

MASTERS 21st JOHNSONVILLE 8km ROAD RACE & RACE WALK

Sunday 7th August 2005

Glorious spring-like conditions for running the coming-of-age version of this event around the Johnsonville road mile brought out a modest number of walkers and runners. Diane Isherwood (Wainuiomata) won the walk. In the run, Dave Murgatroyd and Ged Brent (both Olympic) were first and second, ahead of Peter Wrigley (Scottish). Scottish won the mixed-gender team race (Peter Wrigley, Chris Harp, Richard Sweetman and Maryanne Palmer). All finishers were presented with a memorial maquette to celebrate the 21st running of this event.

Fastest woman was Trentham United's Diane Rogers. Peter Thomas (also Trentham) again won the Jim Lockhart and Mariette Hewitson Memorial Baton for being the closest to breaking an age record in the run.

After the races, as is the custom, runners and walkers were treated to a hot lunch in the Olympic Harriers' clubrooms. Brian Watson of Olympic Harriers has been organising these races for 21 years and was presented with a memorial certificate by WMA President John Palmer (John remarked: "There can't be many races around the country that have been going for 21 years with the same organiser!").

Steve Hunt (at age 40) of Scottish set the men's race record with a time of 26:15 in 1994, while Judith Stewart, also from Scottish, set the women's record of 31:56 in 1989 when she was 35.

Name	Club	Age Category	Race Time	Ave k/min	Race Place	Grade Place
Runners			8k			
Dave Murgatroyd	Olympic	M40	30:42	3:50	1	1
Ged Brent	Olympic	M45	30:43	3:50	2	1
Peter Wrigley	Wellington Scottish	M45	31:45	3:58	3	2
Chris Harp	Wellington Scottish	M45	33:04	4:08	4	3
Paul Homan	Trentham United	M40	33:23	4:10	5	2
Robin Curry	Trentham United	M40	36:21	4:33	6	3
Richard Sweetman	Wellington Scottish	M55	37:09	4:39	7	1
Ellis Goodyear	Capital Harriers	M70	40:35	5:04	8	1
Paul Rodway	Wellington Scottish	M55	41:02	5:08	9	2
Albert van Veen	Valleys United	M55	41:57	5:15	10	3
Ken Ritchie	Olympic	M60	41:58	5:15	11	1
Diane Rogers	Trentham United	W65	42:19	5:17	12	1
Harry Ross	Wellington Masters	M65	43:20	5:25	13	1
Meryl McKay	Wellington Marathon Clinic	W60	43:28	5:26	14	1
Harold Alcock	Olympic	M60	44:42	5:35	15	2
Peter Thomas	Trentham United	M75	44:49	5:36	16	1
Maryanne Palmer	Wellington Scottish	W50	44:58	5:37	17	1
Roy Rogers	Trentham United	M70	45:32	5:41	18	2
Lynn Broad	Olympic	W45	57:22	7:10	19	1
Walkers			6.4k			
Diane Isherwood	Wainuiomata	W45	48:54	7:38	1	1
Gretchen Lash	Trentham United	W60	50:38	7:55	2	2
Margaret Bray	Wellington Scottish	W55	54:25	8:30	3	3
Colleen Singleton	Olympic	W60	57:14	8:57	4	4

(Results courtesy Scottish website)