

# LEISURELY LAKE LOITER, 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

The Leisurely Lake Loiter was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008, as a combined 6 hour metrogaïne/3 hour cyclegaïne event. There was a good turn-out of enthusiastic competitors for the first NTRA activity of the year, and the wet season weather proved relatively favourable too! The course covered a lot of ground, extending from East Point to Charles Darwin National Park and Nightcliff.

In the metrogaïne, the team of Harriet Barker and Billy Lynch proved to be a winning combination, while Plaxy Purich and Antonella Calabro-Rowse were the winners of the cyclegaïne. A complete results listing can be found below. Special thanks to Jon Potter (setter), Mani Berghout (vetter) and Richard Wood (caterer), and also to Harriet Barker for staying behind and helping with the pack up post-event.

| <b>Metrogaïne results</b> |           |                          |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|---------|---------|--------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                           |           | NAME                     | TIME |         |         | winner | POINTS | WO | MO | XO | WV | MV | XV |
|                           |           |                          | OUT  | IN      | TOTAL   |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XO</b>                 | <b>15</b> | Harriet Barker           | 3pm  | 8.56:25 | 5.56:25 | 1      | 1100   |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Billy Lynch              |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>MV</b>                 | <b>3</b>  | John Shanahan            | 3pm  | 9.01:30 | 6.01:30 | 2      | 1040   |    | 1  |    |    | 1  |    |
|                           |           | Randall Cook             |      |         | -20     |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>MO</b>                 | <b>18</b> | Simon Saunders           | 3pm  | 8.51:20 | 5.51:20 | 3      | 1000   |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Ben Saunders             |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XO</b>                 | <b>6</b>  | Kylie Harvey             | 3pm  | 8.50:55 | 5.50:55 | 4      | 920    |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Michael Welch            |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Adam & Tara Taylor       |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Lucy Mc Nichol           |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Scott Key                |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XO</b>                 | <b>10</b> | Lizzy Skinner            | 3pm  | 8.54:40 | 5.54:40 | 5      | 860    |    |    | 3  |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Bryan Baker              |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Kersten Zander           |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Penny Brodnibb           |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XO</b>                 | <b>12</b> | Loren Beaman             | 3pm  | 8.23:00 | 5.23:00 | 6      | 830    |    |    | 4  |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Roscoe Mc Garry          |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XV</b>                 | <b>23</b> | Jeremy & Merri Watson    | 3pm  | 8.51:10 | 5.51:10 | 7      | 830    |    |    | 5  |    |    | 1  |
| <b>XV</b>                 | <b>2</b>  | Lesley Scott             | 3pm  | 8.56:50 | 5.56:50 | 8      | 630    |    |    | 6  |    |    | 2  |
|                           |           | Belinda Farmer           |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Chris Nagy               |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Bart Currie              |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Vicki Krause             |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WV</b>                 | <b>4</b>  | Sharon Scurr & L. Sayers | 3pm  | 8.49:50 | 5.49:50 | 9      | 590    | 1  |    |    | 1  |    |    |
| <b>WV</b>                 | <b>17</b> | Karen Dickinson          | 3pm  | 6.56:00 | 3.56:00 | 10     | 560    | 2  |    |    | 2  |    |    |
|                           |           | Fiona Murphy             |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WO</b>                 | <b>21</b> | Megan Fraser             | 3pm  | 8.35:15 | 5.35:15 | 11     | 550    | 3  |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Mal Tarbuck              |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                           |           | Fiona Harris             |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WV</b>                 | <b>5</b>  | Sue Rose                 | 3pm  | 8.46:10 | 5.46:10 | 12     | 540    | 4  |    |    | 3  |    |    |
|                           |           | Di Hebblewhite           |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WV</b>                 | <b>13</b> | Tracy Campbell           | 3pm  | 8.54:00 | 5.54:00 | 13     | 540    | 5  |    |    | 4  |    |    |
|                           |           | Anne Bamblett            |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WV</b>                 | <b>16</b> | Gurmeet Singh            | 3pm  | 8.42:20 | 5.42:20 | 14     | 480    | 6  |    |    | 5  |    |    |
|                           |           | Marea Fittock            |      |         |         |        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| <b>Cyclegaine results</b> |           |                  |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|------|---------|---------|----------|--------|---|---|----|----|----|----|
|                           |           | NAME             | TIME |         |         | winner   |        | F | J | WO | MO | XO | XV |
|                           |           |                  | OUT  | IN      | TOTAL   |          | POINTS |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>WO</b>                 | <b>20</b> | Plaxy Purich     | 5pm  | 8.05:40 | 3.05:40 | <b>1</b> | 930    |   |   | 1  |    |    |    |
|                           |           | A. Calabro-Rowse |      |         | -60     |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>MJ</b>                 | <b>9</b>  | Kelly Bertei     | 5pm  | 7.57:00 | 2.57:00 | <b>2</b> | 890    |   | 1 |    | 1  |    |    |
|                           |           | Gavin Hall       |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XV</b>                 | <b>1</b>  | M&R Anderson     | 5pm  | 7.55:00 | 2.55:00 | <b>3</b> | 830    |   |   |    |    | 1  | 1  |
| <b>XV</b>                 | <b>14</b> | Annie Whybourne  | 5pm  | 7.58:00 | 2.58:00 | <b>4</b> | 820    |   |   |    |    | 2  | 2  |
|                           |           | Dan Baschiera    |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XV</b>                 | <b>8</b>  | Christine Marron | 5pm  | 7.47:00 | 2.47:00 | <b>5</b> | 780    |   |   |    |    | 3  | 3  |
|                           |           | Mark Haste       |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>XO</b>                 | <b>22</b> | Derek Archer     | 5pm  | 7.50:00 | 2.50:00 | <b>6</b> | 770    |   |   |    |    | 4  |    |
|                           |           | Tonia Woodberry  |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| <b>F</b>                  | <b>24</b> | Geoff Brow       | 5pm  | 7.28.30 | 2.28:30 | <b>7</b> | 110    | 1 |   |    |    | 5  |    |
|                           |           | Madeline Brow    |      |         |         |          |        |   |   |    |    |    |    |

### ***LLL report from Rogaining first-timer Loren Beaman***

We turned up to Lake Alexander half an hour after the maps could be obtained, my on-time rogaining partner Roscoe was patiently waiting. We organised our paperwork and found a nice spot to sit on the grass away from prying eyes – we didn't want anyone to copy our route! Then we realised we had no idea how to choose a route... Fortunately some of the other teams were prepared to share some clues and even offered us some string! We then found out string is a useful way to measure the distances of the planned route. The checkpoints covered much of Darwin, but we chose a route that would take us from East Point to the west through Winnellie to one of the few real 'bush' checkpoints in Charles Darwin National Park, and back through the city centre, Cullen Bay and up for a stop at the hash-house before grabbing the checkpoints around East Point.

The time to start was approaching, the brief had begun as I scanned the crowd for the competition and saw a couple of blokes drinking beer. I thought this should be a pretty cruisey race.

Richard Wood (event caterer and champion rogainer – Ed.) was disappointed that no-one was running off from the starting point, but it seemed the craziest rogainers were too involved in the organising of this event to show-off their sprint start!

So off we walked.

The event had a good variety of traditional checkpoints hidden in the small patches of green spots around the city, including stormwater drains. The checkpoint in Charles Darwin NP was the most challenging for us – needing two attempts using bearings and step counting – although trying to get the right electricity meter or letterbox for some of the questions was also difficult.

Rain was threatening throughout the afternoon but there was no relief from the heat. For the first hour we had been following our plan, but the bush-bashing in the National Park slowed us down and we realized we needed to miss two 100 pointers to get back to the hash-house in time for dinner (8pm for us!). We definitely got a good feed once we got there, so good in fact that our motivation for searching for the checkpoints around East Point waned. We did manage to go for a swim in lake Alexander to get the 'floating checkpoint' after we were told that we would be the first ones to get that checkpoint! Well if we couldn't win the rogaine, we may as well win the swim leg. Overall it was a great rogaine with over 60 entrants, an interesting course and some good food! Thanks to the organisers and congratulations to the winners!

Scenes from the LLL...

