

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members and friends of Ivanhoe Harriers. Since my last message in June a great deal has been happening behind the scenes. Your new Committee has had two full meetings with a raft of proposals discussed and some very positive results so far.

Our new Secretary this year is John Edney, congratulations John on your appointment. Just for the record, the full Committee is as follows:

President:	Jeff Franklin
Vice President:	John David
Secretary:	John Edney
Treasurer:	David Burke

General Committee: Catherine Brennan, Matthew Hall, Michael Wallis, Richard Russell, James Lynch, Stephen Pegg.

I am also very pleased to announce that Stephen Pegg is the new Cursus Editor having taken on the role from David Illingworth. It is appropriate to extend the thanks and gratitude of the Club to David on a job well done. Cursus is the lifeblood of the Club and David set a very high standard indeed. Due to various commitments, David needed to step back from the role.

In my previous message I outlined three main objectives which I intend to champion during my time as President. Firstly, to grow and strengthen the committee in order to provide solid leadership and succession planning for the future of the club. I am very pleased with the breadth of talent on our new committee. Secondly, to pursue ongoing relationships with other clubs and schools. The very first of these actions is the coaching clinics for Ivanhoe Grammar School. I am hopeful that our efforts here will produce new members. Thirdly, to improve our financial position. In that regard, we have already secured generous

sponsorship from Miles Real Estate which is a very valuable start to the season which will help us fund future projects. With those solid foundations in place we now need to focus our attention on membership. We are aware that the draft plan for the coming summer season shows the start date as 10th October 2015. This will be finalized over coming weeks. We have already achieved three great outcomes as outlined above. It is now up to you, I am appealing to all of our past Members to join up as quickly as possible.

Growing our membership is now our biggest single challenge, if you have any queries please contact our Registrar - John David - 0400 232069 Register via AV Website, select Ivanhoe Harriers. WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO RE-JOIN TO GROW THIS GREAT CLUB.

NEW SPONSORSHIP DEAL

We are delighted to announce that Miles Real Estate has approved a new sponsorship for our Club for the upcoming season.

The contribution from Miles will assist the Club to finance the initial acquisition of a new set of spray jackets of very high quality. The jackets will show our logo and our sponsors logo and will be available for purchase later in the year. This initiative will also help us to strengthen our financial position. Miles Real Estate has a great belief in supporting local community organisations and was keen to get on board after the success of the Centenary Dinner. Hopefully, should any of our members need to buy/sell real estate, where possible we should try to support our generous sponsor.

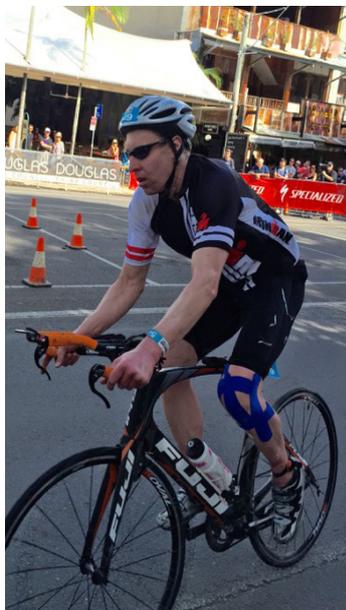


HARRIER HAS THE WILL OF AN IRONMAN

By Jeff Franklin

Ivanhoe Harrier, James Lynch, competed in the Cairns Ironman on Sunday 14th June 2015 in humid conditions with a top temperature on the day of 27degrees - a far cry from here in Melbourne at the moment. The event comprised a 3.8km swim at Palm Cove followed by a gruelling 180km cycling course between Cairns and Port Douglas, followed by a full marathon of 42.2 km's at Cairns.

James finished the event in the creditable time of 12 hours 12 min 09 sec. He was happy with his swim but had trouble in the bike leg, losing his chain a few times which cost him valuable time. He recovered amazingly well and is already looking forward to his next "Ironman" event which may be in Western Australia. Interestingly, James commenced his athletic career with Ivanhoe Harriers over 20 years ago, competing as an "A" Grade 400m track runner and has progressed over time to this premier distance event. He is still involved in track running and has an interest in coaching junior athletes.



COACHING CLINIC

Your Committee has arranged to provide 4 coaching clinics to Ivanhoe Grammar School as they prepare for their inter school sports. The Club was able to provide this service many years ago and we are pleased to reintroduce the clinics. We are hopeful that taking this step will lead to recruiting opportunities which we would not otherwise be aware of. The students participating will come from the Ivanhoe campus and the Plenty campus. We are hoping to see 40-50 boys and girls taking part. The coaching clinics will be held at Willinda Park on Saturday mornings, commencing at 9.00am on 1st, 15th, 29th August and 5th September. Ivanhoe Harriers involved

will be: John Boas, Peter Rule, Catherine Brennan, Matthew Hall, Glen Nicholson, James Lynch, Stephen Pegg, and Richard Russell.

MEDIA RELEASE - IAN CAMPBELL

By David Grace QC,
President Athletics Australia

25 July 2015

Today, 25 July 2015, marks the 35th anniversary of the final of the Men's Triple Jump competition at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. The Australian Triple Jump record holder at that time, Ian Campbell, was in outstanding form and was the leading qualifier for the 12 - man final with a jump of 17.02 metres. He was therefore one of the favourites together with the defending champion and triple Olympic Gold Medallist Viktor Saneyev from the USSR and the then world record holder, the great Joao Carlos de Oliveira from Brazil.

In the final, Campbell's first attempt was adjudged to be a foul for overstepping the take - off line. His second attempt, taking off from well behind the takeoff line for safety, was measured as 16.72 metres. On his third attempt, Campbell landed in the pit at a point between the marker designating the Olympic record of 17.39 metres and that designating the World record of 17.89 metres. He bounded from the pit excited with his performance only to see that excitement turn to dismay when the chief judge raised a red flag, indicating a foul jump. Thinking that he had again overstepped the take-off line, he enquired of the official as to how far over he had fouled. He was then told that it was not a foul jump for overstepping the take-off line but was classed as a foul because of an apparent scraping by the foot of his trail leg as he entered the jump phase of his attempt. Campbell knew he had not scraped, and made an immediate protest. He requested that an International referee fluent in English be called to arbitrate. His request was denied and his protest dismissed. Further protests, after the event, by the Australian athletics section manager, Mr Ray Durie, were also dismissed.

Campbell's last three jumps were also adjudged to be fouls and at the conclusion of the competition he was placed fifth, with his second jump of 16.72 metres being recorded as his only valid jump. The

surprise winner from the USSR, Jaak Uudmae, won the event with a distance of 17.35 metres, the silver going to Saneyev (who now lives in Sydney) with 17.24 metres and the bronze to DeOliveira with 17.22 metres. Campbell's third attempt was clearly in excess of Uudmae's gold medal winning jump.

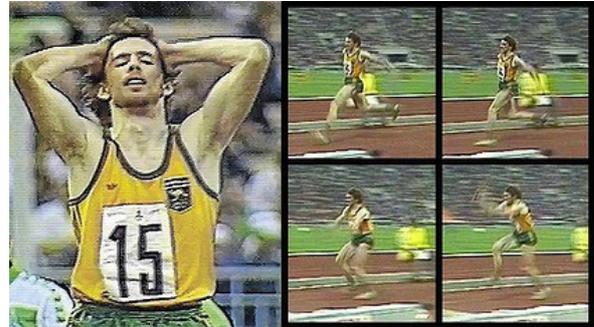


For many years Campbell, his coach John Boas and a number of independent observers have claimed that the officiating at the event resulted in a great injustice to Campbell. Over the years there have been allegations that the event was not conducted with the appropriate level of integrity, both on and off the field.

In 2014, Athletics Australia approached Campbell and Boas about a re-examination of the outcome of the event. As a result of this approach, a study of Campbell's third attempt in the Moscow final was undertaken by a team of biomechanists led by Dr Simon Taylor of the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Active Living (ISEAL) at Victoria University in Melbourne. Dr Taylor's team used two independent photogrammetric techniques, which extract real-world measurements from photographs, to estimate Campbell's jump distance from video footage from official broadcast film. The result of this study revealed that Campbell's jump distance on his third attempt was between 17.49 and 17.53 metres, with the best estimate of 17.51 metres having a combined uncertainty of ± 2 cm. Campbell's jump distance was therefore well in excess of the gold medal winning distance. The methodology used and the conclusions reached by Dr Taylor's team have been verified by both Australian and international expert reviewers.

In relation to the scraping issue, the triple jump comprises three phases, a hop, a step and a jump. In 1980, IAAF rule 174(5) stated that if the trailing leg (the sleeping leg) touched the ground (scraped) during any phase the attempt would be classed as a failure. That rule has since

been abolished, as it was considered that no advantage would be gained through scraping and was only related to style. The current rule (IAAF Competition Rules 2014-2015, rule 186: 2) states: It shall not be considered a failure if the athlete, while jumping, touches the ground with the "sleeping" leg.



The Report states that from the film of the attempt there is no indication that a scrape had occurred. The result of scraping would be to reduce the angular momentum of the lower limbs and to increase the momentum of the upper limbs causing a loss of balance and thus impacting adversely upon the distance able to be achieved. Furthermore, it would be physically impossible to scrape with the trail leg, bearing in mind that the shoe of the trail leg contains spikes on its sole, and still be able to jump the distance that Campbell did. If there had been a scrape it would more likely have hindered Campbell even resulting in him tripping himself up and not completing the jump phase to any great extent. Experts in triple jumping acknowledge the logic behind this proposition.

Athletics Australia has reviewed the report from the ISEAL biomechanics team and recognises that the third jump of Ian Campbell in the final was a distance of 17.51 metres, within an uncertainty of no more than 4 cm, thus exceeding both the gold medal winning jump and the then Olympic record. Athletics Australia will submit the report to the IAAF with a request that the IAAF appoint independent technical experts to assess the report and the evidence it has produced and, if confirmed, request the IAAF to call upon the IOC to recognise Campbell's third round attempt as a legitimate jump and to reverse the foul call. It is hoped that this will produce a re-adjustment of the event results and result in a gold medal being awarded by the IOC to Campbell.

Athletics Australia has also taken this opportunity to call upon the IAAF to investigate the result of

the 1948 Helsinki Olympics Women's 200 metre final. In that event Shirley Strickland de la Hunty was officially placed fourth. Later examination of the photo finish film has revealed that she clearly finished in third place albeit by a slim margin. At the time photo finish film was only used by judges when the judges thought it necessary. However, the film clearly shows an error was made. Athletics Australia will call upon the IAAF to investigate this matter and, if confirmed, to recognise Shirley's performance. This should then lead to an adjustment of the results and a request to the IOC to award Shirley a bronze medal.

There are precedents for such actions. In 1985, for example, the IAAF recognised that there had been an error in the placings in the Women's 100 metres hurdles final at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. A bronze medal was awarded to the French athlete Michele Chardonnet after a close examination of the previously unavailable additional photo finish film determined that a dead heat for third place was the correct result

Advances in science over time have allowed sporting organisations to discover and detect errors in results that have occurred many years in the past. To correct these errors, even after so many years, is the just and right thing to do.

COACHING OPPORTUNITY

Your Committee has been having discussions with our Coaches and has been looking at opportunities to grow our coaching group. With this aspect of our Club in mind, we would very much welcome some input from our past athletes and members. There must be opportunities where individuals can donate a little of their time towards helping to encourage and/or coach junior athletes.

This could be in the form of part time or full time. It could be for example one of our retired Walkers who might be prepared to go to the track once a week or once a fortnight to help with advice. We are looking for suggestions, or volunteers, any ideas appreciated.

Please contact Jeff Franklin on 0419 499711 if you would like to discuss.

IVANHOE HARRIERS ON FACEBOOK

By Stephen Pegg

With a large and ever increasing athletics community on Facebook, it is important that we make an effort to increase our profile in order to grow our membership base. Please support the club by liking us - <https://www.facebook.com/IvanhoeHarriersAthleticsClub?ref=bookmarks>, or simply search **Ivanhoe Harriers Athletics Club** in the search bar. It would be much appreciated if everyone could also share us on their Facebook timeline.

We are aiming to achieve 200+ likes within the next few weeks. Thanks everyone 👍

