

NEXT DOC EVENTS.

All Night Relays entries close on 8 February with a late entry closing date of 14 February.

BBQ – AGM - Night O Event - 16 February 2002.

BBQ starts at 6pm at Sheryl & Bruce Collins, 47 Stewart St, Waikouaiti (BBQ,s, plates, plastic glasses, knives/forks provided – bring your own food & drink)

AGM follows at 8pm at the Waikouaiti Sportsground Pavilion (on the Waikouaiti map). The Club prize giving and presentations will follow.

Night O follows at 9:30pm on the Waikouaiti map. Get in some training before the All Night Relays on 2 March.

To get to the Sportsground turn right off the main Highway into Beach St. Continue until you hit the sea, hang a left and then left again. Stewart St is the last on the left off Beach St before the beach.



Since the weather is going to be good why not make a day of it and spend the afternoon on the beach!!

YODA - GREAT NASEBY TWO DAY - Entries due by 14 March.

NOTICE OF AGM

Dunedin Orienteering Club (Inc) Annual General Meeting
8:00pm Saturday 16 February
Waikouaiti Sports Ground Pavilion (on the Waikouaiti map)

Agenda

Welcome & Apologies
Minutes of the last AGM
President's report
Treasurer's report and presentation of annual accounts
Adoption of Club membership fees for 2002
Election of Officers

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor and Honorary Auditor
Award of life membership (AGM must approve committee's
recommendation)
General Business

Following the formal part of the AGM will be the Club's Annual prizegiving.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

Margaret Tagg.

Happy New Year. Lots is happening in the coming months so do put all those orienteering dates on your calendar. The Summer Series will be another opportunity to do some mid-week events on local maps, including the new map of Chingford, and these are particularly suitable for newcomer friends. The OY events begin on 24 Feb at Narrowdale, and a great way to have a very social time orienteering is to participate in the All Night Relay Champs on Mar 2-3.

Entries close on 8 Feb.

Thank you to Bunny Rathbone for the donation of a fine compass which has been presented to Ciaran Thayer, outstanding Junior in 2001. Bunny has kindly given the Club \$100 for an award in 2002 to a Junior under 18 years. Over the years Bunny has coached many Juniors and her encouragement of young orienteers is appreciated.

See you at the barbecue at 6.30pm Waikouiatu on Sat 16 Feb. After a short AGM at 8pm there will be a night event which promises to be a lot of fun. If you would like to be on the Committee let someone know or come ready to volunteer at the AGM. As the Committee is large the work is spread.

Please send in membership forms. As DOCUMENT is being sent by email from next month this is your last one unless a printed copy has been ordered.

Happy Orienteering.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS.

Dear Editors,

Thankyou very much for printing Team Edge's adventures throughout the Southern Traverse 2001 in the December DOCument. The account made such exciting reading and in turn we were able to share Bruce McLeod's suffering and excitement. I was waiting enthralled to get to the account of crossing the rope bridge and the abseill. But it was all casually addressed in a day's work with "we made short work of the rope bridge and 50m descent". The frustration, panic and elation throughout the traverse were all so well described we were able to share in the experience. Well done Bruce and the team. I look forward to reading your account of your next adventure.

Judy Wilson

CHRIS EHRHARDT - Course Complete

Chris Ehrhardt died on 30th November, 2001 after some months of illness with a brain tumour. The funeral was held at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral on 4th December which would have been Chris's 64th birthday. Chris and Pat Ehrhardt were at the inaugural meeting in November 1976 to form the Dunedin Orienteering Club and have had continuous involvement since!!! Recently Chris had worked in China and the North Island so wasn't so often seen at Dunedin events, but until then Chris and Pat had taken on many, many orienteering responsibilities. Chris was always a very thorough Planner, Controller and Organizer and after events would enjoy sharing ideas about the course. He gave helpful comments to less experienced orienteers who benefited from Chris's willingness to pass on orienteering expertise. Many are grateful to Chris for all he contributed to the development and strength of the Dunedin Orienteering Club. Sympathy and loving thoughts go to Pat and the family.

DOC'S 25th BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Margaret Tagg.

On Saturday 1st December present and past members of the Dunedin Orienteering Club, the oldest South Island orienteering club, celebrated DOC's 25th anniversary. The Wakari Scout Centre was decorated in blue and gold Otago-colour streamers and silver balloons and there was an impressive display of photographs and memorabilia provoking lots of comments and memories. People had been invited to come dressed as a control so we had a fence corner, top of a bank, trees, parallel features and lots more! What a creative and imaginative lot. As the weather was balmy everyone was able to sit around on the lawn to socialize and enjoy a

delicious barbecue meal. After a short speech of welcome, an entertaining talk by Judy Wilson on the history of the Club and best wishes from NZOF's Stuart Payne, everyone was thoroughly entertained by the 'Docettes.' These amazing ladies - Lyn, Bunny, Claire and Judy - had dressed up and performed a song and dance routine at DOC's 10th anniversary so they made a return appearance in their blue and gold costumes and sang a lively song, with actions, about the Dunedin Orienteering Club with many perceptive words about Club members. Well done and thanks. Pot-luck desserts were enjoyed, some prizes awarded, the beautifully decorated cake cut and served with tea and coffee and the evening of celebration was over.

The following day, Sunday 2nd December, a fun event was held at Ross Creek and some people stayed to enjoy a picnic lunch.

GO DOC GO! GO DOC GO!

At the DOC birthday party in December, we were entertained by the energetic and memorably-attired "DOCETTES" (Lyn, Claire, Bunny and Judy) with their cheerleader routine. Here is their text...

GO DOC GO! GO DOC GO!

Over the hills and through the vales
In the snow and rain and hail

While Anitra runs across the ditch
Ken gives his mountain bike a hitch

Naseby is always green and mean
Where YODA prods us to extremes

Judy pushes through the gears
Still planning after 25 years

The club keeps getting a Brit or two
North Islanders? We've pinched a few

Gumboots now are left behind
As George takes on that northern land

Lyn and Claire like socialising
It makes them good at organising

Coaching and promoting continue to be
A priority for sustainability

Though Bruce is conquering mountains now
His orienteering skills still flow

Bunny keeps on rabbiting on
You can catch her now – she's slowing down

The Hudsons are forever travelling
Running the country, its maps unravelling

Hours of devotion from Pat has been
Keeping the Kings boys on the scene

Myles has a brood that's strong on speed
That family trophy they do need

Mappers come and mappers go
We need your skills to keep the flow

An expert planner is Ian Holden
Whose years will be forever golden

Don Melville keeps his practice steady
Making sure the trophies are ready

Margaret keeps us all in line
An enthusiastic tagger of our time

Running the world the Carmans roam
Except when Alan breaks his bones

Graeme Hardy is the man who knows
Where all the equipment has to go

Many of you have not been named
But DOC still needs you to play our game

Go DOC go! Go DOC go! Go DOC go! Go DOC go!

DOC'S 25TH BIRTHDAY

Judy Wilson

DOC's 25th birthday was especially exciting for me because I have seen this club grow from an acorn. It is with great pride I see us run national championships, the ANZ Challenge, APOC and take part in orienteering festivals attracting competitors from the other side of the world. Not only can we run quality events but we have produced champions. I also look on this progress with some amusement and amazement.

Our club was founded by Leo Homes. He advertised in the ODT for any people interested in forming an orienteering club to meet at the harrier rooms at Chingford Park. Eight people turned up – Leo, Janet Dobbie, Peter and Judy Wilson, Pat and Chris Ehrhardt, Elizabeth Duke and Pat and Tony Masters. A committee was formed and Janet became Chairman. This was in December 1976.

The original maps are fascinating. The first map of Bethunes Gully was drawn by Leo Homes in July 1976 and the first event was held here in August prior to DOC being formed. The map consisted of the track, stream and pine trees and many of the control descriptions were "pine tree". The controls were can lids painted red and suspended by a piece of string. As it was quite difficult to find these controls, we were placed strategically and called out : "yoohoo, over here" to participants who were obviously lost. Allans Beach is one of my favourite early maps with control descriptions like tree, swamp and hangar.

I have got to say my favourite map though is the one I drew with Peter in January 1977 of Flagstaff. It has the road, tracks and trees and true north – not magnetic north. Later that year, Peter and I decided we would be daring and run an event combining both the Flagstaff and the Whare Flat map. We joined the maps but unfortunately they did not quite match. Added to that, you had to subtract 32 degrees or so from your bearing. It was not surprising to find that only one person finished – Leo. One couple said they had had a terrible time, the experience had left a nasty taste and they were never coming back – and they didn't.

Holding an event was easy. You decided where you wanted to hold it, drew the map, set the course, advertised, took people's money, did the start and finish and gave everyone a prize. It was a one man band.

So how did we get from such humble – and fun beginnings – to be cheeky enough to run an international event, APOC, only a few years later. There were probably two reasons.

The first is the coming of the Dowlings. In November 1977 they were in Invercargill and read in the newspaper that there was to be the AGM of the Dunedin Orienteering Club. They had just returned from orienteering in Europe and were delighted to discover there was orienteering right here in Dunedin. So they drove up with great excitement and anticipation from Invercargill. Just as well they arrived in time as the AGM was over in 5 minutes and I think they were somewhat dismayed. The Dowlings introduced us to planners, controller and organisers, to features like re-entrants, spurs and depressions. They even donated start and finish banners. Since 1978 Anitra was a consistent member of the NZ team and, with her international experience, was able to provide the expertise, with Ken, to enable us to push ahead.

The second reason is the dedicated membership of DOC. These people were unafraid to give anything a go. I remember going to the Nationals at Awhitu in 1983. We hung our APOC advertising on a string like washing, while the Aucklanders said "Do you know what you are doing". Of course – we said. We also in our Club were lucky to have a group who were business savvy, good communicators and could be ruthless when they needed to – I'm talking about Graham Williams, Ian Douglas and Peter Wilson. Our advertising for APOC included making tape slide shows with Ian Douglas narrating. We even had a Japanese translation – not Ian Douglas's though. APOC at Naseby was a great success with around 800 or so participants – the biggest event that had been held in NZ. The toilets were interesting – just 2 poles – you perched on one and held on to the other and there was a long ditch dug below. Every now and then lime was sprinkled down.

It was great to see so many from those APOC days at the 25th celebration. Dennis Todd from Ranfurly says the local community are still talking about APOC. Derek Railton, who was so involved with mapping, was there with the Carmans, Footes, Andersons, Grants, Sutherlands, Jordans, Thomas's, Graeme Hardy, Bunny Rathbone and Ian Holden. These people formed the backbone of the Club. I am sure there were others present that I have omitted.

Since APOC we have held many high calibre events and since Anitra we have had champion class competitors. It must have been around 1990 when the McLeods first came orienteering. We remembered them because they came in their gumboots. It wasn't long before we realized they were a force to be reckoned with and all the family have become champions in their own right - George and Eunice and of course Bruce as our national champion. The Smiths – Rachel and Rebecca, Mark Hudson have also made their mark not too mention old timers Bunny Rathbone and Ian

Holden. Pat Ehrhardt is a foundation member, with Chris, and has continued to be very active especially with secondary schools competition.

Thankyou Margaret for organising this occasion. Congratulations and it will be interesting to see what has happened in the next 25 years!

CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS - DECEMBER 2001

by Nick Mortimer

Last December, the committee arranged for a visit from Jim Lewis, of Taupo, to run three clinics for club members on Controlling Events, Mapping and OCAD. In his "spare" time during the week, Jim was also engaged to do some mapping at Chingford Park. Between 12 and 20 people, including a couple of our Southland neighbours, attended each clinic, .

THE CONTROLLERS' CLINIC was a Saturday and Sunday affair held at Waikouaiti Primary School, and was the 10th such to be held under the auspices of NZOF. We touched on all the various aspects of controlling, which effectively include Planning and Organising: entry forms, course design and lengths, control siting, desk and field checking of the course, start, finish & results issues (including checking clip cards), health and safety, dealing with complaints and protests, and after-event matters. Basically the controller is a project manager who takes ultimate responsibility for all aspects of an orienteering event. The field component of the clinic was provided by Bruce Collins who arranged an entertaining hour of field checking "spot the deliberate mistake" controls in the forested dunes at the south end of the Waikouaiti map. How many of us check that every control's clips have teeth!? The liveliest part of the clinic was a "Should this complaint be upheld?" session. While NZOF rules clearly resolved most of the scenarios, in a few cases the judgement ranged between full pardons and capital punishment. Some people took the course to maintain or gain their NZOF Controller's accreditation. Although I intend to consolidate my Planning skills before embarking on Controlling, I found the clinic very worthwhile.

THE FIELDWORK CLINIC was held on the Monday evening at The Pyramids. A small 1:7500 topographic map, with no orienteering features on it, was provided as a base map. Walking from the woolshed to a pine plantation about a kilometre away, Jim explained that map making is as much an art as a science. One person may look at undulating ground and put ridges and knoll features on her map; another may look at the same

area and emphasise valleys and depressions on his. Both are quite correct and justifiable - the important thing is to be consistent across the entire map, and not to mislead in any way. We are all, to some extent, familiar with the symbols and patterns used on our orienteering maps, but a different legend is used when field mapping. Keeping a field map clean and dry is essential. We discovered this first hand when the rain came in and put a premature end to proceedings. Most of us at The Pyramids hadn't done any mapping before. The purpose of the clinic was to give just us a taste and appreciation of what is involved in making an orienteering map - in this it certainly succeeded. If many of us decide to take orienteering mapping further, we have had a good introduction.

THE OCAD CLINIC on Wednesday night saw a number of us converge on a computer lab at Otago Boys' High School. Due to some computer network problems Jim was unable to run us through the material he had brought with him on a CD-ROM. But he did give us a thorough point and click through some of the OCAD 7 sample files. As with the mapping clinic, the purpose was not to turn us into OCAD power users in three hours, but rather to introduce us to the software and to make us aware of how an OCAD map file is made from a field map. All of us went away with at least the ability to receive an OCAD map and, as planners, add a particular event's red control circles and lines to it, ready for printing. We also have a better appreciation of the large amount of work that our own OCAD person, Barrie Foote, does.

Thanks go to Waikouaiti Primary School and Otago Boys' High School for providing rooms for the clinics and, of course, to Jim Lewis for sharing his experience with us.

MY LAST MONTHS ORIENTEERING.

Michael Tagg

January 2002 was probably the most full-on and most enjoyable month of Orienteering I have ever had. Packed full of action and excitement (during what is usually a fairly slow period in New Zealand), I managed to fit in 16 straight days of Orienteering enjoyment.

It all starting in Auckland on the 4th when I arrived at the Albany Outdoor Education Centre (100m from the North Harbour Stadium) for the first day of the ANZ Challenge Training Camp. This camp had been organised for the National and Development Squads of both Australia and New Zealand

to prepare us for the races on the following week. I'd been to D Squad camps before and fully expected to have the same amount of fun and get the same amount of Orienteering development as those previous camps. However as the 40 or so Australians joined us over the next 2 days I realised that this would be a rare opportunity to train with some of the top young Orienteers from both countries.

The week long camp incorporated some of the best maps in the country, including parts of the Woodhill forest (Auckland) and the infamous 99 Hills/99 Gullies (Taupo), the latter being the home of the National Short-O from two years ago. It was a well balanced camp, featuring tutorials (core strengthening, Swiss ball use and Sports Psychology), training exercises (generally in small groups or pairs) and races... the most prominent being the "Elite Challenge" which Australia unfortunately won by a fairly comfortable margin. This set up as an indication of the strength of the two elite squads in the build up to the ANZ.

Having wound our way down through the North Island to the small town of Marton, we found ourselves staying in the brilliant accommodation of Huntley School. It is the second time that I've stayed in a boarding school for an Orienteering event and I continue to be impressed by the standard of accommodation and most importantly – food!!

The intimate atmosphere between the Aussie and Kiwi squads was therefore continued as we launched ourselves into the "serious" competition of the ANZ Challenge. The training camp had prepared us all wonderfully for the intricate sand dune terrain that dominated this five-race event and therefore put us all on a level playing field. It turned out to be intense Orienteering with great importance on "speed control". It was a shame that my personal speed was not up to that of the New Zealand team members, who managed to win both events – the individual 14-9 and the relay 13-10. Probably the most satisfying outcome for Kiwi Orienteers should be the fact that the two elite relay teams (M21E/W21E) won over their more favoured Australian counterparts.

So at this point New Zealand had won both the ANZ events, both of the One Day International Cricket matches and both of the Aussie/Kiwi backyard Cricket games at Huntley School... bragging rights were well in our favour for the rest of the camp!

So with spirits buoyed after some top notch competition the Orienteering road show moved on to New Plymouth for the legendary Egmont Club "Turkey Traverse" and the New Zealand Park-O Championships. The Turkey Traverse is very similar to our own YODA Triple Treat... except that

it involves five maps, leading down through dense native bush (or boosh for the Aussies) and two large scale park maps into the centre of New Plymouth. This 18km course was won in 2hrs 8mins by the pre-match hometown favourite Karl Dravitzki. For me... suffice to say I eventually finished and FINALLY managed to get one back over former DOC member Mark Hudson, who had been my arch-rival in the M21A grade throughout ANZ.

So then it was Saturday night and for most of us a chance to let our hair down after two weeks of hard core racing. Chris Cairns, who came to the party with an unbeaten 102 on the big screen, made the night even better as we rubbed a bit more salt into the Aussie wounds. For some I imagine the 2.6km park race the next day felt like the longest of the whole carnival, but for most it was hugely enjoyable. With a winning time of 13mins (Stu Barr) it was as action packed as expected and showed how our sport can be thrust into the public eye.

On a personal note the camp taught me a great number of valuable lessons. One was never write off the Black Caps, while another was that it takes a lot of hard work to move from M20A to M21E. Hopefully this is something I will be able to do over the next year or so, so that next time I'll be able to mix it up with the best of the best and keep those Aussies at bay.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.

SOC

After 25 years at Southland Girls High Pauline Ablett will be a full time student this year. She is studying extramurally from Massey University doing statistics and second language teaching. She will remain in Invercargill.

Trish Foote is heading to England to take up a teaching position in Kent for 6 months. Alan will join her at the end of her contract.

Auckland

From PUNCH magazine: Noticing the latest Toyota "bugger" advert that shows a long drop reminds me of an episode at the recent Australian O Champs. There was the usual stand of a dozen long drop toilets with the usual line of uncomfortable looking competitors waiting their turn. Gradually the crowd noticed an argument between a young child and her Mum. There were tears and shouting so it wasn't hard to overhear that the distraught girl had dropped her new drink bottle into the void, and desperately wanted to

retrieve it!! "Can't we get a stick or something?" I think I understand her mother's reluctance.

TOPOC

A Letter from ex SOC and ex MOC member, Lance Eccles, who now lives in Rotorua.

He is into mountain biking (did a 67km race), fishing (34 to date, none smaller than 5 pound)).