

DEADLINE FOR DOCUMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

25th of the month for computer/e-mail contributions.

20th of the month for lengthy handwritten contributions needing to be typed.

Please note these dates are for a reason and I DO NOT LIKE receiving material after these dates.

PHOTOS.

If you have any suitable for the magazine they can be scanned and returned and would be gratefully received/borrowed.

THE SECRET IS OUT :)

Bunny Rathbone.

The secret is out - how to get orienteering stakes into rocky ground, like Gladbrook, Matarae or Mt Ross sufficiently far enough so they won't come out over the duration of an event. Two pieces of equipment are needed:

1. A hammer preferably with a small head.
2. A long nail, smaller in diameter than the normal orienteering stake but at least 7-8 mm in diameter and about 20cms long with a good strong head on it.

Method.

With the hammer and nail make some test holes at the control site until your nail finds a space through the rocky ground and drives in at least 10 cms.

Remove the nail using the hammer claw and then drive home the stake in the ready made hole.

Easy and foolproof. Don't forget to add the flag!

Find your nail at a garage sale - and goodness knows what it is called but it looks as though it could hold a bridge together.

PLANNER'S REPORT - WAIKOUAITI.

Nick Mortimer

This was the first event that I planned. It won't be the last.

Armed with a dog-eared 1996 copy of the DOC Planner's Guide, Bruce Collins' collection of planning tips and the February 2001 Waikouaiti course maps, I apprehensively set about devising my own courses. I'll admit that, first time around, I was deliberately conservative. I followed the previously-used Waikouaiti formula of six courses with the Long Red involving a map change at the halfway point. But I wanted the similarity to end there: start and finish were in a different place from the previous two events, white and yellow circuits reached different parts of the map, and red and orange controls were placed at deliberately different sites.

Planning resulted in several new experiences for me. Visiting a particular geographic area five times in three weeks. Walking, not running, around an Orienteering Map. Getting to know "middle re-entrant, head of" intimately. Pondering the difference between a knoll and a hill. Finding that long-lost stencil for drawing circles and triangles. Looking up the knot book for an appropriate tangle with which to attach the flags to the poles. Grappling with the idiosyncrasies of Event Organiser v1.1 software for "help" in writing the control descriptions. The checking and rechecking of maps, control numbers, control cards and locations.

Sunday dawned clear and frosty and the weather held sunny and cool for the whole day: one out of the box. It was good to see the Event well supported by the local Waikouaiti primary school, as well as by regular DOckers and also some newcomers. The presence of Channel 9 TV interviewing Michael Tagg added another interesting dimension. I think everyone enjoyed themselves, maybe even the four Long Reds who toiled manfully from end to end of the long, thin map - twice. The majority of Red/Orange controls in the central dunes area had macracarpa trees as attack points but competitors had to make sure of which tree they were aiming for. Most people seemed to manage the southern forest area well, at least one person choosing a route on the beach (yes!). A control on a tree-covered knoll near the beach gave some people problems but most found it OK.

My thanks go to Marjorie Spittle (Organiser) and especially to Sheryl Collins (Controller) for steering me through my responsibilities as a first time Planner. To Alison Pohl for use of her PC. To Logan and Matthew Mortimer for help in setting out the Red and Orange controls on Saturday and Koji for help with the Yellow and White Controls on Sunday. And to George McLeod and Bruce Collins for help in collecting the controls.

Would I change anything next time? Well, I'll be a bit more aware of giving choices in routes between controls, more choice of distances at the Red/Orange end, and maybe I won't volunteer to tow the caravan back over the Kilmog with an aging and less than optimally tuned 1300cc Subaru.

Bruce McLeod

While the forecast wasn't flash, the day actually turned out OK, with plenty of blue sky and not too much wind. Rain the day before and a solid freeze overnight made the snow conditions very difficult. While there was good cover, and the groomed trails were great, off piste consisted of a thin glassy crust over a very soft base. Travel on skis was slippery and then impossible if you broke the crust, travel on foot was worse !! Some slow times are a testament to the nature of the snow. Many came back with grazed shins from breaking through the crust and there was a bit of blood and carnage. However, everyone came back smiling and pretended to have had a good time !! Big thanks to Julie and Fran for setting the courses, to Nick Church for controlling and mapping, to Colin Hope for all his work in mapping (using GPS then OCAD) and producing a brilliant and clear colour map, to Annie Grant for helping with the start desk and also to the Waiorau Snow Farm and Outside Sports Queenstown for prizes and support.

NZOF NEWS - JULY 2001

NEW TROPHY

Thanks go to Hamilton Club President, Ingrid Perols, for her initiative in organising a perpetual trophy for our premier inter-club competition; the national mixed long relays. The trophy has been donated by The Centre for Sport and Exercise Science at the Waikato Institute of Technology in Hamilton with the inaugural winners being the 2001 champions, Hawkes Bay.

VACANCIES

Applications are invited for the following vacancies (see also separate advertisement in this issue):

Media Officer

The primary role of the Media Officer is to foster and promote orienteering through the various forms of media in NZ. Direct expenses are reimbursed within the approved budget and a fax machine is provided. Interested persons should contact the NZOF President or General Manager.

ANZ Challenge Team Manager

A team manager is required for the Australia-New Zealand Challenge to be held in the Manawatu over the period 15/16 January 2002 (see July issue of New Zealand ORIENTEERING). Since the date and venue of the Challenge were not included in the May issue of New Zealand ORIENTEERING, the date for applications has been extended to 31 July.

National Orienteering Squad Manager, and
National Orienteering Squad Coaching Coordinator

These are two-year appointments through to WOC 2003. Current squad manager Rob Crawford will not be re-applying. Applications close 31 July.

Job Descriptions for the above four positions are available from the General Manager.

EVENT LEVIES

Clubs are reminded that as a result of remits passed at this year's AGM, event levies will increase from 10 to 25 percent as from 1st August. Clubs will therefore be asked to make event levy returns up to 31 July (and not the normal date of 20 July). A special event levy form for this purpose has been sent to all treasurers.

The policy on event levies is as follows:

Orienteering events are defined as events that require entrants to navigate using a map. It does not include fun runs and training events (where an NZOF approved instructor is involved in coaching). However it does include:

- * All schools events run by an orienteering club, or club member.
- * All events run by individuals (affiliated members of a club) who would expect NZOF to cover their public liability insurance requirements.
- * Entry fees from local/social members and the general public.
- * Events run by groups such as National Orienteering Squad, Development squad etc

Money collected for such items as food, drinks, clothing, etc is not deemed to be event fees.

Some Clubs do not charge event fees to club members (or charge very reduced fees) and in this case NZOF asks that an honesty system prevail in that an estimated equivalent levy is returned.

DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Following the adoption of the report on Best practices, the NZOF Council decided that, for the time being, future development spending would be on a project basis. Detailed guidelines on project applications have now been sent to all clubs and NZOF officers, and are also included in the July issue of New Zealand ORIENTEERING.

ELITE EVENTS PROJECT

After calling for comment, the International Orienteering Federation (IOF)'s Elite Events Project Group has produced its Final Report containing recommendations for the future of international elite competition. The project recommends a competition format suitable for the Olympic Games and also makes recommendations for World Championships and World Cup races aimed at increasing the worldwide profile of orienteering. The Final Report, available on www.nzorienteering.com, will be discussed at an Extraordinary General Assembly of the IOF in Tampere, Finland on 3 August. President Rob Crawford will represent New Zealand.

In its submission, the NZOF Council agreed that the main discipline for Orienteering should be a format suitable for events such as the Olympics or World Games. It expressed concern, however, that the new discipline, a sprint format similar to Park Orienteering, was being added without appropriate thought as to consequences outside of gaining entry to Olympic Games. The Final Report, however, expresses the view that participation in the Olympic Games is of such high value for orienteering that any suggested adjustments are both relevant and necessary.

The New Zealand submission also strongly disagreed, primarily for financial reasons, that the World championships be held annually (instead of every two years as at present) and also disagreed with qualification for the championships being held separately from the championships themselves. The Final Report makes concessions on the qualification system, recommending, for the time being, that qualification for 50 percent of places be held in conjunction with the World Championships. No concession, however, has been made regarding the championships being held every year, despite several national federations expressing concern. The NZOF Council intends to continue to lobby against this change at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT SQUAD UPDATES

Following are the updated lists for the National and Development Orienteering Squads. Changes are highlighted in italics.

NATIONAL ORIENTEERING SQUAD

Women

Elite: Jenni Adams, Tania Robinson, Antonia Wood

A: Rachel Smith, Rebecca Smith (moves up from B)

B: Melissa Edwards, Madeleine Collins (new), Lisa Frith (new)

Men

Elite: Darren Ashmore, Greg Barbour, Alistair Landels

A: Mark Lawson, Aaron Prince, Rob Jessop (new), Jason Markham (moves up from B), Phil Wood (moves up from B)

B: Michael Adams, Stu Barr, Shaun Collins, Alistair Cory-Wright, Brent Edwards, Michal Glowacki, Neil Kerrison, Jamie Stewart, Karl Dravitski (moves down from A).

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Women

Victoria Glover, Amy Holden, Penny Kane, Lise Moen, Fiona Monks, Claire Paterson, Lara Prince.

Men

James Bradshaw, Bryn Davies, Greg Flynn, Robert Holdaway, Chris Ingham, Douglas Kwan, Andrew McCarthy, Todd Oates, David Stewart, Andrew Thompson, Keith Agmen (new).

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANTERBURY SCHOOLS - Saturday 22 September

Map -TAKAHE, Victoria Park, Christchurch.

Open to students Years 7 -13 *

SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS - Sunday 23 September

Map - LEITHFIELD, North Canterbury

Open to students Years 9 - 13*

* Students below year 7 who regularly orienteer may enter. Students from schools outside Canterbury may enter day 1 but are ineligible for trophies.

* Day 2, students below year 9, who compete on day 1, may compete as unofficial entries on day 2.

ENTRIES CLOSE, FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Further details:

* See your school sports coordinator (Secondary students)

* See your orienteering club secretary

* View www.geocities.com/paponz

* Contact Mary Mackintosh, 144 Main North Rd., R.D.1, KAIAPOI

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NZOF COURSE SETTING COMPETITION UPDATE.

At publication date for the last issue of New Zealand Orienteering we had not selected the maps for the 2001 course setting competition, nor did we have a judge.

New Zealand Orienteering is now pleased to announce these details:

Categories 1, 2 & 3, individual courses, map is MATAKAWAU, courtesy of Counties Manukau. Last used in the Queen's Birthday 2000 3 Day event it was described thus: "..... Matakawau is one of the best and most complex farm/forest areas in the country with plenty of route choices, even for the lower classes.....".

Category 4, relay course, map is BOTTLE LAKE, courtesy of PAPO. A long time favourite, Bottle Lake is fast coastal sand-dune terrain, ideally suited to an exciting forest relay.

Competition judge will be MIKE BEVERIDGE. We are really pleased to have Mike, one of NZ's best and most respected course planners, take on the judging role. Mike was, along with last year's judge, Marquita Gelderman, the course planner for the Finals at WMOC 2000.

So if lack of map or judging information has held you back from entering, then delay no more. You still have oodles of time, completed courses do not have to be returned until 31 September. Full competition details are in the July issue of NZ Orienteering, or email jim.barr@extra.co.nz for information.

NEW ZEALAND MTB-ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Ngaumu Forest, Wairarapa

Approx 30min from Masterton

Sat 29 Sep 2001 Individual Championship

Sun 30 Sep 2001 Score Event

Terrain: Wairarapa hill country with plantation forest including some logged areas. Forest roads, firebreaks, skidder trails provide route choice and technical riding; elevation range 200m. Mapping by Michael Wood of MAPsport Services; Controller Andy Clayton.

Details and Entries: Entry forms from your club secretary, or the MTBO website via www.mapsport.co.nz or www.nzorienteering.com

Enquiries Michael Wood Ph 04 566 2645, or email michael.wood@mapsport.co.nz

Embargo: The Poroporo Block of the Ngaumu Forest of Juken Nissho Ltd is OUT OF BOUNDS from now until the event.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUB/S.

PAPO:

Held a Shamrock Leaf Relay in June. This is where competitors have a mass start and do loops. It was to prevent people having to stand around waiting and getting cold.

MOC/TOPS:

The Eccles family are on the move to Rotorua.

HB:

Cancelled their event on Sun 23 while hardy DOC ran their event.

Ross Morrison was collecting controls after an event and came across a girl playing a cello in the trees.

Mark H dyed his hair at the HB 3 day event. Some people thought he was wearing a hat. Mark was not the only thing to run his course, for by the time he finished he was sporting fluoro green side burns.