?c_id=19&objectid=11552700&ref=rss

- The IAAF Ethics Commission has suspended three Athletics Kenya officials for their alleged involvement in graft and subversion of the anti-doping control in Kenya. The commission indicated that a prima facie case has been established against outgoing AK President Isaiah Kiplagat, Vice President David Okeyo and former AK Treasurer Joseph Kinyua. Consequently, the officials have been suspended for six months (180 days) to allow investigations into the allegations. See http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/athletics/IAAF-suspends-Athletics-Kenya-top-three-officials-overgraft/-/1100/2978846/-/v97w53/-/index.html
- And if you really want to know the long term consequences of illegal sports related drug usage, you need look no further than the excesses of the East German sports machine of the 1980s.

Great article at http://www.nzherald.co.nz/athletics/news/article.cfm?c_id=19&objectid=11552647&ref=rss

DATES...DATES...DATES

As usual, I finish with a list of upcoming events on the local, national and international fronts. Let me know of any errors/omissions.

2015/2016 Australian/Victorian Key Dates

| Dec 4-7, 2015 | Australian All-Schools Championships, Melbourne, VIC |
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| Sun Dec 13, 2015 | Australian 50km Championship, Fawkner Park, VIC |
| Sun Feb 21, 2016 | Australian Summer 20km Championships, Adelaide, SA |
| Mar 5, 2016 | Melbourne Track Classic 5000m Walk, Albert Park, VIC |
| Apr 16-19, 2016 | Australian Masters T&F Championships, Adelaide, SA |

2015 International Key Dates

Dec 12-13, 2015 MKH Kajang 12 Hour International Walk, Kajang, Malaysia. See www.themarathonshop.com.my

2016 International Key Dates

| May 7-8, 2016 | 27 th IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships, TBA |
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| July 19-24, 2016 | 16th World Junior T&F Championships, TBA |
| Oct 26 -Nov 6, 2016 | 21st World Masters T&F Champs Stadia, Perth, Australia. See http://www.perth2016.com |
| Aug 5-21, 2016 | 31st Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. See http://www.rio2016.com/en |

2016 IAAF Challenge Series (so far)

| Sat March 12, 2016 | Chihuahua, Mexico |
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| Sat March 19, 2016 | Dudince, Slovakia |
| Sat April 9, 2016 | Rio Maior, Portugal |
| Sat April 23, 2016 | Taicang, China |
| May 7-8, 2016 | World Cup, TBA |
| Sat May 28, 2016 | La Coruna, Spain |
| August 12-21, 2016 | Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |

2016 EAA Permit meets

| Sat Apr 9, 2016 | Podebrady Walking 2016, Podebrady, CZE |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat June 10, 2016 | 42 nd International Race Walking Festival, LTU |
| Sun June 18, 2016 | 19th Dublin International Grand Prix of Race Walking, Dublin, IRL |
| Sept 10, 2016 | Voronovo Cup, Voronovo, RUS |

Looking Further Forward

| Mar 18-25, 2017 | World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships, Daegu South Korea |
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| April 21-30, 2017 | World Masters Games 2017, Auckland, NZ. See www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz |
| July 12-16, 2017 | 10 th World Youth T&F Championships, Niarobi, Kenya |
| August 5-13, 2017 | 16 th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, London, UK |
| August 19-30, 2017 | 29 th Summer Universide, Taipei, Taiwan |
| Apr 4-15, 2018 | XXI Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, QLD (racewalks on the program). See http://www.gc2018.com |
| May 2018 | 28th IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships, Cheboksary, Russia |
| July 2018 | 16 th World Junior T&F Championships, ? |
| TBA, 2018 | 22 nd World Masters Athletics T&F Championships, Malaga, Spain |
| 2019 | 17th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Doha, Qatar |
| July 2019 | 11 th World Youth T&F Championships, ? |
| July 2019 | 30 th Summer Universiade, Brasilia, Brazil |
| July 2020 | 32 nd Olympic Games, Tokyo |
| Aug 2021 | 18th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Eugene, USA |
| July 18-30, 2022 | XXII Commonwealth Games, Durban, South Africa |
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