

Sydney Junior Orienteering League

Event 4 2011: Pennant Hills

After a wet week, the sun shone and heralded a magnificent orienteering day that was hosted by Bennelong Orienteers. Competitors on the Blue and Green courses managed to mostly stay dry and were able to record some very quick times as they raced around the sporting precinct. Congratulations to Ellen who was quickest on the Blue course and also to Sophie and Ewan who were hot on her heels. Young Sophia is also doing a stirring job and her confidence should be high after successfully completing her first Blue few courses. Whilst Duncan smashed the Green course (again), Callum, Jonathon, Joanna and Hugh all recorded close times and are having a great tussle as they learn how to navigate at speed.

The older brigade had to deal with both mud and creek crossings on the Orange courses – great fun! The thick vegetation at Pennant Hills penalised anyone who chose to take a shorter route through the bush. Track running was certainly the best option however there was no way to avoid the steep climbs that slowed times and ensured tired runners at the end of their courses.

With Junior League event 4 doubling up with a MetrO League event, a number of Orange and Red level runners grabbed the opportunity to show up some of their older clubmates by having their times doublecounted in both competitions. Adam and Daniel both managed to score maximum points in both the Junior League and MetrO League competitions – great work boys!

Not surprisingly, Adam and Daniel's team performed very strongly especially as Bethany also collected 10 points from her Junior League run. Only one point behind team HH was Garingal's Attack Points, then teams Big Foot and Uringa. These young teams are looking very promising and great things can be expected in future years!