

Race Report 26.11.2023. Kaimata to Dog Trials Hall/grounds (Purangi) return 45km. Mass Start Self Graded.

Blue skies but a stiff breeze for the 19 starters for challenging course. Perhaps getting some of a frustrating Taupo race out of his system Paul Duynhoven set a solid pace after the one lane bridge and cracked on with a sprint on the first rise which split the front with only Dylan Cumming and Robbie White following. Those three worked solidly at the front of the race while when the main bunch hit the Tarata saddle further splits were caused. This made for five groups on the road.

The bunches worked solidly against a challenging breeze. Robbie White dropped back from Paul and Dylan just before the turn.

After the turn thoughts of a favourable tail wind home were quickly dashed. It was a wind that required perseverance. The return traverse of the Tarata saddle scorched some legs with the climbers making life challenging for their group mates.

At the end a power climb to finish sorted the results in respective groups. Paul Duynhoven went early but Dylan's late kick gave him the advantage and the win. Robbie White soloed to take B grade, Aiden Hutturd took C grade and John McMahon won E Grade.

Thank you to Margy Weston for timekeeping and STMS. Thank you to CJ Peters for marshalling the turnaround, Michael White for putting out signs and Kelvin Eden for raceday secretary.

Thanks Rex Cumming for the race photos.

1st Dylan Cumming A grade, fastest

2nd Paul Duynhoven

3rd Robbie White

4th Kelvin Eden

5th Michael White

6th Anthony Visser

7th Aidan Hutturd

8th Barry Marnoch

9th Paul Roe

10th Tony Williams

11th Nick Barrett

12th Angus Morley-Hall

13th James Murphy

14th Grant Deam

15th Petra Anderson

16th Peter Scrafft

17th Simon Sheehy

18th John McMahon

DNF Robert King.