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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

Welcome to new members Ben Ludgate and Jackie Wilson.

Caravan towers list

The committee is compiling a list of members who are able to tow the caravan. If we can get more volunteers then we'll be able to have one person take it to an event and another bring it home. That will mean that people don't have to wait all day at an event. If you are willing to be on the list please phone Myles, 454 2385 or email thayer@paradise.net.nz

Organisers and Helpers

The committee has become concerned about the small number of members who are volunteering to work at events. We have offered incentives such as free entry on the day and still have only a small group. Next year we are going to have a roster and everyone will be expected to contribute as an organiser or helper twice during the year. BE IN AND VOLUNTEER QUICKLY SO YOU GET THE JOB AND DATE YOU WANT!

Vacancies

We still have vacancies both on the committee and outside the committee.

We need an assistant for Annie Grant with either landowner liaison or the event programme.

We need a publicity officer.

We are looking for anyone interested in being part of a mapping sub-committee.

THE RAGGEDY EPIC.

Michael Tagg.

This report comes from the perspective of a very inexperienced Rogainer, thrown in the very far end of the deep end.

First I should explain what I mean by inexperienced. What I mean is that I had NO experience at all in Rogaines before the Raggedy EPIC. It's something that I've always wanted to get into, but never really got around to

doing. So when I received the email from Bruce McLeod, I made the decision that I was in. So the next step was to organise a team. I had the feeling that two of my Orienteering friends from PAPO (Julian MacLaren and Michael Smithson) had done one or two of these things before so I sent them an email.

This was my first mistake.

When you decide to make a team for a sport you've never done before, it's worth doing a bit of homework about the potential candidates. Had I done this I would have found out that Mike and Julian had done over 15 Rogaines each and are two of the best at it in the country. Oops.

Anyway, after zooming to Naseby on the Friday night with Bunny, I met up with my team-mates, just in time to reacquaint ourselves before getting some sleep. It was an early start the next morning to make it to Ophir, in time for the start of the 'pre-race preparation'. This is something you don't see much of in Orienteering. When we arrived, we went through a gear check (including a quick game of switch the whistle!) and made our way to the map-marking area. In Rogaining you have time before the race to plan a route choice, for most teams this was an interesting conversation, for mine it was a scientific procedure. Turns out other two The Jukebox Baby Beaters (us) treat the map like an architectural plan and use speed charts and other techniques to plan –meanwhile I was just trying to work out how to get my Camelback working (was my first time using one). Maybe that should have been a sign that I was out of my league.

At the start of the race, the 40 teams vanished in all directions into the beautiful countryside of the Raggedy Range. You'd have thought that with about 120 people on the map it'd be like walking down George Street on Christmas Eve, but strangely it was a rare event for us to be around other people!

I just want to tell anyone thinking about doing a Rogaine, that 12 hours is a LONG time, especially when you're as unfit as I was (having been out for 3 months with a back injury) with a team as committed as mine. It seemed like every hour we were deciding to get a couple more controls, eventually it seemed like I'd seen every "American President and Rosie" in all of Central Otago. The cryptic clues made things interesting... so did the surprisingly hot day and the lack of water! That all changed at about 7 pm, when the Southerly front timed it's arrival to coincide with nightfall. The temperature dropped from tee-shirt and O-pants, to thermals, fleece, hats gloves and raincoats (and STILL cold) within about half an hour.

This is when things started to go to custard for The Jukebox Baby Beaters. The others were used to this and kept going at bull at a gate speed... while little old me struggled more and more. I think I would have been ok had the

event been 12 hours in the daylight, but stumbling around in the dark got very old, very fast.

The following is the tale of our finish.

After spending about 15 minutes looking for a 10 point control in one of the stockyards (apparently it was there, just buried under some grass clippings) we decided to stop looking. This was a fairly big moment, because in the 11 hours before this, we had found every control with ease (unlike some of the other groups). The control was worth only 10 points - we wouldn't need it. So we went back to base,

Julian "Should we get that 10 pointer just along the road?"

Michael T "Oh... okay..."

At which point we went and got it and came back.

Michael S "Should we get that 10 pointer just the other way along the road?"

Michael T "ZZzzzzz"

It was only 10 points, so we clocked in with about 30 minutes to spare. We missed coming third by 10 points! – Bugger!

I have the feeling that the only reason that the others have forgiven me is the fact that they did so much better than they anticipated, and because Rogaining is all about being part of a team. This was my first Rogaine and I've already learnt a major lesson –You WILL need that last 10 points!

Rogaining is an absolutely awesome sport and it was fantastic to have such a good introduction (Bruce McLeod put in a HUGE effort to organise it), it was great to see so many DOC and YODA people there (at least 17 that I counted)... however it was a big shame that my legs weren't working well enough to make it to the Logan Park event the next day! Hopefully there will be many more Rogaines in the future, maybe I'll do some research before I make another team though.

For more info on EPIC...

visit <<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~Sbmcleod/Index.htm>>

YODA WAIORA NIGHT-O.

Michael Tagg

Having just arrived back from the event half an hour ago, I'm still buzzing about how well it went... so I guess this is the perfect time to be writing about it!

YODA has a tradition going for hosting very different Orienteering events, which revolve around doing something fun and creative every time. For the second YODA 'Vampire-O' this was just the case. The best thing about this

event was the fact that it was run on a new map, the Waiora Scout Camp, on the other side of Three Mile Hill. Lindsay Smith (with help from Michael Tagg) made the map for the Scout Association with the intention being to give Scouts an introduction to the sport, rather than specifically being a new map for DOC. So this would be a rather special chance for DOC members to have a look at the area – YODA style. The map is very small (1:4000 and A4 in size) and relatively simple. Therefore it was decided to make things a little bit more interesting by making it a night event... which obviously lead to the decision to hold a Vampire-O.

The area is perfect for Vampire-Os; I knew this from my years of Scouting –holding wide games (basically big "hide and seek") around the picturesque campsite. Sometimes it seemed like the Manuka Forest was designed for sneaking up on people in the dark!

The event went as smoothly as I could possibly have hoped. All the competitors seemed to understand the concept of a Vampire-O and most of them even got their heads around the idea of a Super 6 that I threw in to spice things up! The turnout was a perfect number of keen people (I had only two pre-marked maps left over) and apparently the Vampire card swapped hands numerous times throughout the 1-hour event (I know about this only because of the extensive 'post-race talks' held over the YODA BBQ at the end of the night). Congrats to Matt Scott for winning and commiserations to Willy for being Vampire SO many times, including at the end.

I guess that I should apologize to all of those people that I jumped out at... especially Rhonda and friends (must have been about 3 times in the hour!) and Ben and Jackie Ludgate (only their 2nd Orienteering event and crazy men are already jumping out of the bushes behind them!). Maybe it was just as well that YODA didn't charge the competitors for entry... otherwise people might have wanted their money back!

Thanks go out to all of YODA and the YODA supporters for their help, Lindsay for the map and the Scout Association for the use of their land. I hope that everyone enjoyed the perfectly calm and clear evening... so much for that snow eh Jane!!

YODA Vampire O at Waiora Scout Camp, 25th September.

Myles Thayer.

The evening dusked (opposite of dawned?) clear and calm. When the Thayer van arrived the sporting events were already underway. Frisbee throwing using a reel of masking tape was followed by football with a rolled up jacket and eventually football with a football. The briefing was scheduled

for 7 p.m. and so at 7:20 sharp we got all the instructions. There were six secret controls (only to be revealed after the first forty five minutes) and twenty premarked on our maps. The map was great and even though a 1:4000 fit comfortably on an A4 sheet it was ideal for a night event.

So at 7:30 p.m. Willy handed out the clip cards. Everyone kept them close to their chests so no-one knew who the vampire was. All except yours truly who had a great big purple V on the back of his. Now its not much fun being the vampire at the beginning of an event. No-one has a card worth taking. So I watched which way most people were going and headed off roughly in the opposite direction. Ten minutes later I got very lucky and met a card with six controls already clipped. Many thanks, Penny. Even with that advantage I didn't get a good placing but it's worth pointing out the age of most of the competitors. At least three quarters of those there could honestly say "No one has walked on the moon in my lifetime".

Thanks to Michael, Willy and all the other YODAs involved. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Its just a pity there weren't a few more seniors there to compete.

Calling all juniors...

If you are between the ages of 12 and 18, come to the 2002 NZOF Junior O camp in Wanganui.

Meet new people.

Learn new skills and practise old ones.

Do lots of orienteering

Do lots of other thing

Run on fantastic maps (Harakeke, Jail House Dunes and Marangai)

And have a great time.

Arrive afternoon Sunday 15th December, depart afternoon Friday 20th.

Cost of \$140 includes all food, all transport at camp (you need to get yourself to Wanganui and back), all activities, all coaching and all maps.

To apply for a place use email, snail mail or the phone by the end of November.

Email: jan.ian@clear.net.nz

Address: 1305 Tram Rd, RD1 Rangiora

Phone: 03 312 6475

Send your name, address, email/fax, phone, O grade, O club, colour standard, and age.

I look forward to hearing from you.

COACHES... and potential COACHES

Do you want to get some coach training and improve your own orienteering at the same time?

How about an all expenses paid trip to some of the best O maps in the country!!!

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

I look forward to hearing from you!

JWOC 2003 – ESTONIA

The Junior World Championships 2003 will be held in Estonia from 6-13 July 2003. JWOC is open to competitors aged 20 or less as at 31 December of the competition year.

Any junior who wishes to be considered for selection for 2003 should indicate their interest to the convenor of selectors **by September 30 2002**. An interim squad will be announced by 30 November 2002 and members of this squad will need to confirm their availability for selection by 15 January 2003. The final team will be announced by 28 February 2003. A trial event will be run if necessary – this will be determined following announcement of the interim squad.

Please indicate your interest to the convenor of selectors, Marquita Gelderman. Address is 45 Slater Road, RD 1, Helensville. Ph. (09) 420-2849. E-mail rg&mg@xtra.co.nz.

Any juniors wishing to be considered should run at least M/W20 in all the area championship events in the latter part of 2002.

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DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The NZOF priorities for development spending include permanent courses, successful clubs mentoring neighbouring clubs, generic promotional material (including web resources), orienteering in schools and new forms of orienteering (eg, MTBO, rogaining, park/sprint-O). All clubs were sent revised guidelines in April and clubs are encouraged to apply for funding for suitable projects.

The most recent development grants approved by the NZOF Council are:

- β to WACO for new MTBO maps at Woodhill. WACO is developing the maps as part of its build-up for the third New Zealand MTBO Championships to be held at Woodhill Forest on the 2/3 November.
- β to the Auckland Orienteering Association for schools promotion in the Auckland area, organised by their secondary school coordinator John Robinson.

SILVA SCHOOLS SPONSORSHIP

The NZOF Council at its August meeting voted to apply this year's SILVA sponsorship for promoting orienteering in schools to the Counties Manukau OC, hosts of the 2002 Silva NZSSC. It was considered that the championships had been an excellent promotion with 46 schools taking part. Nevertheless the championships incur specific costs while at the same time entry fees are deliberately kept low to encourage participation.

SITUATIONS VACANT

The following NZOF positions will be vacant in 2003 and applications are invited now. Applications close 31 October. Job descriptions are available from the General Manager.

- β **Primary School Coordinator.** The main role of this position is to foster and promote the Kiwisport orienteering programme in primary and intermediate schools. The emphasis is on establishing and maintaining a network of people who will train teachers to implement the programme. A fax machine is provided.
- β **D-Squad Manager.** The primary role of the Manager is to ensure all financial and logistic matters pertaining to the D-Squad are attended to, so that the Development Squad Coaching Coordinator and team members can concentrate on their own activities aimed at maximising their performance. Applications close 31 October.

- β **JWOC Coach/Manager.** Applications are sought for the position(s) of manager and / or coach for the New Zealand team to the Junior World Orienteering Championships. The 2003 championships will be held in Estonia, 6-13 July. A budget for partial funding of travel and accommodation is available. Applications close 31 October. The interim squad will be named 30 November.
- β **Rogaine NZ (Rogaine Committee)** – two positions. This five-person committee is responsible for the development and administration of rogaining (and other forms of endurance orienteering). As the committee operates mostly by email, regular access to email communication is essential.

CLUB AFFILIATION LEVY FOR 2003

The 2002 levy of \$12,500 was set by the 2001 AGM with this amount to be “inflation linked for subsequent years”. As the CPI increase for year to June 2002 was 2.8%, this being the approx twelve month period since that AGM, the NZOF Council has set the 2003 club affiliation levy in total (ie across all clubs) at \$12,850, being \$12,500 x 1.028.

KIWISPORT MANUAL

Contrary to what you may have read in the August issue of “New Zealand Orienteering”, the revised Kiwisport Manual is not yet on line. Although the rewrite is complete, it is currently having graphics added. It will then be put into a suitable downloadable format and be accessible from the NZOF website. This is expected to be completed soon. In the meantime the manual that is on the website remains the old (unrevised) one.

ORIENTEERING FAILS IN BID TO BE ADDED TO OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee, at a meeting on 28 August, decided not to recommend the admission of ski-orienteering to the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy. While the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) is naturally disappointed with the decision, they note that no new sport, nor discipline, was admitted to the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Nevertheless, the recent IOF General Assembly decided that the IOF should continue to strive to get orienteering included in the Olympic Games. The IOF Council, therefore, intends to continue its efforts, beginning with a thorough review of the reasons for the latest negative outcome and, on the basis of this, suggest the future course of action.

WORLD RANKINGS

Following World Cup races in June and July, New Zealand's two top ranked elite orienteers as at 24 August are:

Women: Tania Robinson (Counties Manukau) at 91, and

Men: Jason Markham (PAPO) at 127.

BLACK OUT

This year's World Masters Orienteering Championships at Victoria, Australia in October are part of the World Masters Games, and New Zealand's over-35s are expected to be well represented. So much so that Jill Smithies (North West) considers that the opening ceremony, to be held at Melbourne's renowned MCG, is a great opportunity to make an impression. Jill suggests that "It would be really great if all from NZ wore a black t-shirt/top and perhaps a black cap." Your chance to show your true colours.

REMITTS FOR 2003 AGM

While next April may still seem well off, now is the time to be thinking about next year's NZOF AGM. It will be held in Auckland in conjunction with the Carter Holt Harvey Easter / ANZAC Orienteering Carnival, 18 – 27 April. Under the NZOF constitution, clubs are required to give four months notice of remits they intend to propose to the meeting which means that such remits are required no later than 15 December.

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