

Jago Cup, Percy Lawn Trophy, and Norm Cain Trophies

Many newer members will be unaware of the significance of this event. Even 'oldies' (like me) may have forgotten and I had to go researching the facts from members such as Jack and Bernie, and from members of the Y Runners and Te Awamutu Marathon Clinic (for any errors and omissions please let me know).

John Jago was a Y Runner and a jeweller in Hamilton. The Y set up an interclub fixture in the later 1980s for runners between them and the Clinic and later joined by Te Awamutu Marathon Clinic. In the 1990's Hamilton Marathon Clinic put up walkers' trophies as this activity became more popular.

Percy Lawn is commemorated in a trophy for a participating member of the hosting club who has contributed significantly to it during the year. Our last recipient was Brian Bayliss in 2007; previous HMC recipients were Deidre Matson, Maureen Doms, Wilf Johnston and Sandy Robbins.

Percy Lawn was a foundation member of Te Awamutu Marathon Clinic and before that of the Hamilton Clinic. He took part in many Jago Club events. He is remembered in both clubs as a friend and generous in support of other runners. He achieved his ambition of completing 50 marathons before the age of 60.

In the 22 November 1992 event Percy was the last to come in. He had obviously had a bad one. He finally arrived outside our door and collapsed. In spite of several CPR experts on hand he died. So the trophy honours his passing.

Norm Cain is also remembered in clinic trophies; in particular for the now defunct Cambridge to Hamilton. A keen member and good friend, (as Jack remembers), he was out cycling early one morning in the late eighties with three mates. A motor cyclist hit all three and Norm was killed. In memory Jack and Maureen donated the two trophies for men and women and is now awarded for our half marathon.

Norm Cain was killed in 1986. The first presentation of the Cambridge to Hamilton Trophies was in 1987 to W. Anderson (Men) and S. Mead (Ladies). S. Rees won it 4 times and J. Burdage six times.

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