

AJ Hackett Poker Run - Race Report and Results (13 March 2010)

by Chris White

Sixty Two hardy runners tackled the third annual Poker Run, the first ever AJ Hackett Poker Run and the first event in the all new Dirty Northern Trail Running Series. Despite a wet and wild Saturday morning, a clear sunny afternoon ensured a dry trail (wet season dry) with cool (summer cool) and shady conditions.

A few wise local runners have long considered the Smithfield Mountain Bike Park the finest running and training location in the immediate Cairns area. This is no doubt due to the many and varied loop options, shady conditions and well maintained, often empty trails. This list of runners may well grow following the Poker Run, at least if the overwhelmingly positive response of many runners after the event is a reasonable guide.

Runners again had the choice of long (3km, 120m ascent) and short (2.2km, 75m ascent) loops with loops completed within 60minutes counting. The number of cards in each Poker Hand was determined by the number of loops completed within the hour (2 cards for long, 1 card for short) while category placings were determined by long loops, short loops if a countback was required and then the time of final loop completion in the event that loop numbers left two runners tied. (Detailed results can be found at www.roadrunners.org.au)

Michelle Wellington took out the prize for the best poker hand, followed by Anita Appleby and Kallen Hardie.

The very capable recording crew of **Paula Besgrove, Nance Storch, Julia McPhail and Irene Rooke** worked vigorously in occasionally hectic conditions to compile the extensive results (massive thanks to the recording crew!). **Shane White** cooked the sausages and lovely chickpea patties (made by **Chris White**). Further thanks go to **AJ Hackett** for major prize donations (Bungy Jumps and Minjin Swings), the **Wet Tropics Management Authority** for prize donations, **Hot Shotz Mobile Coffee** (for free coffee to the volunteers), **Choice Australia Management** (for bottles of water) and **Adam Fletcher** for collecting trail markers following the event. Thank you also **Idan Piercy** and all those helping at the water stop and the packing up after the event.

Cairns Road Runners and Triathlon Club AJ Hackett Poker Run Results, 13 March 2010

J=Junior U19, O=Open, 19-39, Mas=Masters40+, M= Male, F=Female

Surname	First Name		Long Loop Total	Short Loop Total	Finish Time	Overall Result
James	Bini	JM	4	0	58:38:00	1
Bradshaw	Phil	OM	3	0	44:42:00	2
White	Chris	OM	3	0	48:01:00	3
Cunningham	Steve	MasM	3	0	53:12:00	4
White	Shane	OM	3	0	53:26:00	5
Horobin	Heath	OM	3	0	53:40:00	6
Dewar	Matthew	OM	3	0	53:57:00	7
O'Mahony	Bryan	OM	3	0	54:29:00	8

Robinson	Glen	OM	3	0	54:53:00	9
Boisuert	Serge	OM	3	0	55:57:00	10
Whittle	Ivan	MasM	3	0	56:18:00	11
Appleby	Nev	MasM	3	0	56:33:00	12
Hargreaves	Andrea	MasF	3	0	56:48:00	14
Appleby	Anita	MasF	3	0	57:05:00	15
Boddington	Natalie	OF	3	0	58:02:00	16
Lawson	Larry	MasM	3	0	58:16:00	13
Rooke	Emma	JF	2	1	56:04:00	17
Ahern	Jarrod	JM	2	2	57:44:00	18
Smith	Gareth	OM	2	1	50:55:00	19
Depper	Shawn	OM	2	1	54:23:00	20
Anderson Clemence	Muzza	OM	2	1	56:36:00	21
Sievers	Jordan	JM	2	1	57:21:00	22
Fletcher	Adam	OM	2	1	58:35:00	23
Hardy	Kallen	JM	2	1	58:52:00	24
Smith	Ben	OM	2	1	59:26:00	25
Wellington	Michelle	OF	2	1	59:44:00	26
McPhail	Glenn	OM	2	0	37:15:00	27
McKenzie	Rob	MasM	2	0	41:04:00	28
O'Mahony	Ronan	OM	2	0	41:39:00	29
Simpson	Andrew	OM	2	0	45:30:00	30
Courtney	Alan	MasM	2	0	45:33:00	31
Rooke	Ian	MasM	2	0	49:59:00	32
Sager	Julie	OF	2	0	40:34:00	33
Howarth	Lauretta	OF	2	0	41:19:00	34
Morgan	Anna	MasF	2	0	44:26:00	35
Smith	Alison	OF	2	0	44:34:00	36
Bullen	Ruth	MasF	2	0	47:44:00	37
Narula	Anita	OF	2	0	48:24:00	38
Hougan	Jordan	MasF	2	0	48:31:00	39
Jourdan	Mary-Francis	MasF	2	0	50:00:00	40
Letts	Kirsten	OF	2	0	50:05:00	41
Mackenzie	Celia	MasF	2	0	55:20:00	42

Bradshaw	Lorna	OF	2	0	56:00:00	43
Hunter	Clare	OF	2	0	56:02:00	44
Kaehler	Sarah	OF	2	0	56:04:00	45
Lawson	Lorraine	MasF	2	0	58:13:00	46
Hargreaves	Ella	JF	1	1	36:48:00	47
Storch	Adaline	JF	1	1	39:33:00	48
Storch	Monique	JF	1	1	39:34:00	49
Hansen	Silas	JM	1	1	42:45:00	50
Cavill	Jim	MasM	1	1	49:29:00	51
Sager	Whitney	JF	1	1	50:12:00	52
Rooke	Tegan	JF	1	1	50:12:00	53
Slimming	Meyric	OM	1	0	27:49:00	54
Frecklington	Zoe	JF	1	0	32:14:00	55
Sager	Breiden	JM	1	0	32:17:00	56
Hartley	Todd	OM	1	0	41:05:00	57
Johnson	Stevie	MasF	1	0	42:13:00	58
Smith	Kelsey	OF	0	2	43:59:00	59
Smith	Stephanie	OF	0	2	47:16:00	60
Hargreaves	Darren	MasM	1	0	29:28:00	61
Smith	Owen	MasM	0	2	47:19:00	62