



A Battle of the Emergency Services, Mud Galore, & Loads of Smiles for Starlight at Teva Adelaide!

Sunday the 12th of July saw Teva 2009 kick off with an almighty BANG in Adelaide! It might be one of our smaller events, but our competitors were big on heart, big in generosity & even bigger on Adventure!

With a raging fire in front of Race HQ and Café 2U serving up the Cappuccinos, Lattes & Hot Chocolates there was a warm welcome for the teams as they arrived on a cold and blustery morning at Mt Crawford. With a bit of rain over the preceding days it was definitely going to be a day to get down & dirty.



With a record number of teams Teva Adelaide continues to grow as South Australians get their teeth into the Adventure Racing scene.

As the sun rose, registration was underway and teams planned their course, sorted their kit and prepared for the 'Opening Challenge'. At 8:20 the first race of the season was underway. A few teams chose to sit it out the opener but the majority got straight into the 'Men's & Women's Health Ultimate Fitness Challenge'.

A few were caught out and didn't make the first level but most pushed on with encouragement from their team mates on the sidelines. As we hit level 2 all but one dropped out and we watched in awe as **Brian Golden** from team '**Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks**' went it alone and reached level 3 with ease (or at least he made it look that way ☺).

Immediately we were into the Race Brief and the first team was away at 9am with the rest following in 2 waves after.

4 CP's took the teams on MTB towards MT Crawford summit crossing the Heysen Trail before arriving at TA 5.

SAMFS (South Australia Metropolitan Fire Service) led the into TA 5 with **Just Friends** and **Hoses, Hooves & Heart**



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field

Attacks from Ambulance South Australia, just a few minutes behind after using their 3 minute head start to take a detour to try and find the 'Stash'. Just behind them **Fruands** led the female teams in with **Lock** leading the mixed category.

The first challenge at the TA had teams off on foot to collect 7 out of 8 possible CP's before getting Square Ears and jumping back onto their bikes and returning via 2 more CP's to Race HQ.

SAMFS held onto their lead by 5 minutes out of the TA with **Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks** just 5 minutes behind. The female team from **Orienteering SA** leap frogged into the lead out of the TA with **Lock** still leading the mixed teams by about 10 minutes. The Starlight Challenge at CP 7 had teams scouring the bush before the last dash into HQ and parking the bikes to take on two further challenges.

Off on foot again teams had to draw on their planning and strategy skills as they took on the Survivor Challenge and then ran the Gauntlet.





As the challenges finished and the teams raced to check out from HQ, **Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks** took a narrow lead over **SAMFS** with the field spread out behind them as they raced neck and neck into the next MTB leg, heading east now towards Mt Pleasant summit. **Orienteering SA** held onto their lead whilst **PMS** jumped into the lead for the mixed teams.

Checking in at the TA it was time for the Teva Time Trial and Symbolic, with **Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks** maintaining a slight lead. **Orienteering SA** only had a few seconds lead over **Fruands** and **PMS** led **Beauties and the Beast** by a couple of minutes. With close races throughout the field it would come down to

the last MTB leg back to Race HQ and the Finish Line to determine the winners.

A fast down hill from TA 11 led teams to the last 4 CP's before a big finish at Race HQ with **Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks** taking out line honours. At Race HQ there was a much needed BBQ provided by Gawler Scouts, another Coffee from café 2 U and a chance to share stories of dirty tracks, searching for CP's and challenge strategies.



As the final team crossed the line as prize giving started there were some great prizes from our Sponsors to reward the winners and fantastic fun one prizes for all the teams who had put in that little bit of extra effort out on the course to gain extra entries for the 'Teva Fun One' draw. A number of teams had tried for the Dash for the Stash but it was **PMS** who took home the great Camelbak prize.



The final results were:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mixed	Beauties & the Beast Linda Kyritsis Georgie Hurn Evan Jones	PMS Paul Nicolle Sarah O'Dwyer Megan Field	Ride & Seek Suzanna Richards Daniel Browning Andrew Richards
Male & Line Honours	Hoses, Hooves & Heart Attacks Morgan Coull Owen Jones Brian Golden	Just Friends Ray Scheuboeck Kieron Barnes Chris Linnell	Jam Jar Nathan Lang Kristan Pash Kynan Lang
Female Joint 1st Place	Fruands Katie McCloud Shelley Scott Caroline Burgess Orienteering SA Fern Tomas Zara Soden Kay Haarsma		Monday Night Walks Nadine Kilsby Melissa Shea Kate Merritt
Corporate	SAMFS Paul Winter Brett Fisher Scott Harris		
Top Starlight Fundraising Heroes!	Team Golders Ben Golding Kath Golding Kirsty Withers		



Our special congratulations go to everyone who competed in the spirit of the event. Who kept smiling all the way to the finish line through mud, rain & wind and especially to every team who contributed to the amazing \$3,500 raised for the Starlight Children's Foundation especially Team Golders were awarded our Top Starlight Fundraising Heroes trophies.

If you're ready for a Teva Adventure then look out for events coming to a town near you. Upcoming events include:

Perth: 26th July
 Melbourne: 9th August
 Brisbane: 23rd August
 Sydney: 6th September
 Champs Brisbane: 4th October

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