

UPDATE ON CLINICS.

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Controllers Clinic Sat Dec 8, Sunday Dec 9

This will be held at Waikouaiti and will include a practical session on the Waikouaiti map on one of the days. Cost is \$20 per person

If you are not interested in being an NZOF Controller the clinic is still interesting and a good learning experience for club controllers and planners. It might also be a good idea for existing controllers to attend as there are a number of changes in rules etc since the last Clinic held in Dunedin over 5 years ago. This especially applies to A grade controllers who have not controlled a major event in the last few years

Fieldwork clinic

This will probably be at the Pyramids map on Monday evening from about 5pm and last about 4 hours.

OCAD Clinic

This will probably be at Kings High school on Tuesday and go from 6pm to 10pm? OCAD 7 & 8 will be the main versions covered. OCAD 5 is freeware now and there are demo versions of OCAD 7 & 8 available to be downloaded on the OCAD site www.ocad.com

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

Thanks are due to all the people who are making it possible for everyone to enjoy such great orienteering. Special thanks to Club members who have recently planned, controlled, organized or assisted at an event for the first time. We need you, and hopefully you have had fun and the experience has made you think it will be easier next time!

The Spring Series has got off to a really good start. Events in town make orienteering accessible and easy to fit into a busy weekend. As well, at the end of September those enthusiastic YODA people provided two days of interesting events at Logan Park and Ross Creek-Town Belt North-Town Belt South.

Did you read the articles "In Praise of the Humble Whistle" and "The Butt End of an Event" in the September DOCument? We need to do more than

talk about the need for orienteers to have a whistle (for safety) and a watch (to be back by course closing time). Let's aim to have these items with us at each event.

Please look through this DOCUMENT and put on your calendar all the dates of coming events, the Controllers Clinic and Fieldwork/OCAD Clinics (which are suitable for everyone) and the Dunedin Orienteering Club's 25th Birthday Party. You will also be phoned to be invited to the party. We need lots of people entering the Club relays at the Pyramids on Sunday November 18. Just enter by November 9 and the organizers will put you in a team.

See you soon. Margaret

juniors.....

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We are looking for coaches to work on the junior camp advertised on this page. If you can help out, (even if only for part of the time), please let Jan Davies know via email or phone (details on the junior camp advert)

WELCOME.

Welcome to new member Rachel Barton, Queenstown.

FROM THE COMMITTEE.

At the October meeting, Ross Davies' resignation from the committee was received. Ross has been elected to his local community board and feels he will not have enough time to contribute to the club. We still hope to see you and your family at some events, Ross.

A set of keys in a leather pouch has been left in the caravan. These were noticed at the Kettle Park event. They are still in the caravan and can be claimed at the next event.

Lindsay Smith attended the meeting and outlined his ideas for further permanent courses in the Dunedin area. Kettle Park, Woodhaugh, and Waiora Scout Camp were mentioned, as well as Chingford Park where we are already intending to put a permanent course when the map is finished. These courses are good for training, novices and especially for local school groups, and funding may be sought from local sources. Lindsay also showed a number of school maps that he has prepared recently, and is using with the Kiwisport programme and other school and teacher training.

Michael Tagg gave the YODA report and discussed the Naseby event for next year, which will be held after the Nationals at Easter. Although they were intending to hold it the weekend after Easter, Southland scheduled an event in competition. So the YODA event has been moved to a midweek one, in conjunction with the coaching bonanza which will be organised by Jean Cory-Wright the national coaching coordinator. This will give us the opportunity of more than a week of O, with 3 PAPO events, 2 YODA, some training and then the SOC events to finish with.

GO YODA!

Jane Forsyth.

With the cancellation of the famous Naseby Hillbilly Challenge, YODA put together instead a fun weekend programme of events on our local maps. Anyone who didn't get to one of these missed a treat, as both were great fun and just that little bit different as YODA events tend to be.

On a lovely warm Saturday, Dave Barr introduced us to the "Tour de O" – apparently based loosely on a famous cycling event. There were 5 separate "stages" or loops, of which you could do some or all. They ranged from white to reddish, at least as red as you can get at Logan Park. We used the old version of the map, which lacks a lot of contours and features so makes the bush areas up on Signal Hill just a bit more challenging. There were mass starts for each loop, or you could start the loop at any time after the mass start. The first 5 people back in each stage got extra points and you got one for just finishing, or double points for the last stage – the reddest though not the most strenuous. There were apparently some clever strategic things you could do, like not doing the first course at all and guaranteeing you would pick up points by winning the second course. However I noticed that all these clever stratagems were only worked out afterwards! Some people like me are so non-strategic that we are defeated by even the humble score event, and find it easier to run than to think – especially during mass starts.

The most gutbusting stage was a humungous hill climb most of the way up Signal Hill, an excellent challenge for the fit and young (or young at heart) although many people elected to miss this part out for some reason (probably that they thought they might die on the way). Naturally there was a King of the Hill award for this, which was won by some fit bloke, probably Michael Tagg, or if not him then some other youngish male person, don't ask me, I was nowhere near at the time! Even without the major hill climb there were plenty of ups and downs for the rest of us, climbing from the high school up to the top of the Gardens and back again twice. Thanks Dave, Penny and the other YODAs for organising this great workout. More fun than the gym anytime.

The next day was the Triple Treat, almost as famous as the Hillbilly Challenge, involving a course from Ross Creek to the South Town Belt and back again (about 13 km). Those with less energy, or still worn out from Saturday, had a choice of 2 other courses round Ross Creek or a medium-length run around Ross Creek and the Town Belt North map (about 9 km). I did this one and suffered plenty from running along roads in my O shoes, although I think I would have suffered in a different way if I had tried to get up and down slippery onion-weed banks and rocky cliffs in my running shoes. Even after all the events we have done at Ross Creek, there were some bits I had not seen before like the track along to Braeview Crescent.

The Town Belt maps are pretty well-known and there were not too many surprises, even with the planner's penchant for putting controls at the top of cliffs. Of the 8 cliff controls, only one was at the foot of the cliff! The difficulty was orange and the planner had kindly avoided some of the gnarly parts that are not so well mapped and where you can lose a lot of time. Thanks to Michael for this fun course.

I found running on maps I know really well, like these town maps, really enjoyable. You might say Oh just the Town Belt or just Logan Park – and sure it is not as challenging as a new map or some complicated sand dunes. But it's great fun just running with a perfect mental picture of where you are going, and not having to think about the details on the way. I suppose good orienteers do this all the time but it's enough of a novelty for me that I got a buzz out of it. The other nice thing was that there was nothing in particular riding on the results of these courses – no championships or national titles, no pressure (except for the pressure-points under my feet). And it turned out to be great practice for the following week's Town Belt North event.

So thanks YODA for the events and the yummy sausages.

TOUR de O - Logan Park

Thanks to everyone for your appreciation of this event. It is good to have a fun event to take a break from the normal orienteering. I think that with a bit of tweaking this could be a reasonably good form of spectator orienteering which is fun for the competitors.

Cheers, Dave.

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A GO AT THIS!

(A beginners report on her first planning attempt- Town Belt North)

Fiona Monks.

Well, this was my first time planning, and it certainly proved to be an interesting experience. Little did I realise how much time goes into these events, although I'm sure it gets easier and faster with a little more experience. I did have a bit of a home ground advantage in planning as I live on the map and it made it very easy to check control sites.

I set out on this planning escapade armed with bold ideas on how I could create a fantastic course that everyone would love and would be completely different to any event they had ever done on Town Belt North before! It was a bold plan and I tried my very hardest to carry it out, but the map would

not yield any new control sites so different start points and route choices were the only way to go. (As the old adage goes, “you can’t teach an old map new tricks”.) This meant that the courses were a little harder to put together than I originally thought they would be, especially as I’m a wee bit out of touch with what a white or yellow course looks like, A big thanks to Myles for helping me out with a few of the safety issues.

When it came to planning the Orange course nearly all the control sites have been used in the very recent past, and there were few ways of approaching them differently. Possible consultation with YODA regarding their event the week before may have been a good thing to do, but never mind, it all turned out o.k. in the end. Luckily for me.

The day of the event itself dawned dull and grey, but luckily no rain for us putting out the controls. Soon after however the rain set in and all the competitors got wet. You’ll be pleased to know though that soon the sun broke out and Myles and I were able to stay dry collecting controls back in again. So, yes....all the controls were out, the master maps were set up, people were starting to arrive, but there was one thing that had been overlooked. Nothing major of course, just maps for all the competitors! A huge thank you to Michael (he’s my hero!) for crawling out of bed and doing a half conscious dash up the hill to rescue me! (and bring the maps).

I shall keep this report brief, so in conclusion I’d like to say that I did enjoy planning my first event and am keen to do some more in the future. My thanks go out to everyone who came along on the day, and especially those that gave me some feedback on the courses, it was very helpful and delighted me to know that you didn’t all hate it! Thanks to Myles for telling me what to do, I wouldn’t have gotten anywhere without your guidance. And of course thanks to Annie for convincing me to do it in the first place.

My final words go out to all of those people who have never tried planning. It is a fantastic experience, and will improve your orienteering no end. Don’t think that you don’t have enough orienteering experience to get into this kind of thing as there are lots of people who will help you out and you’ll be glad you did it in the end! Not meaning to sound like an advertisement or anything but, JUST DO IT!

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NOTES

Points = (Winners time/competitors time) x 1000

Planners/Controllers get average of their best two placings.

DNF and DSQ get 100 points

Minimum of two events entered to get points and the best 5 out of 6 events count.

| Course 1 | Long Red | Course 2 | Short Red | Course 3 | Orange |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| MEN | | MEN | | MEN | |
| Jim Cotter | 4954 | Ian Holden | 4407 | Jesse Robertson | 3734 |
| Kevin Knowles | 4739 | Geoff Allen | 3789 | Owen Cambridge | 2775 |
| Andrew Kelly | 3994 | Myles Thayer | 3732 | Michael Davies | 2474 |
| Ciaran Thayer | 3730 | Tane Cambridge | 3713 | Don Gordon | 2374 |
| Gavin Craw | 3163 | Don Melville | 3315 | Simon Allen | 2157 |
| Lindsay Smith | 3134 | Grant Hudson | 2974 | Ross Davies | 2000 |
| Michael Tagg | 2846 | Nick Mortimer | 2953 | Paul Young | 1473 |
| George McLeod | 2650 | Svend Pedersen | 2695 | Brian Chalmers | 1432 |
| Dave Browning | 2347 | Alex Wearing | 2436 | John Adams | 1405 |
| Matt Scott | 1920 | Aaron Searle | 1902 | | |
| Rob Batt | 1584 | Peter Wilson | 1777 | WOMEN | |
| Dave Barr | 1559 | Patrick Manning | 1743 | Pat Taylor | 2852 |
| Jamie Stewart | 949 | Dave Browning | 1660 | Rhonda Thayer | 2840 |
| Bob Cunninghame | 919 | Richard Thum | 1645 | Eunice McLeod | 1943 |
| | | Don Bruce | 1541 | Kate Cotter | 1657 |
| Course 4 | L Yellow | Bruce Spittle | 1308 | Rosie Allen | 1000 |
| | | | | Paula McDiarmid | 977 |
| MEN | | WOMEN | | Marian de Graaf | 942 |
| Brendan Thayer | 3569 | Bunny Rathbone | 4497 | Ev Smith | 706 |
| Matt Radford | 3006 | Jane Forsyth | 4384 | | |
| John Adams | 3000 | Jennifer Hudson | 3705 | Course 6 | White |
| Robin Kelly | 1608 | Judy Browning | 3524 | | |
| Riki Cambridge | 1427 | Pauline Abblett | 3512 | MEN | |
| Josh Adams | 1000 | Tricia Foote | 2221 | Tom Manning | 1884 |
| Aaron Bray | 919 | Pat Taylor | 2159 | Logan Mortimer | 1459 |
| | | Eunice McLeod | 1888 | | |
| WOMEN | | Margaret Tagg | 1838 | WOMEN | |
| Linda Keen | 4357 | Jane Cloete | 1482 | Esther Radford | 2873 |
| Cyndi Phillip | 2709 | Allie Cunninghame | 1060 | Annie Manning | 2000 |
| | | | | Laura Davies | 750 |
| Course 5 | Short Yellow | | | | |
| MEN | | | | | |
| Andrew Pohl | 2614 | | | | |