

Holidaying in Nelson over the summer?

Over the second half of January and the first half of February TOPS will be running a summer series. This is a series of 5 events run on weekday evenings on park type colour maps around Nelson. Two courses will be offered, a white/yellow and a yellow/orange. It will be self start and finish, but help will be available. Cost will be \$5 per event, but \$15 for a 'season pass'. Start time will be 5.30pm-6.30pm. Further details are available at www.nzorienteeing.com on the TOPS page.

Tue 16 Jan City Parks, Neale Park, North Rd

Wed 24 Jan Tahuna, Tennis Pavilion

Thu 1 Feb Colleges, Fairfield Park, Brougham St

Tue 6 Feb Wakapuaka Sandflats, Sewerside Dr

Wed 14 Feb Maitai, Botanical Reserve, Milton St

2001 COMMITTEE.

Members elected at AGM.

Bruce Collins, Sheryl Collins (Treas), Ross Davies, Annie Grant, Lyn Foote, Jane Forsyth, Andrew Kelly, Kev Knowles, Don Melville, Nick Mortimer, Margaret Tagg (Pre), Michael Tagg, Myles Thayer (Sec), Richard Thum.

FROM THE COMMITTEE.

The Club would like to thank Fiona Monks for taking a group of army cadets for an orienteering exercise on the weekend of the Naseby Hillbilly Challenge. The weather was wet and cold but everyone seemed to be pleased with the outcome. It was most appreciated that Fiona could take this when so many of us were away enjoying the charms of Naseby.

Congratulations to Kathryn Rankin who was awarded a University of Otago Sporting Blue for orienteering.

Kathryn and Michael Tagg have both received awards.

FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

We congratulate Kevin and Andrea on the birth of their son Cioran – has he got any cute little furry animal names as well? Also Philip Hall, currently in the 7th form at Kings, who is the school's top commerce student and has received a prestigious award for economics study at university.

There is enough O-suit material left for about another 5 suits. Therefore the first 5 people to order will get theirs at the \$50 rate – later orders will be more expensive as the exchange rate has

raised the cost of a bolt of fabric. If you have never had an o-suit you will not know how light and comfortable they are – even the President thinks they are amazing to wear! Orders and money to Sheryl Collins please.

More people are needed to volunteer to tow the caravan to and from out-of-town events. You need not tow it both ways, and with recent caravan cleanouts the load is not as heavy as it used to be. Please volunteer to do this and remember that we reimburse people for petrol costs when they do this necessary job. Let Annie Grant know if you can help, please.

At Easter 2001, the Victorian Orienteering Association will hold the Australian 3-Day and Family Relay Carnival (also the Australian Universities Championship). Jennifer has the entry form if you are interested.

Closer to home, there is a Junior Camp on in December near Christchurch (see last month's DOCument) and a Development Squad training camp (this is red level and not so junior) in the Manawatu during January. Contact Jennifer for details.

DUNEDIN ORIENTEERING CLUB -

24TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2000

Margaret Tagg.

The strength of the Dunedin Orienteering Club is the number of people who willingly, efficiently and modestly do all the tasks involved in this labour intensive sport. People who give their time and energy to plan, control, organize and assist at events and others who fulfil important "backstage" roles enable all who want to participate either competitively or socially to enjoy quality events.

It is very satisfying that membership has grown from 96 to 124 during the last year and particularly pleasing to see a number of such enthusiastic children at events. We are seeing the benefit of the introduction of local membership two years ago. However we must nurture newcomers so they will feel welcome, develop their orienteering skills and be eager to be fully involved in the Club.

There has been a very full calendar of events in the past year. 1999 ended with a fun event and picnic at Chingford Park with Santa in the bush and an opportunity to socialize after the event. January saw many DOC members participating in the World Masters Orienteering Championships -with Bunny Rathbone becoming the W65A winner! - and our Club's successful warm-down event hosting competitors from many countries. The next month the NZ Masters Games were held in Dunedin with a decline in orienteering numbers from the previous Games, a matter that the Committee is seeking ways to address for 2002. The Come and Try It event and Summer Series of Wednesday evening events offered frequent orienteering at the beginning of the year. The Schools League/ OY events were held on a variety of maps and the NZ Ski O Champs were held at Waiorau Snow Farm. A highlight of the year was the well attended Otago School Championships on the new area mapped by Bruce Collins at Waikouaiti. Appreciation is expressed to all the land owners who allow us to use their property.

YODA (Youth Orienteers Dunedin) members were responsible, with the assistance of some very experienced people, for an April Fool's Day event, a Naseby 2 Day and a town Triple Treat event. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and efforts. Some YODA people increased their orienteering skills by attending an NZOF Development Squad training camp in January and a group enjoyed their trip to compete in the National Champs in Wairarapa at Easter.

A very successful Club coaching day led by Bruce McLeod and Sasha Middleton was held in September. Coaching days involve learning skills at various levels and having a chance to share ideas and socialize. A social pot-luck dinner was held too. Annie Grant and Lindsay Smith have introduced many school students to orienteering through Kiwi -Sport coaching including one day at McLeods' Farm with 500 children!

At last a number of Club people are wearing the new Dunedin Orienteering Club O-suits in distinctive blue and gold. Thanks to Eunice McLeod for liaising with the Committee to design the suits, for organizing the purchase of material from Australia and for making the suits.

Financially the Club is in a healthy state. The continued support from the Hillary Commission grants for some coaching and assistance with mapping expenses is acknowledged. As well as the new Waikouaiti map some re-mapping of the Pyramids and Logan Park is in progress. Further re-mapping at Naseby is proposed and the Committee will eventually find a suitable area for another new map!

I would like to thank all Committee members for all their hard work and commitment during the past year. We farewelled Suzanne in September. Barrie Foote will leave the Committee but carry on with maps and OCAD work. Thanks Barrie for all you do and for the NZOF knowledge you have brought to DOC over the years. As we welcome newcomers to the Committee we look forward to their input and an active 2001.

CLUB RELAYS AT SEACLIFF 12 NOVEMBER 2000

ORGANISERS REPORT Ross Davies

Twenty teams contested the Club relays, with plenty of competitions within competitions, and the usual hard-luck stories. Some people do not enjoy the extra responsibility of being part of a team, but relays certainly provide a different experience. Annie Grant and Bruce Collins did great jobs as Planner and Controller, providing good courses that tested without being too tough.

I loved the choice of location for start/finish. The view of the finish banner and table on a rolling green field against a backdrop of a silvery South Pacific Ocean was surreal. Thanks also to Annie and Bruce and Allan and Sheryl for their help with the running of the event, allowing me to compete as well. The morning was overcast, and calm, perfect for orienteering, but eventually a bit chilly for spectating. With most there early for the massed start, there were plenty of helpers for the jobs to be done, with a special thanks to Michael Tagg and Aaron Searle for toilet creation. And thanks to Linda Keen for the jar of jellybeans. A great idea.

There really is something about a massed start. The only thing to compare it to is those fireworks, which explode in the air, weaving in about 20 different directions at once. I just watched in amazement as everyone scattered. I think I was last to the first control, and first to the second, which says something about not following others. This is harder with the pressure of relays, but all the more important. Every dog has its day, and for this dog, this was his day. The map made sense, the bogs were dryish, the bush passable, and the sun stayed hidden. I found myself finishing with some of my heroes, and think the training day was paying off at last. It was good to tag the next runners, and release them to get on with their legs, and stand back and watch the rest unfold. Helen Carman had organised four teams for the mixed section, and what a contest they had, eventually only 8 minutes covering all four teams.

My apologies to Rosemary Watson who was a late replacement for the Jenny of Jenny's GGs, but still appeared as Jenny in the results originally published. The closest finish was between

mother and daughter Mary and Sarah Miller who were doing final legs for different teams, on different courses. Mary eventually won the sprint by two seconds, which was then the margin between the two teams. The Melvilles were first home in the Mixed section, showing the value of consistency.

The Family part of the Mixed section was hotly contested, with the Thayers coffee table trophy coming under threat. The Ya Wumpy Davies built up an early lead, before a wrongly punched card on the third leg let the fast-finishing Team Thayers keep it for another year. The Kelly and Mortimer families also posted good times, and showed that the family section is likely to be well contested in future.

The open section yielded some sensational times. The Out Of Here team lived up to its name, blowing the opposition away. This team had the fastest times on two of the legs, and the second fastest time on the other one. The Quickeze team never gave up, and the remaining three teams (YODA, Degenerative Changes, and JIB Flyers) had their own competition, eventually being separated by only 5 minutes.

As organiser, I had fun making up names for the nameless teams. Of the named ones, my favourites included Dave Dobbled In, Oi! Oi! Oi!, and Towel Ninjas. Good imaginations.

The last competitors finished, the cheering stilled, the prizes were awarded, and hard-luck stories swapped. The carpark emptied, the controls were collected, and the numbers were checked and stored away. The Club relays were over, but already, there is talk of next year.

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NZOF NEWS - NOVEMBER 2000

APPOINTMENTS

NZOF Council would like to congratulate the following for their appointment for the 2001 year.

- National Coaching Director – Jean Cory-Wright
- Development Squad Coaching Shaun and Madeleine Collins jointly

Co-ordinator and Manager -

- Selectors – Marquita Gelderman, Wayne Aspin, Tedvan Geldermalsen
- Technical committee members – Michael Wood (convenor), BruceMcLeod, Mark Roberts, Jean Cory-Wright, Mark McKenna

- Statistician – Bryan Teahan
- Secondary Schools Co-ordinator – Geoff Morrison
- Webmaster – Alistair Stewart
- NZ Orienteering Editor -Jim Barr

Vacancies

The following positions are vacant. If anyone is interested could they please contact the NZOF President or Secretary

- Media officer no applications
- JWOC Coach/Manager no applications
- Primary Schools Co-ordinator no applications (Robyn Davidson acting)
- Ampro Liaison Officer see below

MONEY MATTERS

At the NZOF AGM earlier this year Clubs made it clear that they wished the present level of NZOF funding to remain, but they also realised that this would not be able to be achieved without an increase in income. Current budgets show deficits of \$17,000 in 2001, \$24,000 in 2002 and \$22,000 in 2003.

A number of Clubs and individuals have put forward their thoughts on ways to increase income and the Council are appreciative of the thought and effort that has gone into this. A third form of levy was discarded as being even more work for all involved, and it was resolved that a remit will go forward at the AGM based on just two levies:

Affiliation levy

It is proposed that this be changed to reflect the views of many that affiliation to NZOF has little meaning except for the most competitive orienteers able to attend A level events. The proposal is that Clubs would be invoiced a certain amount each year which would affiliate all members of the Club. There would no longer be affiliated and non-affiliated membership. The levy would be calculated on the total membership of the club with a \$100 minimum amount (that covers the paperwork and services provided to the Club regardless of its size) and would be paid in 3 instalments. Clubs could fund this however they liked. Some Clubs may fund this through non-orienteering fundraisers while others may add it on to membership fees or a combination of the two. It would be up to the Club.

For example with the current affiliation producing an income of \$12,500, and if national club membership totalled 1300 for the 2001 year (counting adults as one and juniors as), then a club with 100 members (again counting adults as one and juniors as) would have a club affiliation fee of $100/1300 * 12,500 = 961.54$ for the 2002 year.

Event levy

It is proposed that this be changed to reduce the NZOF deficit problem and remove the discrepancy between clubs that charge nil (or very low) entry fees for members and those that charge normal entry fees. Rather than the current 10% levy a set dollar amount would be charged for every competitor (or map, or group). This could be easily calculated from results of the event. The proposed remit will be for a \$2 levy for all events except A and B level (Major) events which

will be \$3. While this may seem high at first glance the Council felt it was the most equitable way of increasing income spread over all orienteers rather than just Club members. For example: with a Club that charges \$5 an entry now the club receives \$4.50 and NZOF receives 50c. In the future the fee would be \$6.50 with the Club still getting \$4.50 and NZOF receiving \$2.00. It's only an extra \$1.50 for the competitor but NZOF gets a four fold increase in income.

For major events at say \$15 an entry (\$13.50 Club, \$1.50 NZOF) the entry fee would go up to \$16.50 (\$13.50 Club, \$3.00 NZOF).

An exemption, or reduction, for genuine promotional events may be considered on a case by case basis.

These levies will be in the form of a remit and Clubs will have the chance to comment on them leading up to the AGM and then finally vote on them at the AGM in April.

If these remits are approved they can not come into force until 2002. In the meantime the Budget for 2001 (as previously approved at the 2000 AGM) has been revised to reduce the deficit to \$3,500.

SPONSORSHIP

Silva Sponsorship

The Ampro Liaison Officer position has now been given a financial incentive and will receive 2.5% of sponsorship received. Due to this change this position is now open to applications for the 2001 year. Interested persons should contact the NZOF Secretary for a job description. Applications close on 31 December 2000.

Other sponsorship

On a similar vein the NZOF Council would be most interested in hearing from any person interested in obtaining sponsorship for NZOF on a commission basis

VETERANS

An officially recognised Veteran/Masters Squad is to be set up for NZ's elite/very good older orienteers.

BADGE SCHEME

A decision on the future of the badge scheme was deferred at the last Council meeting because we ran out of time after 8 hours talking! Council would like to thank those Clubs that responded with their thoughts.

FOR SALE

The following WMOC equipment is still for sale:

- 4 large steel Result boards. These are large and heavy and unfortunately cannot be transported on the back of a trailer. WMOC had to use small trucks to transport them. They are made of steel wire mesh and would only be useful for a large event.

2001 NZOF AGM

This will be held on Saturday 14 April in conjunction with the National Championships

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.

PAPO: Jamie Stewart has been added to the National Squad.

More than 80 pupils entered the Canterbury School Champs.