

RAINBOW BEACH TRAIL RUN - 52KM SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 1997

by Gary Parsons

This is the last run on the Q.U.R.C. Calendar for 1997. A total of 54 runners signed on for the three events. 21 started in the 52km ultra, a record for this distance.

Male section: Asim Mesalic set the pace, first off the beach then into the forest and sandy trails. Asim was the first home at check-point 1 at 2hrs.32 but withdrew with knee problems. Only 2 minutes behind Asim was newcomer Ed Matterson, closely followed by my old running mate and rival in fun-runs, Tony McCall from Brisbane. (Tony's first ultra. Tony & Ed worked the last 20kms. Ed told me after the race that he just wanted to get out of Tony's sight and he believed that would be enough to break Tony. Ed finished 6 minutes ahead of Tony, who said to me as he passed me on the trail, "Legs are sore". They were good runs by both men on a hard course. Third spot was taken out by 55 year old Cliff French. It was Cliff's first long run for about 6 months, and at the turn-around, I bet Cliff had Ed and Tony worried, with only minutes between the three runners. There were many good runs. Ian McCloskey's 6th place sealed the Q.U.R.C. Men's Most Consistent Ultra-runner Award. (Ian won the 7 day holiday random draw prize). It was good to see many first timers to the ultra scene competing.

Female Section: Lyn Gordon-Lewis was first off the beach, closely followed by Alison Coleman and Jill Winny at check-point 1. Lyn held a 2 minute lead over Alison and 6 minutes on Jill. Lyn ran steady over the last 20kms. to finish 22 minutes ahead of Alison. This win gave Lyn the Most Consistent Female Ultra-runner Award for 1997 in the Q.U.R.C. club. This makes it 3 years' running. There were good runs and walks by all the girls. Angela Clark was the first club lady to complete all the runs in our season. Good one Angela!

The Q.U.R.C. would like to thank John, Rainbow Beach Life Savers' Club President and Denis Parten, Race Director for yet another great race.

Gary Parsons (Queensland Interstate AURA Rep.)

RESULTS: 52KM

1. Ed Matterson	4.43	12. Asim Mesalic	DNF
2. Tony McCall	4.48	13. Walter Kelemen	DNF
3. Cliff French	4.56	14. Peter Lewis	DNF
4. Brian Evans	5.23	<u>Ladies:</u>	
5. Geoff Williams	5.36	1. Lyn Gordon-Lewis	5.40
6. Ian McCloskey	5.39	2. Alison Coleman	6.02
7. Bob Burns	6.04	3. Jill Winny	6.20
8. Mick Corby	6.13	4. Angela Clark	7.15
9. Corrie Davel	6.25	5. Kerry Hall (walk)	8.30
10. Rod Morgan	6.55	6. Melanie Jonker (walk)	8.57
11. Ralph Pack	7.15		

LIES, DAMNED LIES.

I would just like to reveal the "REAL" facts after having been on the end of a serious bagging from that EVIL man, Ross Shilston. In the previous issue he had the audacity to criticize my occasional "lack of direction" in some trail runs.

Poor Ross fails to mention that it was he that led us astray at the Jugungal Race when he inadvertantly fell down a rabbit burrow whilst climbing up Valentines Falls and as for the Glasshouse Mountains Race, well if he is silly enough to follow me then that is his fault. He should have been looking for those ribbons.

Now getting lost is not very clever but the least clever thing I did was to trust Ross to secure good seats to the recent Bledisloe Cup Rugby Union game at the M.C.G. As the stadium holds 100,000 people I thought that would not be to hard. Sure enough, we ended up sitting up so high that the field looked like a postage stamp, we may as well have been in the "Whitmans Blimp" and, of course, our seats were out in the open so, naturally enough, it rained. As far as the game was concerned, it was so one sided that it was boring.

I hold Ross personally responsible for all these shortcomings, so it is time that he had a "GOOD, HARD look at himself."

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