**QMA Combined Events**

QMA introduced **three new concepts** at their State Combined Events Championships on the weekend 2nd and 3rd February.

**Firstly** the decathlon and heptathlon were opened up to **both** men and women.

**Secondly** athletes had the option to compete in the decathlon and heptathlon but with lower hurdle heights.

**Thirdly** athletes could nominate for **individual events** in the decathlon or heptathlon and then be placed in a **team** that would compete in all the events between them. The decathlon teams could have two to four members and the heptathlon teams could have two to three members.

**The Outcome**

One male athlete took up the option to compete in the heptathlon. One female participated in the team throws in the decathlon. Seven teams competed in the decathlon and two teams participated in the heptathlon.

Each team contained a range of age groups but each athlete scored points according to their own actual age group. Consequently team scores and totals had to be calculated manually.

**Decathlon Results**

In the decathlon Dave Varley (M55) topped the point score with 5569 points closely followed by Mark McLean (M60) on 5358 points and Bruce Bodsworth (M65) in third place with 4711 points.

Team Results:

1st: Neil Gray M60, Glen Dunne M60, John Musters M60, Gary Parkinson M50 - 4959 points

2nd: Bruce Bodsworth M65, Guy Quarterman M75, Rob Lasker M55, Akshay Gupte M35 - 4544 points

3rd: Michael Hughes M50, D James M55, Howard Arbuthnot M50, Althea Mackie W45 - 4536 points

4th: Peter Kennedy M70, Deiter Lacko M70, Brian Key M55 - 4313 points

5th: Bernie Smith M80, Spencer Herft M80, Ian Kennedy M75, Paul Chaplain M70 - 3979 points

6th: Mark McLean M60, Jim Furlong M60, Tony Keegan M60, Lance Faulkner M30 - 3684 points (the ups and downs of a decathlon with a DNF in hurdles and a NH in pole vault)

7th: Bruce O’Connor M65, Andrew Bell M55 - 3105 points (this team had two team members absent)

**Heptathlon Results**

In the heptathlon Marge Allison topped the scoring with 4346 points with Leanne Nelson second on 4269 points and Mills Lafferty in third place.

Teams Results:

1st: Denise Quinn W60, Tamara Paterson W50, Eli Pedroni W35 - 3210 points

2nd Selina Fennamore W30, Prachita Patankar W30, Desley Ross W55 - 1531 points (this team added Desley on the day when a team member was absent but were not able to field a high jumper).

**Fun Statistics Decathlon**

Who scored the most points in each event?

**100m:** Gary Parkinson 728, Mark McLean 683, Dave Varley 669, Peter Kennedy 560

**L J:** Spencer Herft 755, Peter Kennedy 700, Bruce Bodsworth 569, Andrew Bell 550

**Shot:** John Musters 644, Peter Kennedy 625, Guy Quarterman 623, Bruce Bodsworth 548

**H J:** Brian Key 670, Bruce Bodsworth 661, Peter Kennedy 653, Mark McLean 602

**400m:** Gary Parkinson 775, Dave Varley 673, D James 580, Mark McLean 576

**Hurdles:** Dave Varley 589, Mark McLean 462, Peter Kennedy 460, Glen Dunne 376

**Discus:** Guy Quarterman 560, Peter Kennedy 557, Dave Varley 480, Michael Hughes 478

**P V:** Howard Arbuthnot 807, Dave Varley 533, Peter Kennedy 451, Michael Hughes 403

**Javelin:** Spencer Herft 687, Guy Quarterman 564, Dave Varley 561, Peter Kennedy 520

**1500m:** Tony Keegan 664, Mark McLean 663, Dave Varley 572, Deiter Lacko 461

**Putting the Best Together**

Adding the best results together from above gives a decathlon score of 6879 points.

**Fun Statistics Heptathlon**

Who scored the most points in each event?

**Hurdles:** Marge Allison 850, Leanne Nelson 399, Mills Lafferty 346

**H J:** Marge Allison 795, Leanne Nelson 566, Eli Pedroni 369

**Shot:** Marge Allison 579, Leanne Nelson 575, Denise Quinn 567

**200m:** Leanne Nelson 849, Marge Allison 757, tamara Paterson 614

**L J:** Leanne Nelson 626, Tamara Paterson 535, Marge Allison 367

**Javelin:** Leanne Nelson 626, Mills Lafferty 479, Tamara Paterson 461,

**800m:** Leanne Nelson 731, Marge Allison 625, Tamara Paterson 366

**Putting the Best Together**

Adding the best results together from above gives a heptathlon score of 4953 points.

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