

APRIL DOCUMENT 2002

NEXT DOC EVENTS.

Otago Champs - entries close April 5th.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

Maragaret Tagg.

Thanks again to everyone who is making a full calendar of DOC events possible. We had a great turnout for the Summer Series, another successful S.I. All Night Relay Champs and OY events are underway.

All the best on the courses and safe travelling to the 50+ Dunedin people who are going to the Nationals over Easter, the YODA Naseby events and the S.I. Champs.

And don't forget entries for the Otago Champs close on April 5. There are courses suitable for everyone even beginners!

At the AGM it was great to have so many Committee members willing to continue in the various roles. Welcome to Peter Wilson to the Committee and thanks to Nick in his new position as Coaching Co-ordinator.

We need someone - not necessarily Committee - to help Annie with the two jobs she has been doing, liaising with landowners for permission for events and keeping the roster of Planners, Controllers and Organizers. Please ask Annie what is involved if you may be able to assist.

And also a reminder that the Committee welcomes anyone to meetings which are held on the 3rd Wed each month.

See you soon.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Sheryl Collins has been appointed an A Grade Controller.

COACHING DEVELOPMENTS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

Michael Tagg.

With the election of Nick Mortimer as the new DOC coaching coordinator at the last DOC committee meeting, there was a lot of talk about ways that the club can develop our coaching profile. Historically DOC coaching has revolved around coaching days with (often non Dunedin) top-level coaches. A lot of credit for the latest of these should go to outgoing coaching coordinator Jane Forsyth.

One thing that we have possibly overlooked however is the number of adequately qualified “coaches” that we have in the club who aren’t being utilized. These coaches are all of our experienced Orienteers who have sufficient knowledge and experience to pass on to younger, less experienced club members. To utilize these skills the committee decided to revamp the mentor system in the club. This is a fantastically simple concept that can dramatically improve the Orienteering ability of both the inexperienced Orienteer and the mentor! For the last couple of years, George McLeod has been my mentor. As often as possible after an event, we have got together and talked about our runs. By doing this we are able to isolate recurring errors (the worst kind of mistakes!) and develop planning strategies for upcoming major events. It doesn’t take long but is something that I consider advantageous to improvement.

If you think that you would like to have a mentor paired up with you, regardless of your age or experience (because you never stop leaning) email Nick Mortimer at epidote at es.co.nz or look on the notice board at upcoming OY events.

I thoroughly recommend this system to all DOC members.

ROSS CREEK.

A short reflection by the controller - Annie Grant.

The orange course was probably too long , runners could not take the straight line and had to run longer distances. We should have offered short and long orange then we would have had no DNFs. Some people ran out of time, some got caught in the dark and for others it was too long. Ross Creek is tricky in the dark. You think we should have Ross Creek in the beginning of the year when we have more day light?

I hope you all still had a good time and a challenge.

Thanks to all the helpers Jane, Judy and the Thayer Family. It also pays to have a cell phone on the spot. Always check that you don't have old results tags in your finish box otherwise you may send a search party out for a missing person who is at actually at home .

SUMMER SERIES EVENT 5 - LOGAN PARK - 13 MARCH.

LOGAN PARK CONTROLLER'S REPORT.

Annie Grant.

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to Sheryl and Bruce Collins who every Wednesday were there to help in the caravan, start etc. The Spittles and Logan Park High School students did a great job as organisers in the wet. Also thanks to part of the Yoda team for collecting controls. To all the orienteers who were brave enough to go out in the wet, miserable weather - just a reminder, it pays to have a good plastic map bag. At the start the weather wasn't too bad; but it changed quickly. We had a few DNFs and some maps came back like jigsaw puzzles; and runners were drenched to the skin.

What about handing out some free plastic maps on the Wednesday Series when it is rainy as they are promotion events and a lot of new people are coming along?

Sorry for the mix up of the control 413 to 314. We had a small communication break down and we hope it didn't affect your run too much.

I hope the young planners keep on with their good work and help out in the future.

See you. Annie

NZOF NEWS - MARCH 2002.

NELSON ORIENTEERING CLUB

Top of the South Orienteering Club is no more; long live the Nelson Orienteering Club.

At their recent AGM, TOPS decided that with the existence of the Marlborough club also at the "top of the south", Nelson was a more appropriate name for their club. The new secretary is:

Jo Kay, 31 Surrey Road, Richmond, ph (03) 554 9666, kayfamily@xtra.co.nz.

NEW ZEALAND TO COMPETE IN AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

Orienteering Australia has agreed to accept a New Zealand team as part of their annual National Orienteering League. While New Zealand will not

compete in all of the league events, it is planned to compete in several events, later in the year.

VACANCIES

Peter Squires has resigned as convenor of the NZOF Rogaine sub-committee. NZOF thanks Pete for his contribution to the development of rogaining to date. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact the General Manager.

The following vacancy also remains outstanding.

Development Squad Manager

Those interested in this position should contact the General Manager for a job description.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A-LEVEL EVENTS & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Now that all club members are affiliated to the NZOF via their club's affiliation they are eligible to compete in NZOF A-level events. However, this eligibility does not extend to those individuals who are club members via an institutional membership (high school, polytechnic, etc). To enter A-level events, such members must either take out an individual club membership or pay a one-event registration of \$9 per race (senior) or \$5.50 per race (junior). Non-members of clubs are also required to pay a one-event registration to enter A-level events. (The category of wayfarer is not recognised for such events.) For all other events, participation is a club management issue.

GRANTS FOR EVENTS WITH PRIZES

The NZOF Council has determined that if an event carries unsponsored prizes then it is deemed to be sufficiently profitable that NZOF will not consider any development grant or other form of subsidy.

COMMUNITY PURPOSES LEVY

George Hawkins, Minister of Internal Affairs, has advised that after consideration it was decided that the profits from non-casino gaming machines "should continue to be distributed locally in support of sports clubs, arts and cultural groups and community organisations. That means there will be no community purposes levy".

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Recently Peninsula and Plains requested a letter from the NZOF setting out that they were recognised as the regional organisation for Canterbury. This enabled the club to use Christchurch City Council parks free of charge. Other clubs can also request similar recognition, especially where they are not already part of an established Area Association. Such clubs could

include Whangarei, Egmont, Hawkes Bay and others in the South Island besides PAPO. Contact the General Manager for more details.

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REVIEW OF KIWISPORT MANUAL

Between now and 31 May, Robyn Davidson will be reviewing the content of the Kiwisport Orienteering Manual. She welcomes any thoughts, suggestions, ideas you might have. Robyn can be contacted at:

24 Moyne Avenue, Palmerston North. Phone (06) 353 3262, email: robyn_davidson@infogen.net.nz.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Squad for 2002 is now finalised, as follows:

MEN

Simon Addison (Pinelands), Keith Agmen (TOPS), James Bradshaw (Wellington), Bryn Davies (Red Kiwis), Greg Flynn (Hamilton), Dougal Harding (Auckland), Robert Holdaway (Marlborough), Dion Kennedy (Southland), Douglas Kwan (Auckland), Andrew McCarthy (Hutt Valley), Ross Morrison (Hawkes Bay), Todd Oates (Hawkes Bay), Martin Peat (Counties-Manukau), Tim Renton (Auckland), David Stewart (Auckland), Bryan Stokes (PAPO), **Michael Tagg (Dunedin) and Ciaran Thayer (Dunedin).**

WOMEN

Kate Bodger (PAPO), Marijke Currie (Auckland), Victoria Glover (Wellington), Amy Holden (Wellington), **Penny Kane (Dunedin), Fiona Monks (Dunedin)**, Claire Paterson (Red Kiwis), Lara Prince (PAPO), Natalie Rouse (Counties-Manukau) and Jayne Shuker (Counties-Manukau).

JWOC 2002

The Selectors advise that the team for the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Spain, 8-15 July, will be announced at the National Championships during Easter.

SPORT AND RECREATION NZ

Formerly the Hillary Commission, Sport and Recreation New Zealand (incorporating the National Office of the NZ Academy of Sport) have moved. As of Monday 25th March their new address is:

Level 4, Dominion Building
78 Victoria Street
Wellington.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.

Any article/s you would like emailed to you ask and it will be sent.

Rotorua.

Mark McKenna has written about the Kaweka Challenge.

Weddings.

Antony Barr
Matt Tuck to Tania Burtenshaw
Mark Roberts to Lisa Brook