

GAMES 5KM RUN-WALK 13

Former national track champions Norris Wyatt (Auckland) and Terry Manners (Hawke's Bay) won gold medals in the Masters Games 5km road run.

Wyatt, 62, an ex-steeplechase star, won his age grade in 20m 26s, six fastest of the 82 male runners, with Manners taking the 65-69 title in 21.47. Don Humphrey (Wanganui), 48, was first runner home in 17.47 with the only runner to break 20min being Kevin McQuillan (PN), 53, in 19.37.

Third fastest was Tom Dinwiddle (Wanganui) with 20.06.

Auckland's 38-year-old Rose Kraakman scampered around the course in a very slick 19.22, second fastest of the field and the only sub 20min time from the 53 women starters.

Christine Voelkerling (Huntermville), 39, was runner-up to Kraakan in the same age group with second fastest time 21.48 with Christine

Wigglesworth (Wanganui) third fastest in 22min to win her grade,

In the 5km walks, which attracted 92 men and 345 women, quickest men were the Palmerston North pair of Robert Radley, 47, and Peter Baillie, 56, both with 26.48 to win gold medals.

Then came Colin Horne (Levin) 28.21, Ian Bailey (PN) 28.31 and 63-year-old Robin Whyte (Theodore – Australia), 28.32 who all won their sections.

Fastest woman walker was Sue Hoskin (PN), 54, in 28.22.

The only other sub-30 min women's time was 29min from Gai Marie Smart (Wanganui), 42, with Otaki's Merrin Taratoa third fastest in 30.30.