

Lovelock *Relays* 2023

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29th April



Patron's Welcome

Welcome to the 86th Annual Lovelock Relay, where we celebrate the successes of Jack Lovelock.

90 years ago, on the 15th of July 1933, Jack Lovelock competed in the Oxford and Cambridge versus Princeton and Cornell one mile at Palmer Stadium, Princeton.

The photo attached shows Lovelock easily beating his former rival Bill Bonthron.

Lovelock not only won in 4:07.6 (1500 3:50) but also created a new world record.

This was the real starting point of Lovelock's road to Olympic Gold Glory in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Enjoy the relay in honour of our former Otago University athlete.

Dave Richmond,
Hill City-University Patron



Welcome to Simon Rhodes, President of Hill City – University Athletic Club to award the trophies and prizes at this year's event.



The Man Behind the Race – Jack Lovelock

He was born in the town of Crushington (near Reefton) as the son of English immigrants. From his early days at school Lovelock participated and excelled in fields beyond athletics. At Fairlie School (1919–23) he was dux of the primary school, represented the school in rugby, competed in swimming and athletics, and was a prefect. At Timaru Boys' High School, which he attended as a boarder from 1924, he set school athletics records but was also involved in nearly every area of school life. In 1928, his final year, Lovelock was school dux, head prefect, and won the school's boxing championship cup. The following year he went to University of Otago to study medicine. Lovelock showed a talent for sports while at the University, and competed for the university team in the New Zealand 1-mile (1.6 km) championships. In 1931 he became a Rhodes Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford from 1931 to 1934. He graduated as a medical practitioner.

In 1932—by then holder of the British Empire record for the mile—Lovelock competed in the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and placed 7th in the final of the 1500 meters event.

The following year, he set a world record of 4:07.6 in the mile when running at Princeton against its emerging champion Bill Bonthron. Later, in September, he represented New Zealand in the first World Student Games where he renewed his rivalry with the 1500m champion from Los Angeles in 1932, Luigi Beccali. Beccali edged Lovelock in the final and equaled the world record for the event. In 1934 Lovelock won the gold medal in the mile at the British Empire Games. He also lost some races, and believed that he could only make one supreme effort in a season.

The highlight of Lovelock's career came in 1936, when he won the gold medal in the 1500 m at the Berlin Olympics, setting a world record in the final (3:47.8). Lovelock had plotted ever since his defeat at Los Angeles and developed a revolutionary tactic. The race is regarded as one of the finest 1500 m Olympic finals and included one of the finest fields assembled. The final was aculmination of the first great era of mile running from 1932–36 in which the world records for the 1500m and mile were broken several times. Apart from Lovelock and the American mile world record holder Glenn Cunningham who broke Lovelock's record a year later in 1934, also at Princeton, Bonthron, the 1932 Olympic Games 1500m champion at Los Angeles, Luigi Beccali and the emerging English champion Sydney Wooderson raced in Berlin. Bonthron, who held the world 1500m record, failed to make the US team, while Wooderson was found to have a fracture in his ankle and missed the final. The silver medalist in Los Angeles, John 'Jerry' Cornes also raced in Berlin along with the Swedish champion Erik Ny and the outstanding Canadian athlete Phil Edwards and another American Gene Venzke, who had been regarded as the favourite for the 1932 title until injury denied him a place in the US team. In the final, Lovelock beat Glenn Cunningham, who came in second, by making the unprecedented break from 300 m out. Lovelock had been regarded as a sprinter in the home straight but cleverly disguised his plan and caught his opponents napping with a brilliantly-timed move. Cunningham, who also broke the world record in the race, was considered by many to be the greatest American miler of all time. Beccali was third.

Lovelock, who was the captain of the New Zealand Olympic team, raced once more for the British Commonwealth after Berlin and his last race was back at Princeton en route to a Government-sponsored trip to New Zealand where he was beaten by another of the Olympic finalists Archie San Romani. Lovelock maintained his interest in athletics until at least the outbreak of the Second World War. Lovelock was a Major in the R.A.M.C. during World War II.

He married Cynthia James in 1945 and had two daughters. A year later, he began working at Manhattan Hospital in New York. On 28 December 1949, he had telephoned his wife from work to inform her that he was coming home early because he was not feeling well. He was waiting at the Church Avenue train station in Brooklyn when he fell onto the tracks, probably as a result of one of the dizziness attacks to which he was subject after being thrown from a horse in 1940. He was then killed by an oncoming train. (Wikipedia)



Programme 2023

Race 1: 1:00 pm – Social/Mixed

Race 2: 1:40 pm – Under 12/Primary School

Race 3: 1:55 pm – Mixed Otago University Residential College, High-School

Race 4: 2:25 pm – Senior Women

Race 5: 2:55 pm – Masters Men (35+), Masters Women (35+)

Race 6: 3:20 pm – Senior Men

Prize Giving

- Children's Prizegiving will be held at the conclusion of the Children's race
- General Prizegiving will be held by the Start/ Finish line at the conclusion of the event.
- Trophies are to be presented to the winning teams in the Men's and Women's A grades.
- Spot prizes are available and will be presented at the prize giving. Winners must be present at the prize giving to claim the spot prize.

Team Changes

Must be done on the Team Change sheets provided & handed to the computer operators not less than 30 mins prior to the race start.

Lap Stewards

Please notify officials when your runners are about to change/team is finishing. Fill in the Lap Steward cards provided & return them along with ALL race numbers ASAP after each race. Clubs will be charged \$10 for missing race numbers.

Entry Fees

Team captains to collect money and return with race numbers (unless the Club is being billed).

Results

Will be emailed to clubs and posted on our website:
www.hillcity.org.nz Results will be displayed at Prize Giving.

Feedback

Please email hcyharriers@gmail.com. We are always looking for ideas to make the event more successful.



Races/Teams:

Race 1 Social and Mixed

Team Name

Cavy Ferns	Jono Ryan	Gracie Young	Jayden Toomey	Heather Evans
Cavy Lillie's	Becs Webster	Donna Tumaru	Emily Blake	Celia Lie
Cavy Lavenders	Christopher Dawson	Ross Gatenby	Craig Walters Linda van der Kroef	Nick Heng
Cavy Rhodies	Joanne O'Neill	Ken Fahey	Kroef	Lorraine Stewart
Ariki Social Mixed	Brent Halley	Alice Gee	Dalise Sanderson	Emily Hay
HCU Social 'Red'	Olivia Bezett	Gavin O'Brien	Barbara Patrick	Esther Fogarty
HCU Social 'Orange'	David Mackle	Myrtle Rough	Cathy Weatherston	Stephen Pinker

Race 2 Under 12/ Primary School

Team Name

Cavy Willis's	Sammy Cotter	Alex Martin	Jack Lodge	Toby Keogh
Cavy Tanners	Menzie Saker	Josh Keogh	Perry Saker	Josh Keogh
Cavy Snell's	Nate Crawford	Lauchie Keogh	Jorja Rowe	Menzie Saker
Leith Children 1	Ellie Pattllo	Yeva Mikhisor	Thomas Clark	Ailish O'Neil
Leith Children 2	James O'Neil	Isaiah Chin	Monica Brown	Frank Marr Edward Chanalet-Quercy
Leith Children 3	Paddy Marr	Mikhisor	Ben Clark	Quercy
Leith Children 4	Rowan Hamilton	Chloe Byrne	Archie McKinlay	Another
Cavy Dixon's	Zaydan Reynolds	Amelia Reynolds	Quin Reynolds	TBD
Ariki Mixed	Hugh Walker	Xaviour Walker	Niamh Porter	Sammy Walker
HCU Children 'Red'	Benjamin Brown	Jack Weatherall	Eli Lazenby	Blake Hollows
HCU Children 'Orange'	Amelia Wilson	Pippa McLean	Eva McLean	Julia Hodgson
HCU Children 'Yellow'	Max McLean	Annabelle smith	Poppy Hussey	India Lazenby
HCU Children 'Green'	Lewis Anglemyer	Genevieve Hodgson	Connor Broom	Penelope Hodgson
HCU Children 'Blue'	Eli Marshall	Holly pellowe	Lillian Wilson	Luie Broom



Race 3 Mixed Otago University Residential College

Team Name

Salmond Salmon	Laura Milne	Jackson Brierly	Estee Jacobs	TBD
Caroline				Thomas
Freeman College	Emily Mabbitt	Reuben Fraser	John Clemance	Anderson

Race 3 High School

Team Name

Cavy Mixed SS	Oliver Lodge	Leo Young	Emily-Rose Young	Henry Hodgson
Ariki High School girls	Lola Saunders	Melanie Button	Kotomiyo Cowell	Catherine Lund

Race 4 Senior Women

Team Name

Cavy SW	Laura Bungard	Kristy Eyles	Sophie Shallard	Becky de la Harpe
		Florence Reynolds	Olivia McLachlan	
Leith SW 1	Lydia Pattillo		Sutherland	Eliza Rothery
Leith SW 2	Claudia Sole	Alice Cuthbert	Nina Batucan	Sam Kirkness
Leith SW 3	Olivia Blackie	Caitlin O'Donnell	Anna Donaldson	Ella Redmond
		Anna Farrell-		
Leith SW 4	Meg Barnes	Rosch	Maren Richter	Natalie Strong
HCU SW A	Rebekah Greene	Erin McKevitt	Rebecca Allnutt	Zara Geddes
HCU SW B	Grace Brydges	Lisa Lokman	Leia Silby	Lila Rhodes

Race 5 Masters Men (35+)

Team Name

Leith MM 1	Jason Palmer	Nic Bathgate	Glen Ferguson	Gallien Chanalet-Quercy
		Neale		
Leith MM 2	Pat Silcock	McLanachan	Marko Draganoff	Chris Clark
Leith MM 3	Jacques Brown	Don Bate	Wayne Porteous	Simon Leaning
Leith MM 4	Mark O'Neill	Mark O'Donnell	Lee Flowers	Vic Artates
Leith MM 5	Chris Sole	Peter Hughes	Marc Boule	Dave McLean
Cavy MM60+	Ian McDonald	Richard Young	Gordon Wong	Geoff Anderson
Ariki Masters Men	Xaviour Walker	Bryce Saunders	Russell Lund	Aaron Porter
HCU MM A	Elliot O'Sullivan	Simon Rhodes	Andrew More	Oliver O'Sullivan
HCU MM B	Mark Lokman	Eric Scharpf	Richard Fogarty	Mark Geddes



Race 5 Masters Women (35+)

Team Name

Leith MW 1	Sue Hendry	Orlaith Heron	Siobhan McKinlay	Lydia Pattillo Christine Montgomery
Leith MW 2	Masha Mikhisor	Robyn O'Neil	Susan Craig	
HCU MW A	Taryn McLean	Kirsty O'Sullivan	Cilla Dickinson	Aly Craigie

Race 6 Senior Men

Team

Name

Whippets A	David Lee Nathan Shanks	Connor Melton	William Little	Russell Green	Jack Paine	Ronan Codyre Leon
Cavy SM	Laim Chesney	Rocky Allan Grayson Westgate	Aaron Eyles Dan Hayman	Jonah Smith Hamish McKinlay	Ben Rowley Nathan Hill	Miyahara Ben Mitchell
Leith SM 1	Liam Turk Thomas Anderson	McKay Watson Angelus Parker	Lars Winther David Liddell	Sandor Toth James Ben Smith	Bryan Staunton Ryan Whitburn	Corey Lewis Josue Munro
Leith SM 2	Oli Chignell	Alex Witt	Kirk Madgwick Shelby	Matthew Bolter	Reuben Beard	Nico Alvarez Rey
Leith SM 3	Samuel Doherty	Luke Geddes	Francis Thomson	Finn molloy	JP Biladi	Oliver O'Sullivan
HCU SM A						
HCU SM B						



The Event

Dr. Jack Lovelock produced New Zealand's first athletics gold medal when he powered away to victory in the 1500m at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Lovelock's time, of 3:47.08 was a world record on its day and caused commentator, and friend, Harold Abrahams, to famously lose his BBC poise, breaking every broadcasting rule: *"Lovelock leads! Lovelock! Lovelock! Cunningham second, Beccali third. Come on, Jack! A hundred yards to go! Come on, Jack!! My God, he's done it. Jack, come on! ... Lovelock wins. Five yards, six yards, he wins. He's won. Hooray!!"*

Lovelock Relays was first run the year after in honour of our Jack Lovelock, this year marking the 85th year the event has taken place. Each year the steel pins set in the ground that set out the track are found, and the track measured accordingly. These had been placed by John Mackie, the Professor of Surveying and long-time member of the Otago University Harrier Club. Today they are found electronically by a complex GPS to create an accurate circuit.

The event has seen many a record set and challenged over the years, with the senior men's record now standing for an impressive 50+ years. Will this be the year to see it fall?! One of the highlights of the event was reuniting of the 1971 team in 2011 to compete again for the 40th anniversary of the record.

Otago University 1971 Lovelock Relay team Record: 24 min 12.6 sec.

Individual times:

Lindsay Dey (4min 06sec),

Alastair Stewart (4min 03sec),

Stuart Melville (3min 57sec),

Bruce Beath (4min 06sec),

Trevor Sutherland (3min 58sec),

Keith Darling (4min 02sec).



Team member and HCU patron Lindsay Dey holds a photograph of the Otago University team that set the Lovelock Relay record in 1971.



Lovelock Relay Records

Women: Otago University, 2010 (H. Newbould, A.Peat, G. Fursdon, B. Roy). Time 19:24.0

Men: Otago University, 1971. (S. Melville, A. Stewart, K. Darling, B. Beath, L. Dey, T. Sutherland). Time 24:12.6

Individual woman: Rebekah Green (Hill City University), 2013. Time 4:34.0

Individual man: Andrew Stark (Canterbury University), 1980. Time 3:52

2022 Winners

Senior Men: Whippets

Senior Women: Hill City-University

Masters Men: Leith

Masters Women: Hill City-University

High School Boys: Evolve Triathlon Coaching

High School Girls: N/A

High School Mixed: N/A

Social: Hill City-University

Race Rules

Athletics New Zealand relay rules will apply.

1. Athletes must run in the order submitted on the entry form and shown in the programme. Alterations can only be made if submitted to the Meeting Manager no later than 30 minutes before the start of the race concerned.
2. Substitute runners must come from reserves or lower ranked teams. The Meeting Manager must be notified of all substitutes before the race.
3. No competitor may run more than one leg except as provided for in Athletics NZ rules, i.e. only in case of injury.
4. Team race numbers are to be worn prominently on the front of the club singlet.



Officials

Race Organiser:	Hill City-University Athletic Club
Race Director:	Richard Fogarty
Race Entries:	Timothy Dawbin
Race Co-ordinator:	Leia Silby
PA Announcements:	Bruce Cowan, Dave Richmond
Start/Finish Timing:	Greg Johnson, Laurie Hill, Belinda Leckie, Dave Richmond
Results:	Phil Bremer, Timothy Dawbin
Track Marking:	Otago University Survey Dept, Howden Finnie, Mark Geddes

Facilities

Race Packs: Please collect and return your teams' race numbers and entry money at the University Oval, Table in Infront of the Grandstand.

Toilet and changing facilities: These are available under the grandstand, and under the Hill City University Athletic Clubrooms.



“The most beautifully executed race of my career” Jack Lovelock wins gold at Berlin. Behind him are his two great rivals, the American Glenn Cunningham, the world mile record-holder, and the Italian Luigi Beccali, the reigning Olympic champion.

- Alexander Turnbull Library

Thank you to the hard work of the Hill City-University Harriers Committee, club volunteers, and sponsors in making this event possible.



Timing sheet and runner's notes:

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2 nd runner						
3 rd runner						
4 th runner						

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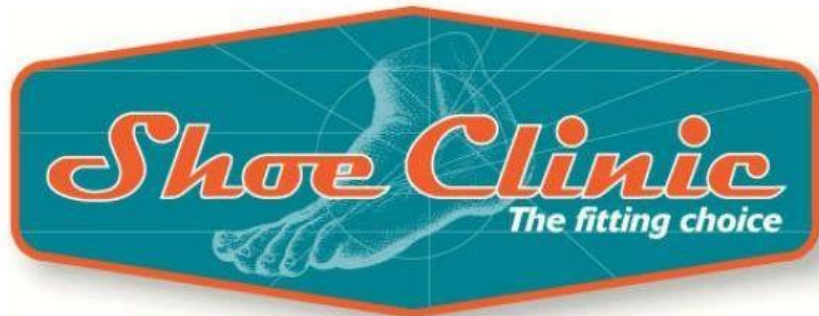
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