

NEXT TRAINING DAY 25 NOVEMBER

Jean Cory-Wright, the national coaching co-ordinator, has kindly agreed to come from Christchurch to run our next training day. As well as improving your o-skills, there will also be opportunity to raise your coaching skills.

Provisionally this will be held at Logan Park. Other aspects (cost, timing) may be similar to the previous training day at McLeods Farm.

This time we will ask you to register your interest (to Jane Forsyth, e-mail: J.Forsyth@gns.cri.nz Phone: 478 0281) in this event beforehand, with an indication of what level courses you usually run.

More details will be available in the November DOCument - but until then, keep the date free! The following day will be a club event billed as "Fun event", not sure where this is going to be held but we will know closer to the time.

FROM THE COMMITTEE.

WHERE are the metal poles for the start/finish banners? These were bent during high winds at the Pyramids a month or 2 back and have not been seen since. If you know where these are, please let Richard Thum the equipment officer know.

AN IRISH ELITE ORIENTEER, Marcus Pinker, is interested in coming to Dunedin and doing some mapping for the club. Is anyone able to offer him accomodation for a few days or weeks while he is here (from the start of November)? We will get him to update parts of the Logan Park map and then possibly move onto The Pyramids. If you have room in your home, or a vacant flat, please contact Bruce Collins who is coordinating this.

THANKS to Don Melville, we now have a St John First Aid manual in the caravan. So if you have to deal with a medical matter at an event, please refer to this. It would also be a good idea to display a list at each event of people with medical training who are there. If you have medical skills, please make yourself known to the organiser, in case there is an emergency.

A COACHING DAY was held with Bruce McLeod and Sasha Middleton in early September and was attended by 17 people. Jean Cory-Wright, the national coaching director, has expressed interest in coming from Christchurch to coach us next time.

NZOF COACHING CONFERENCE.

Are you doing some coaching or teaching of orienteering?

Date: Friday 20th Oct 00 (day before Labour weekend events in run by Hamilton OC)

Place: Waitomo Caves Education Centre

Accommodation: Subsidised accomodation is available at Cavelands Waitomo Holiday Park for the Thursday evening (\$10 to include all food for Friday)

Travel: Can be subsidised: the extent depends on the numbers attending.

Themes: "Broaden the Base for lifting the Peak" (from schools to club and elite)

Club Coaching

Coaching Weekends

Special Groups

Schools Scheme

Course Setting (educating for string, white and yellow)

Other requests welcome

Workshops: (offers to run workshops welcome)

Drawing a simple map of a school or park

How to teach O in schools

Ideas for club sessions

Course Setting education

All Coaches or non coaches with a coaching/teaching interest are welcome to come to the conference. All regional and National Coaching Coordinators will be invited to attend All schools scheme tutors will be invited to attend.

Please apply for a place to JCW at the contact details below:

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Please include your contact details as follows:

Name, club, phone, email, postal address, coaching background, offers of workshops.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Margaret Tagg.

MACANDREW BAY STREET SCORE EVENT

Suzanne, with Possum in the pushchair, planned this event in the last weeks before their departure from Dunedin. Thank you to them. Thirty five people were challenged by the hills, the questions and the time pressure of 30 minutes, 45 minutes or 60 minutes. It was a sunny day and some people enjoyed participating in pairs. Thanks to Myles for taking the caravan back to Dunedin City Ford and to Jennifer for again doing results so promptly.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy is extended to the Hudson family following the sudden death of Jennifer's father at the end of August. Thoughts of many Club members are with them all in these sad weeks.

YODA REPORT.

Naseby Two Day

Thanks to Bruce, Bob, Aaron, Michael, Mel, Julie, Fran and other helpers. This was very successful and an enjoyable event, it was a shame about the weather, although it made 4WD driving very exciting.

There is no results book as these will be placed in Document.

Suggestions for next year:

Keep in September at the same time. Publicize earlier. Hire a house instead of camping ground. First day be very short, maybe even a short-o. Use the farmland.

Possible planners for next year:

Day one: Michael (Controller)

Day Two: Julie and Fran (Planners) with Jamie (Controller)

Triple Treat

Planned for November 5. Using all three maps again, with a start in Town Belt North. Ciaran will be planner with Willy being controller. Willy to organize.

Relays

There will be YODA teams entered into the relays.

Congratulations

to Michael Tagg who has received a University blue in Orienteering.

Waiorau Remapping

Discussed plan to remap Waiorau skifield. However, OCAD version already found. All that is needed - limited corrections. Thinking of contacting Darren Scott or Colin Hope.

YODA OFFICERS FOR 2001:

- a. PRESIDENT Melanie Stephen
- b. SECRETARY Julie Grant, with assistant Ciaran Thayer
- c. TELEPHONE/EMAIL Peter Wilson
- d. TREASURER Aaron Searle

OTAGO SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP AND WAIKOUAITI OY5– 3 SEPT 2000

Sheryl Collins

I finally managed to plan an event that was held on a fine day. Considering we had experienced the wettest two weeks in Waikouaiti, since records began, immediately before the event and it rained again the next day, I reckon we did pretty well to give you all a fine day.

We were delighted with how many school competitors we had at the event. Special thanks must go to Jennifer Hudson for her efforts. On closing day we had 4 entries and apart from the Waikouaiti School children, she is responsible for the rest of the entries.

Special thanks must also go to Annie Grant for the tremendous effort she put into getting sponsorship of spot prizes for the Otago School Championships.

This competition is often a challenging one for many as the courses are sometimes harder than the children are used to doing. This is because it is a Championship event, and while we want all competitors to be able to finish their course, we also want it challenging enough to be able to ensure the winners are the best orienteers on the day. Congratulations must therefore go not only to the winners in each grade but to those who found it hard, but kept at it, and finished.

We were also delighted with how many club members and visitors came to try our new map. Judging from the many comments people enjoyed the map and I am sure many will now see why we love living here.

Being very familiar with much of the area, I found it very hard to judge the technical difficulty of control sites. It was also quite daunting trying to estimate winning times and course lengths on our new map and once again Bruce's advice proved right on as our winning times weren't too far out. Although the results show that the Short Red winning time was longer than expected the winner of this course in the Schools Championship did it in 40 mins. The same applies to the White Course, where the winning time in the Schools Championships was 21.13 mins

It seemed that the variations in terrain, speed and technicality took their toll on some of the Long Red competitors and we hope that they will be back in February to give it another go.

We look forward to seeing everyone have another go at this map in February, and hopefully the beach will be looking more inviting so people will take the opportunity to use it to cool off.

Thanks to all of those who helped at the event, especially Judy (Organiser) and Dave Browning, Maria Smith, Michael and Margaret Tagg, Andrew Kelly, Geoff Allen, Ross Davies, Barrie Foote, Bunny Rathbone, Aaron Searle and Willy Flockton.

PS from Bruce – the map took quite a bit longer than I thought (108 hours) to complete and was the hardest I have done as there was no photogrammetry and the aerial photo was 10 years old. No one complained to me about things being in the wrong place so either they were too tired, too polite or things were where they should have been!

YODA's ANNUAL TWO DAY AND HILLBILLY CHALLENGE

ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

Willy Flockton

It was wet and cold...

Very wet and cold...

That sort of sums up the weather, but what about the weekend??? The **FOURTH** Annual Two-Day and Hillbilly Challenge held as usual on the very "challenging" map of Naseby. By the way, "challenging" is a very nice word to use in this context. Many other varieties of words were heard to be exclaimed by lost orienteers. While the weather may have been a dampener (excuse the pun), the event was a rip roaring success with over fifty competitors from all around the country and the world. It was also a delight that triple Gold medal winner, Peter Snell was able to compete on Day two. (Although this lead to a bit of a media circus with two major dailies fighting it out for photo opportunities).

As this is the fourth consecutive year that Naseby has been run by YODA, you can imagine that we are a well oiled machine working within the confines of our brightly painted YODA tent. As per usual, YODA planned, controlled and organised the event, along with some godsend, Bob Cunninghame and Bruce

Collins. Bob planned, with Michael Tagg controlling, day one in the Hogburn. Bruce controlled (and didn't they need controlling) Aaron Searle and myself, who planned the Hillbilly challenge, which had course lengths up to 21.3 km!

Naseby is indeed a very challenging map. You can never know exactly where you are in relation to the map. This can cause headaches for planners. Naseby is renowned for its intricate goldmining workings, which were used (hopefully) to their maximum by the planner. Even if this meant extreme four wheel driving by a planner (to the delight of the many holding on for dear life on the back) to get to control sites. It must be noted that "DNFers" are lower than usual, and not TOO many people got extremely lost. But this is no reflection on your ability to orienteer, it's just that the map is a bit of a bugger.

Planning in the brilliance of bright sun and warm temperatures we were deluded into thinking that Naseby would put on a stunner of a day for our events. Alas, it was not to be. It rained, it blew and it SNOWED!! Fears of hypothermia increased for planners forced out into barren foothills to put out controls. However, while everyone got a bit wet, there were generally smiles all around. The warm yumminess of YODA sausages and the oven baked fresh (and not "eggy" at all) apple and cinnamon muffins attracted large groups of followers. Besides this is Naseby. As one competitor said, "Harden Up!"

YODA Members got into the fun of it all. Having dealt a decisive blow to "Evil Camp Mother" with our reckless driving, everyone crammed into the very warm house (albeit without the prohibited "red wine") By the end of the weekend you saw a large group of very tired young people. The late nights and early mornings (oh... and of course the orienteering) wearing them out. One even suffered from a sprained ankle, coming off second best in a tussle with an earthbank, late at night and in a certain state. Another honorary YODA person also got to show off his excellent dance moves in the sacred of all sacred places, the Ranfurly Hotel. We even hunted down chocolate in the snow to quench our choco craving...

So overall, it was another successful, fun event put on by YODA. Although no-one can be perfect we ironed out any major problems, we just couldn't control the weather! The prizes, the sausages, the snow... all part of the glamour of Naseby. Special thanks must go to all of YODA for helping in their own way the admirable organisation of the event, but in particular the adult helpers, Jennifer Hudson (for all the maps and numerous emails), Bob Cunninghame and special prize

recipient, Bruce Collins. We were all wet and cold at some stage, but next year (and there will be a FIFTH Naseby event) it will be much warmer, we promise!!

The Pres and The Treas Take on Naseby and Naseby Wins

By The Treas

There are few orienteers who do not respect Naseby and while the Pres and Treas were not the only ones to suffer defeat at the YODA event on the Saturday they certainly took the longest to concede defeat.

The Pres and Treas started within 2 minutes of each other and met briefly at the first control. The Treas took a different route to 2. This was spot on, even if it did involve some mountaineering. However, the part of her route to 3, which involved skirting two cliffs, and on to the road, went wrong when these two cliffs continued and continued and continued (the mapper must have been a very fit elite mountain goat if he thought the gaps in between the marked cliffs were crossable) until she was eventually spat out onto a track. Quickly relocating she set off only to come to a track junction where her compass told her to go right, yet her instinct said left. Compass won but after a dead end and a circular route back where she started on the track she retraced her original route, watching the compass carefully and saw that there was something in the area that it liked better than north! She finally arrived in the circle area and met the Pres. After a bit of pondering, relocating and such, they located the control and decided to continue together.

Instead of the easy route to the fence corner the Treas persuaded the Pres to find cliffs and drop down below these on to the control. Well this worked perfectly but as the Treas slid ungracefully down the slope the still clean Pres was heard to say why are we clambering down something like this. Treas answered as she scrapped off some of the mud, "because it's fun!"

Well that was an easy control, so easy in fact that they actually found it twice! On route to the next control they were distracted by what could have been a whistle,

but was probably a bird, they then mistook a small unmarked clearing for the huge one and ended up backtracking and finding not 5 but 4 again. Of course the fact that all controls were re-entrants and the majority middle ones, meant there were real puzzled looks on both faces to find it wasn't the correct number. Undeterred they headed off again, saw the correct clearing ahead and it was goodbye to 5.

A safe route down to the road and in again was agreed on after missing the planned turn at the bend in the fence (green) and from a definite attach point they were off. Unfortunately the Treas, who was in the lead, got into the wrong re-entrant. When the re-entrant on the right never eventuated they stopped and the Pres correctly figured what had gone wrong. Over the spur they went, cliffs everywhere, confusion, much map consulting and sortie downwards, hesitation and then the decision to go back to that definite attack point. This time Pres in the lead they followed the spur, the Treas found the elusive re-entrant and the control was then easy. Guess what it was only a matter of metres from that sortie downwards!

Next control was a piece of cake with a neat re-entrant to follow and on reaching the area the Treas recognised it from a previous visit and knew exactly where that re-entrant was.

Next control raised the hairs on both arms. No easy attack points, no catch feature, lots of dark green. Chicken route was suggested by Treas and Pres agreed. They went west to cliffs, and found pond to confirm, they then both took compass bearing and hoping to see either clearing with knolls on west or line of clearings on east off they went. Suddenly cliffs appear, confusion no cliff marked on map, but that's okay Treas knew about these unmarked cliffs – Pres suggested checking out position by watercourse, but while this might have been easier to find with the abundance of rain, Treas knew Ecurb had spent a long time searching unsuccessfully for this particular feature in attempts to locate those cliffs on an other occasion. They continued on. Suddenly Treas was heard to say "What way is your compass pointed" Pres confirmed north had shifted to the East! Once again previous experience gave Treas the confidence to say ignore it. Great heading to one difficult control on compass bearing and compass lets them down. By now Pres and Treas had been out well over three hours and no doubt it was tiredness that saw them stand in the clearing they had been looking for, wondering where they were. Treas suddenly saw what could have been the patches of green and Pres realised they were in the clearing. Pop over to the west and there it was.

Decisions had then to be made. Pres and Treas, although very wet were thoroughly enjoying themselves and really wanted to finish but course closure had beaten them. Should they pick up the last two controls, which were on the way home, or take the tracks. Treas conceded here and they headed for track. Treas once again showed her sliding skills as she ungracefully slid for great length down bank still holding on to the vegetation that let her down. Covered in mud yet again Treas answered the giggling Pres saying she was just fine.

Well they finally arrived back at the finish but it took a further 30 minutes, thank to a track dumping them in the green. Well it was actually white but this white meant unmapped! There to meet them and congratulate them on their marathon effort was – NOBODY! Everyone had gone. However, as they approached their lonely cars two rather wet and somewhat worried husbands approached from opposite directions.

Both Pres and Treas were very pleased with themselves. They not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves, got more than their moneys worth and certainly finished with a better knowledge of the map, but they had shown they had abundance of co-operation, relocation and navigating skills (not to mention the Treas' sliding skills) and they also showed they had persistence, tenacity and after 4 hours – such stamina! Most importantly, however, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and both were on a real high on finishing.

Bruce Collins - Naseby Event.

Firstly congratulations to YODA for a wonderful event. They are a great group to work with and a credit to their Mummies and Daddies.

Secondly my apologies to those competitors on the medium course for the misplaced second control. It was entirely my fault and I can only blame senility, poor eyesight or general decreptitude. I hope it didn't spoil your course too much. Controllers feel bad enough about a mistake without competitors getting stuck into them and it was a pleasant surprise that no one complained too bitterly. I've figured out why I made the mistake and it is now logged into my "don't make the same mistake in the future" database.

Once again sorry and thanks.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.

SOC: Long time member Andrea McDiarmid has resigned. Darren Scott is doing some remapping of Fosbender Park.

HB: Have a problem with the increasing number of deer and electric fences appearing on their maps. HB have decided not to join other clubs in purchasing an electronic punching system. Membership now 160.

AOC: Have results of the top 50 in their Winter 2000 Handicap Series.