

Cairns Road Runners Poker Trail Run, 25 February 2012

Race Director: Gareth Smith

Race Report: Linda Adams

Under dark and ominous skies, a large group of runners set out on the 2012 Pump 'n Pedals Poker Trail Race on 25 February 2012.

The threat of rain and lots of mud seemed to add further to the anticipation of the run however it was not to be. The rain held off and the course remained dry (all except for the dreaded creek crossings).

With over 60 competitors and 19 volunteers taking over the trails, the once calm and peaceful tracks became rowdy and loud with laughter, shouts and the steady thump of Cairns Trail Runners' shoes.

The race director -Gareth Smith - did a fantastic job with the volunteers to make sure that all the tracks were well sign posted and clearly marked and monitored. None of our runners got lost.

The two courses were well planned, each with their own level of difficulty. The shorter more flatter of the two was tailored to suit the beginners and the junior runners whilst the more experienced trail runners enjoyed traversing a few hills on the longer track. As usual the creek had its own set of challenges however there were no reports of competitors falling in unlike the practice trail run a few weeks back.

The goal was to run as many loops of the tracks as possible in an hour to accumulate playing cards. Once the cards were collected then the best poker hand would win.

Congratulations to the ultimate poker challenge winner Jake Cashion who won a \$50 Pump 'n Pedals voucher for his poker hand.

Jake shared the "most laps completed" award together with Gabriel Smrekar (a visitor to Cairns from Slovakia). Each received a \$25 voucher from Pump 'n Pedals to use in store.

A \$50 Voucher was given to a lucky on line entrant (it pays to register and pay on line before the races). And 4 x \$25 vouchers were drawn throughout the afternoon as lucky door prizes.

A Special Thank you to our sponsors Pump 'n Pedals for providing the prizes and support on the day.

Cairns Road and Trail Runners Club is run by volunteers and without their help events like this would not happen. Thank you to all those who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help out and to make this the great event it was.

See you all at the Rocks this Saturday, 3rd March.

Aitken, Michael
Akmentins, Melissa
Baister, Brooke

Ball, Martin
Bell, Christine
Berry, Jake
Berry, Shawn
Best, Charlton
Betesta, Steve
Black, Tony
Bradt, Nick
Burrows, Stephen
Carrison, Marnie
Cashion, Jake
Cunningham, Steve
Dixon, Sally
Elmer, Don
English, Doug
Farkas, Alex
Farkas, Michelle
Ford, Cameron
Gadhvi, Ambika
Gadhvi, Baz
Gadhvi, Deepa
Godfrey, Andrew
Greenwood, Andrew
Greenwood, Hannah
Griffiths, Sarah
Hansen, Bruce
Hansen, Lesa
Hargreaves, Andrea
Hargreaves, Ella
Johnson, Stevie
Kahler, Jane
Lawson, Larry
Lawson, Lorraine
Lupson, Donna
Lupson, Wil
Musgrove, John
O'Mahony, Bryan
O'Mahony, Ronan
Ratcliffe, Chrissy
Ratcliffe, Scott

Richards, Katie
Shearer, Margie
Skinner, David
Smith, Corinne
Smrekar, Gabrijel
St Amand, Mark
Vaughan, Cherry
Vaughan, Gwil
Vaughan, Heather
Vaughan, John
Vaughan, Lew
Von Senden, David
Wall, David
Watters, Chris
Watters, Donal
Wells, Susan
White, Rachael
Zeylmans, Rhonda

Duty	Poker Run, 25 Feb, 4.00pm Race Director: Gareth Smith
Pull trailer to event	Mark St Amand Ronan Cross
Set up/pull down	Joel Little David von Senden John Vaughan
Rego	Paula Besgrove – entry forms Craig Warren - rego Rosie Ball Linda Adams - payments
Recording/ handing out bands	Marco Kiefer Katie Osmond
Timing – during event	n/a 1 hour race for everyone running
Marshals	Darren Hargreaves (creek 1) Joel Little (creek 2)
Catering	Tina Musgrove
Remote water station/Turn arounds	n/a
Admin	Lorraine Lawson Scooter Taylor Scott Ratcliffe
Shopping	Tina Musgrove Christine Bell